



IRISH GUARDS ASSOCIATION NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH

MEETING MINUTES - 7th DECEMBER 2019 1600 HRS ADELPHI HOTEL, LIVERPOOL



Attendees:

A. Williamson, F. Whittaker, M. Harris, V. Corbett, L. McEntegart, J. Shanks, D. Meadows, M. Bayliss, K. Newell, A. Howard, P. Foulkes, K. Farrell, M. Tarpey, K. Robinson, A. Turner, P. Gibson (Gibbo), R. Ablewhite.

Apologies:

P. Patterson, G. Connerty, B. Fitzgerald, D. McArthur, G. Ponton, G. Byrne, S. Donegan, J. Ross, K. Owens, P. MacKay, B. Branchfield, D. O'Brien, L. Jacobson, B. Morgan, K. Brindle, P. Radley, G. Wynne, T. Levan

Next Meeting:

**1st February 2020, Southport Mickery
(details TBC)**

**2020 NoE Branch Meeting Dates can
be found on the last page**



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**ASSOCIATION DINNER
30th MAY 2020, ADELPHI HOTEL, LIVERPOOL, L3 5UL**

Minutes Of Last Meeting

Minutes for the previous meeting.

Proposed, V. Corbett

Seconded, K. Newell

Carried unanimously as a true record.

Secretary's Report

The secretary opened his report with a big thank you to the members who attended.

- I reported back on items from IGA Committee meeting held at RHQ. The agenda item regarding the closure of our CCLA account was discussed and reported that this will now be closed ASAP, all that is required is for 2 Trustees to attend the bank to sign the paperwork for its closure. Once completed this money will be returned to our Association account to be used for welfare. Capt. Wilmont reported that he was not aware of any monies being used for legalities and that the stated money will be returned. Branch members in attendance tonight have asked the Secretary to ensure they are updated with the progress of the account closure.

Points from the Regimental AGM

- There is no longer a Piper at RHQ for funerals
- If anyone attends a funeral please get the order of service so we can pass it on to RHQ
- Garden Party. Tickets are to be bid on. If you've already been you cant go again.
- Bucking-ham Palace now have a data base of attendees also to that end every service number will be checked and verified so service and ex service personal and plus 1s only.
- Please invite SAFA Case workers to any event to build a relationship
- March to the Guards Memorial for 2020 will take place on the 15th March. This will be part of the St Patricks Day when Shamrocks will be presented.
- Photos and stories for the journal must be in by the 13th of December. No later to keep the publishing deadline on track
- Donations to the Branch are to go to BN HQ where possible. BN HQ can then claim Gift Aid and then return the full donation to the branch.
- John Donaldson (JD) now running the Golf Association.
- Feedback received by me and other members regarding what we organised for Remembrance Day was short of outstanding. The provision of draft Guinness will be fed back to the Adelphi manageress. The Adelphi did report that at one stage they felt that we had well in excess of 150 people in the room, which for us was fantastic, I don't think they looked at it in the same way

- All other issues are to be covered in AOB.

- I thanked all members and officers for their fantastic support and input during the year to make our branch a growing success. I am extremely proud to be part of a fantastically growing North of England Association and our future looks extremely bright. We may make mistakes along the way and we can't keep everyone happy, but we will try our best and learn from feedback.

• I would like to pass on a personal thank you to both Jimmy Ross and Patto, who without their help I would not be able to carry out my role as best I can. Thank you very much gents. Jimmy you do more than anyone for this Branch.

Chairman's Report

- Report was given by the Secretary regarding the closure of the CCLA account. I am glad that the money will NOT be used for legal fees, as all it will take is for 2 trustees to sign the paperwork at the bank to close the account. We look forward to being able to use this for welfare.
- It has been great to see the uptake of membership. We have had over 30 new members in the past year.
- The new web site has been a fantastic success.
- The Christmas card idea from Jimmy and Andy has been a great success, the feedback from members has been fantastic.
- It is great news that a serving SNCO has come on board as a member and is willing to assist with welfare. Both he and Patto will be a great asset to the association.
- Next year is a massive milestone for us and the Regiment, 120 years old. We plan to make our events next year bigger and better with your help.
- I would like to wish all the committee, members and their families a Merry Christmas and New Year.

Treasurers Report

£10,106

£10 cash was received from Kenny Owen for his 2020 subs

Welfare Report

Here is my welfare report for the Irish Guards meeting, the passing of:

1. Guardsman O'Hara
2. Major. Joe Quinn MBE

Any Other Business

- We are going to look at giving out Christmas hampers to any person nominated to the welfare officer. The original idea of collecting non-perishables at events has not worked so we will just go ahead and purchase these.
- The branch treasurer, vice treasurer and events manager, have been given permission to upgrade our account to be able to access on-line.
- Jimmy Shanks handed over monies from the family of Mr. "Biff" O'Hara. £150 was donated to the branch welfare and £80 was to be sent to RHQ for the welfare fund. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr. O'Hara's daughter.
- Ken Owens is going to put pictures on a memory stick for the Branch. He will be refunded for the cost of the stick.
- Andy reported on Tommy Laven joining the Branch and who is willing to assist with welfare. Tommy deals with welfare and families within the battalion and he will bring us some vital support for our welfare officer(s).
- Andy reported that the Christmas cards had gone out and we had received some fantastic positive feedback.
- Andy reported that he had spoken to Patto in London and the outcome is that he will remain as our Branch vice Chair. We are delighted that he will remain a vital clog in our association wheel.
- Following on from the email sent out by the Secretary, Kenny Robinson spoke further on "Beyond the Battlefield" and he is to look at inviting them over for a talk to our members. We would look at opening the invitation for a representative to attend from other associations as they may also find the information of interest and value to their members.
- Patto reported that it had been a busy year in that the Division had now recruited 610 men and women, up from 321 last year.
- The event dates for 2020 were proposed and carried unanimously. The full list is contained in the last page.

