



## Royal British Legion Minchinhampton Branch

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**Meeting Wednesday 10th January 2018– 7.30pm – The Cotswold Club**

Item	Minutes																																							
<b>1</b>	<b>Act of Homage – Vice-Chairman – Prayers – Mr Simon Ritter</b>																																							
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Roll call and apologies:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mrs G Ballinger</td> <td>Mr M Ballinger</td> <td>Mrs C Gooch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr N Gooch</td> <td>Mr I Hartley</td> <td>Mrs S Hayward</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr P Hayward</td> <td>Miss L Hayward</td> <td>Mr C Hooker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs H Lander</td> <td>Mr K Lander</td> <td>Mr I Lloyd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr C Riggs</td> <td>Mrs T Riggs</td> <td>Mr D Russell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miss P Selway</td> <td>Mr P Wood</td> <td>Mr S Ritter</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Apologies:</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr W Allen</td> <td>Mrs J Broad</td> <td>Mr J Tremlin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr R Sims</td> <td>Mrs H Sims</td> <td>Mrs S Palmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr G Palmer</td> <td>Mr I Clements</td> <td>Mr K Bucknell</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Mrs G Ballinger	Mr M Ballinger	Mrs C Gooch	Mr N Gooch	Mr I Hartley	Mrs S Hayward	Mr P Hayward	Miss L Hayward	Mr C Hooker	Mrs H Lander	Mr K Lander	Mr I Lloyd	Mr C Riggs	Mrs T Riggs	Mr D Russell	Miss P Selway	Mr P Wood	Mr S Ritter				<b>Apologies:</b>			Mr W Allen	Mrs J Broad	Mr J Tremlin	Mr R Sims	Mrs H Sims	Mrs S Palmer	Mr G Palmer	Mr I Clements	Mr K Bucknell						
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<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting:</b>            Held on 6th September 2017            Approved - Proposed: Mr S Ritter – Seconded : Miss P Selway</p>																																							
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p>None</p>																																							
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Special Agenda Item - Adoption of 2016/17 Accounts:</b></p> <p>The Accounts had been previously circulated but were not adopted at the AGM as they had not been Audited. Mr N Gooch raised a couple of points which will be addressed. The accounts were adopted by the Membership.</p> <p>Proposed: Mr I Hartley – Seconded – Mr C Hooker</p>																																							
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Chairmen’s Report:</b></p> <p>In the absence of the Chairman there was no formal report albeit advertising for the Trip to Luxembourg. The Vice-Chairman wished everybody a Happy New Year.</p>																																							
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Notices:</b></p> <p>County Conference on 20th January, representation will be made by the Branch Chairman and the Poppy Appeal Organiser.</p>																																							
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Poppy Appeal 2017/18:</b></p> <p>With many thanks and recognition of the support and generosity of the Minchinhampton and Box communities, including our local churches and</p>																																							

	<p>businesses, the Minchinhampton Branch of the Royal British Legion has, to date, been able to raise an amazing £4,600 towards this year's Poppy Appeal.</p> <p>The Poppy Appeal Organiser, Paul Hayward, would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who have helped with this year's collections including the house to house collectors; those who gave their time to collect in Minchinhampton High Street; and, those who encouraged employees, customers and visitors to donate in local business premises.</p> <p>Thank you also to the Directors and staff at Acorn Powell Ltd of Quedgeley for kick-starting our Appeal this year. Anna Lambley, a Branch member, and several of her colleagues, participated in the Poppy Run in Cheltenham, and the company gave a generous donation to the Branch Poppy Appeal.</p> <p>Locally, the Branch would like to acknowledge the help given by Henry and the staff of Woefulane, in providing hot drinks to the Street Collectors standing in the cold, wind and rain outside the Market House, and to recognise the hard work of Nicki, her family and staff at The Kitchen, who once again laid on a wonderful Remembrance Sunday Lunch for members following the service at The Cross. This support is very much appreciated and typifies the community spirit of Minchinhampton.</p> <p>Without the support from the public in general, we would not be able to sustain the level of commitment necessary for maintaining the ongoing work of the Royal British Legion.</p>
9	<p><b>Social Events:</b></p> <p>Luxembourg Trip – names to Roger Sims  BBQ – membership thought date was a bit early, will reconsider date and advise membership in due course.  Skittles – date to be confirmed  Presentation of Poppy Appeal Awards – date to be confirmed</p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 7th March 2018 – Headquarters.  Speaker: Di Wall – WW2 in the Stroud Area</p>

Vice-Chairman thanked our guest speaker Mr Paul Hayward on his Presentation of San Carlos to Goose Green for an entertaining presentation.