



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion  
4<sup>th</sup> August 10

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Bunny Brown, John Phillips, Brian Care, Pete Clarke, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Kev Lambeth, George Barrett, George Hopkins, Mike Cole, Alan Parkes, Rip Kirby, Roy Hicks, Tony Higgins, Chris Green, Peter Pederson, Tom Smith and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Eddie Fenwick, Steve Brown, Dave Bowron, Ray Sands, John Browning, Neville Collins, Bob Potter, Harry Potter, Terry Howard, Terry Bark, Jim Hurley 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, Bob Dorrell .Seconded. Rip Kirby. Carried.
6. **Welfare:** Steve Brown is recovering at home after a new knee operation. Eddie Fenwick is also recovering at home after having 2 stents fitted recently. The branch sends its best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery. With sadness the branch has learned of Dorothy Rudd passing, the branch has sent cards to Bill to relay the branches sympathy. For those of you who know Pete, Wobbly, Roberts he is currently undergoing treatment for brain tumours.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thanks to Elsie. The Chairman stated that the Branch will continue to build up the Branch fund for the rest of this year, until funds are replenished, then continues with charitable donations.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting to be arranged.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat have sent 8 boxes out to RSM 21 Engineer Regiment. George and Elsie will wait until 23 Eng Regt are in theatre before continuing. Keep up the good work.
10. **Arboretum Visit.** A small group attended the arboretum. The wall with the names of those lost whilst serving since the war is one of splendour, and well worth the trip, all the names of those from 131 killed in Aden, parachuting and on the River Trent were found in place.
11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Have passed a sum of money to the Treasurer as the profit from the Golden Brick Garden Party. The Branch sends a large vote of thanks to Mike and Sue, Les and Debbie and all others who helped make the day a success.
12. **Branch on Facebook.** Dave Clarke has volunteered to place the branch on this site. Thanks Dave
13. **Any Other Business:**

Brian Care quoted a piece from the AEA Journal reference the 2011 AGM Re-union whether to go for Blackpool or Harrogate, a vote was taken and Blackpool won the day.  
Pete Pederson thanked the Branch for the message of sympathy for his son.

Rog Howles brought up the Branch Dinner at the Excelsior/ Holiday Inn. This event is booked for Saturday 4 December. Proforma to be sent out with next minutes.

Mike and Sue Holdsworth are hosting a Curry evening on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The curry will be a professional curry supplied by Mambai Blue. The evening will be held to raise funds for the branch for charitable causes etc. Cost £10 per head. Time 4pm for 6pm serving. There will also be alternative food for those who do not eat curry. Please bring your own drinks and also prizes for the raffle draw. Please let Steve Brown or Mike know if you are attending so that the food can be ordered. Family Members are also welcome to attend.

**14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 10** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs.

**15.** Please note that the **DEADLINE** for entries for the December publication of AEA Journal is **MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 10**

**W. Steve Brown**

*Secretary.*

#### Diary of Events

- 29<sup>th</sup> August 10 – Federation Day
- 1<sup>st</sup> September 10 – Branch Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> September 10 – Cromwell Lock Remembrance.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10 – AEA AGM and Reunion Dinner.

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**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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