



**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> August 11**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:**, Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Roy Hicks, Rip Kirby, Alan Parks, Mike Holdsworth, Eddie Fenwick, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Tony Higgins, Kevin Lambeth, Pete Clarke, John Phillips, Ian Hendry, Barrie Aitken, Bob Potter, Harry Potter, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Neville Collins, Brian Care, Dave Bowron, Terry Howard, Dave Clarke, Mac Nash, Jim Hurley, Alan Brough, 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, Bob Dorrell. Seconded by, John Phillips. Carried. Minutes from other branches were made available.
6. **Welfare:** George Barrett reported that there was no further news on Bob Jones. It is with regret to report the passing of Eric Booth.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Meeting at the Bell Inn, Coleshill. 10:00hrs for 10:30hrs move.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care did not attend this meeting but John Phillips ran the raffle for the shoe box fund. George and Elsie Barrett are to resume sending parcels shortly. **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. **Clay Pigeon Shoot 2011.** 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 12:00 start. Please bring your own food, Alan Brough has kindly loaned his land and equipment for this event. Anyone wishing to attend will need to contact Bunny Brown so that names and numbers can be entered into the attendance book.
11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Sue and Mike hosted a garden party on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 11. Mike reported that he and Sue were overwhelmed with the response and contributions at this event. This was an excellent afternoon thanks to the very hard work put in by Sue and Mike, thank you very much. Special thanks go to Bunny Brown who collected the beer, Les & Debbie Chester who worked their socks off supplying and cooking the food, Dave Clarke who also cooked and supplied food, Maureen Aitken who supplied the bread and rolls and also did a very good job in relieving people of their money and securing it, Brian Care who ran a successful raffle, Dave Bowron and Tommy Smith who ran the bar, Ann Smith who pampered the ladies, George Barrett who ran the branch shop, Elsie Barrett who organised the flowers and to all of those who gave generously to the auctions and events on the day. A total of £800 was raised on the day and this will be divided between Troop Aid, £600 and Shoe Box parcels, £200. Mike once again thanked everyone who attended and who all deserved a pat on the back. Mike also stated that the archer who gave his time was to be His guest at the Christmas Dinner.
12. **Veterans Badges.** Application Forms are now available through the branch.
13. **Hotel Rooms at the Royal Court Hotel.** Enquiries are still in process.

- 14. Remembrance Parade.** Bunny Brown reported that tickets will be made available to the branch for this parade at the Cenotaph. 8 Tickets will be requested. Names were put forward for these.
- 15. Roger Howells.** Roger reported that he and Bunny Brown are having discussions with the venue about the annual Christmas Dinner to be held on the first Saturday in December at the Holiday Inn, Elmdon. It was hoped to keep the same price as last year. Rooms will be £50 per room.
- 16. Afghanistan Album.** Mike Holdsworth reported that this had now been purchased.
- 17. Any Other Business:**
- a. **Rip Kirby.** Rip reported that he had been in contact with Dusty Miller who sends his regards to the branch dusty has also manage to survive the recent earthquake in Christchurch.
  - b. **Steve Brown.** The discount cards that members have requested have been sent to 299 Assoc. and it is hoped that they will soon be sent to him.
  - c. **Bunny Brown.** Bunny stated that members wishing to attend the AEA AGM should get their names in by the end of August.
- 18. Please Note. Closing date for** Items to be included in the **DECEMBER** issue of the Journal is **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011.**
- 19. Next Meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 11** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

**W. Steve Brown**  
Secretary.

#### Diary of Events

- 7<sup>th</sup> September 11 – Branch Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> October 11 – 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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From George Hopkins:-

**What Kind of Member**

Are you an Active member?  
The Type who would be missed.  
Or are you just content to be  
A name upon a list.

Do you come to all the meetings?  
And mingle with the crowd,  
Or would you rather stay away  
And complain long and loud.

Do you give a little time to us?  
And help to make things tick  
Or leave the work to others,  
Then moan about the clique.

There's quite a programme scheduled  
That means success if done,  
And it can be accomplished  
With help from everyone.

So join in events  
And help with hand and heart  
Don't just be a member  
Take an active part.

Think it over member,  
Are you right or wrong,  
Are you an active member?  
Or do you just belong?

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