



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 7th OCTOBER 1994  
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1. Those present: Gordon Pilcher, Mick Read, Vic Steedman, Dave Hazel, Tom Evans, Stu Duckett, Curly Hooper, Mick Burtenshaw, & Alf Arnold.
2. Apologies: Joe Mills, Frank Moss, Alfie Adams, Del Hemsley, Larry Lamb, Bob Stoddart, Mick Downey, Mick Cozzi, John Bevan, Jim Crack, Brian Pepper, Jim Hitches & Craig Thomas.
3. The meeting was opened at 2000hrs by Gordon Pilcher.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, proposed by Curly Hooper and seconded by Mick Burtenshaw that the minutes as read be passed.
5. Correspondance: Letter rcvd from RHQ re Dover, advising that late commers will be welcommed.
6. Finance: Savings a/cc £1906.06 Gen a/cc for the first time ever minus £57.67, this is after paying RHQ £200.00, we still have o/s of £244.90, and along with this is also the Assc cards which have been paid for and our bar stock. Reminders will be sent to all those who owe amounts for the various functions attended.
7. Dover 28th October, Frank Moss has confirmed that the coach is all set up, with the flwg costs: Hire £20.00 plus running costs of 20p per km, this works out at about £110.00 and should be covered by the £5.00 ahead already charged.  
  
Collection will be from St. Andrews Rd, Felixstowe at 0800 picking up Alfie Arnold from the layby on the Ipswich side of the Orwell bridge.  
  
Joe Mills has been advised that he will be introduced to the Colonel in Chief and we have been asked to wear Regimental Blazers, Ties and medals, although not compulsory.  
  
Tickets have (since the meeting) been recieved and will be distributed on the coach.  
  
Driver Chris Prynn will have his wife Sherrey and daughter Lauren with him.
8. Festival of Rememberance: Saturday the 12th of November.  
Please remember we have purchased 15 tickets and these will be available at the November meeting - cost £3.50 each.
  - 8a. Rememberance Day: Church Service. The flwg have indicated that they would like to attend: Joe & Pe Mills, John & Margaret Bevan Alf & Vera Arnold, there are two places left, please let us know at the next meeting.
  - 8b. Rememberance Day lunch, The flwg have indicated that they would like to attend, some in their absence, so please check and let us know of any changes or additions, family or guests welcome;-

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Lyn & Leslie Shore, Mick & Bet Read, Curly Hooper, Mick & Christine Burtenshaw, Tom & Jenny Evans, Alf & Vera Arnold, Vic Steedman, Gordon & Jan Pilcher, Joe & Pe Mills, Larry & Julie Lamb, John & Margaret Bevan, Brian & Pauline Pepper, Jim & Doris Crack, Frank & Maddi Moss, Ruth & Barrie Gilmore, Jim & Pam Hitches, Bob & Jan Stoddart, Ken & Sue Napier, Ralph & Doreen Bolt, Del & Pom Hemsley, & Fred Edwards?

Menue: agreed that we would start with a hot soup, followed by Roast Beef & Yorkshire pud, followed by a sweet or cheeseboard.

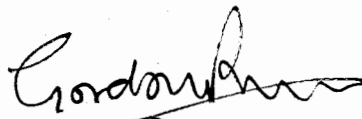
Coffee will be available when we arrive cold from the parade.

Cost £12.00 per person. includes wine.

