

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Lieutenant Colonel Tex Pemberton OBE

Colleagues,

Having accepted an invitation, I visited the former Tyneside Branch of our Association on the evening of 21st September to give the assembled Members an update of our activity since their withdrawal from the Association earlier this year, and to answer any and all questions put to me.

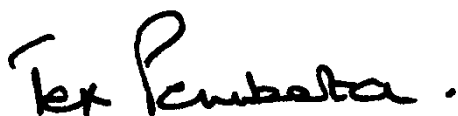
You may remember the former Branch had highlighted, in a letter to *all* of our Branches, a number of areas of apparent concern dealing primarily with the lack of communication from our NEC; the lack of response to letters; the lack of knowledge, openness and awareness of Association business and activity; and concern about expenditure.

They are now of the opinion that the outputs of the NEC, since May of this year, have addressed each and every one of their concerns and at their meeting on 21st September took the unanimous decision to return to the fold of the National body.

I therefore, on behalf of all our Association Members, welcome the Tyneside Branch and their satellite in Scotland back to the Association proper and look forward to seeing representatives at our coming AGM.

I close by repeating my offer to Members of other former Branches that have withdrawn, but perhaps continue to visit this website, that I am more than happy to make a similar visit in order to resolve apparent differences and concerns.

Yours aye,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tex Pemberton." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Tex Pemberton

23rd September 2010