



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 05th JANUARY 2020



Picture: Bernard McCarrick R Sigs.



Picture: Sheila & Harry Tootill RA.

Apologies for Absence:

RN Chair; Leanne Murphy RN, Paul Newton RAF, Civ Sec; Leah Simmons.

Present:

Committee:

President; Chris Harness RCT/RLC, Treas Steve Collins RN, RN Secretary; Kevin Rowe RN, Army Chmn; Baz Phillips RGJ, Army Sec; Owen Dykes RA, RAF Chmn; RAF Secretary; Debbie Wilson RAF, Civ Chmn; Shirley Simmons, Welfare Officer; Marina Jones, Saddleworth Coordinator; Nikki Grey RAF, 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: 63 & 3 Guests).

Presiding Member:

1. Opening Address. 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 two-minutes silence:

Led by Anthony Dalton-Hughes RRF.

Today we remember our member Bernard McCarrick Royal Signals, who sadly passed away peacefully on 27th December 2019.

And we also remember Sheila Tootill, wife of member Harry Tootill, who sadly passed away 23rd December 2019.

“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.”

(two minute's silence).

Ladies and Gentlemen Our Fallen Comrades.

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Funeral details for Sheila are 1330 hrs on Wednesday 08th January 2020 at Radcliffe Crematorium M26 4EU and afterwards at Fishpool Liberal Club, BL9 9HX.

Funeral details for Bernard are 1100 hrs on Thursday 09th January 2020 at Blackely Crematorium M9 8PJ and afterwards at Fishpool Liberal Club, BL9 9HX.

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. Annual General Meeting 2020. The Annual General Meeting 2020 will take place on 01st March 2020 immediately after the monthly meeting. Anyone wishing to stand for a committee position please let a member of the committee know.

Treasurer:

1. Branch Accounts: In summary as at 01st January 2020:

December 2019 bank balance: £

Paid In: £

Paid Out: £

January 2020 bank balance: £

- a. Are there any questions regarding the account?

Royal Navy Chair:

1. Cenotaph March Past Remembrance Parade. Cancelled due to lack of numbers.
2. BOBVA Coffee Morning – 11th January 2020. 3rd BOBVA Coffee Morning at the Ashton Room, Bury Parish Church on the Rock. Open 1100 hrs to 1400 hrs. Hopefully see you there.
3. Paint Balling – 18th April 2020 TBC. List at the back, we need at least 15 names to make this viable. This may be run as charity event v GMP.

4. Army v Navy – 02nd May 2020. We are organising a coach to the annual Army v Navy rugby. Detailed times to follow.

- a. The Association will bear the cost of the coach. Ticket costs are £35 full and £20 OAP (65+). We must buy the tickets in advance and therefore once committed individuals will have to pay full ticket costs even if they subsequently withdraw, no refunds.
- b. We will be able to take payments in instalments Feb, Mar & Apr of £12, £12 & £11 for full price tickets and £10, £5 & £5 for OAP tickets.
- c. As this is a subsidised trip (over £20 per head) can all members please ensure that they are up to date with association subscriptions, due 01st Apr 2020. Any non-member will be charged £10 surcharge or alternatively non-members should be encouraged to join the association, £10 subscriptions which obviously opens up other subsidised trips and events throughout the year. List at the back, tickets go on public sale on 14th January 2020 and therefore we need names today please.

Royal Navy Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Army Chairman:

1. Feedback forms. To give us an idea on how well 2019 has been and to help the planning for 2020 can everyone please take out a couple of minutes to fill out the feedback forms. There is no requirement to put down your personal details but be honest and to the point.

Army Secretary:

1. Frosted Steins. The order has been cancelled due to ongoing issues with the supplier. I apologise for this, refunds will be arranged for all those that have paid in advance.
2. Hamper delivery. Thank you to Debbie Wilson, Tim and Vikie Murphy for volunteering at short notice to help GMP to deliver out Christmas Hampers and bring a smile to people's faces. Everything that was in these hampers was donated by local business.
3. Veterans Raffle. How would you like the chance to enter a monthly raffle with a chance of winning up to twenty five thousand pounds and helping a local good cause...BOBVA.....AS you are aware we are always chasing money so as to put on trips and events at a minimal or no cost to members of BOBVA.....YOU.....So for ten pound a month, you will be entered into a lottery with a chance of winning a prize up to twenty five thousand pounds and some of the money comes back to BOBVA to spend on you the member. When you sign up on the site you will see the BOBVA logo among other logo from other organisations that benefit from the Veterans Raffle and one that will stick out is the Trafford Veterans Breakfast club, we are lucky to have Christopher Hearn who runs the Veterans Raffle on our membership list, so get signed up by following the link and also encourage family and friends to get behind the Bury Veterans and support them.

