



The Royal Green Jackets Association  
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKET ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 5th OF FEBRUARY 1993

1. Those present:
  - Alfie Adams
  - Alf Arnold
  - John Bevan
  - Mick Burtenshaw
  - Stu Duckett
  - Barrie Gilmore
  - Del Hemsley
  - Curly Hooper
  - Larry Lamb
  - Joe Mills
  - Frank Moss
  - Gordon Pilcher
  - Mick Read
  - Frank Rimmer
  - Vic Steedman
  - Craig Thomas
  - Mick Medhurst ACF
2. Apologies:
  - Mick Cozzi
  - Mick Downey
  - Dave Hazell
  - Jim Hitches
  - Brian Pepper
3. The meeting was opened at 2000hrs by Joe Mills.
4. The minutes of the past meeting were read, proposed by Mick Read and seconded by Mick Burtenshaw that the minutes as read be passed.
5. Correspondance: Letter received from Ron Cassidy which has been copied and enclosed within these minutes. Received letter of thanks and well wishes from Lt. Col George and Liz Elliott following up on the Ladies Dinner Night. Cards received from John & Jenny Powell and from Tom & Jenny Evans both saying the dinner was an outstanding success and passing on their regards to all.  
Letter received from the Aylesbury branch inviting members to their first annual re-union which is on Saturday the 3rd of April at the TA Centre, Oxford Rd, Aylesbury. Cost is £3.00 per head which includes buffet. If any one would like to go please let me know by the next meeting.  
Letter received from RHQ regarding the massed bands of the Light Division sounding Retreat on Horse Guards Parade on the 8th, 9th and 10th June 1993, this is copied in full for your info.
6. Finance: Savings account £1817.93. General account after all expenses for the dinner have been deducted stands at £273.07.  
Whilst on finance a discussion was held regarding the amount in the savings a/cc prompted by the low interest rates what should we do to increase this sum? it was suggested that we should purchase £1500.00 worth of premium bonds and after three months when they are entered into ERNIE we then have the chance of winning quite substantial amounts for the branch, leaving the remaining £317.00 plus as an emergency fall back account should we need it, this amount would still earn interest, your views on what we should do with the savings account would be appreciated for our next meeting.

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7. Ladies Dinner Night: John Bevan proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Barrie Gilmore and Gordon Pilcher for all their hard work in organising such a successful evening, this was seconded by Alfie Adams and agreed by all.
8. Winchester Weekend 9th - 11th July 1993.  
Joe confirmed that the coach had been booked at an increased price of £450.00 which is still very good. We need confirmed names for all those who want to go so that hotel accommodation can be arranged, names to Gordon ASP please.
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

A discussion was held on the ladies dinner night to clear up any misunderstanding on what should be the correct code of conduct established for this major event. Two areas were discussed and these were agreed as follows:-

1. There should not be any interuptions during the Guest of Honours speech.
2. That jackets and ties would be worn by all males.

It was suggested that we purchase 3-4 ties and have them available for guests if they turn up without one, this could be considered.

CHILDREN, It was proposed by Mick Read that all children and guests to the Ladies dinner night should be over 18 years of age this was seconded by Vic Steedmand and agreed by all present. The Sunday remembrance Day Lunch was open to all.

Joe confirmed that it was very nice to see so many of our(not so)young ones at the dinner and was pleased that they all enjoyed themselves.

10. Date of next meeting: Friday the 5th of March 1993 1930-2000hrs at the Drill Hall.
11. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2025hrs.

JOE MILLS  
CHAIRMAN

GORDON PILCHER  
SECRETARY

HOT OF THE PRESS: DEL & POM HEMSLEY, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH ON BECOMMING GRANDPARENTS, THEIR DAUGHTER HAD A LITTLE BOY ON SATURDAY THE 13th FEB WEIGHING IN AT 6lb 12 oz, BEST WISHES GO TO CORALIE, KEITH AND BABY SAMUEL.

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ROY CASSIDY  
WINCHESTER

24 Feb 93

My dear Joe,

I have been meaning to write for some time but had been waiting hoping to update you and the branch on any fresh news about the regiment and the bands. Yesterday news by the Defence Minister did absolutely nothing for us except to emphasise how sad it was that our battalion of Green Jackets went so early. We must stop volunteering for the guardroom!

Joe, I thought the Ladies Dinner Night was superb and Shirley and I had a marvellous time. The credit must go to you and the Committee and I believe the branch should be aware that without such a dedicated committee there just wouldn't be a branch. I am aware that an active committee is hard work, time consuming and at times its members are open to criticism from others, but, and I really emphasise this, we in the Felixstowe branch of the Association have much to thank you and the committee for.

From myself as your Honorary President I thank the committee from all members of the Felixstowe branch of the Royal Green Jackets Association - well done and long may it continue!

