

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2011**

In Attendance

J Cheetham (JC), R Holman , A Begley, N Blackeman, S Bonallie , T Conlin, J Conroy, G Cook, I Corbett
R Coulson, M Donnison, P Fenwick, G Gibson , J Jackson ,W Kemp , I Longworth, B Machin, B Moore , A Myers ,
G Oates , B Ross , D Sproat, T Suggitt, J Toolin, L Wayman, K Weedy, J Williamson, K Wilson

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Brigadier N Prideaux, N Loftus, G Adams, P Axtell, G Barrs, D Bond, J Cornell, D Hunter, J Johnson, J Kelly,
A Kerwick, E Loftus, G Mallaby, G Netxler, J Ramsbotham, P Smith, R Trower

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

Minute's Silence for Fallen Personnel and Comrades John Paddy Sands .

JC thanked D Holman for taking the minutes.

New members G Wynn, J Charles and D Powell introduced themselves.

1 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the Royal Green Jackets Association North East, were approved.

2 Matters Arising

2.1 Members Database

J Kelly has received 4 more member's details.

2.2 Membership Cards

Not all members have submitted their details and photograph, those that had received their cards on the night of the meeting. If you have not already done so please forward to JC asap.

2.3 Editor's Report

M Donnison asked members for articles and photos.

2.4 Welfare / Liaison Officer

K Wilson will attend the Sunderland Council Veterans meeting 8 September.

2.5 H4H Newcastle

M Donnison thanked members for their support, £3000.00 was raised on the day.

2.6 Midland Branch BBQ

Excellent day, JC thanked all who attended. Emails from Len have been forwarded to members.

2.7 Memorial Peninsular Barracks - Winchester

JC informed members of the Facebook group page.

2.8 Not Forgotten Garden Party - Buckingham Palace

RGJNE Association members attended.

2.9 Sponsorship Pledge

It was agreed to donate £20 to John Longhorn, ex RGJ, who is climbing Mount Everest for charity.

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

12 November Pullman Lodge Hotel.

A request is go to the Borneo Band to open the function. Entertainment will be provided by Boys from Mickey Finn.

13 November Remembrance Parade

There is a change to the wreath laying at the Band of Brothers Wall (Rehearsal TBC)

Sunday Lunch Pullman Lodge Hotel until 1700hrs. 1700hrs Carry on to the Queen Vic

Members of RGJRA Branches attending Parade/Reunion numbers TBC

December Christmas Function

Dates and Venue will be forwarded to members via email.

3.2 Rifles Events in North East

11 November Brothers in Arms (Rfn Mulley Royal Green Jackets) Memorial Parade and Service

JC will be attending meeting and forward details to members.

11 November Black Tie Dinner - Stadium of Light

Cost £25 per head. K Wilson asked if travelling members could be informed.

Veterans Day 2012 Members voted to be part of the event.

3.3 Regional Events

7 September Unveiling of a Memorial at Blackhall Colliery - 1500hrs

Kenneth Richardson - Standard Bearer, J Cheetham, H Corbett and I & M Longworth will be attending.

3.4 Rifles Parade - Catterick

14 October JC will remind members via e-mail,

3.5 Bikers Parade

1 October National Memorial Arboretum

T Suggitt informed members of the event provided by D Hart and encouraged members to support the event.

4 Treasurer's Report

Cash £36.97 Bank £1104.24 Total £1141.21

5 AOB

5.1 Brooch Auction

Amendment to the sold price £13,500 not £1350 as previously minuted.

5.2 Clothing Orders

Polo Shirts, T Shirts and Hoodies for WAGs, orders were taken after the meeting.

5.3 Looking Ahead

2015 Rifle Brigade Dinner 50th Anniversary Borneo Campaign

2016 Royal Green Jackets 50th Anniversary

NEXT MEETING

TBC