



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 09**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Kevin Lambeth, John Phillips, Harry Potter, George Barrett, Pete Clarke, Dave Bowron, Mike Cole, Gordon Page Roy Hicks, Rip Kirby, George Hopkins, Peter Pederson, Mike Holdsworth, Ray Sands, Alan Parkes, Barrie Aitken and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Dave Clarke, Brian Care, Brian Fosbury, Bob Potter, Eddie Fenwick, Alan Oakley, Alf Manders, Tony Higgins, John Browning, Danny Flynn, Jim Hurley, 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, Mike Cole. Seconded, Barrie Aitken. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** Mac Nash is currently in The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham undergoing a lengthy procedure and is likely to be in for approximately 8 weeks. Many members have paid Mac a visit and the branch wishes him a speedy recovery.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 10:30 at the Dog and Doublet, Bodymoor Heath.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George and Elsie Barrett recently collected £70.00 from friends and family and this allowed them to send another 10 parcels to 38 Engineer Regiment. The raffle was run and with a donation from Dave Bowron of £10 this will be used to send more parcels.
10. **D-Day visit 2009:** Mike Holdsworth will leave for France on the 4<sup>th</sup> June and is meeting up with John Duggan and Bill Rudd at Ranville to commemorate the landings. 3 Para are to parachute in on the day and they will also be dropping the ashes of Smokey Gibson over the DZ.
11. **Clay Pigeon Shoot:** Mike Holdsworth reported that Alan Brough has offered the use of his small holding to be used for this event and is also donating the clays. All money raised will go to a suitable charity. A date of the 18<sup>th</sup> July was put forward. Refreshments and the BBQ are to organised by the branch.
12. **RRF Shoot:** Brian informed the branch that the annual shooting competition against the RRF Association will be on 7<sup>th</sup> June 09 at Swynnerton. Cost £5.00 per shooter. The branch is entering 1 team of 4.
13. **Dogs Night:** Mike and Sue Cole have organised an evening at Hall Green dogs for the 12<sup>th</sup> June cost £10.00 per head which includes a meal, drinks and race card etc.
14. **Any Other Business:**

**Steve Brown:** Steve reported that since the last meeting Capt Paddy Denning had asked the branch for assistance with a funeral of a Sapper Meadows of Leicester who had served with 6 Airborne from 1945 – 1948. A plea went out and a small band of brothers volunteered to attend the funeral and represent the AEA on the day. President Tom Carpenter, Chairman Bunny Brown and Standard-bearer Kevin Lambeth attended on behalf of the Birmingham Branch and Mrs Meadows, the widow, was extremely pleased that the effort had been made at short notice. Thank you to all concerned.

**Steve Brown:** Informed the branch of an enquiry from Michael West of joining the branch in Birmingham. Details were sent and Michael will try to attend the July Meeting.

**Dave Bowron:** Dave passed on his thanks to Mike Holdsworth, Bunny Brown and Paul Sims for the generous help that they gave him recently.

**George Barrett:** George proposed that a visit to Duxford in the near future should be arranged. Enquiries are to be made and George will report back to the branch.

**15. Branch Shop: Your support is needed to sell the remaining stock. 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

**16. Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 09** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

**17. Deadline** for items for the **AUGUST** Journal is **MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** July 09.

**W. Steve Brown**  
*Secretary*



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### Diary of Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> July 09 - Branch Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> August 09 – Branch Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 09 - Branch Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 09 - Branch Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> November 09 - Branch Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 09 - 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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Cheque / Cash £5.00 enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_