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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2012

The meeting started at 2000hrs with a minute's silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Present were: Peter Alner, Robert Keen, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Barry Cooper, Fred Hill, Mick Bright, Paul Daines, Barry Cobbold, Peter Edwards.

Apologies were received from: Bill Dixon, Clive Gerrelli, George Ayling, Tony Talman, Colonel David, Liam Wildish, Tony Tilley, Neville Crow, Albert Pragnell, Pete Catchpole, Graeme Maidment, Stuart Ingrey, James Cooper, John and Dave Covey, Mike Humme.

Chairman's Report:

During the last few weeks we have had an invite from WO1 RSM Alan Drew to visit Headley Court; this, as most of you will know, is the military rehabilitation centre for those servicemen and women returning from active service with severe trauma injuries.

The Colonel asked me to take on the task of organizing this trip, so I immediately booked a date with the RSM (**Tuesday 9th October**) and sent out an email to all members and phoned those without computers. The following members replied: Colonel David x 2, Pete Alner x 2, Eddie Drew x 2, Myself x 3, Mick Bright, Alan Drew, Pete Edwards, Pete Catchpole & Paul Daines.

I then started to find a coach firm for the transport; this was not as easy as you may think. Of the eight I phoned only four returned my call and the prices were very high as follows: for a 16-seater Woods travel wanted £365; Starline Group wanted £360 plus waiting time, and Rutherfords Travel wanted £300 plus. Until Tuesday of

this week I was going to come to you tonight and suggest going by cars, then I tried one more firm Emsworth Coaches, and bingo all they wanted was £142 so as you can imagine I bit their arms off and booked them straight away. So the travel arrangements will be: for all of those in Chichester and Wittering Depart Chichester Gate car park **0800hrs**; then junction of Rowan Way and Sunningdale Gardens North Bersted approx **0815hrs** and finally the bus stop just before the railway crossing in Lyminster Road Littlehampton approx **0830hrs**.

The next thing I was asked to find out how many members would go to the London AGM if we were to get a mini bus, and the following replied, Mike Humme Alan Drew, Myself if we can get there for the EGM; and Phil Mead will go by train from Polegate. ***Afternote:** More members came forward at the meeting, so the total for a minibus would be about 8 or 9. Colonel David has secured an additional grant of £200 from RHQ to help offset the cost.*

Secretary's Report:

No one put their names forward for the Field Of Remembrance on the 8th of November, or for the Cenotaph Parade on the 11th of November. The dates are now closed.

Please let Colonel David or myself know if you change your email address.

I have put out the dates for 2013 years meeting and AGM for your diaries.

Don't forget our Remembrance Day Parade in Chichester at 1030 hrs on 11th November. Hope to see you all there.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter gave a good record of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this with Peter.

Welfare Report:

Nil

Any Other Business:

Branch Meetings for 2013: January 30th; March 27th (AGM); May 18th Albuhera Dinner, July 31st, September 25th and November 27th.

All meeting to be held at the City Club starting at 2000hrs except the AGM which will start at 1930hrs.

No one put their names forward for Barry Cooper's proposed Branch night out or for the Golf.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

November 28th at 2000hrs at The City Club.

Meeting Closed:

The meeting closed at 2025 hrs

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