

The Royal Green Jackets Regimental Association South East Kent Branch

HQ: Dover Sea Angling Club

Meeting Date: 22nd September 2016

Branch Meeting Minutes

Meeting open:1935 hours

Present: Bob Newman, Glenn Ternent, Heather Love, Tommy Love, Chris Clifford, Mo Docherty, Gary Tingey, Jim McMahon, John Cowie, Ray Seabrook, Peter Drew, Norman W Clark, George Nash, Neil Payne.

Apologies: President, Padre, Fred and Barbara Barrett, Don Whitehead, Tony Killelay, Steve Milsom

Previous minutes read and agreed as an accurate record Proposed Heather seconded Jim unanimous

Matters arising from last meeting

1. Face book page – Discussed excellent work the President and his daughter have done in getting us connected

Treasurer's report

Bob Newman read out Barb's report in her absence

Bank Statement: £4,222.64

Cash in hand: £260.50

Cheque 38 not yet cleared £200

Due to Charities money received £650.00

Balance £3,633.14p

Membership report

54 Paid Members

36 unpaid Members

3 Honorary

Membership fees will be lowered to £5 per year with £5 due for January 2017

Update on events Remembrance Parade Sunday 13th November

On Saturday 12th November Glenn and George are planting poppies (produced by the 1st Scouts of Margate) and getting the India memorial ready for Sunday.

There will be food available Chicken Curry, Vegetable Curry, Sandwiches and Chilli at the club after the parade, the cost to the association is £2 per head but at no cost to the individuals.

Conduct of the day – 0900 – 0930 Pre march drinks at the Club (one into the bank), form up 0945 hours then march on at app 10.00 hours, the service and laying of wreaths (we have one to be presented and the person will be picked at the parade by names in a hat) after the parade finishes we march off before the parade does the march past and back to the club, then parade again at 12:00 hours at the India memorial for wreath laying and a service conducted by our Branch Padre Revd. Kevin Garrett. After this service we retire to the club for meals (Served at 13:30) drinks and a good catch up. There will be a raffle. Dave Hinking is again providing for our culinary needs with the servery manned by the Slop Jockeys Glenn and George. Sophia is our photographer for the days' events.

50th Anniversary Church Service on 20th Nov' at the Dover Castle Church 09:30 for 10:00

Our Padre will be officiating at our church service where we celebrate our regiments 50th birthday and remember those riflemen who have fallen in the line of duty for Comradeship, Regiment and Country. We will have the regimental collect last post, Reveille and an order of service will be produced soon, we will also have the names of the fallen read out by those who wish to do so or by the committee during the service, there is free parking inside the castle and free parking outside the club as we return to our HQ the Dover Channel Sea Angling Club in Priory Road, whereupon a meal will have been laid out for you, and drink to the Regiment and the fallen.

Christmas Party at the Town Hall Dover on 26th November 1900 for 19:30 hours

The ever so popular chicken in a basket will again appearing the menu but with no interruptions this year, the music is provided by the Funky Shop who specialise in songs of the 70, 80 and 90's, plus DJ Carlos filling in the free time slots, Chris has donated a RGJ music banner and John Cleaves has donated a painted rifleman figure on a diorama (really excellent work by him) plus the Col has donated a crate of Green Jacket Ale in addition there will be a 5 item raffle with tickets at £1 each same as last year, there will be 19 tables each holding 12 people if you have a group of twelve then get in touch with George (once you have bought your tickets as we have allocated 5 tables to be reserved) Committee members who have duties that day have also reserved their tables to enable them to not worry if they have a seat for them or their guests as they go about their duties. The bar is inside the room as per last year and the timings are,

Committee arrives to set up 12:30, committee at guildhall to receive guests 18:30 hours members and guests arrive from 1900 hours 20:30 hours food served and 20:50 hours President and Chairmans address followed by auction and raffle then music by Funky Shop until Late, Mo has agreed to sing for us during an interval. Please be aware not to enter the guildhall by the wrong entrance as there is another function as was last year. Sophia will be taking our photographs this year but unfortunately as the Gurkhas are deployed we will not have our two buglers soft the entrance photograph but we will have two flags draped.

Last orders will be at 00:30 hours, the committee will meet and greet,

AOB

- 1. John Payne informed the Branch that whilst he will remain a member he is moving to Lancaster in the very near future.
- 2. Ray Seabrook appraised the members that a cake shop "Cake Junction" makes Regimental Themed Cakes for occasions, and he was tasked by the Chairman to look to order one for the BBQ in 2017 at best possible price.
- 3. Bob Newman informed the branch that a two day visit to the Arboretum in Alrewas Staffordshire was being planned for members, Spouses then family and friends, looking at a Saturday and Sunday in late August or Early September 2017. The coach will be paid for by the Branch and we are looking to get a good deal on accommodation for Saturday Night, entry to the arboretum is free (although they welcome donations) we are liaising with the Midlands branch to facilitate this, more information will be forthcoming but we hope to have a dinner and disco Saturday Night.
- 4. Dates for 2017

Committee Meeting Branch Meeting March 16th. 23rd

June. 15th. 22nd (AGM)

 Sept
 21st.
 28th

 Nov.
 16th.
 23rd

AGM. 22nd June - BBQ 24th June - Remembrance Parade 12th November

Xmas Party 25th November, 2 days visit to Arboretum TBC.

Proposals

 The Chairman Proposed that the sum of £300 be allocated for payment of the Order of Service for our 50th Church Service. John Payne seconded unanimous

Meeting Closed – 20:30 Hours

Meeting dates

December

Committee Branch 8th 15th