



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

3rd February 10

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Brian Care, John Phillips, Pete Clarke, Roger Howells, Tommy Smith, Dave Bowron, John Browning, George Barrett, George Hopkins, Peter Pedersen, Tony Higgins and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Roy Hicks, Gordon Page, Eddie Fenwick, Alf Manders, Mike Holdsworth, Dave Clarke, Brian Fosbury, John Duckenfield, Kev Lambeth, 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 Dave Bowron, Seconded, John Phillips. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** Tom Carpenter reported that Bob Jones has now been discharged from Hospital and is now recovering and receiving attention at home. Roy Hicks has recently been laid up with a bad dose of flu and his wife Sally continues to improve after her illness. Chris Green has recently been affected by shingles and his wife Wendy has been back in hospital with a second heart attack. 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.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting will be at The Plough, Shustoke. 14th February 10, 10:00 for 10:30 Hrs start. Future dates will be posted on the Diary of Events page.
9. **Branch Christmas Dinner 5th December 09.** Correction from previous minutes. It was reported that "Roger Howells commented that he thought that the Raffle on the night was chaotic and confusing." This was however said by Bob Dorrell. Apologies to Roger for this mistake. The presentation of the cheque for £1000.00 to the S4 ward, Selly Oak Hospital will take place shortly, where a small party from the branch will attend.
10. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care have sent a further 7 parcels. George & Elsie Barrett have sent a further 20 parcels and has received a letter of gratitude from SSM Geoff Banham of 49 Field Squadron in which he thanked everyone for there generous contributions. George also commented that the funds have been exhausted. It was voted that the branch donate £100.00 to this worthy cause. Voted and accepted.
11. **Any Other Business:**
Bunny Brown. 2 Events coming up shortly firstly, 24th April 10 299 Association Dinner in Hull. Secondly, RRF v AEA shoot on the 23rd May 10. Bunny also reported that Dave Clark has taken up the challenge to put the branch on the Facebook site.

Roger Howells. Monkspath Rotary Club. An evening at the Oak where the guest speaker will be Lt Col Phil Wilson MBE RM speaking on his "Personal Recollections of the Falklands Conflict". Date Tuesday 2nd March 10, 19:30 for 20:00 hrs. Cost £16 per head for 3 course meal.

John Phillips. John Duckenfield sends his best regards to the branch.

Tom Carpenter. Tom asked that Jack Hobbs be put back on the mailing list.

George Barrett. George said that he was disappointed at the Christmas Dinner where the waiters were not very well organised they were collecting empty plates while other guests at the table were still eating, he also said that they had to eat there cheese and biscuits on their laps because of the disruption when the presentation was being given.

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

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd March 10 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs.

14. Deadline for the April 2010 edition of the AEA JOURNAL is Friday 12th March 10. Please don't leave it until the last moment if you want anything included.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary

Diary of Events

- 3rd March 10 – Branch Meeting
- 7th April 10 – AGM / Branch Meeting
- 24th April 10 – 299 Annual Dinner
- 5th May 10 – Branch Meeting
- 23rd May 10 - SA-80 Shoot v RRFs