



MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF BURY VETERANS ASSOCIATION
MEETING HELD IN FISHPOOL LIBERAL CLUB,
79 NELSON STREET, BURY, BL9 9HX,
AT 1300 HRS ON SUNDAY 01st SEPTEMBER 2019



Picture: Saddleworth 2019 – BOBVA & Trafford Vets Building Bridges.

Apologies for Absence:

RN Secretary; Kevin Rowe RN, RAF Chmn; Paul Newton RAF, Civ Sec; Leah Simmons, Saddleworth Coordinator; Nikki Grey RAF.

Present:

Committee:

President; Chris Harness RCT/RLC, Treas Steve Collins RN, RN Chmn; Leanne Murphy RN, Army Chmn; Baz Phillips RGJ, Army Sec; Owen Dykes RA, RAF Secretary; Debbie Wilson RAF, Civ Chmn; Shirley Simmons, Civ Sec; Sam Phillips, Welfare Officer; Marina Jones, Entertainments Coordinator; Roy Counsell RLC, Assn Photographer; Anthony Dalton-Hughes RRF.

Members:

ROYAL NAVY:

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ARMY:

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ROYAL AIR FORCE:

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CIVILIAN:

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(TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE: 52).

Presiding Member:

1. Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the meeting, please be upstanding for the Loyal Toast.

a. Her Majesty, The Queen.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain standing for the eulogy followed by one minute's silence:

Led by: Owen Dykes RA.

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them.”

On a personal note I would like to remember;

Lt Tanswell RA,

Gnr Vanua,

Gnr Wright,

Gnr Thorton,

58 (Eyres Bty), 12th Regt RA, killed in action Basra, Iraq 2006.

(one minute's silence).

Ladies and Gentlemen Our Fallen Comrades.

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2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising. Hopefully, you have all seen the previous minutes either electronically or hard copy, has anyone not seen them? Is anyone having difficulty obtaining a copy? Are there any points from anyone?

No points were raised.

3. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019. As with previous years we have again been asked if we can help staff the Poppy Appeal table in Asda Bury for 2 weeks in the run up to Remembrance Day, dates are Saturday 26th October until Saturday 09th November 2019. Any volunteers please add your name to the list.

Treasurer:

1. Branch Accounts: In summary as at 01st September 2019:

August 2019 bank balance: £

Paid In: £

Paid Out: £

September 2019 bank balance: £

a. Are there are any questions regarding the account?

2. Festival Of Remembrance The Queen Elizabeth Hall, Oldham OL1 1UT – 08th November 2019. There is a Festival of Remembrance in Oldham on 08th November 2019 at The Queen Elizabeth Hall commencing at 1800 hrs until 0100 hrs. Tickets are £5 entry, take along your own food, bar is open for drinks only. Please ask for further details should you require them.

Royal Navy Chair:

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1. Xmas Party 2019. Nothing new to report at this stage. A list is up on the board, can you please make sure you put the full names of any guests so that we can produce a seating plan and name cards. We require a £13 non-refundable deposit per ticket and the balance of £12 by the October 2019 meeting please.

Anyone wanting to book a room at the hotel should have now received an email from myself with the details, it was also posted on Facebook, anyone who didn't receive it please see me at the end of the meeting and I will give you details.

We also have had confirmation that the Mayor of Bury, Councillor Trevor Holt and his Wife will be attending. This is a massive boost for us and as an association means we are definitely going in the right direction of building our name.

No spaces left, deposits ASAP please, final payment by end of October.

2. Gibraltar Trip 3rd – 5th April 2020. Flights are not yet on sale; the travel agents will contact us once sales are open.

Royal Navy Secretary:

1. Nothing to report

Army Chairman:

1. Trip / Event Attendance. If you sign up for an event or a trip and if for any reason you are unable to attend, then please contact your respective Chair/Sec as soon as you know you will not be attending. A lot of work goes into securing funding and organising trips by the committee, we cannot stress enough the importance of informing someone if you are unable to attend as figures and reports have to be submitted to the funding organisations and this could have a negative impact on any future funding.

Army Secretary:

1. The Pitch Funding. The second round of Bury MBCs' Pitch Funding will take place in September, date and time to be confirmed. This involves community groups giving a 3-minute pitch for funding of £1500. As we have all seen The Pitch is an important source of funding for members of BOBVA, the success of The Pitch depends on as many members possible showing up to support and vote on the pitch. In a change from previous pitches, this time online voting will also be available, we will provide a link as soon as it is known. Remember the funding is for **YOU** the members, please make every effort to support our bid.

