

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)  
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND  
ON FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER 2012**

**In Attendance**

J Cheetham (JC) C Adams G Barrass G Barrs A Begley S Bonallie D Bone N Blakeman S Connal G Cook I Corbett  
R Coulson M Donnison P Fenwick G Gibbson R Gilchrist G Hesketh R Holman G Hutchinson J Jackson D Jones  
P Kelly N Loftus I Longworth B Moore G Oates K Richardson T Robinson J Simpson J Snell D Sproat J Toolin  
J Williamson K Wilson G Wynn G Yates

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Brigadier N Prideaux, Colonel J Ramsbotham, M Ashworth, T Conlin, J Conway, K Fry, I Gray, J Kelly, E Loftus,  
W Machin, D Muir, D Powell, R Ross, T Suggitt, L Wayman

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

New members G Barrass, S Connal, R Gilchrist and J Simpson introduced themselves.

Previous minutes read, passed and approved.

**1 Matters Arising**

**1.1 Retirement**

JC presented G Adams with a framed "Rifleman's Verse" on his retirement after 41 years service with RGJ/Rifles.

**1.2 Bugle Statuettes & Raffle Drum**

The wooden statuettes were courtesy of D Holman, R Carrol and T Suggitt and the drum courtesy of K Richardson.  
The members thanked them for their contribution.

**1.3 Editor's Report**

M Donnison is working on the December Enzine, if members have anything to contribute please let the editor know asap.

**1.4 North East Website**

N Loftus on behalf of E Loftus informed the members that there were still ongoing problems with getting information and photographs on the website.

## 1.5 Providing Event Information

JC requested that any members attending events could provide photographs, etc so that they could be passed onto M Donnison and E Loftus to be forwarded on. Thereby raising the profile of the branch further.

## 1.6 ID Cards

This is ongoing and a new one for 2013 is being produced. Members are reminded to provide a passport photo.

## 1.7 Polo Shirts / Fleece

For all those that ordered the above they are available to collect from L Cheetham.

## 1.8 Rfn Mulley

Rfn Mulley was killed in Northern Ireland and is named on the Brother in Arms Wall. Members of his family will be attending the NE Branch Reunion and also laying a wreath on the Sunday.

## 1.9 Newbiggen Memorial

D Bone, Newbiggin RBL Chairman will be laying a Regimental Wreath at their memorial.

## 1.10 Remembrance Crosses

G Hutchinson Scarborough RBL Chairman had for sale Rifles/RGJ Remembrance Crosses, all were quickly sold and JC would like to thank the members for their generosity.

## 2 Events

### 2.1 Branch Functions

#### **November**

10th Roker Hotel - Doors open at 17.30 / Borneo Bugles will be performing at 18.15  
Disco, Live Music, Buffet and Raffle

11th Remembrance Parade - Change to meeting place

Sunday Lunch and Raffle - Roker Hotel

Thanks again to Nichol Associates for sponsoring the event.

Unfortunately the Brigadier and Mrs Prideaux are unable to attend due the Brigadier attending hospital. We send get well wishes in advance.

A big thank you to all who have donated raffle prizes

#### **December**

22nd Christmas Party at Stadium of Light, 9 members and 8 guests attending.

31st New Year's Eve Ball at Stadium of Light, 4 members and 6 guests are attending.

## 4 Treasurer's Report

Total £2800K approx as report not available.

## 5 AOB

It was proposed by K Wilson and seconded by J Snell that the Chairman and Treasurer make all payments for the November Reunion and produce a breakdown at the next branch meeting.

JC asked if members had any ideas for forthcoming events, all will be gratefully received.

Raffle raised £88.50

G Gibbson won the Secret Raffle, a RGJ Tie Pin

## NEXT MEETING

TBC