

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY 2012**

In Attendance

Brig N Prideaux ,J Cheetham (JC) ,R Holman ,N Loftus ,G Adams ,G Barrs ,A Begley, N Blakeman ,S Bonallie,A Chalder,

R Coulson ,T Conlin ,G Cook ,I Corbett ,M Donnison ,P Fenwick ,J Jackson, D Jones ,J Kelly, P Kelly ,G Gibson ,E Loftus ,

I Longworth, G Mallaby, B Moore ,D Nichol ,G Oates ,D Powell ,Col J Ramsbotham ,K Richardson ,A Robinson ,T Suggitt,
J Toolin , J Williamson , K Wilson.

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

Minute's Silence for Fallen Personnel and Comrades.

The Brigadier thanked the Committee for its continued hard work throughout the year. He was pleased with the wide coverage of events the Branch had received. Apologies in advance were given for the Sunday Brunch being cancelled this year.

JC passed on thanks from Kathy Bradford to all for messages of condolence and for those who were able to attend the funeral.

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 NE Branch Committee

In a vote of confidence the committee is to remain as is for the forthcoming year.

2.2 Editors Report - Swift and Bold Issue

MD said it had been a pleasure to do the report. A request went out to all members for news and events.

2.3 Website Manager

Eamonn Loftus was voted in as port of call for the North East Branch.

2.4 RGJRA - April 2012

We are investigating why the North East Report was not in the RGJRA meeting minutes in April 2012.

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

10th & 11th November - Remembrance Night

Roker Hotel

The event is being sponsored by Nichol Associates making the cost £7.50

Female Singer & Disco, Auction Raffle (Sunderland Shirt & Ball), Grand Draw, Buffet

Buglers to play at some point during the night

Sunday Parade

A wreath will be laid by K Wilson for 25 years service.

I Longworth will lay the wreath in 2013.

Lunch & Singer 12.45 onwards / Roker Hotel

NEW YEARS EVE GALA BALL - Stadium of Light

£59.95 per person. Includes Champagne reception, five course meal, coffee, band and disco.

Countdown and live piper at midnight with bacon rolls served at 12.30 am.

Each table holds 10 people - if you would like to attend please let Naomi know as soon as possible

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3.2 North East Events

June

2nd Durham Cathedral

11:00 - 12:30 - Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Service

19:30 - 21:30 - The Tallis Scholars. A musical feast spanning the centuries. Tickets from the Gala

Theatre Box Office 0191 332 4041

30th Armed Forces Day, Sunderland Tattoo

Tickets are available online from Ticket Source at Washington Arts Centre, the Tourist Information Centre, City Library and Arts Centre, Fawcett Street, Sunderland and the Arts Centre Washington, Fatfield, Washington.

£10 for Adults and £5 for under 14s.

R Holman will be our Standard Bearer with S Bonallie as escort.

30th Freedom of the Town

'D' (RIFLES) Company, 3 Rifles will parade through Spennymoor.

3.3 Regional Events

June

3rd HM Queen's Jubilee Thames River Pageant

12th Diamond Jubilee Service - St Paul's

July

14th Veterans Day - Winchester

October

18th Rifle Musical Extravaganza - Royal Albert Hall

3.4 Overseas Events

July

18-23 Rifles Battlefield Tour - Salamanca, Spain

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reminded members that the yearly subs of £5 needed to be paid before the AGM every year.

Bank £2578.55 this included a donation from RGJA of £500.

5 AOB

5.1 Congratulations

Bob Coulson & Tommy Suggitt on reaching 60.

Eamonn & Naomi Loftus on becoming grandparents.

Winner of the Secret Raffle - Dennis Jones.

If Roker Hotel is successful it could remain as the venue for future November events.

Bob Coulson presented a framed, embroidery of the cap badge for the Association wall.

NEXT MEETING

September