



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 02nd NOVEMBER 2019



Picture: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019 – Asda Bury.

Apologies for Absence:

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Present:

Committee:

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President; Chris Harness RCT/RLC, RN Chmn; Leanne Murphy RN, Army Chmn; Baz Phillips RGJ, Civ Chmn; Shirley Simmons, Saddleworth Coordinator; Nikki Grey RAF, Welfare Officer; Marina Jones, Assn Entertainments Coordinator; Roy Counsell RLC, 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: 55 & 6 Guests Total 61).

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: Gary Best RGJ.

“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 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. Remembrance November 2019. A reminder of upcoming events:

a. Sunday 10th November 2019:

(1) Remembrance Sunday Parade, Bury.

Form up at 1025 hrs outside Bury Town Hall. Step off 1035 hrs. For those that wish to RV before the parade, meet for breakfast in The Art Picture House which opens at 0800 hours.

(2) Remembrance Sunday Parade, St Anne's Church Tottington.

Form up at 1430 hrs on Harwood Road, step off at 1440 hrs to the memorial for a service at 1500 hrs, then back to the church hall for 1530 hrs for tea, coffee and rum ration.

(3) Remembrance Sunday Service, Bay Horse, Unsworth. There is also a Remembrance Service on Parr Lane, Unsworth.

(4) The Association Standard will be on parade at Bury and Tottington.

b. After the parades on Remembrance Day there will be cold buffet here in the main room next door, Fishpool Liberal Club 1700 hrs to 1900 hrs. The club do have entertainment that night in this room, entry on the door is £1.

c. Monday 11th November 2019 – Remembrance Day Service, Gallipoli Garden, Bury. Form up by 1030 hrs for service at 1045 hrs.

Treasurer:

1. Branch Accounts: In summary as at 03rd November 2019:

October 2019 bank balance: £

Paid In: £

Paid Out: £

November 2019 bank balance: £

a. Are there any questions regarding the account?

Royal Navy Chair:

1. Xmas Party 2019. Tickets are available for collection at the back of the hall, please ensure these tickets are brought to the event as they are the raffle tickets. Can I also remind

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those attending of the best behaviour? We have the Mayor and GMP Inspectors attending, so please ensure best behaviour is on point, also we would like to hold this yearly.

2. Gibraltar Trip 3rd – 5th April 2020. I have had an email; flights are finally on sale!!! We will hear within the next week or so about this, I will email everyone when we get the prices. Looking approx £350 per person.

3. BOBVA Coffee Morning – 14th December 2019. 2nd BOBVA Coffee Morning at the Ashton Room, Bury Parish Church on the Rock. Open 1100 hrs to 1400 hrs. Mince Pies donated by Greggs. See you there.

Royal Navy Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Army Chairman:

1. Birmingham International Tattoo – Sunday 24th November 2019. The Coach will leave from The Art Picture house opposite the Bury Interchange at 1000hrs, can all members that are going ensure they arrive by 0945hrs. We should arrive at the Venue about 1200hrs, a chance to have something to eat and drink before the show starts at 1400hrs. The coach will leave from the pick-up point at 1800hrs, if you are not on the coach by 1815hrs then you make your own home. There are still 2 places left please see me after the meeting if interested, if you are unable to attend then please inform your relevant secretary/chair ASAP.

2. Personalised Frosted Steins. The order has gone in and I hope they will be ready in time for the December meeting.

3. Bolton Armed Forces Centre 4 Veterans. As many of you know at the last meeting, we pass the hat round to raise funds for Bolton Armed Forces Centre 4 Veterans, we raised £181.30. On Friday 11th October 2019 here at the veteran's night we agreed to donate any money raised from the raffle to this good cause, a further £171.91 was raised making a grand total of £353.21. Cait and Scott are here to accept the donation on behalf of the centre. Well done everyone, give yourselves a huge round of applause.

Army Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

RAF Chairman:

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Civilian Chair:

1. TV Opportunity. A TV Production company has emailed me, that do Long lost families, and they are introducing a new programme with Veterans “Long Lost Sweethearts”. Only single candidates allowed.
2. Government Funded Course. A new government paid course for intelligence and close protection personnel is now available, January course in Newcastle is currently full, but anyone interested, other courses are available.
3. If anyone is interested in being a contestant or going on a course, please see me after the meeting.

Civilian Secretaries:

1. Nothing to report.

Welfare Officer:

1. Marina will be at the next Association coffee morning on 14th December 2019 for anyone who may need to speak with her.

Entertainments Coordinator:

1. Nothing to report.

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. Personal Donation. Kevin Heselwood RASC/RCT presented the association with £40, a personal donation from the relatives of William Burke RA aged 97 who passed recently as thanks for the standards being on parade at Williams funeral on 15th October 2019.
2. Veteran Funeral. Leanne Murphy. We have been informed of a 92 year old Royal Navy Veterans funeral being held on at 1200 hrs on 5th November 2019 at Blackley Crematorium. It would be lovely if people could attend.

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. No sandwiches today as Vikie and Tim are absent preparing for a family funeral.
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 08th DECEMBER 2019.

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ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 2019

08th December 2019.

2019 FORECAST OF EVENTS

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.