



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
1st December 10**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:**, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Kev Lambeth, John Browning, John Phillips, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Brian Care, Eddie Fenwick, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, Alan Parkes, Mike Holdsworth and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Neville Collins, Roy Hicks, Bob & Harry Potter, Terry Howard, Alan Brough, Jim Hurley, Mac Nash, 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, Eddie Fenwick. Seconded. Brian Care. Carried. Minutes from other branches were made available.
6. **Welfare:** Bob Jones is currently at home and is being cared for, George Barrett reported that he looked very fragile and had lost weight and mystery surrounds where some of his personal belongings have gone.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 12th December 10, car park White.Lion, Hampton in Arden, 10:00hrs for 10:30 move.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care have sent a further 30 parcels to the 23 Para Engineer Regiment and have received 2 letters of thanks from 3tp 9 Sqn wishing a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the branch. George and Elsie Barrett have 5 parcels to send and have received 4 letters of thanks. **Note** if anyone intends to send parcels they are asked to place senders name on parcel to avoid it being treated as unsolicited mail.
10. **Branch Annual Dinner 4th December:** Holiday Inn, Elmdon. 19:00 for 20:00hrs £27.50 per head. Rooms £49.50. Return Proforma **below**. Menu for the dinner is roulade of salmon and prawn with spiced marie rose sauce, roast seasonal turkey with festive trimmings, traditional xmas pudding with brandy sauce, coffee and chocolates, cheese and biscuits. Roger stated that the cost has been held and that wine will be on the tables. Accommodation will be £49.50 per room. Dinner will be in the same room as last year. Please return proformas ASAP. **Anyone attending the dinner could you please bring items for the raffle.** Latest numbers in the region of 61 but maybe more on the night.
11. **Clay Pigeon Shoot 2011.** A provisional date of 2nd July 2011 has been pencilled in.
12. **Any Other Business:**
 - a. The next meeting 5th January 11 will be the Chairman's, Bunny Brown, Birthday and he will be providing a buffet for those attending. Bunny is also hosting a joint Birthday party with Mick Holdsworth on the 12th February 11 and invites all the branch to attend.
 - b. Brian Care has been in contact with Graig Gadd and reports that is progressing very well and is waiting for his next period of rehabilitation. Best wishes from the branch.

- c. George Barrett presented an e-mail from Major John Clark, OC 9 Sqn and the Chairman read this to the branch. The main points are that they are improving lines of communication and also constructing new roads at one point almost the whole of the Squadron were involved with this construction. The Squadron have also been involved in a full range of sapper tasks.
- d. Roger Howells had been passed a charity cheque from Phillip Wooland for the branch to send to Help for Heroes. This was given to Elsie Barrett to send off.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th January 11 (Bunny Browns Birthday) at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.

Diary of Events

- 5th January 11 – Branch Meeting
- 2nd February 11 – Branch Meeting
- 2nd March 11 – Branch Meeting
- 6th April 11 – Branch Meeting

Finally, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all Branch members and your Families.