



299 ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the AEA, Charity No: 1009201

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date: Friday July 7th 2017

Members present M. Beardshaw. B. Bilton. J. Brooks. N. Cooper. T. Cunningham. W. Drayton
T. Foster. C. Gadd T. Grimes A. Irwin. P. Jefferson. A. Kitching. A. Lee. J. Mace. F. Pougher. L.
Ransom. P. Robson. C. Shillito. P. Sims. M. Tindle. C. Walker. T. Walker. A. Weldon. K. Millington.

Apologies: G. Beaumont G. Coe R. Franklin. D. French. F. Gray. D. Harvey. D. Hines. S. Hoyle. M.
Maddison. D. Meeking. G. Newton g. Ratten. P. Robson. P. Robinson. K. Saddington. L. Smith. B.
Steele. J. Thompson. D. Woolas.

At the last meeting in june , mike maddison sent an apology that was not recorded, the committee apologizes for this.

Guests:

Welcome and 'Roll Call'

The Chairman welcomed all present then opened the meeting. Welcoming Kev Millington on his first night with The 299 Association, Hopefully becoming a regular attendee.

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

Proposed by – F. Pougher

Seconded by – J. Mace

Treasure's Report: Martin Tindle our treasurer reported that the Association funds are in a very healthy state and the Arnhem trip is all paid up with 34 members attending.

Gary Coe The 299 Association Secretary is on a well earned holiday With that vagabond Glen Ratten, and the ladies, I have informed Interpoll that they are loose on the continent.

Correspondence: For the members without computers, Insertions on the notice board this month.

Date: 26/6/2017, 15:31:59
Name: Terry Cunningham
Email: terrycunningham23@hotmail.com
Location: hull
Number: 408

HI lads update on Nev Smales ,he rang me to tell me he goes back in dock tomorrow Tuesday 27th ,they are going to open him up to find out what caused his last emergency dash to hospital a few weeks ago, if its gall stones they are going to remove them, if not stones they are going to remove the gall bladder. I will keep you up to date as i find out.
Terry

Date: 28/6/2017, 08:31:16
Name: Gaz Coe
Location: Wistow
Number: 409

Gents, just had a chat with Bud Oldfield and this is an update on his general well being: he's just completed a month of extreme pain after the removal and replacement of his false hip, he owes a lot to the skill of the surgeon, (ex military), who hopefully will have got him up and about after this high risk operation with the odds against success stacked against him, he is now down to using one stick and is hoping for the green light this week to start driving again. He sends his best wishes to you all and if things work out well he may make a meeting in the not to distant future.

You can't keep a good man down.

Sqn News: No updates this month.

Social Calendar: Airborne Forces Day, (Northern), Saturday 15th July 2017 at Eden Camp, Malton, parade and service starts at 11.00hrs. **A Irwin** suggested anyone attending this event should meet as usual in the car park at 10: 30 am. **Brian Bilton** has kindly offered to give a lift to anyone who wants to attend. First come first served, Give him a ring on 01482 508463.

Airborne Engineers Association AGM / Dinner. Anyone wishing to attend the **Dinner only** needs to fill a form in with a cheque for **£26** pounds per person made out to the **299 Association** stating dinner only and send to Craig Gadd at the address below, If you require **Accommodation** you can contact the Hotel direct or fill in the form with a cheque made out to **The Britannia Royal Hotel Hull**, to Craig Gadd at the address below, The prices are on the form. Accommodation and Dinner are two separate cheques, as the Hotel will not take money for the dinner, So accommodation made out to Britannia Royal Hotel and Dinner made out to 299 Association.

Graig Gadd : Address: **Gavarnie 697 Beverley Road, Hull, Hu6 7JN.**

The booking forms were given out to members at last Friday's meeting, If you get your minutes by post I have put one in the envelope, I have also attached a copy to these minutes for those with printers, If you require a form let me know on 07877277288. Gaddy and the rest of the entertainments committee are working hard to make this a special evening so I hope the members will support them by attending, Its the least we can do.

