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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CHICHESTER CITY CLUB
ON 24th JUNE 2015

The meeting started at 1930 hrs, with a minute's silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Present were: Dave Tilley, Eddie Drew, Allen Drew, Mick Bright, John Bailey, Fred Hill, Peter Edwards, Stuart Ingrey, Tony Booker, Peter Alner.

Apologies: David Beveridge, Bob Keen, Paul Daines, Graeme Maidment.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked Peter Alner for all his hard work on the Albuhera Dinner and raffle; it had all gone very well. He also thanked Peter Edwards for presenting the branch with a new gavel. He felt that the timings were too early for the Armed Forces Day at Guildford, and the marching route was too arduous for veterans. He outlined possibilities for branch attendance at the 50th Anniversary Queen's Memorial Dedication Service at the National Arboretum on 16 May 2016: we could hire a coach (and ask for some assistance from RHQ towards the cost); the options would be to go up and back in one day on Sunday 16th May, or to go up on Saturday 15th and have an overnight stay, returning after the Regimental events on Sunday 16th. This was his preferred option. He asked those planning on going to contact Paul Daines so we had an idea of the likely numbers. Due to City Club commitments the August meeting would have to be brought forward one week to **Wednesday 19th August**.

Secretary's Report: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Eddie Drew gave a full report of the accounts. Any member wishing to examine the accounts should arrange this directly with Eddie. Eddie asked members to please update their email addresses and reminded all that some subs were still outstanding!
After Note: Someone (Dave Tilley? Tony Booker?) mentioned that there was a G. George who might become a new member, but Eddie has tried the number supplied without success.

Welfare: Nil.

Any Other Business:

1. Fred Hill suggested that the trip to the National Arboretum next May could extend to 3 days, but it was felt that 2 days would be long enough.
2. Dave Tilley mentioned that 2016 would see a second important anniversary apart from the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Queen's Regiment: namely the 20th Anniversary of this Branch. It would be nice to mark this in some way.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next formal meeting would be on **Wednesday 19th August**, at 1930 hrs in the City Club; **one week earlier than usual**. The next social meeting would be on Wednesday 29th July.

The meeting closed at 2014 hrs.