



299 ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the AEA, but as always open to ALL 299 men past & present.

The aims and ideals of this association are decreed as being:

Promoting and maintaining contact with past and present members of 299 Para Squadron RE.

Promoting and maintaining contact with the members of 131 Independent Commando Squadron RE; and all other Airborne/Commando associations.

Relieving where practicable any hardship or distress suffered by a member, or dependent(s) of a member of this association.

Promoting and encouraging such events that may bring pleasure to all members of this association.

W. Dick, (Seadog), 2/8/2002

Date: 7th July 2023 at the Minerva Hull.

Members present: Dave Barker, Brian Bilton, Terry Cunningham, Craig Gadd, Dave Harvey, Walter Holbrook, Tony Irwin, Bob Meachen, Kev Millington, Bud Oldfield, Bud Pougher, Glenn Ratten, Pete Robson, Chris Shillito, Paul Sims, Nigel Sisson, Martin Tindle, Terry Walker, Tony Weldon, Dave Woollas, Neil Yates.

Apologies: Mick Beardshaw, Kev Blacker, Jack Brooks Gaz Coe, Neil Cooper, Chris Duggan, Tony Foster, Marten Hall. Carl Ham. John Harrison, Roger Holding, Dean Ideson, Mike Maddison, Dave Meeking, Paul Robinson, Lee Smith, John Thompson.

Guests: Nil

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all members present and thanked them for attending on another lovely sunny evening. **Chris** went on to say that the meeting would be short and sweet as there was not a real lot to discuss, and mentioned he had a few apologies due to the summer holidays etc.

Minutes proposed: as a true record.

Proposed by **Bud Pougher**
Seconded by **Pete Robson**

Treasurers report: **Glenn** went on to say the funds was in a healthy position. **Glenn** is also taking monies for Arnhem 2024.

We still have rugby shirts, ties and shields etc for sale, please speak to **Glenn**.

Chris added that he wanted to take a £20.00 deposit by September for Arnhem as means of getting numbers, so he can book the ferry, topped up £100.00 by December. Final figure will be disclosed once we know the final figure once everything is booked.

Correspondence:

The Acting Secretary received an email from **Steve Wallis** the National Chairman from the AEA.

The AEA has been allocated 36 tickets for the National Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in November. Each Branch will be offered an initial allocation 3 three spaces. The remaining tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis to AEA members who are not members of branches. Could you please let me know by the 31st July the names of those nominated from your branches.

After this date, any tickets not allocated will be offered to the wider Airborne Engineer Community.

The AEA Gala Dinner this will be held this at the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern 13th – 15th October. If anyone is interested, please let the committee know.

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Chris received an email from **Gaz Coe** thanking us for his presentation.

Hey up Chris, I would like to thank you and the association members for the magnificent mirror presented to me, I will treasure it for the rest of my life.

You know I always looked at the Secretary's job as a privilege and an honour. In many ways it was my way of saying thank you to the squadron/troop in which we all served, in my case my service influenced my whole life in many ways for which I am truly grateful.

All the best to you all Gaz Coe.

It was **Gaz's** birthday on the 6th of July, so we wish him a belated happy birthday.

Chairman's comments:

Cromwell lock.

A big thank you to **Tomo** and **Ricky** for doing a superb job of maintaining the Cromwell lock memorial in June, Well done.

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Arnhem 2024.

We need to know numbers for Arnhem by September because it's the 80th anniversary we need to book the hotel and ferry early to show you are genuinely interested put At least £20 deposit with **Glenn** before September. £100 by December meeting and paid in full by the AGM in May, we don't know the final price until we book everything, but we will try to make it as cheap as possible.

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Rich Gill, Percy McGlynn, Mick Sunderland climbed the summit of mount Teide highest mountain in Spain holding the squadron flag aloft. well done guys. Still life in the old dogs yet.

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Please use the 299 Facebook and web page for any news or stuff you have done or old memories or photos you have tucked away in your attic, this is your association so please use it.

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Is everyone getting my texts, if not please let me know.

Any other business

Craig congratulated **Dave Barker** and his wife Sue for celebrating their wedding anniversary of 38yrs. on the 6th July.

Simbo's Bus Stops.

Winner. **Nige Sisson.**

Next meeting: 4th August 2023 at the Minerva kick off 20.00 hrs.

Dates for your diary

Arnhem Pilgrimage 2024

All details and costings to follow for those going on the trip.

33rd AGM 2023 Welsh Branch

The AGM and Gala Dinner this will be held this at the Abbey Hotel, Great Malvern 13th – 15th October 2023. Details on the AEA Web page

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