



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion**

**04<sup>th</sup> March 09**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Kevin Lambeth, Eddie Fenwick, John Phillips, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, George Barrett, Pete Clarke, Mike Cole, Roy Hicks, Rip Kirby, George Hopkins, John Browning, Mike Holdsworth, Ray Sands, Alan Parkes, Brian Fosbury, Gordon Page, Chris Green, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Brian Care, Dave Clarke, Dave Bowron, Barrie Aitken, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, Peter Pederson, Alan Oakley, Alf Manders, Tony Higgins, Terry Howard, 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, Rip Kirby. Seconded, John Phillips. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** Tom Carpenter and Bob Jones attended the meeting and both said they were improving.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Plough Inn, Shustoke. 10:00 for 10:30
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George and Elsie Barratt have sent a further 14 parcels but have now run out of funds. A total of £614.50 has been donated by raffles, members, friends and families. The Chairman gave thanks to both Brian and Pat Care and George and Elsie Barrett for all their hard work in sending these worthwhile parcels. The parcels will continue to be sent when further funds become available.
10. **D-Day visit 2009:** Mike Holdsworth is to keep members attending up to date.
11. **Clay Pigeon Shoot:** The Packington Shoot is to be looked at as a possible venue for this event. Mike Holdsworth will keep the branch informed with a possible date of late June or early July.
12. **St Georges Dinner:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 09, Stechford Club. Correction on cost, which is £18.00 per person not £17.50. Booking proforma below.
13. **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 could you please pass on any detail that you may have. Thank you
14. **Para Course:** Kev Lambeth reported that there is a Para course being run in May in Slovakia with jumpmasters from several countries' available. The likely cost is to be £600.00 inclusive. Insurance will be down to the individual.
15. **Any Other Business:**

**The Next meeting** will be the Branch AGM and also an ordinary branch meeting. A good turnout is required. A buffet will be arranged for this night and wives and girlfriends are most welcome to attend. Any nominations for Committee Members will need to be sent to the Secretary prior to this meeting. Subs will also be due at this meeting. The branch shop will also be open so please bring you wallets.

**Command Engineer Reunion:** this reunion will be held from 12 – 14 June at the Royal Marine Barracks, Chivenor, Devon. Anyone who is interested please contact the secretary.

**George Barrett:** George raised the topic of the Airborne Forces Days at Portsmouth on 5/6 July 09. George is to cost the travel and accommodation and present these to the branch. John Browning added that the Birmingham PRA is also costing this and that the cost of a 49-seater coach will cost in the region of £500.00. More to follow.

**16. 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

**17. Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 09** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

**18. Journal Publication Deadline:** For April Issue. Closing date will be **MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

**W Steve Brown**  
*Secretary*

#### **Diary of Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup> April 09 – AGM and Branch Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> April 09 – St Georges Dinner
- 6<sup>th</sup> May 09 – Branch Meeting
- 3 June 09 - Branch Meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 09 - Branch Meeting



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**BIRMINGHAM BRANCH**

**St Georges Dinner**

**At the Stechford Club**

**7 Victoria Road, Stechford.**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 09**

**REPLY PROFORMA**

FROM: - (Please PRINT name & address)

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Number of tickets required \_\_\_\_\_ at £18.00 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.***

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Please Reply A.S.A.P.