<https://veteransraffle.uk/page/borough-of-bury-veterans-association>

RAF Chairman:

1. Nothing to report.

RAF Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Civilian Chair:

1. Nothing to report.

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1. Nothing to report.

Welfare Officer:

1. Nothing to report.

Entertainments Coordinator:

1. Holocaust Memorial – 23rd January 2020. Bury MBC Community Safety Team have invited Veterans to the Holocaust memorial event that they hold every year. The event will be held on the 23rd January 2020 at 1800 hrs at the Longfield Suite in Prestwich. They have said you can have as many tickets as required. Anyone interested please speak to me after the meeting.

Saddleworth Coordinator:

1. Nothing to report.

Association Photographer:

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

Any Other Business:

1. Greater Manchester OAP Concessionary Travel – Roy Counsell. Within Greater Manchester travel for free on all buses between 9.30am and midnight, Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and on public holidays. As from 01 Feb 20, you'll need to pay £10 to add tram and train to your pass, for a year's unlimited off-peak travel on Metrolink and trains within Greater Manchester. More information can be found at:

<https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/passes-for-older-people>

2. A Note of Thanks. Alan Norman RADC expressed his thanks to the committee and members of the association for all the hard work undertaken and the welcoming atmosphere.

Closing Remarks:

www.bobva.co.uk

email: boroughofburyveterans@gmail.com

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. Sandwiches today courtesy of 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 09th FEBRUARY 2020.

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2020 FORECAST OF EVENTS

Sunday 05th January 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 11th January 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Sunday 02nd February 2020

46th Anniversary Of The M62 Coach Bombing Memorial Parade,
Hartshead Moor Services
1030 hrs Sunday.

Saturday 08th February 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Sunday 09th February 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.
(2nd Sunday to deconflict with Hartshead Service).

Sunday 01st March 2020

Association Monthly Meeting & Annual General Meeting.

Saturday 14th March 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Wednesday 01st April 2020

Royal Air Force Day.

Sunday 05th April 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 11th April 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

PAINTBALLING April 2020

Charity Event v GMP.

Sunday 26th April 2020

Gallipoli/St Georges Day Parade
Castle Armoury Reservist Centre, Bury.

Saturday 02nd May 2020

Army v Navy, Twickenham.

Sunday 03rd May 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Friday 08th May 2020

75th Anniversary of VE Day
(also early May Bank Holiday).

Saturday 09th May 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Sunday 10th May 2020

VE Day Fun Day, Drill Hall, Bury.

Sunday 7th June 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 13th June 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Sunday 14th June 2020

Cosford Air Show.

Saturday 20th June 2020

Armed Forces Day Heywood.

Sunday 28th June 2020

Armed Forces Day Parade, Blackpool.

Saturday 04th July 2020

Yorkshire Wartime Experience.

Sunday 05th July 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 11th July 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Sunday 26th July 2020

National Memorial Arboretum.

Sunday 02nd August 2020

Association Monthly Meeting
(delayed start 1300 hrs).

Sunday 02nd August 2020

Minden Day.

Saturday 08th August 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Saturday & Sunday 08th & 09th August 2020

Yanks Are Back In Saddleworth.

Thursday 03rd September 2020

Merchant Navy Day.

Sunday 06st September 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 12th September 2020

Eden Camp.

Saturday 12th September 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Tuesday 15th September 2020

Battle of Britain Day.

Sunday 04th October 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 10th October 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Friday 16th October 2020 (TBC)

Fishpool Social.

Sunday 01st November 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Wednesday 11th November 2018

Remembrance Day.

Saturday 14th November 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Saturday December 2020 (TBC)

Association Xmas Dinner.

Sunday 06th December 2020

Association Monthly Meeting.

Saturday 12th December 2020

Association Coffee Morning Drop-In.

Meeting Date

Parade / Trip / Event / Function

Day of Note