



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: Friday 3rd March 2023, 20:00 hrs at the Minerva, Hull

Members Present: Mike Beardshaw, Kev Blacker, Neil Cooper, Terry Cunningham, C Duggan, Derek French, Craig Gadd, Carl Ham, Dave Harvey, Antony Irwin, Steve Knowles, Martin Lawrence, Robert Meachen, Kev Millington, Keith Moreley, Bud Oldfield, Frank Pougher, Pete Robson, Kenny Russel, Chris Shillito, Paul Sims, Nige Sisson, Brad Steele, John Thompson, Martin Tindle, Antony Weldon, Dave Wollas,

Apologies: Anthony Alcock, Brian Bilton, Jack Brooks, Gary Coe, Anthony Foster, Marten Hall, Roger Holding, Dean Ideson, Thomas James, Mike Maddison, Steve Oliver, Kev Saddington, Lee Smith, Paul Robinson.

Guests: Nil

Welcome

The Chairman **Chris Shillito** resumed his normal duties for this month's meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on another great turn out.

Minutes from the last meeting were proposed as a true record.

Proposed by – **Frank Pougher**
Seconded by – **Nigel Sisson**

Treasure's Report:

Glenn, brought the meeting up to date with the association finances, "we're in a healthy position"

Anyone wanting to pay any monies online please speak to **Glenn** as the account details have changed.

Correspondence.

The acting secretary **Craig** had received an email from **Phil Taylor**, saying there would be a **Bill Rudd** memorial weekend at Wakefield ARC on the 18th March 2023 This coincides with the England v Ireland 6 nations rugby game. The bar will be open at 16:00 hrs ready for the kickoff at 17:00 and members of 299 and some 23 Para Engr Regt members will be there. We have a Chef coming from Regiment and all in all it is looking like it will be a well attended and cracking evening £5.00 a head will cover food. Accommodation remains basic, but free! I am hoping that we have a good showing of AEA members who can impart great stories or daring tales to the youngsters of an Airborne Unit! Anyone wanting to go please let **Craig** know so he can pass on the numbers.

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Craig also mentioned that **Eamon Smith** had dropped out of the committee looking after Cromwell Lock, this has now been left to **Craig Gadd** and **Gilbert Nicol**, this will need to be looked at again.

Chairman's Comments

Chris informed the members, that **Tony Foster** our resident photographer, was still struggling after his knee surgery, but hoped to catch up very soon. The committee on behalf of the association wished him a speedy recovery.

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Chris informed the members, that he had received a text from **Marten Hall** to say he had been diagnosed with leukaemia and apologised as he wouldn't be in for some time, as he thought he would be in Castle Hill for the next 6 months **Marten** went on to say "I'm in good spirits and would attack this head on, with bags of commando spirit. Please send my best to the lads. United We Conquer!" Again, the committee on the behalf of the members wish you well and a speedy recovery.

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As the association are not running a trip this year, **Chris** mentioned about the Arnhem trip for 2024 and said anyone wanting to save with money with **Glenn** could do, even though we don't have any firm figures as yet.

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Chris also informed the members he still had ties, rugby shirts and shields for sale. Please contact **Chris** if you need anything.

Any Other Business

Carl Ham informed the members he now had produced a cycle shirt after a lot of hard work and effort by himself, to produce a quality cycling shirt that was fit for the members. **Carl** brought an example of shirt to the meeting and is of great quality. Anybody wanting a shirt please contact **Carl** on the Covid cycling WhatsApp group, or ring **Carl** on 07778214483 as **Carl** is wanting to put an order in asap. As all cycling gear they are expensive but of good quality and cost £81.00

If anyone has any news that is relevant to the Association, please let **Gaddy** know and he will put in the minutes for the wider membership.

With nothing more to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting.

Simbo's Bus Stop:

Won by: **Glenn Ratten.**

Web site address: www.299association.co.uk

Next Meeting: will be held at the Minerva on Friday 31st March 2023 kick off 20:00 hrs

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