



**Minutes of the General Meeting of  
The Royal British Legion – Brampton & District Branch,  
Hare on the Green, Brampton  
Monday 29 July 2024**

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**General Meeting:**

1. **Present:** Mick Forsdick, (Chair), John Bridge OBE DL (President), Carole Rose (Secretary), Siobhan Grehan (Treasurer), Steve Rose, Paul Gane, Clive Wood, Ian Phoenix-Sisk, Zoë Greenslade, Ian Taylor, Tim Thurston, Sally Rees, Simon Rees, Elaine Sefton.
2. **Apologies:** Nigel Beet CBE, Pete Digby (Vice-Chair, PAO), Caz Barrett, Steve Burton, Brandon Wilgus, Karen Taylor, Jonty Taylor, Millie-May Todd, Ian Howkins-Griffiths, Kevin Brown, Glen Stringer, Kevin Miles, Maureen Wigley, Steve Burton, Mervyn Linnell.
3. **Opening Remarks:** The Chair opened the meeting at 1940 hrs and thanked all for attending, commenting that numbers were again low this month. Although we were getting new members, we were also losing members so there was a need to generate interest.
4. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters from the previous meeting.
5. **Tribute:** The Tribute was read by Ian Phoenix-Sisk.
6. **Chair's Remarks:**
7. **Matters from previous meetings:** There were no Matters from previous meetings.
8. **Poppy Appeal Update:** CR gave report from PD (PAO) Having worked with Lucy Williams, (nee Acred), Pd had secured a joint PAO for Brampton, this being Roger Whyborn. PD was meeting with him and Lucy on 15 August to discuss this year's Poppy Appeal. CR to ask PD who the other lead was and if the stock is left at the Hare on the Green they need to sign a waiver.
9. **Events Update:** Brampton and Alconbury Village Fetes: IT advised that £174 and £435 had been raised respectively at these two events

RAF Wyton Families Day: PD had sent his thanks for the loan of the RBL gazebo for this event and that PG and IT had attended to support the County stand. Well over £100 had been raised for the branch at this event. CR was to ask PD for the amount raised through the donation box.

NAAFI Break July: a total of 22 people had been in attendance. There would be no NAAFI Break in August, therefore the next one would be on 27 September 2024. The Chair asked for thoughts on holding a NAAFI Break on a Saturday or Bank Holiday Monday.

4 August 1400: - Open/Taster Day at Brampton Bowls Club. ML had arranged this, and members were invited. A buffet was being supplied by the Bowling Club and games would be provided for children, so this was open to families. We needed a minimum of 18 people for this event.

Post Meeting Note: There were now 19 people interested in this and CR had advised ML accordingly.

17 – 18 August: Ramsey 40s Weekend. PD had advised that County were having a stand at this event and was looking for volunteers to help. County will ensure that you have free entry (i.e. tickets). PD asked for those interested to contact him ([pete.digby@live.co.uk](mailto:pete.digby@live.co.uk))

20 September: American Cemetery visit, Madingley BW had advised that he had 16 people interested in this visit, but there were now no spaces available.

7 October: Annual General Meeting

26 October: Remembrance Cycle Ride and will be the reverse route this year.

26 October: Brampton Racecourse have a Race Day and have invited us to attend to sell Poppy merchandise.

26 October: Oktoberfest on The Green, Brampton.

26 October to 9 November: Poppy Appeal. If you wish to help out, please contact PD.

10 November: Remembrance Parade and Service at Church. The Chair advised that he had approached the Parish Council and outlined their responsibilities for strategic management – road closures, insurance and marshals who would need to be trained.

Post Meeting Note: The Parish Council are now committed to the strategic management of the Remembrance Parade with support from the Branch.

1 December: Christmas Fayre on The Green, Brampton.

7 December: Branch Christmas Social and Raffle venue tbc. A total of £310 worth of raffle tickets had been sold to date and members were invited to take books to sell, contacting IT or SG for information. Several prizes had been obtained to date with further contact to be made to local businesses.

10. **Communications:**

9 May 2025: VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Formal Dinner. Following the success of the D-Day Dinner, similar event was being arranged for VE Day. This would be at Brampton Golf Club, which had been booked by ES.

