



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion**

**5th November 08**

- 1. Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
- 2. Members Present:** Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Pete Clarke, Ray Sands, Mike Holdsworth, Barrie Aitken, Kevin Lambeth, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, Roy Hicks, Larry Perry, George Barrett, Mike Cole, George Hopkins, Dave Bowron, Tony Higgins, John Phillips, Alan Parkes, Brian Fosbury, Gordon Page, Roger Howells, Danny Flynn, Alan Oakley, Ron Mason, Eddie Fenwick and of course the Ladies.
- 3. Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Dave Clarke, Brian Care, Terry Howard, Peter Pederson, Alf Manders, John Browning and John Mason.
- 4.** The Chair thanked all for attending.
- 5. Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by John Phillips. Seconded, Brian Fosbury. **Carried.**
- 6. Welfare:** Roy Hicks is recovering from His recent eye operation, Tony Higgins is recovering well from His recent hip operation and sends His appreciation for the get well wishes he has received. Peter Pederson is at present undergoing tests for suspected angina. Best wishes from the branch to you all.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
- 8. Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting 16 November, Shustoke, 10:30 pub car park.
- 9. AEA AGM Dinner:** An excellent weekend once again, good company, good food and look forward to Nottingham next year. At the dinner George Barrett spoke to the members of 9 Sqn RE who passed on their gratitude for the Shoe Box Parcels that the branch had sent whilst they were deployed.
- 10. Branch Christmas Dinner 6<sup>th</sup> December 08:** Proforma attached for return A.S.A.P. Tickets are selling well so please get your returns in quickly to avoid disappointment. Roger Howells has managed to secure a 10% discount at the bar from 19:30 until 21:00. The Chairman asked that members bring along items for the raffle.
- 11. Shoe Box Parcels:** 24 Commando Engineer Regiment have now been deployed and the welfare parcels will now resume. Addresses are printed below.
- 12. Any Other Business:**

**Ron Mason:** Ron won the bottle of scotch on the raffle and has kindly asked that it be re-entered into the raffle at the next meeting. Thank you Ron.

**Mike Holdsworth:** D-Day visit 2009 plans are going well and transport is being investigated.

**Kev Lambeth:** Arnhem 2009. This was discussed and it was decided that the branch would take up the Aldershot's branch invite to travel with their party. Kev is also running an alternative trip.

**George Barrett:** George gave an update of the Federations Christmas functions

- 7<sup>th</sup> December Children's Pantomime
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner. Members £11 Non members £16
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Dinner. Members £14 Non members £19, this will be a Forty's style event with an American style Big Band and Forty's style dress for those who wish to dress up.

**Ray Sands:** Ray bumped into Alan Brough who sends his best regards.

**Alan Oakley:** Alan reported that the Fusiliers Association are arranging a trip to the Edinburgh Tattoo in August next year if anyone is interested. The annual shoot between the branches will be in May next year. Details to follow.

**Roger Howells:** Roger was asking if anyone had a contact for the Help for Heroes fund so that his Rotary club could present a cheque for £1000.00 to them.

**11. Branch Shop: Your support is needed to sell the remaining stock.** Prices are;

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| • Polo Shirt                             | £17.00 |
| • Baseball Cap                           | £10.00 |
| • White cotton dress shirt, short sleeve | £18.00 |
| • White cotton dress shirt, long sleeve  | £20.00 |

Several options were discussed to sell the remainder of the stock such as, e-bay sale, 50% off price sale or raffle prizes. To be decided at a later date.

**12. Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd December 08** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

**13. AEA Journal. Deadline** for the December issue is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 08

**W Steve Brown**  
*Secretary*

#### **Diary of Events**

- 21<sup>st</sup> November 08 – Presentation of John Rock Bust, Woodbridge.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 08 - Branch Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 08 – Branch Christmas Dinner



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**AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION.**

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

**ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

**AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL ELMDON.**

**6th DECEMBER 2008**

**REPLY PROFORMA**

FROM: - (Please print name & address)

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Number of tickets required ----- @ £27.50.00 per head.

Please find enclosed a cheque, made payable to **AIRBORNE ENGINEER ASSOCIATION (B'HAM BRANCH)**  
FOR THE SUM OF £-----

**Please send a list of your guest's names for the seating plan. And any request for vegetarian meals.**

Return to Mrs E Barratt. 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM. B26 2PP.  
TEL 0121 628 7578

Please REPLY ASAP.

## AFGHAN POSTAL ADDRESS FOR INDIVIDUAL'S AND TROOP'S

Garmsier (MOG Sth)	-	LCpl Abbott
FOB Robinson	-	Lt Harlock
FOB Gibraltar	-	Lt Hooper
Sangin (DC)	-	SSgt Hailstone 2TP (Dave and Eddie)
Kandahar	-	Lt Roberts/SSgt Dolman (Ed)
FOB Kajaki	-	SSgt Illsley (Ray and Nigel)
FOB Inkerman	-	LCpl Gordon
Gereshk	-	Sgt Khadka
FOB Price	-	Spr Lewis
FOB Dehli	-	Sgt Needham (only person there)

If any correspondence is addressed to the locations FAO named person and all members of the Cdo Engr Det at that particular location, for example:

FAO SSgt Illsley and the Cdo Engr Det  
FOB Kajaki  
59 Cdo Engr Sqn  
24 Cdo Engr Regt  
Op HERRICK 9  
BFPO 792