



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 2nd March 2018

Members present M. Beardshaw. B. Bilton. K. Blacker N. Cooper. T. Cunningham. W. Drayton T. Foster. C. Gadd C. Ham. P. Hairsine A. Irwin. P. Jefferson. A. Kitching. D. Meeking G. Newton F. Pougher. L. Ransom L. Ransom. P. Robson. K. Russell S Saxby C. Shillito. P. Sims. A Stimpson J. C. Thompson M. Tindle. C. Walker. A. Weldon. C. Wilcock I. Chapman.

Apologies: G. Coe J. Brooks A. Costello. J. Duffy. R. Franklin. D. French. F. Gray. D. Harvey. D. Hines. A Lee. M. Holdsworth. S. Hoyle J. Mace

G. Ratten. K. Robinson. L. Smith. B. Steele. R. Swatman. J. Thompson. T Walker D. Woolas.

Guests:

Welcome and 'Roll Call'

The Chairman welcomed all present then opened the meeting

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

Proposed by – A. Irwin

Seconded by – F. Pougher

Treasure's Report: Martin Tindle our treasurer reported that the Association funds are in a very healthy state and the Arnhem trip is now full with 40 members attending. Martin Has just returned from holidays in Australia sporting a nice looking tan making everyone jealous.

Our Secretary Gary Coe has been on a well earned holiday and has just returned home from some very exotic places with a cracked rib. (Stories to follow).

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

A letter of thanks was sent to the Minerva from Olaf (Sven) Dudley for the presentation we got for him which i read out at the meeting.

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Gentlemen, There will be a 299 Association meeting this coming Friday 2nd March 2018 at the Minerva at 20.00 hrs. SSGT Carl Ham a great servant to 299 will be receiving his leaving presentation for many years faithful service from 299 Parachute Squadron, Hope to see you all there to support him.

Sqn News: Big John Thompson reported that the 299 Para Squadron is doing well all round with men being deployed to BELIZE MEXICO and exercise ASKARI STORM advance party in KENYA.

Social Calendar: **Bud Pougher's 80th birthday party.**

A really good turn out from the 299 Association at the North Ferriby Social club to celebrate Bud Pougher's 80th birthday with his family and friends of which there were plenty. (a full house). Dean Buds son entertaining us with his Karaoke skills. His birthday cake had the 299 Association badge on it Dagger and wings, A shame to cut it up which his daughters did and made sure everyone got a piece, Some good photo's were taken to remember the night, A good turnout for a great guy. (doesn't look 80)

Olaf (Sven) Dudley's Leaving bash.

9 men from the 299 Association travelled to the LONERGAN LINES Kinsbury London to be with Olaf on his very special night, We arrived about 1600hrs and started on the beer whilst watching Scotland beat England in the six nations rugby union. More beer and then we were provided with a very nice curry meal by the chef big Al. Thanks to you guys we presented Olaf with a nice present from our Association (boots and beret with a Royal Engineers badge set on a plinth engraved to Sven from us.) A great attendance from ex 131 paratroopers and Commando's to say farewell to a great guy, His exceptional skills as a master signaller and the work he puts in keeping our history in order are but a few of this mans attributes nobody has done more for 131 than this man and he deserves a big thank you from all of us. Some of us old and bold went to bed a bit early but our man Craig Gadd stayed up until 05.30 hrs fling the 299 flag, (well done Craig) I would like to thank the drivers who drove to London and got us there and back safely Carl Henrickson

Craig Gadd and not forgetting Dave Woolas who travelled down under his own steam, Well done to all concerned.

Chairman's Comments:

Ex Ssgt Carl Ham was presented a beautiful Statuette of a paratrooper by Big John Thompson for many years faithful service to 299 airborne and Commando, Carl has been a great servant to 299 and served in the conflict in Iraq, 299 Para lose a top soldier but hopefully he will become a stalwart to the association as he was to the troop, I have known Carl for many years not only a exceptional soldier but a nice guy and well respected member.

John (willy) Harrison, Willy our man in Belgium sends the association his best regards and asked to purchase a 299 Association car sticker which i will send him.

Clay Pigeon Shoot.

Tony Kitching has organised a clay pigeon shoot at Bygott wood Cherry Burton, Beverley.

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Pete Robson Kindly donated a 299 Association hooded sweatshirt to be raffled off and it raised £15 for the Association funds. Thanks Pete.

Matters arising:

Tony Fosters wife Debora is still feeling poorly and wish her well (hang on in there Debs.)

Web site address: www.299association.com

Next Meeting: Will be Friday the 6th April 2018 at the Minerva.

Dates for your diary.

Clay pigeon shoot. Saturday 10th March 2018, Bygott Wood, Cherry Burton, Beverley
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Contact Tony Kitching Tel. 07930015184

Arnhem Pilgrimage: Thursday 20th– Monday 24th September 2018.

Remembrance Sunday: 11th November 2018.

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

Chris Shillito (Acting Secretary)

