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The Royal Green Jacket Association

Suffolk Branch

Notes from the 6th June 1997

- 1. Those present:** Frank Moss, Tommy Evans, Mick Burtenshaw, Jim Hitches, Vic Steedman, Mick Read, Larry Lamb, John Bevan & Alfie Adams.
- 2. Apologies:** Gordon Pilcher, Fred Breyer, Joe Mills, & Del Hemsley.
3. The meeting was opened by **Tommy Evans** under **John Bevans** watch full eye at 2000hrs.
4. Previous minutes these were proposed by: **Frank Moss** and seconded by: **Mick Read** that the minutes as read be passed.
5. **Matters arising:** Nil.
6. **Correspondence:** Sent reply to Joe Cole ex 7th Bn RB and had a very nice call from him thanking me very much for the info and that he was very pleased with his new beret. Received details for Winchester weekend from RHQ.
7. **Finance:** Savings account **£1945.95** General account **£809.92** (includes Marwell Deposits)
8. **Benevolence report:** This has been taken over by events, with the death of our fellow Member **Stewart (Stupot) Duckett**, who passed away on Thursday the 12th of June. A Celebration of his life was held at the Ipswich Crematorium on Friday the 20th and as can be seen by Vicky's letter of thanks attached he had a really good send off. I know Stewart will be greatly missed by us all and know you'll all join me in sending our best wishes in return to Vicky.
9. **Winchester Weekend:** The Depot have been putting members in touch with us for rooms and transport. We now have so many staying at the Marwell that the coach will have to make two trips. Full details will be discussed at Julys meeting.
Tommy Evans to make necessary arrangements with coach driver.
A full list of those going is attached reminders, for the deposits have been sent to those outstanding.

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10. Any other business:

a. List of **Curly's Articles** is attached, along with a bidding form for those who would like. Aprils minutes refer. All items are included except those on long term Loan to the Museum.

b. **Regimental Birthday and Assc 10th Birthday dance** Friday the 22nd of August
A return will go out with these minutes please complete and return as quickly as possible.

c. **John McMullen** phoned Jim Hitches he would like to become a Member of the Suffolk Branch.
We require Johns address to send details.

d. **Festival of Remembrance** we have 15 tickets as normal, please let **John Bevan** know if you would like to attend. **Del Hemsley** has put together a few words for the introduction of our Regimental March, this will be given to John to pass on at the next meeting. **See attached.**

e. **Alfie** advised that the Standard is in need of a small repair to the top binding, OK to get repaired and pass bill to Gordon for payment.

f. We are aware that there is some form of Ceremony taking place at the **Depot** on the 17th of October, can we find out what it is as some Members would like to go. **Will advise.**

g. **Mick Read** advised that he'd been speaking to **Harry Harrison** who would like his best wishes passed onto everyone.

h. *Alfie or should I say Mr & Mrs A. W. J. Adams request the pleasure of the company of any member not going to Winchester on the occasion of the Marriage of their daughter Rachael jane with Mr, Nathan James Overton at Ufford Park Hotel, Ufford, Woodbridge on Saturday 12th of July. 1997 at 2. pm for the Marriage Ceremony and later at an Evening Reception at 7.30pm.*

R.S.V.P. to 24 St. Andrews Road, Felixstowe, Tel 01394 274211 As soon as you can please.

For those of us not able to attend we wish the Happy couple the very best on their special day.

Date of the next meeting is on **Friday the 4th of July 1997** same place same time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at **2045hrs.**

Joe Mills
Chairman

Gordon Pilcher
Secretary

Letter received from Vicky Duckett.

Dear Gordon,

I wonder if in your next minutes you would thank all the Green jackets and their Partners for all the condolence cards that I have been sent, also a great big thank you to everyone who came to say good bye to him.

I'm sure he would have been very proud that it was standing room only. The drinks afterwards at the Pub were what he wanted and he also requested that nobody mope and everyone should get on with their lives.

thank you very much for arranging the Buglers and the beautiful flowers that came on Saturday.

With heartfelt thanks once again.

Vicky Duckett.



Cricket Match

We have been challenged by the Colchester Branch to a Game of Cricket on Sunday the 20th of July 1997 in Colchester.

They are laying on food and a bar will be open all day.

This is meant as a fun day for the whole family. We will need to confirm by latest Saturday the 5th of July - Lets hope we can put a team together for a really good day out - no matter what your age?? Please contact Gordon or Mick if your able to play or would just like to come in support - family members, sons,nephews can be in the team.

Thanks.

