

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CHELTENHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH
Minutes of Branch Meeting held 19.30, Tuesday 1 June 2010

1. **Act of Homage** was duly observed
2. **Apologies** were received from Lloyd Surgenor, John Hawthornthwaite, Andy Worsley and Phil Fisher
3. **Those attending:** Dave Martel, Roy Roberts, Moyne Blake, Mike Brookings, Peter Collins, Walter, Meigh and Carol Sharrock.
4. **The Minutes of the last meeting** were read and accepted. Proposed by Peter Collins and seconded by Moyne Blake.
5. **Matters Arising**
 - a. **The Sale of Potter House.** See Chairman's Report
 - b. **Field of Remembrance.** See Chairman's Report
6. **Additions to the Agenda**

Update on plans for this year's Festival of Remembrance (see 7d. Vice-Chairman's Report)
7. **Reports**
 - a. **Chairman's Report**

We have now had 2 surveyors' reports carried out by Driver Jonas Deloitte. One to evaluate the property for the sale of Potter House and the second to comply with charity law and accounting standards (a copy of the letter from Head of Membership Services and Development explaining this is available).

We are slowly reducing the amount of documents held in the Branch. Old books of minutes, however should be retained as historical documentation of branch activities.

The trip to NMA was enjoyed by a total of 32 people. A cheque for £81.00 has been given to the Branch as a result.

The glass washing machines and a chest freezer are to be collected by RAFA. The large TV set is going to Arle Road Army Cadets. Leonard Cheshire Homes collected 2 old wheelchairs (one in reasonable condition has been retained) and a quantity of medical equipment (including 4 nebulisers).

Nigel Birt, of System 6, contractor to the Borough Council has offered to renovate the crosses used in the Field of Remembrance. The plywood discs will be replaced by rigid black plastic discs and these will be sweated onto the crosses. The two front boards will also be replaced.
 - b. **Service Committee**

We have handled 21 cases this month and have been able to help with property repairs, the provision of kitchen appliances, new carpets and family

breaks. A client has brought to our attention a Royal British Legion survey form that he had been asked to complete. It was generally agreed that the form was far too long and complex and that we should provide feedback to the relevant department..

c. Vice-Chairman

Plans for this year's Festival of Remembrance are well underway..

8. Fundraising

There have been no further developments on the hoped for Riders' event. We need a date from the Riders before we can progress. We will contact them again to see if they have been able to establish a date in their very busy schedule. It was suggested that we hold "a dance" as a fund raiser. It was generally agreed that it was worth considering for next year due to the amount of planning it would require.

Next meeting: 3 August.