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<p>6. The Chairman mentioned The Green Howard magazine and that he was trying new articles such as badge presentations, with a CV of recipients. He further explained that unfortunately some of the Association and Branch articles had been edited out this year due to space.</p>	
<p>ITEM 5 – GREEN HOWARDS ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS</p>	
<p>7. Copies of the Association Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 13, were made available to members. They were presented and explained by the Treasurer, Major Pat Ralph. The Accounts had been adopted at the GHA Executive Meeting held at Richmond on 5 Apr 14.</p>	
<p>8. The Treasurer explained the Income and Expenditure, stating that the reason for the overspend, was due to Richmond Sunday, the reduction in the price of the Reunion tickets and the trip to America for the celebration of the Shanghai Mace.</p>	
<p>ITEM 6 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT BENEVOLENT FUND (YBF)</p>	
<p>9. Major Ralph reported that The YBF continues to look after Green Howards benevolence interests. He reported that over the last six months, the YBF had paid out £37.000 on 147 cases, and on a broader view; from Apr 13 to Apr 14, £85.000 has been released on 275 cases. The Treasurer confirmed that Green Howards, who fall into difficulty, continue to be well supported by the fund.</p>	
<p>ITEM 7 – YORKSHIRE REGIMENT MATTERS</p>	
<p>10. Maj Ralph gave the following update on the Yorkshire Regiment:</p>	
<p>10.1 Regimental Headquarters.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regimental Secretary is Lt Col David O’Kelly (Green Howards); • Recruiting has now been taken over by Col Mark Lodge; • The post of Assistant Regimental Secretary to Area HQ (South) has now been taken on by Maj Charlie Helmn (Green Howards). 	
<p>10.2 Museum at RHQ in York. The museum will be called the York Army Museum and is presently undergoing a £1M refurbishment. The museum will be a combination of the Yorkshire Regiment Dragoon Guards and the Yorkshire Infantry. An opening date has not yet been set as work has been delayed for various reasons.</p>	
<p>10.3 1 YORKS – Warminster.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still carrying out the duties of a Demonstration Battalion. Recently returned from BATUS after a successful training period, in preparation to take over the role of the Armoured Infantry Lead Battle Group. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are doing very well on the sports scene and this year were the Army Rugby champions. <p>10.4 2 YORKS – Cyprus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatre Reserve Battalion until 5 Nov 14, when they handover to another Battalion. • In August the CO and 42 officers and soldiers deployed to Iraq to report to the MOD on what assistance the British Army could give. As a result, twelve 2 YORKS soldiers were sent out to train Iraq soldiers on heavy weapons. • In Aug 15, 2 YORKS will move to Somme Barracks in Catterick, taking over a Light Role, supported by 4 YORKS. The Reserve Army will train with the Regulars and be available for future deployments with them. • This year they came third in the Army Novice boxing Championships. <p>10.5 4 YORKS – RHQ in York.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting is very slow at the moment and numbers are low. • The Battalion will have a split Annual Camp with 50% to Germany and the other 50% deploying to Cyprus in Nov 14. • The CO and a team went to Uganda to help train the Ugandan Defence Force. 	
ITEM 8 – PRESIDENT’S REMARKS	
<p>11. The President spoke on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green Howards Association, the museum, the Friends and the Green Howards wider family were in very good order. The new Governance had been agreed for the future and we are looking forward to extend our links with the Yorkshire Regiment overtime. • The Regimental funds are in a healthy position. • The Green Howards Museum, explaining the amount of work that had gone into the redevelopment and confirming that the name of the museum will remain The Green Howards Museum. • The re-opening of the museum, with members and donors invited to a drinks evening on Sat 8 Nov and a Soft Opening on Sun 9 Nov. (After note: completed successfully). The Official Opening will be on Sun 10 May 15, tying in with Richmond Sunday. The Official Opening will be by a VIP still to be confirmed. • The proposed format for Richmond Sunday on 10 May 15. It was confirmed that gold and silver badges will be presented although in a different format. 	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>

