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The Royal Green Jacket Association

Suffolk Branch

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 6th of December 1996 at the Army Cadet Drill Hall Felixstowe

- 1. Those Present:** Mick Read, Tommy Evans, Alfie Adams, Mick Burtenshaw, Larry Lamb, Jim Hitches, Joe Mills, Gordon Pilcher, John Bevan, Craig Thomas, Frank Moss, Bob Stoddart & Ken Napier.
- 2. Apologies:** Fred Breyer, Stu Duckett, Vic Steedman & Del Hemsley.
- 3.** The Meeting was opened at 20.00 hrs by Joe Mills.
- 4.** The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, proposed by Jim Hitches and seconded by Mick Burtenshaw that the minutes as read be passed.
- 5. Matters arising:** Nil
- 6. Correspondence:** Received a note and card from Fred Breyer asking me to pass on his thanks to all Members for the hospitality shown to them during the recent Remembrance Day Lunch. Received also the minutes of the RGJ Assc Meeting from Ron Cassidy. Olly Brown sent a letter of thanks for the Lunch. Lally Edwards sent us a letter thanking us for the flowers sent to her during her recent illness. Sent, annual report for next years News Letter.
- 7. Finance:** Savings account £1923.94 and Gen account at £1029.00 with o/s of £33.00 minus payments to the Orwell and RBL of £431.00 leaves us £631.00
- 8. Benevolence:** John passed over Lally's letter of thanks and took from GP a short history of the Royal Green Jackets to give to the Festival Committee for next years show.
- 9. Ladies Dinner Dance:** Please note the list of those who have so far replied, Please check the list and let us know of any changes or additions, theres plenty of space so those of you who have not yet got your names in hurry up!! For those of you who don't read your minutes the date is the 31st of January, but why am I telling you?

Should any one want a special diet please let Mick Burtenshaw know.

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10. Any other business:

- a) **Stu Duckett asked me to pass on his thanks to all the Members who attended his recent Wedding and to all those who couldn't attend but sent in their best wishes.**
- b) **Jim Hitches asked if the Assc would pay for a real Christmas Tree for the "Pines old Peoples Home", Frank Moss proposed that we should contribute £15.00 towards a tree which was seconded by Larry Lamb and passed by all present. Jim will purchase a new tree with our best wishes to all at the Pines.**
- c) **Gordon distributed the last of the Assc Cards that had been printed for individuals, and although now to late for this year, those who want further supplies or new orders for 1997 please let him know in plenty of time, say April.**
- d) **The New RGJ 1997 Diary had been received and Gordon gave out those that had been ordered, we have a few left for any that want one and will bring them along to the January meeting as well as the Ladies Dinner Dance. Cost £3.00 each.**
- e) **A vote of thanks was proposed by Jim Hitches to Alfie Adams and Mick Burtenshaw for all of their hard work over the Remembrance Weekend, this was seconded by Frank Moss and passed by All, well done lads!!**
- f) **Winchester weekend, Tommy Evans would check out the price of a coach and report back, Joe advised that a local coach in Winchester for the day would cost £176.00, and perhaps a small donation from all those who use the coach would help to pay for it rather than drain the funds as we have done over the past years. More on this nearer the time.**
- g) **The date of the next meeting is on Friday the 3rd of January same place same time.**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2030hrs.

Joe Mills
Chairman

Gordon Pilcher
Secretary

GUEST LIST SO FAR FOR LADIES DINNER DANCE

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| <i>Joe & Fe Mills</i> | <i>Ron & Shirley Cassidy</i> |
| <i>Gordon & Jan Pilcher</i> | <i>John & Sue Brunton</i> |
| <i>Mick & Christine Burtenshaw + 4</i> | |
| <i>John & Margaret Bevan + 2</i> | <i>Larry & Julie Lamb + 2</i> |
| <i>Tom & Jenny Evans</i> | <i>Alf & Carol Adams</i> |
| <i>Jim & Dot Crack +2</i> | <i>Del & Pom Hemsley</i> |
| <i>Frank & Madi Moss</i> | <i>Fred & Lally Edwards</i> |
| <i>Jim & Pam Hitches + 1</i> | <i>Carl & Jackie Harrison</i> |
| <i>Ian & Andrea Marshman</i> | <i>Mick & Ingrid Downey</i> |
| <i>Steve & Sheila Horsley</i> | <i>Dave & Helena Marsh + 2</i> |
| <i>Trevor & Sue Ellison + 5</i> | <i>George & Barbara Caldwell</i> |
| <i>Dave & Tilley Caston</i> | <i>Mick & Bet Read + 2</i> |
| <i>Stewart & Vicky Duckett + 1</i> | |
| <i>Bob & Jan Stoddart</i> | <i>Ken & Sue Napier</i> |
| <i>John & Jenny Powell + 3</i> | <i>Barrie & Ruth Gilmore</i> |
| <i>Davie Muir</i> | <i>Craig Thomas + 1</i> |

There's plenty of room so please get your names in ASP.

