



THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

2nd July 08

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Barrett, Alf Manders, Pete Clarke, Dave Clarke, Kevin Lambeth, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, Brian Care, George Hopkins, John Phillips, Mike Holdsworth, Gordon Page, Danny Flynn, Barrie Aitken, Alan Parks, Mike Cole, Roy Hicks, Larry Perry, Ray Sands and of course the Ladies. A warm welcome also went to Pete Thornett and a new member Peter Pederson, welcome.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Alan Oakley, Rip Kirby, John Browning, Jim Hurley, Mac Nash, Harry Potter and Bob Potter.
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, Larry Perry. Seconded, Brian Care. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** It is with sad regret that we report that our member, Fred Boyle, has recently passed away. Our condolences are sent to Fred's family and friends. Roy Hicks reported that the funeral went very well with a good turnout from friends, relatives and AEA members. Fred requested that no flowers be sent and that any donations are to be sent to the Airborne Forces Fund and a local Barnstable Children's Hospice. Rip Kirby has recently received a new knee and is now on the mend, best wishes Rip.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie
8. **Ramblers Club:** Next meeting 13th July 08 10.30 at the Bull, Barston.
9. **Golden Brick Charity BBQ:** Confirmed as the 5th July 2008 at Sue and Mike Holdsworths house. Timings have changed and Sue and Mike asked that guests arrive at 1500 Hrs, as the food will start to be served at 1700 Hrs. There will be various activities for those wishing to take part. Food will be a pig roast and also a curry being served on the evening. Guests are also attending from other branches. Any guests wishing to sleep over night will need to provide their own sleeping bags etc. as the B&B will be used for the travelling guests. Cost £5.00 per head with any surplus going to charity; please bring your own beer/refreshments.
10. **Shoe Box Parcels:** The branch has received 2 letters of thanks, through Brian Care, from W01 (RSM) Iain Murison of 23 Engineer Regiment thanking the branch for the generous amount of Shoe Box Parcels that have been sent to the Regiment and that the little luxuries are most appreciated. Brian and Pat have now sent a total of 87 parcels so far and George and Elsie Barrett have sent a total of 48 Parcels to date. Well done and a good effort from both couples. George and Elsie Barrett will continue to send parcels from 9th June 08. A donation of £20 has been received from the staff at Bob Jones residence and Tom Carpenter, thank you. The troops are asking for people to send DVDs, books and magazines. Anyone wishing to send parcels directly the address is,

**W01 (RSM) Glen Walton
23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault)
TFH H. Q.
LKG
BFPO 715**

Those wishing to send to the 2nd Parachute Regiment, the address is,

**25121208 L/Cpl Reynolds
5 Platoon, B Company
2nd Parachute Regiment
Op. Herrick
BFPO 792**

11. AEA AGM and Reunion: 17th-19th October 2008 The Royal Court Hotel, Coventry. Booking forms are now available from Bunny Brown and the forms have also been included in the AEA Journal.

12. Greyhound Racing Evening: 25th July 08 at 1900 hrs Mike and Sue Cole have organised an evening at Hall Green Dog track. Cost £10 per head which includes 2 drinks from the bar, meal, 1 free bet, race card and free return admission for 4 people.

13. Any Other Business: –

131 Indep. Cdo Sqn RE (V): It is with regret that this event has been cancelled due to lack of support.

Gordon Page. Has been contacted by Alex Cook who is trying to contact Bob Varley who served in 9 Sqn and SAS. Anyone who can assist with this please contact me. Thank you.

Dave Clarke. Dave spoke to announce that he and his wife, Wendy, will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this month and said that they will be hosting a celebration at the Stechford Club on the 26th July 08. All are welcome. Congratulations to Dave and Wendy.

George Barrett. Reported that Col. Chris Davis has sent his subs for this year and sends his regards to all members at the branch.

Roger Howells. Roger has paid Alan Brough`s and Mac Nash subscriptions for this year and would like the money back!!

14. Branch Shop: The stock from the shop will be taken to the Golden Brick Garden Party and it is hoped that all stock will be sold.

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

15. Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th August 08 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

W Steve Brown
Secretary



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Diary of Events

- 5th July 08 – Golden Brick Garden Party. 1200 hrs
- 6th August 08 – Branch Meeting
- 3rd September 08 – Branch Meeting
- 7th September 08 – Double Hills, Somerset.
- 18 – 20th September 08 – Music on Fire RMA, Sandhurst
- 1st October 08 – Branch Meeting
- 7th – 19th October 2008 – AEA AGM & Reunion
- 5th November 08 – Branch Meeting
- 21st November 08 – Presentation of John Rock Bust, Woodbridge.
- 3rd December 08 - Branch Meeting

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 £5.00 enclosed _____

Date _____