

MINUTES OF MEETING-6 AUGUST 2009

Chairman's Welcome – Barry Beck welcomed everyone to the meeting indicating it was nice to be back and that both he and Doris were overwhelmed by the support they have received from Group members following their accident in Normandy. Barry then indicated members had been in the limelight with Julie Hines winning the runner up prize in their class with the Austin 10 at Beltring and Ian McCallum picking up the best military vehicle honours at both the Bungay Classic Car Rally and Wayland Show. Barry then welcomed new member Andrew Beck, who has a lightweight Landrover, before asking that members please stand to observe a minutes silence on the passing of Harry Patch, the last surviving Tommy. Members were then advised there was no guest speaker and that the room was already laden with items for the annual 'Bring and Buy' so there would be some losses and gains in the financial area as the evening progressed.

Apologies – C. McCallum, B. Purchase, C. Fox, J. Sayer, D. Goddard Jnr, D. & J. Skinner, J.& K. Aldis, P. Cushing, L. Dench, J. Mitchell, T. Blake, A. Goldspink, L. & A. Mann.

Minutes of Previous Meeting- July meeting minutes were read and accepted as a true record.

Secretary's Report- Ian McCallum read out a report from the FBHVC's Newsletter with reference to a requirement for an Open General Export Licence (OGEL) when taking our cherished military vehicles out of the country, even if you do have a return ticket! This item was originally raised by the IMP'S and has since been published by the MVT; more information will be in the December Newsletter. Ian then read out letter's received from our President with reference to our attendance at the 7th Armoured Division Memorial Open Day and from Holkham Country Fair thanking us for participating over the two days. Ian also advised letters had been written to Holkham Country Fair thanking them for our £100.00 donation and to Worstead Festival thanking them for the marvellous donation of £400.00.

Chairman's Report- Barry Beck thanked Rodney Reynolds for 'holding the fort' in his absence and all of the committee for keeping him abreast of Group issues and activities. Barry was aware that the 2009 Rally Season had been very trying for both Richard and Sandra and asked that we all give support on the rally field where we can. An issue that came out of the accident in Normandy, that all members should bear in mind, was that following any such event the driver is always breathalysed and it must be remembered the drink drive laws on the continent are as strict if not stricter than those in the UK.

Treasurer's Report- June Cushing advised that it had been a fairly quiet month with very little money being spent and the account currently standing at £3580.70.

Membership Secretary's Report- Ian McCallum advised on behalf of Bill Purchase that there had been one new member since the last meeting as previously mentioned by the Chairman.

MVT Liaison Officer's Report- Ian McCallum advised he had received information from the MVT regarding the new Open General Export Licence requirements as mentioned in the Secretary's Issues.

Publicity Officer's Report- Charles Warren advised he had given an interview to Radio Norfolk at the Wayland Show and would also see them again at the Gala Day. Charles then advised that a number of 'cuddly toys' had been purchased at a reduced rate via the Salvation Army source for Group raffle prizes.

Rally Secretary's Report- Richard Edwards thanked members for their support in attending recent events and indicated the Wayland Show committee were prepared to make a donation of £100.00 to a charity of our choice. Ian McCallum was going to write a letter requesting 'Help for Heroes'. With reference to 'Help for Heroes' there was late notification of an event this coming Sunday at Sennowe Park in aid of the charity with vehicles to be on site by 0930. Richard then went through forthcoming events being the Flixton RAF Day on the 16th, Alysham Show on the 31st and Seething Airshow and the Gala Day going into September. Richard then mentioned a private function that the Group had provided vehicles for on the promise of payment which had still not been honoured in full and was being pursued. A positive note was that a collection at the event had raised £540.00 in aid of the 7th Armoured Division Memorial. David Hines then gave information on the Rougham Airshow on the 15/16th August and John Dann indicated he was disappointed in the poor attendance at Weeting, especially after entry forms had been requested.

Newsletter Editor's Report- Sue Goddard gave a quick update on David's progress and advised that the next Newsletter would be available at the September Meeting.

Any Other Business-

Russell Herring – gave a brief account of parking difficulties and advised we should be looking for another venue where it's possible for members to arrive and have a meal and drink with no parking issues. The Chairman advised the Group had tried various options prior to coming to Wensum Lodge which were all short lived and with their own difficulties. Being a local authority facility we have up until now secured our required room requirements at a reasonable cost, albeit with parking issues. Barry indicated the Group was open to looking at other options as they become known but we must be careful of not 'jumping out of the frying pan into the fire'.

Charles Warren – asked if it would be possible to hold a 'Display Evening' for Group members to show what they collect. It may be interesting to learn of others collections which may not be of a military theme.

Alan Edwards – advised that he wished to stand down from being the co-ordinator for the Stoneleigh Trip. The Chairman thanked him for the role he has played over recent years and indicated a replacement is required.

Joy Morter – Asked if the Group was going to be doing any more of the shoeboxes for soldiers? Sue Goddard indicated she was prepared to co-ordinate it and would put the list of suggested content in the next Newsletter.

Barry Beck – then advised there would be a Guest Speaker at the September Meeting, being Bev Cooper talking on 'In the Footsteps of our Fathers'.

Being no other formal business the meeting closed at 2050