

MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

5th March 08

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, George Barrett Brian Care, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, John Phillips, Tony Higgins, Kevin Lambeth, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, Barrie Aitken, Brian Fosbury, Gordon Page, Jimmy Hurley, Mac Nash, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, Mike Cole, Larry Perry, Roy Hicks, John Browning, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Steve Brown, Tom Smith, Bob Jones, Mike Holdsworth, Alan Brough, Alan Oakley and Terry Howard.
4. The Chair thanked all for coming and apologised for a late start due to the Secretary not being able to attend and waiting for Dave Clarke who kindly took the minutes.
5. **Minutes.** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true.
Proposed by, Larry Perry Seconded, Bob Potter. Carried
6. **Welfare** – Nothing new to report
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie
8. **St Valentines Buffet Dance 2008** – Brian Care gave a run down of the event, 55 people attended and a profit of £42.00 was made on the raffle. The Committee thanked Brian for his good work.
9. **St Georges Dinner 2008.** - Which was due to be held at the B.U.S.C. has now, unfortunately, been cancelled due to lack of support. Brian Care stated that the return was poor and there was no point in continuing with the event. Brian also stated that he would not be organising any future events, it would be down to the entertainments section.
10. **Tregana Dinner** – 23rd February 08. 20 guests attended the event; all who attended had a good time.
11. **Ramblers Club** – Due to lack of attendance the walk will be the same time and place as previously stated.
12. **Clay Shoot** – **Date** confirmed and will be on the 21st June 08. Due to problems last year all food and refreshments will be down to individuals to provide. Due to Mike Holdsworth not attending the meeting this item is carried forward.
13. **Fusiliers Shoot** – As stated in the last minutes only three teams are allowed this year, two teams were raised and paid their entry fee.
14. **Ripon** – Booking forms are now available from Bunny Brown. The dinner is to be held on the 26th April 08 at a cost of £25.00 per head plus £10.00 for the accommodation and breakfast. One dormitory to sleep 16 has been reserved and this will be of mixed accommodation. Bed and Breakfast accommodation is available locally at own cost and reservation. Bookings are to be made by 1st March 08 with cheques made payable to Yorkshire Branch AEA

15. Golden Brick Charity BBQ – Mike and Sue Holdsworth are to host this event once again, and will be on the 5th July 08. The event will take the form of a garden party, more details to follow.

16. Any Other Business. –

Brian Care - Stated that the money from the raffle held at meetings usually paid for the bunting and flags at the St Georges Dinner, this money would now be used for the Shoe Box Fund. £27.00 was collected on the night.

It was pointed out by George Barrett that the Chairman had missed the Loyal Toast and Absent Friends at the start of the meeting; the Chair apologised for this break in procedure and said that for this meeting it will be held at the end.

The Chair brought to the attention of the meeting that 299 Association is holding a function at the Anlaby Hotel near Hull on the 19th April.

The AEA Sports Club will be holding a 100 Mile charity run on the weekend 29-31 August 08 at Gibraltar Barracks, it is hoped that volunteers will run (or walk) a distance nominated by themselves for this charity event, the weekend should be well attended by all ages. Accommodation will be in Hackett Block, Gib Barracks with food in the main dining hall and refreshments on the evening in the Sergeants Mess. Volunteer's names to Bunny.

The Next Meeting is the branch AGM. Anyone wishing to take a position on the committee must notify the Secretary before the meeting.

Shoe Box parcels will continue when 23 Eng. Regt. are in Afghanistan.

16. Branch Shop – The branch shop was opened for 30 minutes after the meeting, anyone wishing to purchase shop items in the future must order from George Barrett. 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

17. Next Meeting. – AGM Wednesday 2ND April 08 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

18. Deadline for entries for the AEA Journal is 14th March 08

The meeting closed with the Loyal Toast and a toast to Absent Friends. The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs

W Steve Brown
Secretary