

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2013

J Cheetham (JC)
G Barrs
G Cook
I Corbett
R Gilchrist
P Kelly
B Moore
G Oates
J Simpson
B Tollerson
G Yates

R Holman
N Blakeman
N Cook
R Coulson
G Hutchinson
E Loftus
D Nichol Snr
D Powell
D Sproat
J Toolin

G Adams
S Bonallie
T Conlin
M Donnison
J Jackson
I Longworth
D Nichol
K Richardson
T Suggitt
L Wayman

Apologies

Apologies were received from Brig Prideaux, D Baker, D Bone, S Connal, P Fenwick, K Fry, G Gibson, D Jones, J Kelly, N Loftus, G Mallaby, G Netzler, Col J Ramsbotham, R Ross, J Snell, J Wilkinson J Williamson, K Wilson, G Wynn.

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance, new member Norman Cook.

Minute Silence for Fallen Comrades and Michael (Scoop) Roberts.

JC congratulated R Holman, E Loftus and L Wayman for their fantastic performance in the Great North Run and monies raised for their chosen charity.

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 Committee Procedure

All information will be via JC who will be a point of contact for all issues. JC will forward articles and reports to RGJRA and others.

2.2 RGJRA HQ Meeting

JC and GG will be attending the meeting to be held on 25 October. Brigadier Prideaux will inform all Branches of the Association of our honorary member Claire Neal.

2.4 Editors Report

MD apologised for photographs omitted from the September issue of E-zine. The branch had its best coverage yet, including an article on Claire Neal provided by Col J Ramsbotham. Photos and stories need to be submitted by 15 November for both the E-zine December issue. JC informed members why these dates are so important.

2.5 Website Report

E Loftus has stood down from running the website due to other commitments. The site will now be maintained and updated by Seamus Lyons.

2.6 Treasurer's Report

Apologies from the treasurer. Balance £3000.00.

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

November

9 Reunion

Grand Room Roker Hotel

Doors Open 1800hrs

Buglers 1830hrs (15 minute Performance)

Entertainment Triple Vision & Disco

Buffet

Raffle & Auction JC thanked members for their generosity in donating Raffle Prizes

10 Remembrance Parade

Muster 1000hrs

RGJNE will be in the centre of the Veterans Wreath Party S Bonnallie and L Wayman

Lunch: Grand Room Roker Hotel

Claire Neal will be attending the Parade and Lunch

The Mayor of Sunderland will also visit the Hotel

December

14 *Christmas Party & Official Opening of Branch Room, Brritish Legion Sunderland*
Numbers to JC by 1st December

3.2 Future Branch Events

JC informed the Branch that they needed to be thinking of future events including:

2014 Band Concert
Camping Weekend – Central Branch 29-31 August
WW1 Theme – November Reunion

2015 Band Concert
Dinner
November Reunion

2016 RGJ 50th Birthday
November Reunion
(A combined celebration or two individual events)

3.3 Regional Events

November

30 Laying up of OX & Bucks Old Comrades Association Standard, TA Centre, Oxford Road, Aylesbury
1200hrs
If you are attending please let JC know for catering purposes

4 AOB

4.1 Sunderland Veterans Agency

JC informed the members this was for any veterans in need of help

4.2 RGJ Car Badge

Message from E Powell is purchasing RGJ Car Badge price to be confirmed, 12 members considered purchasing the badge, JC will inform members when price is confirmed.

4.3 Para Cord Bracelet

R Holman informed members it is available to purchase at a cost of £5

4.4 RGJ Coasters

JC informed members they were available to purchase, order details will be sent members

4.5 A M (Moff) Cooke – ex 1RGJ

E Loftus informed the members that Moff was seriously ill and would keep the members updated, The branch would send him Thinking of you Card.

4.6 Secret Raffle

Winner – L Wayman

4.7 Raffle

Raffle on the night raised £79

NEXT MEETING

TBC