



THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
2nd June 10

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, John Phillips, Pete Clarke, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, George Barrett, Mike Holdsworth, Alan Parkes, Bob Potter, Harry Potter, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Brian Care, Eddie Fenwick, Alf Manders, Dave Bowron, Kev Lambeth, George Hopkins, John Browning, Neville Collins, Terry Howard, Mac Nash, Tony Higgins, Dot Parkes, Dave Clarke, 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, Pete Clarke. Seconded. Bob Potter. Carried.
6. **Welfare:** Harry Mennie is hail and hearty and back to his usual self. Bob Jones is, unfortunately, back in hospital Tom Carpenter to keep the branch updated. Eddie Fenwick is still waiting for his operation and has also now been diagnosed with diabetes. The branch sends its best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to all.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie. The Chairman stated that some donations would have to be put off at present while funds are replenished.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting will be on the 6th June 10, meeting at the White Lion, Hampton in Arden. 10:00 for 10:30 Hrs start.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George and Elsie Barrett have received a thank you letter from Billy Craig QM(T) 21 Eng Regt. Brian and Pat Care has also received a thank you letter from L/Cpl Max Woods 3 Sqn 21 Eng Regt. The Chairman read out both letters. Keep up the good work.
10. **SA-80 Shoot 23rd May 10.** An excellent day, although the team had to hand over the cup to the Fusiliers for this year, Bunny Brown retained the individual trophy.
11. **70th Anniversary of Airborne Forces.** George Barrett informed the branch of events taking place at Merville Barracks, Colchester. This will take place on the 24th July 10 and admission will be by TICKET ONLY. There will be various attractions such as Parachuting, ABF Parade, PRA March Past, music and bar facilities. There will be NO accommodation at the Barracks so individuals will need to make their own arrangements. George will inform the branch of any further information.
12. **Dogs Night. 14th May 10.** Another excellent evening although some members went home with slightly thinner wallets. Thanks to Mike and Sue Cole for organising this event. Must do it again.
13. **Ward S4 Donation.** The cheque has finally been handed over for the hospital cause, although there was a little confusion about presenting it with Bunny Brown and Brian Care attending different locations, but the cheque will however now be used for this cause.

14. Arboretum Visit. George Barrett: This item is carried forward to the next meeting.

15. Branch on Facebook. This item is carried forward to next meeting.

16. Any Other Business:

Steve Brown. Steve has received an e-mail from Paddy Denning, ex 9sqn, 59 Sqn and 131 Sqn to appeal for sponsorship for The Kilimanjaro Challenge in September 2010. Paddy is asking the branch for sponsorship to carry out this challenge where all proceeds will go to Help for Heroes charity. Anyone wishing to contribute can do it online at www.justgiving.com/william-denning or by sponsorship form, contact Steve Brown. The branch has donated £50.00. Mike Holdsworth and Steve Brown also pledged £20 each to this cause other members said they would make personal donation.

Steve Brown. Has received e-mails from Wally Gee and Neville Collins and wish to pass on their regards to the branch. Elsie, does Wally owe any subs?

Mike Holdsworth. Mike and Sue will be hosting the Golden Brick and Gastronomic Gala on the 3rd July 10 with meals from around the world such as Italian, Indian, English, and Spanish etc. Cost £8.00 per head of which a portion will go to a chosen Charity. Other attractions will be available. Timings, from 15:00hrs, meals being served at around 17:00hrs, invited guests only. Guests are welcome to bring tents to pitch.

George Barrett. George reported that Jack Hobbs was over the moon with the birthday card sent to him from the branch, it made his day. Best wishes.

George Barrett. George stated that Fund raising for the branch is required and donations in the future should go to volunteer charities where all donations go to the cause.

12. Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th July 10 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs.

13. Deadline for the August 2010 edition of the **AEA JOURNAL** is 12th July 10. Please don't leave it until the last moment if you want anything included.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.



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Diary of Events

- 26th June 10 – Armed Forces Day
- 7th July 10 – Branch Meeting
- 17TH July 10 – Arboretum Visit?
- 4th August 10 – Branch Meeting
- 29th August 10 – Federation Day
- 1st September 10 – Branch Meeting
- 26th September 10 – Cromwell Lock Remembrance.
- 1st – 3rd October 10 – AEA AGM and Reunion Dinner.

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 _____