

Poppies will be planted at the India memorial the evening before by George and Glenn, the service will be taken by our padre. Free meal will be provided after at the club and Kevin Ivanson will serenade us with his guitar, again we will welcome other Regiments and dignitaries to the club after the parade.

Church Service 20th November

The 50th anniversary church service will be held in Dover Castle Church with members congregating outside the church at 09:30 hours followed by a buffet in the club. There will be the Regimental Collect, call out of the names of the fallen 1966 a 2007 last post and reveille. Our Padre Kevin Garrett will be conducting the. Service and we are looking to invite some serving Generals of the Royal Green Jackets, this is a landmark even for our branch and would really enjoy having a good turnout for the day. Free parking in the castle grounds

Christmas Party 25th November

The ever so popular chicken in a basket will again appearing the menu but with no interruptions this year, the ands 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, three 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 will 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.

AOB

1. Proposed Meeting days for 2017

Committee.	Branch
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, NI VETS DAY AT Arboretum September 9th TBC.

2. Tommy talked about committee members who do not turn up and we identified two in the form of Martin Prime and Gary Sayell, Gary works away and attends when he is in England and Martin Lives local and does not attend so we are going to ask Martin if he wants to remain as committee member.

3. Padre thanked the branch for his RGJ lapel and blazer badges and talked about the wooden cross created by George Nash ready for remembrance parade saying that the item had to be dedicated and that he needs to organise one,
4. The President (after a discussion about member numbers) put forward a suggestion that for all functions there should be a members' price and a guests' price but athenaeum time reduce the price of membership from £10 to £5 all to take effect from 01/01/2017.
5. Tony asked if he could look into menu arrangements for the xmas party 2017 to see if a sit down meal was viable and / or to via the menu.
6. The Chairman talked about organising a dinner for Branch members as there has been requests for it.

Proposals

1. The President proposed that we reduce membership to £5 as from 01/01/2017 chairman seconded unanimously agreed
2. The Chairman proposed that a sum of no more than £500 be allocated for the Xmas party raffle Fred seconded unanimously agreed.

Meeting closed 21:30 hours

Next committee meeting December 15th