



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 06th OCTOBER 2019



Picture: Eden Camp Trip 08th September 2019 – Robert Walsh RAF & Peter Lees RAMC.

Apologies for Absence:

Treas Steve Collins RN, Army Sec; Owen Dykes RA, RAF Chmn; Paul Newton RAF, RAF Secretary; Debbie Wilson RAF, Civ Chmn; Shirley Simmons, Civ Sec; Leah Simmons, Welfare Officer; Marina Jones, David Kerr RPC, Paul Kerr RHA, Neville Rayner RAF, Valerie Rayner.

Present:

Committee:

President; Chris Harness RCT/RLC, RN Chmn; Leanne Murphy RN, RN Secretary; Kevin Rowe RN, Army Chmn; Baz Phillips RGJ, Saddleworth Coordinator; Nikki Grey RAF, Entertainments Coordinator; Roy Counsell RLC, Assn Photographer; Anthony Dalton-Hughes RRF.

Members:

ROYAL NAVY:

Dave Andrew RN, Brian De-Mullet RN, Nick Lappin RN, Peter Latham RN, David Law RN, Stephen Law RN, Celia Mitchell RN, Ian Vickers RN, Jackie White WRNS, Terry White RN.

ARMY:

Paul Andrews RRF, Roy Baker 1 Kings, Neil Bergmeier Int Corp, Gary Best RGJ/RRF, John Birley RE, James Cruickshanks RRF, Paul Greenhalgh RRF, Robert Grundy RA, Mark Hand RRF, Michael Harling REME, Kevin Heselwood RASC / RCT, Neil Jackson RCT, Ray Johnson LF, Peter Lees RAMC, Dave Mason RRF, Martin Mason RRF, Robert Mielko RAOC, Harry Mills RAOC, Tim Murphy RE, Alan Norman RADC, Eamonn O'Donnell UDR, Mick Piotrowski RMP, Robert Pollitt R Sigs, Joseph Rawlinson RRF, Ken Slack LF, Roy Swiejko RSigs, Darren Taylor RHA, David Taylor REME, Stephen Taylor RRF, Susanne Taylor AGC (SPS), Harry Tootill RA, Stuart Warburton PARA, Alan Willetts RE.

ROYAL AIR FORCE:

Liz Davies RAF, Clive Gander RAF, Ken Johnson RAF, Douglas Jones RAF, David Norris RAF, Jacko Pearce RAF, Bruce Richardson RAF, Barbara Robinson WRAF, Robert Walsh RAF.

CIVILIAN:

Barbara Burrows, Jane Creegan, Ann Marie Cruickshanks, Paul Hyde, Sasha Hyde, Angie Kerr, Eileen Latham, Wilma McCarrick, Angela Mills, Vikie Murphy, Anne Pearce, Christine Pollitt, Gail Slack.

(TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE:72).

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

Led by: Gary Best RGJ.

On a personal note I would like to pay special tribute to a good friend Gnr Tim Utteridge 1 RHA attached to 3 RGJ killed in action Turf Lodge, West Belfast 19th October 1984 and Rfn Mannion who was shot in the arm and leg.

“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. 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. We have done really well so far with volunteers just 5 spaces left, please add your name to the list at the back if you are able to help please.

4. Remembrance November 2019.

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 06th October 2019:

September 2019 bank balance: £6,599.78

Paid In: £850.80

Paid Out: £386.96

October 2019 bank balance: £7063.62

- a. Are there any questions regarding the account?

Royal Navy Chair:

1. Xmas Party 2019. Balances are due today please. Please come and see me after the meeting.
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.
3. BOBVA Coffee Morning – 12th October 2019. Inaugural BOBVA Coffee Morning at the on the Rock. Open 1100 hrs to 1400 hrs. After this will be 2nd Saturday each month from December onwards, same detail. See you there.
4. Paint Balling – March 2020. We are looking at organising a paint balling event in March next year, please add your name to the list on the board if interested.

Royal Navy Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Army Chairman:

1. The Pitch Funding. The second round of Bury MBCs' Pitch Funding that took place this month was successful because there were only four community groups attending the pitch in Radcliffe it was decided to only do online voting of which BOBVA was awarded £1500 for the good and benefit of its members. Owen does most of our funding bids and does a fantastic job.

A round of applause was given.

2. Birmingham International Tattoo – Sunday 24th November 2019. There are two spare places available due to two members unable to attend. Can all members attending ensure that their yearly subs are paid up to date and any members 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.
3. Personalised Frosted Steins. Available for the price of £8 is a personalised frosted stein with the BOBVA badge and any personal details you would like on it such as your name and service number, the choice is yours. Anyone interested then speak to a member of the committee or Owen.

Army Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

RAF Chairman:

1. Nothing to report.

RAF Secretary:

1. Nothing to report.

Civilian Chair:

1. Nothing to report.

Civilian Secretaries:

1. Nothing to report.

Welfare Officer:

1. Nothing to report.

Entertainments Coordinator:

1. BOBVA Knees Up – Friday 11th October 2019. This coming 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. Eden Camp Trip – Sunday 08th September 2019. On behalf of the RAF Secretary we had fantastic day out, the weather was on our side too. I would like to thank Debbie for all the hard work put into this trip. A job well done.

A round of applause was given.

Association Photographer:

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

Any Other Business:

1. PARA 10 – Stuart Warburton RA. I completed the PARA 10 in September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. I set a target of £500 sponsorship but thanks to everyone's help I managed to more than double that amount raising £1023, so a big thankyou to everyone that sponsored me.

A round of applause was given.

2. Bolton Armed Forces Centre 4 Veterans – Paul Greenhalgh. The Centre 4 Veterans is currently struggling for funding, Paul enquired if there was anyway the Association could make a donation, Cait and Scott who run the centre were currently funding the centre from their own pocket. Paul explained how the centre helps veterans in need and had helped him when he was homeless. A debate concluded that the Association wasn't clear whether money

which is gained from funding sources can be donated to a charity. It was suggested that a collection be made today and again at Fishpool this coming Friday 11th October 2019 at the veterans night.

After the meeting had closed the collection was added up and a fantastic £181.30 was collected so far. Scott will be at the Fishpool event on Friday to receive the money donated.

3. Nationwide - Peter Lees. The new Nationwide on The Rock in Bury has a community support section, Owen and Chris have recently been in to see the communities' officer and arranged some events. On 09th November 2019 myself and Chris will be the Nationwide selling poppies and, on the 11th November 2019 Owen, Chris and Paul Andrews, the standard will also be there.

4. Funeral of Oswald Dixon – Liz Davies. Broughton House is saddened to announce the passing of former RAF servicemen Oswald Dixon who died at the age of 100 years on Wednesday September 25th.

a. Oswald joined the Royal Air Force in 1944 having arrived from Jamaica and has been a resident at Broughton House since May 2015.

b. It is with regret that Oswald has no family members in the UK and his funeral will take place at Agecroft Crematorium on Wednesday 9th of October at 2:20pm.

The Association standard will be on parade. Anyone available to attend please do so to give this veteran a good send off to the final RV.

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 03rd NOVEMBER 2019.

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ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES 2019

03rd November 2019.

08th December 2019.

2019 FORECAST OF EVENTS

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.