



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012**

- 1. Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
- 2. Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Jim Hurley. Dave Bowron, Eddie Fenwick, George Hopkins, Pete Clarke, Tony Higgins, Kev Lambeth, Al Parkes, John Phillips, Rip Kirby, Mick Cole, Mick Williams, Mike Holdsworth, Ken Mountney, Doug Twist and of course the Ladies.
- 3. Apologies from:** Major Bunny Hooper, Neville Collins, Brian Care, George Barrett, Roy Hicks, Bob Potter, Harry Potter, Dave Clarke, Barrie Aitken, Eddie McNulty, Ron Mason and John Mason.
- 4. The Chairman,** Bunny Brown, opened the AGM with a Toast to Her Majesty the Queen followed by Absent Friends

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Held at the Chelmsley Wood RBLC**

The year started slowly for the Branch, April usually being quite and not really starting until the RRF SA80 Shoot & BBQ. But we were unable to raise a team last year, a fully sighted team that is, because 50% of the shooters i.e. Dave Clarke and myself along with JP went to 299s Dinner in Hull.

June was again quiet with the build up to mike & Sue's Golden Brick Garden Party.

July arrived and Mike & Sue's Golden Brick Garden Party which managed to stay dry this year, and a great deal of money was raised by a lot of very persuasive personnel (no names) a donation of £200 was made to the Shoe Box Fund and £600 going to Troop Aid. Many thanks to Mike, Sue, Les and Debbie Chester, Maureen Aitken and all the other slaves who donated time or money to the event.

August and the Clay Shoot at Alan Brough's. A bit of a let down by the branch with just 8 people attending. We must realise that when people arrange things like this especially on their own property it takes a lot of work and organisation and to be let down is more than disappointing.

Just a few words on the autumn months, nothing in September, AEA AGM in October, many thanks to all who helped. The loss of Bob Jones in early November, followed by Remembrance Sunday and all who went to the Cenotaph. December

and the Branch Christmas Dinner, another successful event, sorry about the drink prices but as I said at the following meeting the way to get round it is to make it compulsory that all the raffle prizes are bottles of wine with screw caps.

Reminders from last year: Diz now a life member after donating fifty dollars for subs. Thanks to George, Elsie, Brian and Pat for working so hard on the shoebox parcels. Thanks also to all who have donated to the shoebox fund. I believe that they still stand and would like the branch to show thanks to the shoe box parties.

On finishing my report I would like to again thank Ray Sands for the huge donation towards the Branch Standard. And to all who have made my job as Chairman that little bit easier over the past five years, and the boots and beer brigade will go marching on.

**5. Treasures Report.** Elsie Barrett although on holiday reports that the branch balance remains in good order.

**6. Secretary's Report. 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

The current postal mailing list is 25 and the e-mail post is currently 55 which include members and some non-members. The post is sent 2<sup>nd</sup> class and this keeps the costs to a minimum. The e-mail is sent at no cost to the branch. However with the increasing cost of the postage stamps it is getting increasingly expensive. Although Birmingham branch has a large membership, I have endeavoured to keep the cost of distributing the minutes and mail to a minimum.

Photocopying of the minutes for distributing to members by post has not incurred any cost due to the fact that I have been able to do this at work but unfortunately this no longer available.

Over the past 12 months the branch has seen more members electing to receive their branch mail by e-mail which obviously reduces the mailing costs to the branch funds. However, this system is only as good as the information that it contains which leads me to ask that if any member has changes such as address, phone number, e-mail address etc. could you let the branch know so that these details can be updated and to avoid any disruption in the mailing.

In conclusion it is with regret that I am standing down from this post after 5 years and hope that the branch continues to thrive in the future.

Yours

Steve Brown

**7. Venue for Committee Meetings.**

The question of where to hold future meetings was discussed with the options being, staying at the present venue or moving to Shard End RBL. The membership present voted 16 (including 6 Proxy Votes) in favour of remaining at present venue and 5 voting to move to Shard End. The decision was to remain at Chelmsley Wood RBL. Carried



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### 8. Election of Officers.

Due to the fact that both the Chairman and Secretary were standing down the need to vote in new officers was explained. Brian Care, in his absence, volunteered to take on the Chairman's position and Bunny Brown volunteered to carry out the Secretary function. Kev Lambeth also said he would like to be relieved of the welfare post and Mike Williams volunteered to take this on. Therefore members voted into posts for the next year are,

Chairman	Brian Care
Vice Chairman	Dave Clarke
Secretary	Bunny Brown
Treasurer	Elsie Barrett
Entertainments	Bunny Brown and Roger Howells
Welfare	Mike Williams
Membership	George Barrett

The AGM closed at 20:30 Hrs

**W. Steve Brown**  
*Secretary.*