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The Royal Green Jacket Association

Suffolk Branch

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 7th of February 1997
at the Army Cadet Drill Hall Felixstowe

1. **Those Present:** Jim Crack, Joe Mills, Gordon Pilcher, Jim Hitches, Mick Read, Tommy Evans, Vic Steedman, Frank Moss, Barrie Gilmore, Brian Pepper, Stu Duckett, Dave Hazel, Mick Burtenshaw, Larry Lamb & Alfie Adams.
2. **Apologies:** Del Hemsley & Mick Downey.
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:** See stop press!, Received letters of thanks also from General Vyvyan and Del Hemsley both of which have been copied and attached for your information. Received also letter from Johny Powell and from Jim Crack thanking us for the Champagne & Flowers presented to him & Dot for their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Sent letters to Ian Reeveley, Mick (Spud) Murphy, Micky Hill, Jim Atherton and Verne Keighley. Ian, Jim & Verne would like to become new members. Received also a letter of thanks via Jim Hitches from "The Firs" old Peoples Home for the Xmas Tree we donated.
7. **Finance:** Savings account £1930.84 with General account after paying all bills for the Dinner Night is £100.46 moneys received since the meeting have meant that our Savings a/cc remains untouched.
8. **Benevolence:** Nil Report.
9. RGJ Reunion Winchester 12th of July 1997.

Please note attached return, which should be sent back as soon as possible with your deposit. Costs at the Marwell this year have gone upto £35.00 per person per night bed & breakfast. This small increase is still the best offer you will get in Winchester at this time of year.

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Winchester Weekend. This year due to the ever increasing costs of Coach Hire it has been agreed that the Association can no longer pay for the coach entirely from its funds and has for the first time found it necessary to ask members to pay a small amount as detailed below which will offset approximately 50% of the actual costs, the remainder will be covered by the Branch and hopefully a donation from the Association.

For those members travelling from Felixstowe and Colchester £10.00 per member, towards their return coach fare.

For all members using the coach at Winchester for the reunion at Sir John Moore Barracks £5.00 per member. Wives travel free.

The shopping trip into Winchester on the Saturday morning will also be free.

It is hoped that Olly Brown and some of his Colchester members will travel down to Winchester with us.

10. Any Other Business

a. We have received a proposal from Olly Brown that to enable our two Branches to work more closely together that we might like to consider inviting two members free of charge to each others events and functions, all other members would pay the full costs. this apart from our Ladies Dinner Night due to the extra costs involved was felt to be OK, but would make a decision at later meeting.

b. We have been invited or challenged by the Colchester Branch to a Cricket Match some time in June or July - Olly would have to come back with a firm date before we can take this further due to our members shift working at the Dock, more on this later.

c. Diary of events for 1997:-

AGM	Friday the 4th of April
Winchester Weekend	Friday 11th & Saturday 12th of July
Suffolk Branch Reunion Dance	Friday 22nd of August
RGJ Assc Meeting Winchester	Wednesday 5th of November
Festival of Remembrance	Saturday 8th of November
Remembrance Day Parade & Lunch	Sunday 9th of November
Ladies Dinner Dance	Friday 30th of January 1998

d. Date of the next meeting will be on Friday the 7th of March 1997, same place same time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 2035hrs .

Joe Mills
Chairman

Gordon Pilcher
Secretary