



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

07th January 09

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Brian Care, Kevin Lambeth, Mike Holdsworth, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, John Browning, George Barrett, Rip Kirby, George Hopkins, Tony Higgins, Alan Parkes, Brian Fosbury, Gordon Page, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Dave Clarke, John Phillips, Mike Cole, Roy Hicks, Barrie Aitken, Larry Perry, Ray Sands, Alf Manders, Terry Howard, Peter Pederson, Eddie Fenwick, Alan Oakley, Ron Mason 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 Gordon Page. Seconded, Bob Dorrell. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** It was reported that Larry Perry is very unwell at present. Tom Carpenter has had problems with his legs but is now recuperating. Eddie Fenwick had to go back into hospital over the Christmas period but is now recovering. Best wishes from the branch to all members.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting to be arranged.
9. **Branch Christmas Dinner 6th December 08.** An excellent evening, good food, good company and a most enjoyable event. Roger Howells proposed a vote of thanks to Bunny Brown who put a lot of effort and time into organising the dinner, Thank you. A small profit from the raffle was made, Thank you Elsie. The same venue has been provisionally booked for this year.
10. **Shoe Box Parcels:** 24 Commando Engineer Regiment have now been deployed and since Christmas Brian and Pat Care have sent another 7 parcels while George and Elsie will resume sending parcels on their return from holiday. The branch gave thanks to both couples for their hard work in sending these worthwhile parcels. Addresses are printed below.
11. **D-Day visit 2009:** Mike Holdsworth reported that this is now fully booked and plans are going well.
12. **Any Other Business:**

Ex OCs and SSMs of 299 and 301 Squadrons: The new AEA secretary, Major Geoff Howard is asking for assistance in contacting the Ex OCS and SSMs of 299 and 301 Squadrons. If you are aware of any of these gentlemen then could you please pass on any detail that you may have. Thank you.

Clay Pigeon Shoot: Mike Holdsworth reported that this event would be taking place this year. Dates and locations to be confirmed, but likely to be in early July.

Para Course: Kev Lambeth reported that there is a Para course being run in Slovakia with jumpmasters from several countries' available. The likely cost is to be £600.00 inclusive. Insurance will be down to the individual.

Roger Howells: Roger made available recent copies of Pegasus journals.

St Georges Dinner: Bunny Brown has provisionally booked the Stechford Club for this Dinner. The venue can host 60 to dine and the likely cost will be £17.50. Booking proforma below.

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

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

14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th February 09 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

15. Journal Publication Deadline: For April Issue. Closing date will be **MONDAY 16TH MARCH.**

W Steve Brown
Secretary

Diary of Events

- 4th February 09 – Branch Meeting
- 4th March 09 - Branch Meeting
- 1st April 09 - Branch Meeting



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**AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
St Georges Dinner
At the Stechford Club
25th April 09**

REPLY PROFORMA

FROM: - (Please PRINT name & address)

Number of tickets required _____ at £17.50 per head.

Please find enclosed a cheque, made payable to AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION Birmingham Branch
For the sum of £ _____

Please send a list of your guest's names for the seating plan. Please indicate if vegetarian option is required.

Please return to, Mrs Elsie Barratt, 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM B26 2PP.
Telephone, 0121 628 7578.

Please Reply A.S.A.P.

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