



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 04th AUGUST 2019



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Apologies for Absence:

RN Secretary; Kevin Rowe RN, RAF Chmn; Paul Newton RAF, RAF Secretary; Debbie Wilson RAF, Civ Sec; Leah Simmons, Assn Photographer; Anthony Dalton-Hughes RRF,.

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, Civ Chmn; Shirley Simmons, Civ Sec; Sam Phillips, Welfare Officer; Marina Jones, Entertainments Coordinator; Roy Counsell RLC, Saddleworth Coordinator: Nikki Grey RAF.

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: 78 including 7 guests).

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 a dedication and the eulogy followed by one minute's silence:

Led by: Owen Dykes RA.

Today we remember Nikki Greys stepdad, Chief Tech Geoff Gregory, 87th Entry Aircraft Apprentices. Geoff served from 1956 – 1980, finishing his service at RAF Wittering. Sadly, passed away 19th July 2019 after a short illness.

“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.”

(one minute's silence).

Ladies and Gentlemen to Geoff and Our Fallen Comrades.

Our Fallen Comrades.

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.

Treasurer:

1. Branch Accounts: In summary as at 04th Aug 2019:

Jun 2019 bank balance: £

Paid In: £

Paid Out: £

July 2019 bank balance: £

- a. Are there any questions regarding the account?

Royal Navy Chair:

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 will require a £13 non-refundable deposit per ticket and the balance of £12 at the start of October 2019 please.

The list is now closed, deposits ASAP please.

2. Funeral of Len Mears DCM RN. The funeral of Len Mears DCM RN will take place at Radcliffe Crematorium on Monday 05th August 2019 at 1130 hrs. Anyone able to attend please do so.

Royal Navy Secretary:

1. Royal Navy Reunion – Saturday 05th October 2019. Royal Navy Reunion, Mess Dinner and farewell to PO Kevin Marley MBE after 42 years of service at the Britannia Hotel, Manchester.

a. £30 per ticket (£32.93 if bought online), 3 course meal, Mess Undress or Black Tie. Guests are more than welcome.

b. Tickets or more information available by emailing manchesterroylnavyreunion@gmail.com or visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manchester-royal-navy-reunion-tickets-64565372768>.

Army Chairman:

1. Nothing to report.

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. Greggs Visit. At the last meeting we had two ladies from the Greggs Community foundation visit us, they left impressed and with a positive impression of BOBVA, they also mentioned future funding so thank you to everyone that made this visit a success.
3. Birmingham International Tattoo. It's that time of year again, the tattoo trip is fast approaching, the trip will be on Sunday 24th November 2019 and there are 42 places available, it's a first come first served and if the trip is oversubscribed then members will go onto a reserve list. The trip is free to all members that have paid their yearly subs however if you want to invite a guest 18 or over then it will be a cost of £10, members are also encouraged to bring families. If members do sign up for a trip and need to cancel, then please let your respective Chair/Sec know so that place can be made available for someone else. Any questions or problems then please speak to your respective Chair/Sec.
4. National Memorial Arboretum. This trip has been cancelled this year, the reason being is there is too much going on, the trip will be run in 2020, date TBC.

RAF Chairman:

1. Moving Forces. For those of you who have not heard of or not aware of Moving Forces they provide a huge variety of fun, relaxed and sociable activities to suit people of any age, ability or fitness level.
 - a. They work with trusted partners to provide free or discounted activities where veterans and their families can get out, have fun and socialise with other members of the armed forces community. Activities currently include football, climbing, yoga, Tai Chi, running groups, walking groups, family fun days, golf, sailing, kayaking and much more!
 - b. Moving Forces have approached us as an Association, they are keen to establish links as they looked to expand during 2020. We will keep informed on how this develops over the coming months.
2. Stable Lives Charity Touch Rugby Competition – Saturday 31st August 2019. Stable Lives (SL) is a Community Interest Company based at Parbold Equestrian Centre (PEC). Born out of personal experience volunteers at Stable Lives recognise the devastating effect that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Mental Health Trauma can have on an individual and their family. They are holding a fund raiser charity touch rugby match on 31st August 2019 and have asked if we would like to enter a team. Anyone interested please come and speak with me after the meeting.

