

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON FRIDAY 31st AUGUST 2012**

In Attendance

J Cheetham (JC), R Holman , C Adams , G Barrs, N Blakeman, S Bonallie , T Conlin, J Conroy, R Coulson,
M Donnison, G Gibson, G Hutchinson, J Kelly, B Kemp, E Loftus, I Longworth , G Mallaby, B Moore , G Nichol,
G Oates , D Powell, K Richardson, T Robinson, T Suggitt , J Toolin, K Wilson, G Wynn, G Yates.

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Brigadier N Prideaux, J Ramsbotham, J Arnott, A Begley, G Cook, J Cornell, D Jones, P Kelly, N Loftus, W Martin, D Muir, G Neal OBE, E Powell, L Wayman, J Williamson.

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

Minute's Silence for Fallen Personnel and Comrades.

New member M Hutchinson introduced himself.

JC informed the members that S Binfield had moved to Spain, we wish him all the best for the future.

Previous minutes read, passed and approved.

1 Matters Arising

1.1 Meeting Room

R Holman informed the members the Club Steward, Vince, sent his apologies for the room not being ready for this meeting. It now only requires furniture and decoration and will be ready for our meeting in October.

1.2 Editor's Report - Swift & Bold Issue

M Donnison informed the member he had wrote a North East Branch report for the September issue of Enzine and members will receive a copy soon.

1.3 North East Website

E Loftus to submit information to update the site.

1.4 Branch ID Cards

G Mallaby is looking at a new card for members.

1.5 T Shirts

A new order is being placed shortly, please submit your requirement to JC asap.

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1.6 NE Reunion Weekend 2012

JC thanked G Mallaby for printing the tickets, available now at a cost of £7.50 and D Nichol for sponsoring the event. Please be reminded tickets will not be available on the night, no ticket no entry.

1.7 Memorial Scarborough

M Hutchinson informed members that he is the Chairman of the RBL branch in Scarborough and lays Remembrance Crosses on request. Give names to JC if you would like a cross laid.

2 Memorial Peninsular Barracks - Winchester

M Donnison informed members that S Barrett said the memorial will now be a Bench within the grounds of the barracks. The branch were asked if they would like to donate to the cost of £8000K with the members voting No. Personal donations can be made.

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

November

10th Roker Hotel

11th Remembrance Parade

Sunday Lunch - Roker Hotel

Final details will be given at the October meeting.

December

23rd Christmas Party at Stadium of Light, cost £19.99 per person, please contact N Loftus asap.

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

3.2 Events in North East

September

6th SAFN meeting, no member attending. Minutes will be issued when received.

3.3 Regional Events

September

1st Dover Reunion - This is to celebrate the forming of the RGJ South East Kent Branch.

8th Rifles Freedom of Doncaster - details from T Conlin who will be attending.

4 Treasurer's Report

Total £2815.53.

Reminder to members who have not paid this year's subscription, please do so asap.

5 AOB

JC informed members that he had purchased a statuette of the Chosen Man with the monies presented for his 60th.

Secret Raffle Winner - K Wilson.

E Loftus will running the GNR for MIND, donations welcome.

NEXT MEETING

October