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<p>ITEM 9 – EVENTS FOR 2015</p> <p>12. The Chairman briefed members on the following main events for 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GHA Executive Meeting on Sat 11 Apr, explaining that in future he would like to try the possibility of moving the meeting to other Branch locations. However, in 2015 it will remain in Richmond and the meeting will be followed with a trip around the museum for those who had not yet seen the redevelopment. The Chairman informed members that they were all welcome to attend the Executive Meeting. • Richmond Sunday and the Official Opening of the Museum on Sun 10 May. • FGHM AGM date has not been fixed yet, as the Committee is waiting until after the re-opening of the museum. • Officers' Dinner will be in London on Fri 6 Nov, in a hotel to avoid hire charges. The date was selected to tie in with Remembrance Sunday for those who wish to stay on. The Chairman also explained that it is becoming very expensive to run the number of dinners and lunches and this will have to be looked at for the future. • It is planned to have the Reunion over the weekend 16-18 Oct in Scarborough. The Chairman stated that the continuance of the centre is still uncertain; therefore the backup plan will be Stockton Road, Army Reserve Centre, continuing in a military environment. Any changes would not be possible until January or later. • A new introduction to the forecast of events will be an Alma Dinner on Sat 19 Sep 2015 at the Riverside, Middlesbrough Football Club. The Chairman confirmed it would not be tied in with the Reunion, as members wished to keep it a separate event. The Chairman asked the Secretary to give members a brief on the 2015 event, which he did. 	<p>All</p> <p>All Officers</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>																					
<p>Item 10 – Annual Jackpot Draw of the 400 Club</p>																						
<p>13. The first three prizes were drawn at the meeting and four were drawn after the meeting. Prize winners were as follows:</p>	<p>Secretary</p>																					
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<p>Item 11 – Any Other Business</p>																						
<p>14. Green Howards CV. The Chairman reminded members that the CV was used when writing citations for badge presentations and obituaries. He asked members to complete the CV, including what they did after leaving the</p>	<p>All</p>																					

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<p>Army and forward them to the Secretary, or leave a copy with friends or a member of the family. He also asked that the word was passed around.</p>	
<p>15. Donation of £200 to GHA Funds. The Chairman had received a very nice letter from Judy Buckle, the daughter of Doug Harrison, who was from Scarborough. The letter mentioned Doug's Wartime memories from Italy and that £200.00 had been raised at Doug's funeral, and that it was Doug's wishes that the Association received the money to help soldiers from recent conflicts.</p>	
<p>16. Branch Requests for Funds. The Chairman informed members that Branches could apply to the Association for a request for funds. This would be to assist in such events as visits to Battlefields or to mark a particular Regimental event. This would not cover general social activities and all reasonable requests would be looked by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.</p>	All
<p>17. Voice within the Yorkshire Regiment. The Chairman made it clear that although Col David O'Kelly, Pat Ralph and Charlie Helmn are neutral, members of the GHA attend the YRA and we as Green Howards do have a voice in the YRA affairs. The Chairman asked that all rumours to the contrary be squashed.</p>	All
<p>18. Point Raised By Mr Pip Elliot. Mr Elliot raised a point regarding the location and future value given to the Green Howards property and silver. He was also concerned about future rebranding of the museum and the fact that the Yorkshire Regiment badge appears on the centre room floor of the museum.</p>	
<p>19. Response by the President and Brig Powell. The President said there would be no rebranding to the museum name. He reminded everyone that the Regiment had previously been known as the Yorkshire Regiment. The merger it is part of our history; we must take that into the future. Brig Powell added that the public must be reminded that the Green Howards merged, did not disband, and that the Yorkshire Regiment must be part of our future. He also said that it is important that the Green Howards name lives on in the Yorkshire Regiments messes, hence the need for part of our property and silver collections to be in those locations. The President further explained the procedure and dispersal of the Regimental property and silver and we now had control of it, including the Scarborough Shield. The President concluded by asking members to spread the word that the Trustees were totally committed in carrying the Green Howards name on for as long as possible, but we must support the Yorkshire Regiment and its soldiers as we go forward.</p>	All
<p>20. Point Raised by Maj Roddy Bailey. Maj Bailey asked if Richmond Sunday should be renamed Green Howards Sunday?</p>	
<p>21. Decision. After some discussion, Maj Bailey reminded members that it had been known as Green Howards Sunday in the past and it was agreed that Green Howards Sunday was the way forward. The Chairman concluded by stating he would put a message on the websites and canvass opinions.</p>	Chairman

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<p>22. Point Raised by Mr Colin Inett. Mr Inett informed the meeting that his article from Kent Branches visit to Crepon was edited out of The Green Howards magazine because of the lack of space. He asked if the magazine could be given more pages.</p>	
<p>23. Chairman's Response. The Chairman informed Mr Inett that the Association visited Crepon and that the article, which was written by the Editor, was also edited out. He concluded by stating that generally, the 43 pages are sufficient and it was unfortunate on this occasion.</p>	
<p>24. Point Raised by Maj Pat Ralph. Maj Ralph informed members that East Coast Rail had decorated a train, which would travel from Leeds to London to commemorate The Fallen from WW1. He further stated that Ceremonies would be held at Leeds railway station and London Kings Cross, and that he would publish further details to Branches.</p>	All
<p>ITEM 12 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	
<p>25. The next meeting will be held at the AR Centre, Coldyhill Lane, Scarborough, at 1800hrs on Sat 17 Oct 15. Members would be notified if there was any change to the venue.</p>	All

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Colonel
Chairman

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