

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – UCKFIELD BRANCH

(BR2222)

Branch Meeting

**Thursday 11th June 2009 at 7.30pm
Uckfield Civic Centre, Ashdown Room.**

MINUTES

Present:

Mary Reed (President/Chair)	Jean Edwards	Micheal Tuffley
David Firth (Secretary)	Doris Whitcombe	
Norman Mayers (PAO)	John Whitcombe	
Susan Mayers	Roy Divall	

1 Act of Remembrance

The exhortation was given by the President

2 Chairman's Opening Remarks

In the absence of a chairman Mary Reed was asked to chair the meeting and subsequently welcomed all those present at the meeting.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from;- Sarah Rae, Martyn Rae, Maria Firth, Sarah Nelson, Steven Nelson, Ted Holdaway, Eric Osborne, Richard Green, John Gorrie, John Edwards and Elizabeth Green.

4 Introduction of New Members

There were no new members to introduce.

5 Minutes of meeting held on 14/5/09

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by all present and signed by the chairman.

6 Matters arising from previous meeting

The Chairman thanked all those who assisted with the Lions Day fete on 7th June.

There were no other matters arising from the previous minutes.

7 Secretary's Report

The secretary had nothing to report.

8 Treasurer's Report

See attached

9 Poppy Appeal Organisers Report

See attached

10 Forthcoming Events

a. Uckfield Festival – 11 July 2009

It is our intention to field the 'Poppy Pick', Tombola and Name the Flag competition.

It was agreed that £20 be made available from the branch social fund to purchase prizes for the event.

Proposed M Reed

Seconded J Edwards

b. Festival of Remembrance – 10 Oct 2009

The Civic Centre main hall and Uckfield Concert Brass band have been booked for the event. The bar will be open for refreshments however, it was decided not to order food as this was considered not to be good value for money.

Number of tickets will be limited to 120 due to the capacity of the hall.

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11 **AOB**

- a. Norman Mayers suggested that branch outings to one of the shows at Eastbourne Congress Theatre be arranged to provide a social event for the branch.
It was suggested by D Firth that, given the limited numbers of members prepared to attend such functions, that social events be arranged amongst small groups using their own arrangements for transport, etc.
Should any future social events attract large numbers of members then larger hired transport could be arranged by the branch.
- b. Mary Reed asked that she be allowed to parade the branch standard in Dieppe for the Dieppe Raid commemoration for the weekend of 18-20 August 2009.
Proposed; D Firth
Seconded; N Mayers
It was unanimously agreed by those present pending approval from County Headquarters.
The secretary would pass on the request to the County Secretary to obtain approval.
- c. Alternative Meeting Venues;
The Cinque Ports Club has kindly offered to host the monthly meetings of the branch at no cost to the branch.
It was agreed by those present to hold the next branch meeting at the Uckfield Cinque Ports Club on 9th July on a trial basis.

12 **Date of Next Meeting**

1930 hrs on Thurs 9th July at The Cinque Ports Club main hall, Uckfield.

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Treasurer's Report

11 June 2009

(For period 14/5/09 to 10/6/09)

1 **Bank Account Statement**

The current account stood at **£3719.44** as at **31 May 2009**

2 **Outgoings (14/5/09 to 10/6/09)**

Uckfield Town Council Room Hire – 11/6/09 (not in statement) £15.96
Total Out: £15.96

3 **Income (14/5/09 to 10/6/09)**

Lions Fete Tombola Takings £ 78.00
Uckfield Town Council Grant (FoR) £750.00
Subscriptions (M Tuffley) £ 12.50
Voluntary Donations from Branch Members 14/5/09 £ 9.00
Total In: £849.50

4 **Reconciliation of Account**

Bank Account Statement (31/5/09) +£3719.44
Incomings (not listed in statement) +£ 849.50
Outgoings (not listed in statement) -£ 15.96
Total: +£4552.98

Maria Firth
Treasurer
Uckfield Branch Royal British Legion

PAO REPORT

The Lion's Fete on Sunday yielded £30.71 from the Poppy Field display which will go into the 2009 Poppy Appeal.

To date 189 shops and businesses have agreed to display trays of poppies for this year's Remembrancetide with a further 26 probables. There have been 66 rejections mainly due to lack of footfall in their premises.

The cheque for the Uckfield Town Council's wreath for Daniel Gamble's funeral has been received recently and forwarded on to Aylesford.

I will be attending a Poppy Supporter Event for PAOs on 2 July which will include information on what the RBL have been doing with the monies raised by the Poppy Appeal and will report back to the Branch at the next meeting.

End of report.

Uckfield RBL Branch Diary

July 2009

Date	Day	Time	Event
9th	Thurs	1930	Branch Meeting – Cinque Ports Club main hall
11th	Sat		Uckfield Festival 'Big Day Out' – Luxfords Field

August 2009

Date	Day	Time	Event
13th	Thurs	1930	Branch Meeting – Uckfield Civic Centre

September 2009

Date	Day	Time	Event
10th	Thurs	1930	Branch Meeting – Uckfield Civic Centre

October 2009

Date	Day	Time	Event
8th	Thurs	1930	Branch Annual General Meeting – Uckfield Civic Centre
10th	Sat	TBA	Festival of Remembrance – Uckfield Civic Centre

November 2009

Date	Day	Time	Event
12th	Thurs	1930	Branch Meeting – Uckfield Civic Centre

December 2009

Date	Day	Time	Event
10th	Thurs	1930	Branch Meeting – Uckfield Civic Centre

Important Notice

All members should note that the next **branch meeting on 9th July 2009** will be held at the **Cinque Ports Club, Uckfield.**

Branch members should request entry to the club premises using the intercom at the main door stating that you are a Royal British Legion member wishing to attend the branch meeting.

Members are also advise that there is limited parking available at the club therefore those without disabilities are requested to make alternative parking arrangements.