FOLK BRANCH REPORT

WHAT A YEAR! WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE HAD MANY WEEKS WHEN THERE HAS NOT BEEN SOMETHING HAPPENING. THE YEAR STARTED AS NORMAL WITH OUR LADIES DINNER DANCE WERE WE COULDN,T SQUEEZE ANOTHER PERSON IN, THE EVENING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND ALTHOUGH WE WERE DISSAPOINTEED NOT TO HAVE OUR GUEST OF HONOUR OR MAJOR RON ATTEND WE WERE THANKFULL AND QUIKLY FILLED THEIR SEATS. THE POPULARITY OF OUR JANUARY DANCE HAS SINCE LED US TO CHANGE VENUE TO THE LARGER ORWELL HOTEL, WHICH CAN SEAT 300, A PROPER STAGE AND AMPLE BAR SPACE HAS PROVED TO BE A GOOD MOVE AS OUR AUGUST DANCE AND REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH WENT OFF BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

BABIES, GRANDCHILDREN, BAR-B-QUES, BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS AND ANNIVERSARIES HAVE ALL BEEN REASONS FOR US GETTING TOGETHER AS WELL AS OUR NORMAL MORE OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS.

WE WERE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR LATEST MEMBER BENJAMIN LAMB ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE ANOTHER EIGHTEEN YEARS BEFORE HE TAKES AN ACTIVE PART OR BUYS HIS FIRST ROUND.

OUR AUGUST DANCE WAS SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE MILTON KEYNES BRANCH AS WELL AS OUR FRIENDS FROM THE LOCAL RAF REGIMENT ASSC. AGAIN AS ALLWAYS WE WERE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO WELCOME RGJ MEMBERS WHO TRAVELLED AS FAR AWAY AS YEOVIL AND NOTTINGHAM TO THIS POPULAR EVENT, WE'VE ALREADY GOT REQUEST FOR INVITATIONS FOR NEXT YEARS.

OLLY BROWN AND SEVERAL OF HIS MEMBERS PAID US A VISIT FROM COLCHESTER AND WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A CLOSE WORKING LINK THAT WILL BE STRENGTHEND OVER THE COMMING YEARS. THEY WILL NEED BERETS FOR NEXT YEARS REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE IF THEY COME DOWN TO FELIXSTOWE, I KNOW THEY ENJOYED THEMSELVES THE LUNCH AND THEIR COMPANY WAS GREAT AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO DO A DEAL ON A BULK ORDER OF GREEN BERETS IF THEY WANT?

ON MONDAY THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER AT 1100HRS EIGHT OF OUR MEMBERS INCLUDING THE STANDARD PARADED WITH THE TOWN OFFICIALS FOR THE TWO MINUTES SILENCE WHICH WAS WELL OBSERVED IN FELIXSTOWE, AFTERWARDS WE WERE ALL INVITED INTO THE TOWN HALL FOR COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR WHICH WAS MUCH APPRECIATED.

NEW STATIONARY, LETTER HEADS, ENVELOPES, COMPLIMENT SLIPS AND CARDS HAVE ALL BEEN REVAMPED TO PORTRAY A MORE PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED BY THE RESPONSE WE'VE HAD, THE DAYS OF OLD BANDING MACHINES AND PHOTOCOPIES OF COPIES OF FADED COPIES ARE A THING OF THE PAST. COMPUTERS WHO'D EVER THOUGHT 10 YEARS AGO OR MORE WHEN ORDERLY ROOM CLERKS WENT ABOUT WITH INK STAINED FINGERS THAT WE WOULD BE WHERE WE ARE NOW, I BET THERES NO SUCH JOB NOW AS BANDING MACHINE OPERATOR, THATS PROGRESS FOR YOU.

ALL IN ALL A VERY ACTIVE AND FULL YEAR WITH US LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR WHERE IT WILL ALL START AGAIN, THAT'S IF IT EVER FINISHES.

{LOGO PILCHER}

GORDON PILCHER