Please remind those involved with our property that I need a list of requirements with regards to silver and pictures etc., if you don't ask you don't get! In the meantime I have a well framed Ieason Street print and one of Kaiser Bill waiting for collection, but whoever comes this way, give me a ring first.

Joe many thanks again.

With my best wishes.

Ron

LIGHT DIVISION SOUNDING RETREAT  
HORSE GUARDS PARADE - JUNE 1993

The Massed Bands and buglers of The Light Division will Sound Retreat on Horse Guards Parade on Tuesday 8th Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th June 1993. Profits from the Retreat will be shared by the Army Benevolent Fund and Regimental Charities.

Each performance starts at 1830 hours and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Bookings for seats may be made with HQ The Light Division and public ticket agencies. Salutes will be taken by:

8th June : Light Infantry evening HM The Queen Mother or  
HRH Princess Alexandra.

9th June : Royal Green Jackets evening General Sir Edward Jones  
KCB, CBE, Representative Colonel Commandant RGJ.

10th June: Light Division evening General Sir Garry Johnson KCB,OBE  
MC, Colonel Commandant The Light Division.

Tickets. Former members of the Regiment will be able to obtain tickets for seats in reserved blocks. Applications for tickets are to be made to HQ The Light Division on the proforma enclosed and any queries should be made to the Parade Office by telephoning Winchester Civilian 0962 888220 or Mil 727 4220.

Gathering of Associations - Wednesday 9th June. There will be a Gathering of the Associations of the 43rd and 52nd, KRRC, RB and RGJ on Wednesday 9th June at 56 Davies Street, London after the performance. A cash bar, and cold supper costing £4 will be available - Lady guests will be welcome. If you wish to attend this gathering please complete the appropriate section of the proforma and make sure that it reaches HQ The Light Division not later than 1st May as this will facilitate arrangements for seating Branch Members together. 56 Davies Street is just off Oxford Street and is within 200 yards of the Bond Street Underground Station.

Refreshments on 8th and 10th June. A similar arrangement is organised for these days at 56 Davies Street London. However, the 8th June is for *The Light Infantry Associations* while the 10th June is for the Light Division as a whole. Therefore, if you wish you can apply for the 10th June.

The Royal Green Jacket Reception in Banqueting House 9th June. A reception for serving and retired officers of The Royal Green Jackets will be held in the Banqueting Hall after the performance. Those wishing to apply for a vacancy should complete the appropriate section of the proforma.

Reception in Banqueting House 8th and 10th June. A similar reception is held on these dates. The 8th June is for *The Light Infantry* serving, retired officers and guests, where as the 10th June is for the Light Division as a whole and will be the night when the majority of official guests will be invited. Therefore, if you wish you can apply for the 10th June, but guests and official hosts take priority.

Massed Bands Compact discs and Cassettes. A compact disc and a cassette are being issued to commemorate the Massed Bands Sounding Retreat. The CD and cassette will cost £8 and £5 respectively. These may either be ordered from HQ Light Division before or after the Retreat, or may be purchased at Horse Guards Parade at each performance including the dress rehearsal. Ordering direct from HQ Light Division will incur an additional charge of £1 for packaging and postage.

LIGHT DIVISION SOUNDING RETREAT  
APPLICATION PROFORMA

To: HQ The Light Division (The Retreat) From: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sir John Moore Barracks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Andover Road North \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winchester SO22 6NQ \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address and telephone number in BLOCK CAPITALS, please.

IMPORTANT Please note that Cheques/Postal Orders are to be crossed and made payable to "Horse Guards Retreat Account 1993". Applications are to be forwarded by 1st May 1993 in an envelope clearly marked 'RETREAT' on the outside. All cash received before 15th March will be acknowledged. Tickets will be posted during April and May.

1. PARADE, RECEPTION AND DAVIES STREET SUPPER

Prices: Seats - £8, £6 and £3.  
 Reception - £20 (incl £8 seat)  
 Davies St Supper - £4

Date	No of Places Required				Davies St Supper (2)	Total Cost
Cost	£20 (1)	£8 seat	£6 seat	£3 seat	£4	
8 Jun 93 LI	N/A				N/A	
9 Jun 93 RGJ						
10 Jun 93 L.Div						
Totals						

(1) Officers Only. 'All in' ticket which includes the Reception and an £8 seat for the Retreat.

(2) This is for OR's and Association Members.

2. MASSED BANDS RECORD AND CASSETTE

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ CDs @ £8 each and/or \_\_\_\_\_ cassettes @ £5 each.

Total cost including £1 packaging and postage £\_\_\_\_\_

3. REMITTANCE A crossed cheque/postal order made payable to "Horse Guards Retreat Account 1993" for £\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.