



Royal British Legion Minchinhampton Branch

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Meeting Wednesday 2nd May 2018– 7.30pm – The Cotswold Club

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1	Act of Homage – Vice - Chairman – Reading – Mr Simon Ritter																																							
2	<p>Roll call and apologies:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Mr M Ballinger</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Mr I Clements</td> <td style="width: 33%;">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>Mrs G Dewhurst</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 G Robbins</td> <td>Mr S Ritter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs R Robbins</td> <td>Mr J Rose</td> <td>Mrs J Rose</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr D Russell</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Apologies:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr W Allen</td> <td>Mrs H Sims</td> <td>Mrs S Palmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr G Palmer</td> <td>Mr R Sims</td> <td>Mr J Cleever</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Cleever</td> <td>Miss L Hayward</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Mr M Ballinger	Mr I Clements	Mrs C Gooch	Mr N Gooch	Mr I Hartley	Mrs S Hayward	Mr P Hayward	Mrs G Dewhurst	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 G Robbins	Mr S Ritter	Mrs R Robbins	Mr J Rose	Mrs J Rose	Mr D Russell			Apologies:			Mr W Allen	Mrs H Sims	Mrs S Palmer	Mr G Palmer	Mr R Sims	Mr J Cleever	Mrs J Cleever	Miss L Hayward				
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3	<p>Minutes of last meeting:</p> <p>Held on 7th March 2018 Approved - Proposed: Mr M Ballinger – Seconded: Mr I Hartley No matters arising</p>																																							
4	<p>Secretary Report:</p> <p>New Membership Support Officer will be in place shortly within the South West Midlands Area, Emma Shepherd.</p> <p>Secretary welcomed new members Jack Rose along with Gerry Robbins and Ms Kerry Evans.</p> <p>Ken Bucknell’s funeral went extremely well and there was a lot of feedback on the involvement the British Legion. It was felt that Ken would have been very proud particularly as we were able to provide a RAF wreath and the Standard was present. A great number of members attended to pay their respects. Likewise, at Stella Fenton’s funeral, members were again very supportive.</p> <p>The Branch is now signed up with three Committee Officers for Branch Community Support. We have received our first referral which has been done by Simon Ritter and Paul Hayward.</p>																																							
5	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>An interim account had been circulated to membership – no matters arose from the account.</p>																																							

6	<p>Social Events:</p> <p>The skittles evening in April was a great success for the Branch and raised £142.50 for Branch Funds. Thank you to all those who supported the evening.</p> <p>12th June the Branch has arranged its first Advice & Information Awareness Coffee Morning – full details will be circulated to membership.</p> <p>25th August is now the confirmed date for the Branch Poppy Appeal BBQ – further details will follow in due course.</p> <p>9th November – Concert in Holy Trinity – details to follow</p> <p>11th November – Remembrance Lunch will be in The Kitchen at 12 noon. Further details to follow.</p>
7	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Four members attended the Royal Society of St. George Service in Gloucester Cathedral in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal. It was a really moving service and had a lovely atmosphere this year.</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 4th July 2018 – Headquarters. Speaker: Maxine Relton – A Local Artist</p>

Vice-Chairman thanked our guest speaker, James Baker on his entertaining talk as a funeral director.