



Newton Abbot & District Branch of the Royal Engineers Association

Minutes for Meeting Dated Sunday 22nd June 2025.

Branch Officials:	Mr Mike Jepps	Branch President
	Mr Martin Rogers	Branch Chairman
	Mrs Moira Hamilton	Branch Secretary
	Mrs Sam MacCormick	Treasurer
	Mr Bob Rainey	Branch Vice Chairman – Not present

Members Present: 12, also RSM Harry Monks, 24 Commando Royal Engineers.

Apologies received from Members – Mark Moore, Bob Rainey, Charlie Rainey, Kev Davis, Paul Lloyd, Roger Andrews, Iggy Gagola, Andy Naish, Richard Underhill, Sue Peters.

Meeting Opened: 11.30hrs

1. OPENING ADDRESS

The Chair welcomed those members and partners who attended and mentioned yesterday's Torbay and the upcoming National Armed Forces Day. He then asked those who were able, to stand and join him in giving a thought to all those who are currently serving on our armed forces.

This was followed by the Exhortation and a moment's silence.

2. NEW MEMBERS

Possible 2 new members, recruited by Moira. Details have been forwarded to REA HQ and awaiting their response.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Chair asked if there were any comments in relation to the previous meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were then agreed as an accurate record of events.

Proposed: Brian Cocker

Seconded: Steve Hocking

That the Minutes as presented be accepted.

Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST BRANCH MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

All correspondence since last meeting has been distributed.

5. BRANCH TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance		£6,667.65
Plymouth shooting donation	+	£ 140.00
Tea/coffee 22/6/25	+	£ 3.41
Raffle	+	£ 43.00

Closing Balance		£6,854.06

Proposed: Tony Franklin

Seconded: Michael Darke

That the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted.

Carried

6. WELFARE MEMBERS REPORT

Brian reported his first report concerns was Roger Andrews who is back in hospital with gallstone problems. This time the gallstones are stuck in his bile duct, so a little more difficult to remove. He was due to have them removed last Friday, but due to infection he was put on antibiotics and the operation will now take place on Tuesday all being well.

Richard Underhill has now hopefully finished all his treatment and is back home and on the mend however, his wife Barbara is still in a lot of pain waiting for her replacement knee operations. There is a long waiting list.

Sandra Tapp is waiting to see an orthopaedic consultant to see if she can have an old replacement knee changed for a new one. She and Keith are otherwise both keeping well and send their regards.

7. BRANCH EVENTS

- Sunday 1st June 2025 was is the annual Decoration Day Ceremony at Ogdell Cross Cemetery. 3 members attended.
- Sapperfest is on 19th-22nd June 2025. Moira had returned early and good time had by all. Kev & Paul were still there.
- Torbay Armed Forces Day, Paignton Green 21st June 2025. The Chair thanked those who had attended and helped the previous day.

- Plymouth Armed Forces Day, Plymouth Hoe, 28th June 2025. Members attended this event last year in an informal capacity and have agreed to do same this year to support Plymouth Branch.
- Branch BBQ at Forde Hall, Newton Abbot on Saturday 5th July 2025. Moira to organise this year's event which is starting at 12.00hrs. Volunteers were sought to assist with the setting up at Forde Hall at 10.30hrs.
- Branch fun shooting competition on 19th July 2025. Steve Hocking has booked the range for 12 persons, these being;

Mike & Trish Jepps
 Iggy & Julie Gagola
 Mark & Joe Brookfield
 Tim, spouse and son Moran
 Steve & Rachael Hocking
 Michael Darke

The cost per person on the range is £32. The Branch has agreed to sponsor each person to the cost of £20, therefore, you will need to pay Steve Hocking £12 per person on the day.

Ladies, please be aware that you will be lying down so please dress appropriately to save any embarrassment.

Location is:
Budleigh Farm, Moretonhampstead,
Newton Abbot, TQ13 8SB
www.budleighfarm.co.uk

Please ensure you are on site and ready to go by 10.00

Steve Hockings mobile number is **078530193010**

- Corps Memorial Weekend, Chatham 19th-21st September 2025. Chairman is in discussions with Plymouth President on possibility of transport to event.
- REA AGM & Annual dinner, Chatham. Saturday 20th September 2025
- Remembrance Day Parade, Newton Abbot. Sunday 9th November 2025.
- Plymouth Branch, Dinner and Dance. Saturday 22nd November 2025.
- Branch Christmas luncheon, RBL 14th December 2025

8. 2025 UPCOMING POTENTIAL EVENTS

The Branch has agreed to Sponsor another Rugby match at either Teignmouth or Newton Abbot RFC. The Chairman has spoken to representative from NA rugby club and will be having a meeting to discuss possibilities.

9. CHAIRMAN'S POINTS

The Chair wished to thank Bob Rainy for standing in at the last meeting, whilst he was topping up his tan in Malta.

10. PROPOSALS FROM THE FLOOR

- The Branch had received the invoice for the de-fib equipment for the RBL. The cost was over the £175.00 as agreed by members at the previous Meeting. The discrepancy being an additional VAT requirement of £35. It has been confirmed by Jason at the RBL, that the VAT will be claimed back, so therefore the cost is still £175.00 to the REA.
- Proposal from the Chair to subsidise the Shooting Day on July 17th by £20 per person.

Proposed: Tony Franklin

Seconded: Steve Hocking

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- Tony Franklin suggested moving the date of the monthly Branch meetings, if the meeting fell on a Bank Holiday weekend. The August Meeting falls on a Bank Holiday Weekend, it was agreed to move the Meeting to Sunday 31st August 2025.

CLOSING ADDRESS

There being no further business, it was agreed the next Ordinary Branch Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th July 2025.

Signed:

Martin Rogers

Mr Martin Rogers (Chairman)

Signed:

Moirra Hamilton

Mrs Moira Hamilton (Secretary)

Dated: 30/06/2025

*****Following the branch meeting RSM Harry Monks gave an informal update on the state of play within the Corps. This was followed by a brief question and answer session and was very well received by the members. It was appreciated by all in attendance***.**