9. Any Other Business:

- a) Bob Stoddart has given advance advice that next year Felixstowe will be celebrating V.E. Day with some form of parade and asked if the Assc will be taking part, it was agreed that as the May Bank Holiday will be replaced by a special day for these celebrations that we should as the Senior Assc in Fellixstowe take part, more details later.
- b) Mick Burtenshaw as <sup>to</sup> if it would be possible for the Regiment to get a better recognition than in previous years at the Festival of Remembrance. Gordon will make enquiries and advise.
- c) Tom Evans read out some letters regarding Peter Dawsons attempts to get all those who served in Malaya recognition and a medal, this has not proved possible, but through his enquiries there is a feeling that all those who served in Malaya would like to belong to an Association similar to the Burma Star Assc, and attached to these minutes is a copy of the application form, cost for life membership is £6.00, please fill in and return to PD.
- d) Rumours should not really be included in these minutes, but the amount of work being done on Mills Mansion, suggest so we've been led to believe that the Corgi's will not be long before they are in residence (sorry Joe couldn't find any where else to put this hot bit of news) supplier anon.
- e) Rememberance Day Parade, Alf Arnold wanted it confirmed that weather permitting, we would march off at the end of the parade, every one was also asked to make sure that we formed up correctly, and take full part and notice of the service as a formed body. This was agreed by all.
- f) Alber Storey rang Gordon with his phone number and advised that with his club he has several chalets at a cost of £20.00 per night, it was agreed that we would arrange a trip for April 85 to see how many we could comfortably get into a chalet overnight - Tom reckons at least 40, which works out at 50P per head - only joking Albert look forward to seeing you and Jan in January.
- g) Pub Card, this months lucky winner was none other than Curly Hooper who almost refused to put his initials on such an inferior brand of whiskey but relented as it was in a good cause. Well done Curly.
- h) Date of next meeting, this will be on Friday the 4th of November same place same time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2040 hrs.



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SECRETARY

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RE: RGJ ASSC COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY THE 18TH OCTOBER 1994

PLEASE ACCEPT THE APOLOGIES FROM THE SUFFOLK BRANCH WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS YEARS MEETING.

BRIEF REPORT:-

WE HAVE HAD ANOTHER VERY GOOD YEAR, ALTHOUGH IT STARTED OFF VERY BADLY WITH THE ARMY CADETS CHANGING THE LOCK ON THE DRILL HALL AND DENYING THAT WE HAD BEEN APPROVED USERS OF THEIR FACILITY FOR OVER 5 YEARS.

THIS HAS BEEN SORTED OUT BUT BETWEEN TIMES WE HAD TO CANCELL 3 OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, WHICH HIT OUR WORKING ACCOUNT QUITE HARD.

WE ARE GLAD TO ADVISE THAT WE HAVE MADE A FULL RECOVERY.

MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN, AND WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS STAN CASH, GEORGE CALDWELL, EDDY ANDREWS AND JOHN BRUNTON.

THE REGIMENTAL REUNION IN JULY WAS VERY WELL SUPPORTED BY US AND AGAIN THE MARWELL HOTEL COULD NOT HAVE LOOKED AFTER US ANY BETTER.

THE NEW FORMAT OF THE SATURDAY NIGHT WAS VERY WELL RECIEVED THE MUSIC AND DANCING BEING JUST WHAT OUR WIVES NEEDED, WELL DONE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 1995.

OUR SECOND RIFLE BRIGADE REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY DANCE WAS HELD IN FELIXSTOWE ON THE 26TH OF AUGUST AND A TERRIFIC NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL, WE WERE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME, JACK FROST, GEORGE CALDWELL, EDDIE ANDREWS, DOUGIE GEORGE, AND BRIAN TAPLIN WITH THEIR WIVES PLUS TOMO THOMPSON AND OTHER FRIENDS WHO HAD TRAVELLED DOWN TO FELIXSTOWE TO BE WITH US.

OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE VISIT TO DOVER ON OCTOBER THE 28TH FOR WHICH WE HOPE TO HAVE ABOUT 20 MEMBERS ATTEND, WORK PERMITTING.

NOVEMBER SEES US AGAIN PARADING WITH OUR STANDARD FOR THE FESTIVAL OF REMEMBERANCE AND AGAIN AT THE CENOTAPH ON SUNDAY THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A THREE COURSE LUNCH AT THE MARLBOROUGH HOTEL, THIS WEEKEND IS ALLWAYS VERY WELL SUPPORTED AND WE SHOULD SEE MORE GREEN BERETS ON PARADE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

GORDON J. PILCHER  
SECRETARY