



The Royal Green Jackets Association
Suffolk Branch.

MINUTES OF A MEETING

HELD AT THE ARMY CADET DRILL HALL ON FRIDAY THE 1st MARCH 1996

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1. Those Present: Stu Duckett, Jim Hitches, Frank Moss, Alfie Adams, Joe Mills, Gordon Pilcher, Mick Read, Mick Burtenshaw, Larry Lamb, & Tommy Evans.
 2. Apologies: John Bevan, Fred Breyer, Rick Sonnex, Del Hemsley, Mick Cozzi, Craig Thomas, Mick Downey & Vic Steedman.
 3. The meeting was opened at 20.10hrs by Joe Mills.
 4. The minutes of the previous meeting were read out, proposed by Jim Hitches and seconded by Frank Moss that the minutes as read be passed.
 5. Matters arising:- Nil
 6. Correspondance: Sent: Letter of thanks to Mrs. Sullivan, Curlys sister. Ex Rifleman Bankier, giving him details of the Suffolk Branch and inviting him to one of our meetings and to the Army Cadets Ipswich, extending our usage of the premises for a further 12 months.

Recieved Letter from RHQ requesting details of our functions so that an Officer from the Regiment could attend and give us an update on whats happening to the Regiment especially regarding recruiting. Recieved also letter from RHQ giving details of discharged soldier now living in our area. Reply recieved from Mrs. Sullivan thanking us all for our generous contribution and enclosing a letter giving us legal ownership of Curly's collection.

Still require address for Buglers.

7. Finance: Saving a/cc 1891.41 & Gen a/cc 346.05 having paid all bills for the Ladies Dinner Dance and our cheque for 115.00 to the St. Elizabeth Hospice. (Total donated 240.00)

8. Benevolence Report: John had nothing to report as everyone seemed healthy.

John agreed to take up at the next Festival Committee meeting our request to have our Standard shown on the tickets amongst those being presented on stage. It was also discussed at the meeting that we should supply a brief historic outline on the Assc for this coming Festival, the picture given by the speaker at the 95 Festival was almost insulting.

9. RGJ Re-Union Winchester

We have as previously stated reserved rooms at the Marwell Hotel for the nights of Friday & Saturday the 12th and 13th of July this year. Room rates have been increased by 2.00 per person and as we've managed to keep them stable for the last few years this small increase is unavoidable (the Marwells cheapest corporate rate is 40.00) I have attached a return and would appreciate your replying as soon as possible.

Roy Stanger of the Milton Keynes Branch has obtained details of the Marwell from me and they will be booking direct, possibly another 15 - 20 rooms, so please make sure we get ours secured first by getting your replies in as quick as poss.

10. 1996/7 Functions:

As advised in our last minutes Mick & I visited the Orwell Hotel and had a very good discussion with the General Manager concerning our forthcoming functions and possible use of the Orwell in place of the Marlborough, which we have outgrown.

The main points that came out in favour of the Orwell were:-

- a. That sitting arrangements would not have to be disrupted to allow for dancing.
- b. the Band could set up fully without there being any inconvenience, and the dance floor is as large as the back room of the Marlborough and seating would not be on the floor so no need to change the tables.
- c. All meals would be silver serviced with a choice of main meals so no need to set a fixed menu beforehand, enough waitresses will be on hand to take orders quickly and ensure that all start at the same time.
- d. As there is no need to finish up quickly to get out for the band to set up as in the Marlborough the evening could be far more relaxed and the band can start up whenever we want.
- e. Seating would be in tables of 12 with a longer table at the head of the dance floor so we could easily have smoking and non smoking tables and seating could be planned easier.
- f. More space more comfort.
- g. Full Bar facilities which would allow us ample room before sitting down for a drink and after the meal for having a quiet chat.
- h. The Orwell very happy for us to have Buglers blowing Dinner Calls.
- i. 200 can be seated with the above plan still allowing us plenty of room. so members can invite as many guests as they like.
- j. Ample rooms and parking facilities.
- k. The Orwell can cater for the Remembrance Day lunch as well as the Regimental Birthday Dance.

If we are all sold on the Orwell, dates will be:-

Regimental Birthday Dance	Friday the 23rd of August.
Remembrance Day Lunch	Sunday the 10th of November.
Ladies Dinner Dance	Friday the 31st of January 1997.

Costs have increased slightly but these increases can be accepted as the same as that required by the new Marlborough Management especially as we have kept their costs the same for the last 5 years.

Room costs at the Orwell are 48.00 per room B&B. (Marlborough 40.00) Singles TBC.

Regimental Birthday Dance:	Cost: TBC
Remembrance day lunch:	Cost: TBC
Ladies Dinner Dance:	Cost: TBC

10. Continued.

A proposal was put forward by Mick Burtenshaw that on the information recieved we should give the Orwell a try for our next 3 functions, this was seconded by Jim Hitches and passed by all present. Gordon will confirm bookings as per the above dates.

Tommy Evans proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon & Mick for all of their hard work in getting the Orwell Hotel set up for our future functions, this was seconded by Jim Hitches and agreed by all present.

11. Any Other Business:-

a. Joe Mills confirmed he had recieved this years costs for the Winchester coach which is 495.00, proposed by Alfie Adams and seconded by Larry Lamb that the Assc books the coach at said price, agreed by all present.

b. Winchester weekend, it was discussed that we should put on a buffet for the Friday Night, the cost of which could be split on a pro rata basis with those from Milton Keynes. Gordon will speak to Roy nearer the time to discuss.

c. As we have recieved legal ownership of Curly's collection Gordon will proceed through Ron Cassidy to tie up the loose ends and agree subject to approval from the Assc, what items can be given/loaned to the Museum.

d. Berets, could Ron reading in by copy of these minutes advise best means of obtaining a dozen berets for our Assc members.


e. Disability Pensions, should any one want information on how to proceed with their claim or have any doubts as to their eligibility for a pension, please contact Tommy Evans who has offered his free advice.

f. This month pub card was won by Tommy Evans, as the draw was quite late on in the evening I'm not sure if he said " last time I won the bottle I had two weeks on the trots" or " won it two weeks on the trot" any way well done Tommy.

g. Date of the next meeting is on Friday the 5th of April same place same time.

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

Joe Mills
Chairman


Gordon Pilcher
Secretary