

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON FRIDAY 7th JUNE 2013**

In Attendance

J Cheetham (JC) , R Holman, N Loftus, G Adams, J Barker, G Barrs, N Blakeman ,S Bonallie, D Bone, T Conlin ,
I Corbett, R Coulson, M Donnison, K Fry, G Gibson, D Jones, P Kelly ,W Kemp ,E Loftus, I Longworth ,B Moore ,
D Parkin , D Powell ,Col J Ramsbotham ,K Richardson ,T Robinson, J Snell, D Sproat, T Suggitt, J Toolin.

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Brig Prideaux, P Axtell, A Begley, A Chandler, S Connal, G Cook, J Cornell, P Fenwick, R Gilchrist, D Hunter,
G Hutchinson, J Kelly, G Mallaby, D Nichol, G Oates, W Martin, D Muir, G Netzler, R Ross, J Simpson, P Smith,
J Tarr, G Todd, C White, J Williams, K Wilson, G Yates.

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

Minute Silence for Fallen Drummer Rigby and Yvonne Coates.

Two new members introduced themselves D Parkin and K Fry.

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 Donations and Raffles

The branch received a Certificate, as receipt, from C4C for the £394 donation.

S Bonallie on behalf ASDA provided a Food Hamper which was raffled with the proceeds being donated to C4C.

JC thanked members for their raffle donations for tonight and future events.

2.2 RGJRA Meeting

Minutes for the meeting held in April have not yet been received.

2.3 Members Attending Parades

JC spoke about the letter the RGJRA President, Maj Gen (Retd) JMJ Balfour had sent out with concerns that extremist organisations (the English Defence League in particular) will use the awful murder of Drummer Rigby as an opportunity to align veterans with their cause as part of marches and meetings in their support. If members choose to attend either as mentioned they are requested not to wear any Regimental Regalia, Tie, Beret or Badge, etc.

2.4 Editors Report

Members are reminded that we need to provide items of interest for Swift and Bold and Enzine. This could include family events where members attend, etc, with photos being a must. MD reminded members that photos needed to be emailed to him, malcolm.donnison@btinternet.com and not taken from fb, etc as the quality deteriorates. If you would prefer to post MD's address is

9 St Barnabas,
Bournmoor, CHESTER LE STREET, DH4 6ET

2.5 Website Report

The North East Branch site is up and running. Members are requested to send all information and photos to EL. Photos will have a link to Bert's Photograph Albums.

2.6 Treasurer's Report

Bank £2918.91

cash £158.74

Total £3077.65

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

November

9/10th Remembrance Weekend November Reunion and Parade

Tickets £10.00 for Saturday Night and Sunday Lunch - Roker Hotel

Members asked for entertainment to a maximum £350 as voted in 2012, Disco provided by Roker Hotel

N Blakeman would cost entertainment and inform JC

Buffet Saturday Night and Curry Lunch on Sunday

RV Queen Vic on Friday and Sunday after lunch

December

Christmas / New Year Parties – Information to follow

3.2 North East Events

June

21st Rifles Band & Bugles and Borneo Band & Bugles Band Concert

48 attending comprising members, family and friends

22nd Veterans Day - South Shields

28th Veterans Day - Sunderland

JC has emailed members the Flyer for this event. Also available on the RGJNE Website

29th Military Drum Head – Jubilee Park, Spennymoor

3.3 Regional Events

June

22nd Rifles Freedom of the City - Leeds

Details to follow

July

13th Winchester Veterans Day

14th Brunch at Rose Cottage – Numbers to JC ASAP

4 AOB

4.1 Branch Standard

JC thanked T Suggitt for the new badge and flag carrier.

4.2 Poppy Appeal

JC Informed members this branch had raised £59,022.50 one of top ten in the County.

4.3 Secret Raffle

Winner - K Richardson

NEXT MEETING

TBC