

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS ASSOCIATION NORTH EAST  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND  
BRANCH MEETING  
20th May 2016

Present (25)

Col J Ramsbotham	D Nichol	J Snell
R Coulson	L Jukes	R Jukes
J Cornell	T Suggitt	P Fenwick
G Cook	N Cook	B Machin
I Longworth	N Blakeman	G Barrs
C Adams	M Blair	J Simpson
G Oates	G Yates	R Holman
D Powell	A Begley	K Richardson
J Toolin		

**Apologies (9)**

Apologies were received from the following members:

T Conlon	G Hutchinson	E Loftus
M Donnison	M Prendergast	D Bond
G Hillary	S Skelley	P Collins

DN welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

Minute Silence for Fallen Comrades.

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of previous meeting were read. Matters arising would be covered in the meeting agenda.

**2.0 Matters Arising**

**2.1.** DN spoke at length on the venue for the forthcoming Remembrance Weekend. The Roker Hotel was confirmed as the venue.

**2.2.** DN spoke on the NE Branch Function to Celebrate 50th Anniversary on 07/05/2016.

DN advised that only 28 members including partners had responded therefore making the planned function none viable. In its place an event was held at the Royal British Legion Club but again a poor response was received.

**2.3.** DN spoke on Membership Fees and Membership Cards. He advised that those members whose subs where up to date would receive the new membership cards. These would be printed next week and would be posted out to members.

**2.4.** Col Ramsbotham spoke on the Officers Dinner celebrating the Regiments 50th birthday in London.

2.5. Col Ramsbotham spoke on the forth coming event on 12 June 2016 between 1100hrs – 1700hrs to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday taking place on the quayside Gateshead/Newcastle. DN also spoke on this event.

### **3.0. Correspondence and Email**

3.1. DN spoke on the Minutes of the RGJ Association dated 15/04/2016.

3.2. DN spoke on Membership of The RGJ Association and gave numbers. He also advised on the 3 options.

3.3. DN advised that the Gosforth Branch had now closed.

3.4. DN spoke on activities for 2016 and Winchester in July 2016.

3.5. DN advised of the publication dates for E-Zine and Swift and Bold.

3.6. DN gave an update on the Memorial Service for David Mulley in Northern Ireland. Presented a plaque in memory of David Mulley.

3.7. DN advised of an event to take place in Manchester on 01/07/2016 commemorating The Battle of the Somme. The Central and North West Branches to attend.

3.8. DN spoke on Help 4 Homeless Veterans Tyre Pull 12 May 2016.

3.9. DN advised the Petition for Peggy had been withdrawn.

3.10. DN advised of the marching order for Winchester and also advised of R Coy3 RGJ would march as a Coy at rear of parade. He also advised that Jake will be the parade RSM.

3.11. DN advised that all events would now be advised on NE Branch RGJ face book.

3.12. Ken R spoke on the Regimental Birthday in Winchester advising of entrance, admission and dress. He also spoke on numbers attending, policing and compo food. George B asked about the shuttle service from Winchester to Sir John Moore Barracks and if there was a charge. He was advised that there is no charge and the pickup point is from the King Alfred Statue.

### **4.0 Remembrance Weekend 2016**

- Venue Confirmed as The Roker Hotel. Tickets are printed and will be ready next week but this is to be confirmed by DN,
- Entertainment – Triple Vision.
- Auctions – still a work in progress.

### **5.0 Treasures Report**

Cash in Bank: £4292.90

Cash in Hand: £381.39

Collected at meeting (Raffle): £89.00

Signed Sunderland Shirt & Ball: £97.00

Subs: G Cook £5.00, N Cook £5.00

Total: £4870.29

## **6. Proposals**

Proposed by G Barrs  
Seconded by A Begley

That Brig N Prideaux and Jake Cheetham be given life membership of the NE Branch of The Royal Green Jackets.

Carried.

DN spoke on proposals for branch events and Christmas/New Year.

## **7.0 AOB**

**7.1.** DN advised that M Donnison had enquired with regards wreaths for the Central Branch parade 10/09/2016. If the NE Branch would provide a wreath. If it was a Branch Event we would provide but if it was individual members attending then a wreath would not be provided.

**7.2.** DN spoke on membership payment of subs.

Raffle on the night raised £89.00

Secret Raffle Winner: G Yates

## **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

09th September 2016