



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 6th April 2011

Members Present:	Fred Hemmerman (FH); Dave Mitchell (DM); Steve Woods (SW); Pete Watson (PW); Bob Hare (RobH); Joe Matthews (JM); Ted Johnson (TJ); John Louis (JL); Peter Ovis (PO); Frank Maunder (FM); Bob Boreland (BB); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Michael Sutton (MS); Steve Johnson (SJ); Tony Steventon (TS); June Wilding (JW).
Apologies:	Darren Howlett (DH); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Doyle (AD); Pat Howlett (PH); Mike Walker (MW); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM).

Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 4.0 Matters Arising
- 5.0 Absent Friends
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Standard Bearer
- 10.0 Social Events
- 11.0 Any Other Business
- 12.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.00hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. SJ reported that PH was not well. FM stated that he had tried to get hold of PN to no avail, possibly due to his new job as a postman. Also in attendance was Mr. David Kennedy. David was ex RMP having served in Bulford before leaving in 1985 and taking up a career with Humberside Police, with whom he is still employed. Welcome David.
- 3.0 Minutes Of The Last Meeting – TJ proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by RobH, all members in favour.
- 4.0 Matters Arising –
 - 4.1 Members were asked whether any of them wished to accept the RNA invitation to the Armed Forces Day Dinner & Dance (Minutes/March 2011/6.1), no members indicated that they would be attending.
 - 4.2 FH reported that he had received details for the laying up of the NVA Standard (see Minutes/November 2010/10.4). This will take place on the 7th August 2011 at the Holy Trinity Church in Hull. Further info will follow. He also reported that it wasn't going to cost anything to lay up the Standard, following initial quotations from the Church of over £3,000.

5.0 Absent friends – As details in 2.0. PH isn't well, nor is TG and KH. The wishes of the Branch and its Members are passed to the all three.

6.0 Communications – The Branch had received the following communications:

6.1 An email was received from Janet Longthorn, the daughter of the late Bernard Anson. It reads as follows:

Hi Pete



I'm attaching a photo of my Dad, BERNARD ANSON, for you to put on the website.

You very kindly arranged for the flag / flag bearers / last post ceremony at Dad's funeral on 12th November. Thank you for doing this it was greatly appreciated and it was nice to see so many of Dads army friends there. Mum, myself and Russell were very proud to know that he was well respected by you all.

Thank you once again - as we said at the time Dad would have loved it.

Janet

6.2 An email was received from Barry **Dugdale** (correct spelling now! Thanks Barry!). It reads as follows:

Just a short note to say how much I enjoyed last night's meeting and to thank you all for making me feel so welcome on my latest visit to Hull. It shocks me to think that it is not since 1980, 31 years ago, that I last served with 252 as OC.

I have many happy memories of my time with RMP, many of them as a result of the contribution of some of the old reprobates I met again last night. Although it was sad for me to be reminded of the loss of both Pete Emmerson and Bernie Anson it was good to see those survivors that I met in such fine fettle. (What's with that Hemmerman bloke who I remember as Corporal Hemmerman? He never changes, does he [thank goodness]) It was also good to remember with gratitude some of the meals that Joe Matthews produced under some extremely trying circumstances. Mind you, in fairness, it must be said that some of the blokes used to tell the truth about Joe's culinary skills. Never mind, Joe, we survived and still thank you for what you did.

Please pass on my regards to young Emmerson when you see him and do tell hm that I still haven't forgotten those jeans!

However, instead of continuing my ramble further I would apologise for not being able to attend your ladies' evening. I should love to have been there but my lady wife has organised a trip to Scotland to celebrate my birthday. I don't see what there is to celebrate about being 70 but there it is. If I were to suggest cancelling she'd be most annoyed. Some women are unreasonable about things like that.

I had a most pleasant evening that was well worth the effort. I am pleased and proud to be associated with your branch and if there is any way in which I may be able to be of assistance please let me know.

*All the very best you you all,
Barry Dugdale, Major, RMP (Ret'd)*

7.0 CESA Report – DM reported that funding for the annual Armed Forces Day event to be held on the 30/31st July 2011 at East Park, now stands at £7,000 due to an allocation from the Queens Gardens Fund (from the Freedom Festival). There is possibly going to be an American Civil War re-enactment society in attendance for the event. 4 x RMP from Catterick have been requested to attend with liveried vehicles and DM will liaise with Catterick to arrange this.

8.0 Website – Branch Member roles updated. SJ pictures updated.

9.0 Standard Bearer – SW reported that he had attended the funeral of George Fielden ex of Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, on Monday the 4th March. 6 Standards were in attendance. The service was held at the Sacred Heart Church, on Southcoates Lane in Hull.

10.0 Social Events-

- 10.1 Ladies Night – Report. 27 members and guests attended. As usual the food was excellent and in plentiful supply. Thanks must be passed on to all members who supplied raffle prizes; there certainly were plenty of them. Numbers, it has to be said, were down drastically on previous function and the committee would like to stress that these events are only viable if members support them.
- 10.2 Ladies Night – Next function: The next Ladies Night Function was to be held on the last Thursday in June. FH stated that both himself and CH will be away on this date and therefore FH proposed that the event be changed to **Thursday 23rd June 2011** this was seconded (not surprisingly) by CH, all members were in favour, motion carried. RobH stated that if we wanted to go back to the Springhead Park Golf Club, then we would have to book early as they are now actively promoting the venue to other groups. Members asked RobH to provisionally book the venue for the 23rd. June 2011 and report back at the next meeting.
- 10.3 The Annual Dinner. Various questions and suggestions were raised regarding the Annual Dinner for 2011. PW stated that as this would seem to be a large discussion, that we should carry this over to the next meeting, and that he would prepare an outline for an Annual Dinner discussion for then.

11.0 Any Other business:

- 11.1 DM stated that he had represented both the RMPA and CESA at the funeral of Alderman Brian Petch's wife Brenda, in his capacity as Chairman of both organisations. He stated that the funeral was very well attended. Brenda was a former Lord Mayor of Kingston-upon-Hull and a Councillor until the end and was known as "the Mother of Hull City Council". She was 73 years old and passed away having lost the battle with cancer.
- 11.2 FH stated that later this year the NVA will be holding their final pilgrimage to France. Members wishing to attend with the NVA should speak to FH. It is estimated to cost £450 / person for the four day trip.
- 11.3 Eden Camp – FH stated that the NVA will again be putting on a coach to attend the Annual Remembrance Day at Eden Camp in September. There will be places available on the coach and members wishing to take up this offer should let FH know.

- 12.0 The time being 20.50hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

Agenda for May's Meeting

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Did I read that sign right?

A selection of true signs with perhaps a double meaning!

In an office:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER..... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)