



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

3rd September 2014

Members Present: K Lambeth, B Brown, Dave Bowron, J Phillips, A Parkes, R Hicks, T Smith, R Howles, B Care, E Fenwick, G Barratt, G Page, D Yeo, K Woolnough, B & H Potter, N Collins, P & D Clarke, S Brown, R Howles, B Dorrell, J Hurley and of course the Ladies.

Apologies from: Chris Chambers, T Bark, N Collins, Maj Hooper, A Brough, Ron Mason and John Mason, M Holdsworth, T Higgins, B Fosbury, D Flynn, A Manders.

Minutes: Were read and approved. DB & EF.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting, he then continued with the Loyal toast, Airborne Prayer, the and absent friends.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accounts still healthy.

Welfare: Nev Collins attended the meeting. Cath and Sally, as before.

Arnhem Bench: The Chairman will meet the Mayor of Renkum Council on the day. The Plaque has been posted to Renkum Council; the site for the Memorial Bench was decided as the one by the front of the cemetery at Oosterbeek. The Unveiling of the "Bench" will be on Thursday the 18 September at 1600 hrs by the Burgomaster of Renkum, a wreath will also be laid and a bouquet presented to The Chairman's contact in Holland. It was proposed that a long weekend trip be arranged for next year so other members will be able to see the "Bench", Transport to be decided according to numbers attending. It was proposed and seconded that some of the Branch fund be used to subsidise this event, Carried. Discussion took place reference surplus money from donations; this will be continued once all expenditure has been taken into account.

A.O.B

M Holdsworth is organizing a table of 10 for the PRA Dinner on the 11 October. Costs £40 bed & breakfast per room, £30.00 per head dinner so a couple will pay £100.

John Phillips gave details of the forthcoming Freedom of Harrow event by 131 in London on the 19 – 21 September 2014. All interested contact M Holdsworth or J Phillips.

Wreath Laying will take place at 1st Para Sqn Memorial at Donington Lincs and at The Trent Chase Tragedy Memorial at Cromwell Lock Nr Newark on Sunday 28th September; Next year will be the 40 anniversary of the tragic accident.

The Meeting Closed at 2115

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st October @ 20 00hrs Chelmslywood British Legion.

Diary of Events

Next Meeting:	Wednesday 1st October at the CWRBL.
Memorial Bench	Thursday 18 September, Oosterbeek, Arnhem.
Wreath Laying	Sunday 28 September, Donington, Links.
Wreath Laying	Sunday 28 September, Cromwell Lock
AEA AGM.	3-5 October Cedar Hotel, Harrogate.
PRA Dinner:	11 October 2014.
Branch Dinner Dance	6th December 2014

Gentlemen subs are now **DUE**. If you still wish to receive the branch minutes please pay your subs to Elsie Barrett (0121 628 7578) - 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 2PP, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

Name. _____

Telephone _____

Cheque / Cash £6.00 enclosed _____

Date _____

Proforma

**Airborne Engineers Association
BIRMINGHAM Branch
Annual Dinner Dance
Holiday Inn Hotel, Elmdon
6th December 2014**

From (please enter Name and Address)

Number of tickets required _____ at £27.50 per head. Total paid _____

Please find enclosed a cheque for _____. Please make cheques payable to AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

Please enclose names of guests for seating plan and any request for vegetarian meals.

Please return to Mrs Elsie Barrett, 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM B26 2PP
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Reply A.S.A.P. to avoid disappointment.