2. Birmingham International Tattoo – Sunday 24th November 2019. This trip is now full, any names added will go on a reserve list. Can all member attending ensure that their yearly sub is paid up to date and any member taking a guest is paid for which is £10 a guest, as it's a family trip any under 18's go free. Can any members attending the trip please check the list on the board and if for any reason they are unable to attend then let your respective Chair/Sec know ASAP. Any problems or questions then speak to your respective Chair/Sec. Bring your own ear plugs if you don't want to listen to Baz singing.

RAF Chairman:

1. Nothing to report.

RAF Secretary:

1. Eden Camp Trip – Sunday 08th September 2019. List is on the board, last chance to add today.
 - a. Pick Up: 0900 hrs at Fusilier Museum, Moss St, Bury, BL9 0DF. ETA Eden Camp 1100 hrs. Please be at the Museum for 0845 hrs for a timely departure.
 - b. Venue open from 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs. Parade Form Up 1410 hrs, for step off 1430 hrs.
 - c. Return: 1700 hrs from Eden Camp, drop off Fusilier Museum ETA 1900 hrs.

Civilian Chair:

1. Nothing to report.

Civilian Secretaries:

1. Nothing to report.

Welfare Officer:

1. Nothing to report.

Entertainments Coordinator:

1. Yanks Are Back In Saddleworth. As you all know over the weekend of 11th & 12th August 2019 we had 25 members at Uppermill supporting the Yanks event controlling access points and also marshalling the road for the parade on the Sunday.
 - a. I have been asked to relay a note of thanks from the Saddleworth team and I would like to add my own thanks to that too. Well done to everyone that attended.
 - b. Those of you that were there would have seen the tombola that was in the marquee, some of you may well have been behind the table at some point. The tombola was organised by Annabelle Hand, Annabelle is not a member herself but is Mark Hands daughter and my daughter-in-law to be. The tombola raised a total of £150.05, can we please express of thanks to all those that helped on the stall but in particular to Annabelle for a fantastic effort. Well done all concerned.
2. BOBVA Knees Up – Friday 11th October 2019. Friday 11th October 2019 from 1900 hrs until 2359 hrs. Singer, Pie & Peas, Raffle. Compered by Debbie from Fishpool. Come along for a relaxed evening.

Saddleworth Coordinator:

1. Nothing to report.

Association Photographer:

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1. Anyone requiring photos for ID cards please see me after the meeting.

Any Other Business:

1. PARA 10. Stuart Warburton RA will be running the PARA 10 in September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. He has just giving links on Facebook,

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-warburton1?fbclid=IwAR2jAI3-btbX4Sbklq4SqKs82iCTbKSmwLbJfiAg3CTTFMajzfG-gcB_MHU&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=Stuart-warburton1&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=29DvKJ6e4

2. Wedding Reception Sam and Baz Phillips – Saturday 14th September 2019. Sam Phillips extended an open invite to members to join Sam and Baz in celebrating their wedding on 14th September at 1730 hrs at the Polish Social Centre, Back East St, Bury, BL9 0RU.

3. Mesothelioma UK. Lorraine Creech and Mairead Dixon representing Mesothelioma UK attended the meeting and gave a brief description of the organisation and an outline of its role and how it supports the UK Armed Forces. Mesothelioma is a type of cancer that develops in the lining that covers the outer surface of some of the body's organs. It's usually linked to asbestos exposure. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.mesothelioma.uk.com/information-support/information/about-mesothelioma/>

Closing Remarks:

1. Anyone with any suggestions for trips or otherwise please speak to a member of the committee and we will see what can be done.
2. As usual sandwiches are available, thanks to Vikie and Tim Murphy.
3. We once again would like to thank everyone for your continued support.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING:

**FISHPOOL LIBERAL CLUB, 79 Nelson St, Bury BL9 9HX,
1200 HRS SUNDAY THE 06th OCTOBER 2019.**

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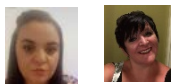
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ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 2019

06th October 2019.
03rd November 2019.
08th December 2019.

2019 FORECAST OF EVENTS

Sunday 08th September 2019

Eden Camp.

Sunday 15th September 2019

Battle of Britain Day.

Friday 11th October 2019

BOBVA Knees Up. Fishpool Liberal Club.

Sunday 10th November 2018

Remembrance Sunday.

Monday 11th November 2018

Remembrance Day.

Sunday 24th November 2019

Birmingham International Tattoo.

Saturday 30th November 2019

Association Xmas Dinner.