Vetrans weekend 29/30th July. To be held at East Park Hull.

Chairman's Comments: I would like thank all the 299 Association members for their Birthday wishes, Cards and presents on the weekend of my 70th birthday and mine and Sue's 40th wedding Anniversary and a big thank you to the many people who unexpectedly turned up at the Cross keys on the Sunday to have a drink with us. It was much appreciated. My old friend Simbo gave me a glass paratrooper for my 70th and Dave Meeking gave me and Sue a bottle of Champagne for or Anniversary. Outstanding, Thank you.

John (willy) Harrison, Our 299 man in Belgium who turned up at the Cross Keys and is coming on our Arnhem trip, Good to have you aboard John. Craig has received your cheque for accommodation for the AGM.

I would like to thank **Craig Gadd** for Picking out and writing down the main points for the minutes' While i was conducting the meeting.

Matters arising: For the next two months the Minerva cannot accommodate us on the first Friday of the month but can on the second Friday of both months. A vote was required and it was decided that we should use the Minerva on the 11th of August. But to ask **Jonno** the landlord of the **Ship Inn Dunswell** if he could accommodate us on the **1st of September** as he has done brilliantly on previous years. The answer to this will be told at the next meeting.

Mike Maddy Maddison is doing the Yorkshire Dales Three Peaks Challenge this weekend for a worthwhile charity, **The British Heart Foundation**, We wish him all the best, I am sure the Commando spirit will shine through and he will do us proud. If you wish to sponsor him with a few quid give him a ring on 07587838938.

Terry Cunningham has been in touch with our old friend **Bud (us mess tins) Oldfield**, Bud is doing well after his Hip Operation and in good form. The 299 Association wishes him well. Terry also reported on **Nev Smales** who has had Gaul Stones removed but with complication's and is not too good at the moment, We wish him a speedy recovery.

Tony Kitching has made a full recovery from a perforated ulcer and his wife **Lynda** is recovering from a bad broken ankle, We hope she will soon be fully fit.

Tony Fosters wife Debora is home from hospital but is still poorly and will be a slow recovery but she will get there. Good luck Debs.

Dave Bowron (biceps) our old pal from 301 troop Birmingham has had both legs amputated but He is in good spirits and his positive attitude is a credit to him, Me and Dave served in Ghana together back in the day, Tough little cookie, A pleasure to know the man. Keep up the good work Davy.

Bunny Brown A 131 Para and Commando Squadron legend who is very poorly at the moment, All at 299 Association wish him all the best and pray for a miracle to happen.

Web site address: www.299association.com

Next Meeting: Will be the Friday 11th August at the Minerva.

Dates for your diary

Airborne Forces Day, (Northern), Saturday 15th July 2017 at Eden Camp, Malton, parade and service starts at 11.00hrs.

Allied Air Forces Memorial Day at Elvington, Near York, on Sunday 3rd September 2017.

Arnhem Pilgrimage: Thursday 14th – Monday 18th September 2017.

THE AEA REUNION/AGM TO BE HELD AT **THE BRITANNIA ROYAL HOTEL**, FERNSWAY, HULL. HU1 3UF, over the weekend Friday the 20th to Monday the 23rd October 2017, a room has been booked for the AGM.

Very important: rooms at this hotel could be at a premium over this week end, therefore book early to avoid disappointment. Remember it's the year of culture in Hull and they will not hang on to rooms on a promise.

There is other hotels close by, but if you want a guaranteed room at this hotel you can reserve with your card without money being taken out of your account. The booking slips will be enclosed in the June edition of the AEA journal.

Hotel Tel: 01482 325087, e-mail: enquires@hotels-hull.co.uk

Remembrance Sunday: 12th November 2017.

With nothing more to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting thanking all for attending.

