



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

5th November 2014

Members Present: K Lambeth, B Brown, Dave Bowron, J Phillips, A Parks, T Smith, R Howles, B Care, E Fenwick, G Barratt, D Yeo, K Woolnough, N Collins, P & D Clarke, S Brown, J Hurley, D Flynn, T Higgins, Rip Kirby, J Browning, E McNulty, B Dorrell and of course the Ladies.

Apologies from: Chris Chambers, T Bark, Maj Hooper, A Brough, Ron Mason and John Mason, M Holdsworth, B Fosbury, A Manders, E Fenwick, P Owen.

Minutes: Proposed as a true record of the last meeting by D Clarke seconded by D Bowron.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting, he then continued with the Loyal toast, Airborne Prayer and absent friends.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accounts still healthy.

Welfare: John Browning's wife is recovering from her injuries. Roy Hicks had a fall leaving the Legion after last months meeting and broke a rib, thanks to Ken Woulough and Derek Yeo for their first aid and assistance. John Holmes family thanked all for attending John's funeral, and stated that some of them will attend our Christmas Dinner.

Arnhem Bench: Refunds will be made to Aldershot Branch and PRA.

Branch Christmas Dinner Dance: Entertainment has been booked. A Proforma is attached. Bookings are extremely slow this year. The secretary stated that unless we get at least 65 attending, the event may have to be cancelled, or Branch funds will have to be used to make up any shortfall. If you haven't booked and still wish to come call Elsie on the telephone number in the heading or at the end of the booking form.

AEA AGM RE-UNION: B Care was the only Branch member to attend, he reported that it was an excellent hotel and weekend; he also stated that Scottish Branch were disappointed with the Cromwell Lock Memorial Event. 9 Para Sqn are now serving in the Falkland Isles and are replacing Plaques etc.

PRA Dinner: A number of the Branch attended the event, hotel, food, wine and company all good.

A.O.B

The Secretary read out the total collected at the AGM raffle, and it's distribution to the Charities nominated. £413.00 collected. Donations: £213.00 to H4H. £100 to BLESMA. £100.00 to Combat Stress. A Thank you letter has been received by D Rutter.

The Birmingham Branch will run the AEA AGM and RE-Union next year. It will be held at the Royal Court Hotel. Keresley Coventry. Dates are Friday 16 October until Monday 19 October. Prices are: 3 Nights Dinner Bed and breakfast, Inc entertainment: £135.00 2 Nights = £120.00. One night Inc Gala Dinner and breakfast £65.00.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd December @ 20 00hrs Chelmsleywood British Legion.

Diary of Events

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd December at the CWRBL.
Branch Dinner Dance 6th December 2014.

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 £6.00 enclosed _____

Date _____

Proforma

**Airborne Engineers Association
BIRMINGHAM Branch
Annual Dinner Dance
Holiday Inn Hotel, Elmdon
6th December 2014**

From (please enter Name and Address)

Number of tickets required _____ at £27.50 per head. Total paid _____

Please find enclosed a cheque for _____. Please make cheques payable to AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

Please enclose names of guests for seating plan and any request for vegetarian meals.

Please return to Mrs Elsie Barrett, 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM B26 2PP
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Reply A.S.A.P. to avoid disappointment.