



THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

SERVICE – NOT SELF

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING
OF THE GRAVESEND & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL ENGINEERS
ASSOCIATION
HELD IN THE GRAVESHAM COURT ON TUESDAY 4th April 2017

1. **Members present 9 - Meeting Opened at 1930 hrs**

Branch Website, www.gravesendsapper.uk

Welcome to all Retired Sappers and Associate Members/Friends/Guests of the Association to the meeting of the Gravesend and District Branch of the REA,

Mr R Bardsley	President
Mr M Dobson	Branch Chairman
Mr D Spurgeon	Honorary Treasurer
Mr R Ellis	Honorary Secretary
Mr R Ellis	Standard Bearer
Mr K Trevor	Welfare

Friends of the Association: 3 Returning Member :

New Members:

3. **Apologies: Mr R Finney Mr J Hoadley Mr r Salmon Mr S Dixon Mr B Stanley**

4. **Previous Minutes.**

As emailed & displayed, dated 7th March 2017. Be accepted as read.

Proposed by: Mr D Allen

Seconded by: Mr D Spurgeon

Carried

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes - Nil

5. **Honorary Treasurer's Report.**

a. Accounts to date £ 1,747.02p

b. Subs £18 Raffle £20

Proposed by: Mr K Trevor

Seconded by: Mr D Ward

Carried

6. **Honorary Secretary's Report.**

The Honorary Secretary spoke on the following points.

- a. **Letters in : Cheque from St Paul & Peter's Church Service - £54.30p
Invoice from Mr S Dixon cost of website - £87.35p
The Chief Royal will write to REA members on their 100th Birthday,
branches to submit short synopsis of service to HQREA.**
- b. **RE Band Recital St. Barbara's Garrison Church 4th May 2017
Commences 19-30 hrs Free Admission**
- c. **42 Commando Standard Layup 7th May, Christchurch Gravesend 10-00 am**
- d. **77th Anniversary Battle of Britain Capel Le Ferne 9th July 2017 1330 hrs**
- e. **REA Chillwell Weekend 23rd - 25th June 2017 £25 pp**
- f. **REA Minley Weekend 28th – 30th July 2107 £30 pp**
- g. **Branch Standard paraded at Northfleet Cemetery Headstone Ceremony
Gunner GEV Field.**

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by: Mr B James

Seconded by: Mr B Frost

That the Honorary Secretary's Report be accepted as read:

Carried.

7. **Welfare Report.**

The welfare Member spoke on the following

Any comments from the floor: Nil

Proposed by :

Seconded by:

That the Welfare Report be accepted as read:

Carried

8. **Entertainment Report - No Report**

Proposed by: Mr

Seconded by: Mr

Fund Raising. Bread Pudding £19

Chairman's Report.

- a. **Thanked all Branch members who attend the headstone ceremony.**
- b. **Lloyds Gourmet Card not available to groups.**

Proposed by: Mr K Trevor
Seconded by: Mr D Ward

Carried

10. **Proposals from the Floor. None**

Proposed by:
Seconded by:

11. **Any other Business.**

- a. **Talk by RBLI at June meeting 6th June 2017**
- b. **Raffle prizes required.**
- c. **Website review.**

12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting 2nd May 2017

Meeting closed 19-55 hrs

MR R BARDSLEY
(President)

Mr M DOBSON
(Chairman)

MR R ELLIS
(Honorary Secretary)

Mr D SPURGEON
(Honorary Treasurer)