



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH  
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING**

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 08**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Barrett, Pete Clarke, Dave Bowron, Alan Oakley, Kevin Lambeth, Mike Holdsworth, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, Barrie Aitken, Rip Kirby, Alan Parks Mike Cole, Roy Hicks, Larry Perry and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Dave Clarke, Brian Care, George Hopkins, John Phillips, John Browning, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, and Alf Manders,
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, Alan Oakley. Seconded, Larry Perry. Carried
6. **Welfare** – Roy Hicks reported that Fred Boyle is not in good health at present, the branch sends its best wishes to Fred
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie
8. **Ramblers Club** – Next meeting 10.30 at the Tame Otter pub 8<sup>th</sup> June 08
9. **Clay Shoot** – Unfortunately this event has now been cancelled due to financial treasons. Other venues for next year are to be looked at.
9. **RRF Shoot** – 18<sup>th</sup> May 08. 2 Teams entered but one member did not attend so Maureen Aitken volunteered to take this place with Maureen achieving a creditable score of 17 out of 25. Team B led by Bunny Brown just missed out winning the competition by one point with Bunny achieving two maximum scores of 25.
11. **Golden Brick Charity BBQ** – Confirmed as the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Those wishing to attend could you please contact Steve Brown with names and numbers so that an accurate attendance can be compiled through one contact, last chance so get your names in A.S.A.P. Cost £5.00 per head with any surplus going to charity, please bring your own beer/refreshments.
12. **Shoe Box Parcels** –The branch has received a letter 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. Brian and Pat have sent another 23 parcels since the last meeting, these have been posted to 3 Troop 9 Para Squadron. George and Elsie Barrett will continue to send parcels from 9<sup>th</sup> June 08. Anyone wishing to send parcels directly the address is,

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

**Those wishing to send to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Regiment, the address is,**

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

**13. Any Other Business. –**

**AEA AGM and Reunion 17th – 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Alan Oakley.** Reported that the RRFs day trip to York was an excellent day out but a shame that more members could not attend.

**131 Indep. Cdo Sqn RE (V)** are holding their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the T. A. Centre, Barrows Lane, Birmingham on the 2/3 August 08 commencing at 12.00 hrs. Cost will be £30 per head which includes accommodation Saturday lunch, evening meal, Sunday breakfast and the commemorative pack of T-shirt, tankard etc. etc. Anyone wishing to attend must get their names and cheques in soon as possible, cheques made payable to 131 Indep Cdo Sqn RE (V). and sent to Major E Robinson MBE RE (V), C/O admin Assistant 301 troop, 131 Indep Cdo Sqn RE (V), T.A. Centre, Barrows Lane, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM, B26 3BE telephone 0121 743 2416. If you are interested please reply NOW as the cut of date was 6<sup>th</sup> June 08.

**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. Deadline for articles for August edition of the AEA Journal is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 08**

**16. Next Meeting. – Wednesday 2nd July 08** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

**W Steve Brown**  
*Secretary*



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### Diary of Events

- 21<sup>st</sup> June 08 - Clay Shoot 1200 hrs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 08 – Branch Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> July 08 – Golden Brick Garden Party. 1200 hrs
- 6<sup>th</sup> August 08 – Branch Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 08 – Branch Meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> October 08 – Branch Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 – AEA AGM & Reunion
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 08 – Branch Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 08 - Branch Meeting

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_