



THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND  
BRANCH MEETING  
16th September 2016

**Present (25 Members)**

D Nichol, J Snell, K Richardson, R Holman, T Suggitt, G Oates, A Chalder, PA Collins, I Longworth, A Begley, D Powell, B Moore, JS Williamson, P Kelly, D Jones, R Cauwood, T Walker, J Cornell, G Cook, N Cook, T Barrs, M Donnison, JT Barrett, C Marshall, G Barrs.

**Apologies (12 Members)**

J Cheetham, Col Ramsbotham, D Muir, R Trower, L Viro, S Skelley, B Martin, D Watson, D Bond, G Gilcrest, G Hillary, E Loftus.

Dave N welcomed and thanked Members for their attendance,

Minute silence for fallen Comrades.

1. Minutes of last Meeting were read and carried.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Bank: £6272.90	Cash: £563.35
Collected at meeting (Raffle):	
Subs: £0.00	Total: £6836.25

2.1 Jackie asked members to put a reference name or number on any payments made to the Branch or Bank account.

2.2 Jackie advised that the Branch had 74 paid up members, 11 new members. Overall Branch members: 113.

**3. Matters Arising (Correspondence & E-Mails)**

3.1 Membership Cards: Dave N spoke on this advising that he had found it difficult about issuing and receipt of membership cards as some members had not updated their address/contact details when they had moved. Members were urged to keep the Branch up to date with their e-mail and address details.

3.2 Greenstock: Dave N advised this was still going ahead but more details were to be provided.

3.3 Dave N spoke on E-Zine, other Correspondence and E-Mails.

## **4. Remembrance Weekend**

**4.1** Roker Hotel confirmed as the Venue.

**4.2** Tickets to be paid for in not already paid for as there was a waiting list for any unsold tickets. Total number of tickets 260.

**4.3** Entertainment confirmed as “Triple Vision”.

**4.4** Buglers had still not been confirmed for the evening. M Donnison asked if we could not contact the Bugles Association.

**4.5** Dave N advised of the veterans meeting held in Sunderland and that marching speeds had been discussed. He did advise that we would still be marching at our regimental pace.

**4.6** Dave N spoke on gifts for the Auction and Raffle. Dave N advised that 4 statues had been commissioned for the night. Gift donations for the Raffle still required.

**4.7** Dave N spoke on possible photographer for the evening. M Donnison advised of a photographer from Seaham.

**4.8** G Barrs asked about laying of the wreaths. This was discussed by the members. Ian Longworth and Jim Barrett advised that they would like to lay the wreaths.

## **5. Proposals**

Dave N proposed that an event should be held at Christmas for the Branch Members. Either a mess type meal or evening in the Legion. This to be looked in to further.

## **6. Any Other Business**

**6.1** Dave N spoke on branch events for 2017. This to be discussed at the January Meeting.

**6.2** Dave N advised that as a branch we should send something to Roy Trower just to let him know that the branch was thinking of him.

**6.3** G Barrs asked as we sponsor the British Legion could we not give the money direct to the Sunderland Branch rather that send it to the RBL HQ. This was confirmed that in the future this would be done.

**6.4** G Barrs asked why we don't have a buffet when we have our branch meetings.

**6.5** G Barrs spoke on the Buckingham Palace events. Dave N also spoke on this.

**6.6** I Longworth spoke on the Branch Funds and asked if the branch could not use the excess to organize branch events for the members. Dave N also spoke on this.

**6.7** T Suggitt thanked Dave N for all his contribution and effort on the work he put into running the branch. This was seconded by G Cook.

Raffle on the night raised £76.00

Secret Raffle Winner: Andrew Begley

## **NEXT MEETING:**

TBC