2020 is set to be a massive year for us as we will have been in existence for 120 years. Please come along and join us (your association) for what will be an exciting 2020 and please stay safe.

There being no other business the meeting was closed, and a hasty advance ensued towards the bar for our Christmas Mickery.

The committee would like to wish all our members, their families, the Regiment and all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Quis Separabit

From Jimmy Shanks

Another fantastic year for the members of the NOEB IRISH GUARDS, paddy's day was a great day, the dinner was a great success with everyone saying wat a brilliant night, 1 coy lads past & present attended the reunion in London that saw lads who hadn't seen each other in over 30 to 40 yrs & wat a catch up that was, a big thanks to Tomo 17.QS, we had our first Mickery outside of liverpool & was a big success, the AGM seems to see more Micks attending & that has to be a good thing, we ended the year so far with a great turn out on remembrance day & a brilliant day organised by the committee, if next year is as good then we can't wait.
QUIS SEPARABIT



A young Andy Williamson



1IC Battle Group BATUS



BATUS 1986 live firing at aircraft

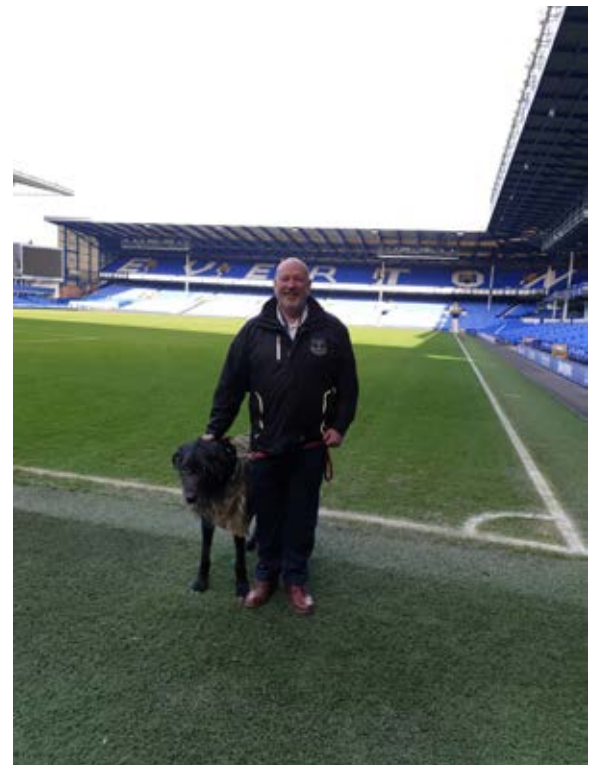


Black Sunday 2019



Bury Away Day 2019

Domhnall



Remembrance Day 2019



Remembrance Day 2019



Christmas Drinks 2019





London 1 Coy Reunion 2019



Jimmy Shanks



It is with great sadness that Joseph Quinn sadly passed away on the 17th November surrounded by family at home.

His funeral will be on Thursday 28th November. At St. Joseph's church @ 15:00. Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 2BB. Followed by cremation at Walton Lea Crematorium, Chester Rd, Higher Walton, Warrington WA4 6TB.

2020 Events

Date	Event	Comments
2020		
January		
February		
1st	Away day Meeting & Mickery	Southport, venue TBC
March		
15th	NoE Branch, St Patricks Day	Adelphi, Family event, open to all
15th	St Patricks Day, London	RHQ including Black Sunday march to memorial
April		
18th	Ulster Branch dinner	Belfast
25th	NoE Range Day & BBQ	TBC, as only a proposal at minute
May		
1st	NoE Branch meeting	19.00 hrs Adelphi, open to all
30th	North of England Branch dinner	Organiser, Jimmy Ross, Event manager
30th	Maj Generals Review	London
June		
6th	Colonel's Review	London
13th	Trooping the Colour	London
July		
24th	NoE Branch meeting	19.00 hrs Adelphi, open to all
August		
September		
October		
10th	NoE Branch AGM	Adelphi, 16.00 hrs, open to all
3rd	ROI Branch dinner	Dublin
31st	Midlands Branch Dinner	Birmingham
November		
8th	Remembrance parade, Liverpool	Followed by refreshments & entertainment family day, Adelphi. Reporting details TBC
20 th (Friday)	London dinner	Preceded by association's AGM
December		
5th	NoE Branch Christmas meeting	Saturday Mickery, Adelphi, 16. 00 hrs, open to all

Chairman – Lt. Col Simon Donegan
 Vice Chairman – WO2 Paul Paterson (serving member)
 Hon. Secretary – Andy Williamson iganoebbranch@gmail.com
 Treasurer – Richie Flynn. Vice Treasurer – Alan Howard
 Event Manager – Jimmy Ross
 Welfare – David Ellis, T. Devine, Tommy Laven (serving member)
 Standard Barer(s) – Jimmy Shanks, Dave Hewitt

We would like to thank our fellow Irish Guardsmen, Mick Harris and Dennis Bailey for supporting this set of minutes/newsletter.

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