THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
4th July 2012

1. **Meeting opened** at 2000 hrs.

   Members Present: Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Jim Hurley. Dave Bowron, George Barrett, George Hopkins, Pete Clarke, Tony Higgins, Kev Lambeth, John Phillips, Roy Hicks, M Holdsworth, B & H Potter, J Newey, Bob Gravenor, and of course the Ladies.

2. **Apologies from:** Chris Chambers, Barrie Aitken, A Brough, Mac Nash, N Collins, D Clarke, B Care, M Williams, Ron Mason and John Mason.

3. **The Chair** Was taken by B Brown due to the Chairman being on holiday.
5. **Minutes:** Were read and approved

6. **Welfare:** There were no welfare matters arising.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** funds are still healthy

8. **Boots and Beer Club.** Will meet at the Plough at Shustoke, rather than the Dog & Doublet as stated at the meeting, Normal timings Move off 1030hr Sunday 15th July.

9. **Shoe Box Parcels.** Will be updated at the next meeting.

10. **Branch Standard**: The Secretary asked if it was possible to make a donation to the church to go towards the fund for the new roof. £50.00 was voted across.
11. **PARA REGT & AIRBORNE FORCES MEMORIAL:** 1100 hrs Friday 13 July Alrewas National Memorial Arboretum.

12. **AOB**

13. **301 Troop Function.** Takes place 28 July, Sheldon TAC. Cost £15.00: Hog roast, bucking bronco, old friends and new, good turnout needed**.**
    Christmas Dinner Dance. Saturday 1st December, R Howles made the point that NOW is the time to start selling tickets and getting "Bums on Seats". Cost to remain at £27.50.
    It was proposed and carried that a vote of thanks be given to Brian Care for organizing a great night at the Diamond Jubilee Dance.
14. **Next Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday 1st August 2012** at the **Chelmsley Wood British Legion**.

Bunny Brown
Secretary.

Diary of Events

- 15th July 2012 - Boots & Beer, Plough, Shustoke.
- 28rd July 2012 – 301 Troop Function, Sheldon.
- 13th July 2012 – Para Regt & Airborne Forces Monument NMA
- 12th August 2012 Charity Cricket day Bournville.
- 1st August 2012 – Next Meeting.

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.

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