

Sutton Royal British Legion Branch

Minutes from the meeting dated Monday 28th January 2013 at 8pm

The Chairman read the Act of Remembrance

Members Present

Dave Lawrence, Sara Lawrence, Marion Hough, Colin Kemp, Gordon Godfrey, Ron Slough, Yvonne Alger, Judy Kemp and John Wells. Apologies from Edna Bryant. Also present Jonathon Cawthorn.

The minutes from the last meeting were read out and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- All agreed that the service of Remembrance was a success.
- Dave has spoken to James Dean regarding the Branch Chairman's Chain of Office and he suggested that maybe Keith Davies (a former Branch Chairman) may have it. Dave will contact him.
- Dave will asked the vicar what happened to the old Standards which have been laid up in the church, traditionally they are either burnt or buried, ours have been burnt. This is done sympathetically with the vicar saying a prayer.
- Sara has scanned all of the photos of the old Legion and the present one which Marion borrowed from Don Murfitt. Ron agreed to lend us his ones which Sara will copy. They will then all be displayed in the club.
- Ron has confirmed that the club certificates have been discovered in the dry store.

Treasurer's Report

Balance of the Community Account on 4th Jan was £10,149.36

Balance of the Business Account on 4th Jan was £1216.11

Balance of the BFI on 30th Sep 2012 was £27,640.75

Secretary's Report

- A letter of thanks has been sent to Dodgy Bob.
- A coffin drape was ordered online on 16th Nov 2011 I have now requested a refund as The Poppy Shop no longer stock them. Gordon has offered to ring Edna and ask her if she still has one.
- Standard Bearer's leather slings are £66 and a sling bucket is £24.
- Gordon attended the Birmingham Tattoo
- Gordon also attended the Cambs Annual Conference in Jan, Sara has the minutes which she offered to email to anyone who's interested.
- There is a service of dedication for the new county standard in Cambridge on 24th Feb, Gordon is attending.
- Sara explained about the Cambs County Group System. We are in group B with eight other branches and we will be asked to attend meetings with them. This will mean Branches will communicate with each other and will enable County Officers to meet Branches and provide information etc.

AOB

- 29th June is Armed Forces Day. Yvonne explained that she is having a meeting with Lee Stead and she will liaise with us about what is planned and let us know if we can help in anyway.
- Jonathon would like to be a Poppy Appeal helper again this year. Dave thanked him for his help last year.
- Dave will provide us with a Poppy Appeal total at the next meeting.

Next committee meeting arranged for 29th April 2013 at 8pm

Meeting closed at 8.55pm