Platforms for Meetings: This had been discussed at previous meetings, i.e. holding meetings online in order to enable people who could not get to the meetings to join. ZG would look at various platforms and the meetings would be by invitation only.

ZG advised that there were pros and cons with this regarding which platform was used.

App: Again this had been discussed at the last meeting, using it to get more people actively involved as the website was not mobile-friendly. ZA was to look into developing this. The Chair advised that other branches were interested in this.

11. **Branch Matters:**

War Memorial in the Village: It had been mentioned in the past that there was no War Memorial in the village. There was a stone to the left of the entrance to the Church, and this has now been designated Brampton War Memorial. MF and IT had been to the Parish Council (PC), but they had said that it was not the PC's responsibility, and the application would need to be put to the Diocese, however, there was a cost of £395 to submit the application. The PC were now looking at paving the area under the stone. MF will push forward with the provision of a proper War Memorial for the village. Si Rees advised that there were grants of £2,500 for memorial stones and MF was to contact him at Huntingdon District Council regarding this.

12. **Committee Posts:**

AGM: nomination forms had been sent out with the previous month's minutes. The posts were:

Chair – CW had volunteered to succeed MF as Chair

Vice Chair – PD had advised he would remain as Vice Chair

Secretary – CR had advised she would remain as Secretary

Treasurer – SG had advised she would remain as Treasurer  
Events

Branch Youth Officer

Branch Support Officer(s), preferably two, who would be required to attend an on-line course and a face-to-face interview. Suggestions as to the way we do Welfare, the possibility to create a Form of Welfare to ask what is required by a veteran and pass it to County. It was suggested that all members keep an eye out for their neighbours to ensure they are not struggling.

13. **Treasurer's Report:**

3 Standard Bearers – we have three at present, Ian Phoenix-Sisk, Nigel Owen, and Bridie Marshallsay (a member of 42 Geo Royal Engineers at Wyton), who was standing down. 42 Regt have been approached for more volunteers. Also to be discussed at the AGM was the post of Media/IT/Publications Officer and the addition of the post of Immediate Past Chair.

Branch Account: There had been no income to the branch account this month, but £276.66 had been spent on general equipment. The current balance was £3298.52

BFI: The balance on this account was £2071.59

Veteran's Account: The cash tin (kitty) held £91.14 and with the income from the two village fetes and Wyton Families Day the balance was currently £2624.04

The Chair advised that the accounts were currently with an independent auditor but would be enclosed with these minutes.

He also extended the branch's thanks to Trevor Stone who was donating the Royalties for his books to the branch.

14. **Members Points of Interest:**

Post Meeting Note: Independently audited accounts will be available via the Branch website once they have been returned.

MAGPAS: JB provided an update on the helicopter status in that the new helicopter had been delivered, however there would be a slight delay before a visit could be arranged and he would come back to us on this.

Crowdstrike Incident: ZG advised that the website had been affected by the this earlier in the month and she was having to re-upload some items. She reiterated that any photos uploaded must be the property of the person submitting them or that copyright was allowed.

Questionnaire: ZG was creating this to ascertain what members wanted of the branch, i.e. visits etc.

App: ZG was to pick an App that had a two-week free trial and this would be sent to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Maureen Wigley: SaR asked if Maureen could be put on the minutes as a standing apology or if someone could pick her up and bring her to a meeting. ZG advised that she would see if she could assist Maureen in being able to use a laptop to join a Zoom meeting in the future.

NAAFI Breaks: There would be no NAAFI Break in August, these would potentially recommence from 27 September – tbc.

Meetings: There would be no meeting in August and due to the AGM being held on 7 October, no General Meeting would

15. **Date of Next Meeting:** be held in September. The Executive Committee would meet in September and members were welcome to join the Executive Committee after that meeting for a social gathering.

16. **Meeting Closed:** 7 October 2024 – Brampton Methodist Church 1900hrs

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2050 hrs.

Signed  
*C Rose*  
Secretary

Enc: Calendar of Events  
Treasurer's Reports

**ACTIONS**

Nominations for Committee Members	All
Joint PAO – who is the other one and they need to sign a waiver if the stock is to be left in the RBL shed at the Hare on the Green	CR
Ramsey 40s Weekend Volunteers	All
Up to date Events Calendar	CR
Platforms on which to hold future meetings	ZG