RAF Secretary:

1. Eden Camp Trip – 08th September 2019. List is on the board, coach timings to follow, pick up and drop off will be the Fusilier Museum as always.

Civilian Chair:

1. Nothing to report.

Civilian Secretaries:

1. Nothing to report.

Welfare Officer:

1. Nothing to report.

Entertainments Coordinator:

1. Nothing to report.

Saddleworth Coordinator:

1. Nothing to report.

Association Photographer:

1. Nothing to report.

Any Other Business:

1. Job Opportunity. Wayne Pickering RRF. I am looking for two drivers with class two CPC CSCS card. Good hours and rates of pay. Please come and see me after the meeting if you are interested.
2. Range Day. Daz Taylor RHA updated the members on the results of the range day. The shoot was won by Barbara Robinson WRAF, Barbara was presented with a trophy.

Well done Barbara. A round of applause was given.

- a. Angie Kerr thank Daz Taylor RHA, Paul Kerr RHA and everyone else involved in organising the range day, a fantastic day was had by all that attended.

A round of applause was given.

3. Yanks Are Back In Saddleworth – Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th August 2019. Paul Higginson RGJ updated the members on the arrangements for the upcoming Yanks weekend.
 - b. Thank you to all those that have volunteered to gate control and marshal etc over the weekend 10th/11th August 2019.
 - c. The bus will leave from the Fusilier Museum, Bury at 0830 hrs prompt, please arrive 15 mins early so that we can check everyone is there. The return bus will depart from Saddleworth at 1700 hrs.
 - d. On arrival you will be issued with green armbands, this will get you a brew and sandwich and also if staying overnight the Saturday (Roy Counsell, Gary Best, Sasha Hyde, Paul Hyde) entry to the Victory Spring Ball. If anyone else is staying overnight, please let us know ASAP.
 - e. When we arrive, we will need to hit the ground running.
 - f. The Yanks team will be donating to the association after the weekend and once all the post event washup is completed.

A round of applause was given.

4. PARA 10. Stuart Warburton RA will be running the PARA 10 in September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. He is here today with his sponsorship form and just giving links will be posted on FB, please give generously.

Like most of us, I've family and friends to the dreaded 'Big C' and have been in awe of the excellent care provided by MacMillan Cancer Support.

I'm partaking in 'Para's 10' forty years - almost to the month - since passing the infamous 'P Company' and earning the coveted 'maroon beret.'

As then, I'll have to carry a bergan weighing 35lb but, unlike the 1hr 50m I was allowed then, I'm now allowed 3 hours.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-warburton1?fbclid=IwAR2i4sfwsWpVeGtv1uPcYFsqPMOJ71mB7V86nLQBpR-r-TI7yZF4j01-do4&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=Stuart-Warburton1&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=29DvKJ6e4

5. Welfare Support. Owen Dykes RA. If anyone needs to contact Marina, our Association counsellor for any reason then please contact me in confidence and will pass on your details. If you are having problems then please talk about it and seek help, don't suffer in silence.

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. Sadly, no sandwiches today as Vikie and Tim Murphy RE are away.
3. We once again would like to thank everyone for your continued support.

**NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
FISHPOOL LIBERAL CLUB, 79 Nelson St, Bury BL9 9HX,
COMMENCING AT 1200 HRS SUNDAY THE 01st
SEPTEMBER 2019.**

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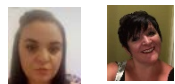
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ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 2019

01st September 2019.

06th October 2019.

03rd November 2019.

08th December 2019.

2019 FORECAST OF EVENTS

Tuesday 03rd September 2019

Merchant Navy Day.

Sunday 08th September 2019

Eden Camp.

Sunday 15th September 2019

Battle of Britain Day.

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.