



THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

4th November 09

- 1. Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
- 2. Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, Tommy Smith, George Hopkins, Peter Pedersen, Eddie Fenwick, Mike Holdsworth, Danny Flynn, Al Parkes, Mike Cole, Kev Lambeth, Rip Kirby and of course the Ladies.
- 3. Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Roy Hicks, George Barrett, John Phillips, Brian Care, Jim Hurley, Mike Coleman, Gordon Page, Alf Manders, Ray Sands, Ray Richards, John Browning, 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, Eddie Fenwick. Seconded, Bob Potter. **Carried.**
- 6. Welfare:** Report from Brian and Pat Care. Roy Hicks wife, Sally, is now at home after being in hospital recently. Sally did not have a stent fitted but is on medication at present but this is also causing discomfort. Sally is to have a further angiogram on the 4th November. Reg Foxall is also now back home after being in hospital. Reg has had a stent fitted but will need a special pacemaker fitted at a later date. Ray Sands has also been in hospital for six weeks with leg problems. Ray has thrombosis in one leg and gout in the other. Alf Manders wife, Gladys, has had to return early from holiday in Spain after breaking both wrists in an accident. The branch sends its best wishes to all and hope for a speedy recovery. Finally, a vacancy has become available for a Veteran over 65 in residential accommodation in Warwick, it is not a Military hospital but similar to the Chelsea Hospital. The accommodation can either be single basis or accompanied by wife, if married. Meals will be included and you will be expected to carry out a little light work such as gardening and keeping the place tidy etc. Anyone interested you can contact Colonel Bob Caruthers on 01283791315 for further information. It is with sad regret that we report Peggy James has recently passed away, the branch sends its condolences to Sue and Mike Holdsworth. Sue has sent a personal message to the branch and this is printed below. Mac Nash is recovering from an infection while in hospital and he should receive a new replacement knee before Christmas. Harry Mennie is still poorly but he is hoping to receive his operation after Christmas. Cards have been sent to all concerned.
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
- 8. Boots and Beer Club:** Meetings cancelled until next meeting.
- 9. Branch Christmas Dinner 5th December 09.** The date has been arranged and this will be on the 5th December 09 at the Holiday Inn, Elmdon. Cost will be £27.50 per head. If you require overnight accommodation it will cost £49.50 for the room, including breakfast, for 2 people. Seating will be limited to 90, as the branch will be using a different room due to building work. There have been 38 bookings to date. Menu available next meeting. Bookings have almost reached the maximum number. Proforma below.

10. Any Other Business:

Sue Holdsworth. Sue has sent a personal message of thanks,

I would like to thank all friends at the AEA who always included Mum in their personal celebrations.

They always made Her feel welcome and comfortable in their company for which I am forever grateful.

Thank you all as I know she loves you all and looked forward to the next "Party"

Towards the end she slowed down but still enjoyed the Normandy trip and appreciated the support she had when she was there, Les Chester and Harry Potter in particular, in pushing the wheelchair.

Very Special Thanks to, Les and Debbie Chester, Tom and Ann Smith, Barrie and Maureen Aitken, Dave Bowron, Dave, Wendy and Pete Clarke, Bunny and Jan Brown, Alan and Annie, Alan and Kath Parkes, Roger and Kay Howells. And to anyone I might have missed particularly those who came to Her Birthday Party.

Lastly Sue would like to thank those members of the Yorkshire Branch AEA with whom Peggy had the special pleasure of meeting in Ranville this year.

Al Parkes. Al bumped into Ian Hendry recently who passes on his best wishes.

IMPORTANT. Mike Cloonan`s Birthday Celebration is not the 7th November 09 as previously printed but on the 14th November 09. The venue remains the same but the date was incorrect.

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

12. Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd December 09 at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

13. Deadline for the **DECEMBER 2009** edition of the **AEA JOURNAL** is Friday **20th NOVEMBER.**

W. Steve Brown
Secretary

Diary of Events

- 2nd December 09 - Branch Meeting
- 5th December 09 - Branch Christmas Dinner



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Gentlemen subs are now **OVERDUE**. 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 _____

AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL ELMDON.
5th DECEMBER 2009

REPLY PROFORMA

FROM: - (Please print name & address)

Number of tickets required ----- @ £27.50.00 per head.

Please find enclosed a cheque, made payable to **AIRBORNE ENGINEER ASSOCIATION (B'HAM BRANCH)**
FOR THE SUM OF £-----

Please send a list of your guest's names for the seating plan. And any request for vegetarian meals.

Return to Mrs E Barratt. 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM. B26 2PP.
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Please REPLY ASAP.