



Meeting Minutes



14/04/2025

AGM held at the Barn Centre

Attendees: Patsy Bailey
Tony Bailey
Dave Byng (Secretary)
Kate Francis
Carol Barrow
Christopher Hume
Rev. Paul Mundy
Ash Stockwell (Chair)
Josh Stockwell
Mandy Stockwell
Jenny Smerdon
Ian Reekie
Charlie Clark
Dan Cowley
Paul Scrase
Heather Allen
Mims Davies MP

Apologies: Danny White
Jacqui Davies
Robert Hill
Ben Caukcett
James Main

VE day commemorations this year, on the 8th of May at 9pm there will be a service on The Green followed by lighting the beacon by Newick Bonfire Society.

AS has purchased a VE day flag which will be hoisted on one of the flagpoles on The Green from the 4th of May.



There will be a VE day commemoration at the Five Bells, Chailey on 5th of May , Bank Holiday Monday, hosted by Tom Stovold. AS will take the NEASSA flag on the Jeep during the day.

Douglas who is 90yrs old and ex-REME soldier was presented with a beret purchased by NEASSA.

AS updated that the lunch at The Oak was well supported and very successful and managed to recruit an ex-Police Superintendent Negotiator who lives locally.

AS read out a letter from one of the attendees thanking NEASSA and supporting the ongoing work that NEASSA does and reassuring that it is comforting for ex-service personnel that NEASSA is there if needed.

AS reiterated the Mission Statement to the group.

Treasurers Report

£310 received from Armistice Day collection

Objective to have £5000.00 working capital which has been exceeded.

AS thanked Ian and Christopher for their treasurer's work.

Pastoral Report

Three more people can be added to the list of beneficiaries. There are now a total of 24 beneficiaries.

Patsy attending the Guards Chapel and Wellington Barracks. Any travel costs will be met by NEASSA.

Chairman's Report

- Another busy year in terms of events and fundraising and as busy as ever in terms of pastoral support.
- We recognised on behalf of the village:
 - Armed Forces Day: 25th June
 - Emergency Services Day: 9th Sept
 - D-Day 80 – 6 June

Show Normandy Film

- Events
 - NBS Summer Fair raised our profile and over £300
- Remembrance Day



- Service on the Green
 - Sunday Service
 - Refreshments after service
- NEASSA Christmas Tree at Christmas Tree festival – thanks to Jacqui and Robert
- Finance: With limited fundraising activities and increased expenses. Our available funds have increased from £4,174.93 to £5,204.80
- Pastoral work
 - 24 beneficiaries
 - Provided Easter goods for beneficiaries
 - Took one beneficiary to Beating the Retreat at Royal Naval Base - Portsmouth
 - Provided Christmas Hamper's
 - “Day Crew Manager at Uckfield Fire station, who said "From all at Uckfield fire station, thank you very much for the gift box you delivered this morning. They will be thoroughly enjoyed and much appreciated as always.”
 - Took 4 beneficiaries for lunch
 - Feedback from a beneficiary:

“First and foremost just wanted to say thank you so much for the NEASSA lunch, it was a really nice relaxing atmosphere with some very much needed laughter and smiles.

I hope everything goes well tonight, and between you and me I am very grateful for what you do and really enjoy and respect what you are trying to accomplish with the charity.

Are you making a difference? Yes, most definitely.

What stands out for me is the relaxed informal manner in which you help and the offers of help if needed.

Just knowing there is NEASSA within the community definitely helps me and is very reassuring.”

- Looking forward:
 - 80th anniversary of VE Day: Thursday 8 May
 - Armed Forces Day: 25th June
 - 80th anniversary of VJ Day: Friday 15 Aug

Emergency Services Day: 9th Sept

Annual Election of Trustees



Election of Chairman – AS was happy to stand, was seconded by IR and CH and re-elected unanimously.

Ian Reekie and Chris Hume to continue as treasurers for NEASSA – this was seconded and unanimously elected.

Dave Byng to stand as Secretary – seconded and elected unanimously.

Special thanks to Ash for his continued leadership of NEASSA and taking continuing to take it forward.

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Thanks to Josh Stockwell for his continued support and involvement in NEASSA.

Special thanks to all that continue to be involved and support into 2025 and beyond.

Special guest for the evening Mimms Davies Conservative MP.

Next meeting Monday 12th May back in the Royal Oak PH



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