



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH  
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**MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING**

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion  
6<sup>th</sup> April 11**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:30 hrs.
2. **Members Present:**, Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Brian Care, Roy Hicks, Tony Higgins, Terry Howard, Kev Lambeth, Eddie Fenwick, Reg Foxal, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, John Browning, John Phillips, Alan Parkes, Pete Owen, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Neville Collins, Bob & Harry Potter, Chris Chambers, Peter Pedersen, Gordon Page, Brian Fosbury, 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 Tony Higgins. Seconded. Eddie Fenwick. Carried. Minutes from other branches were made available.
6. **Welfare:** Bob Jones is now at home and being cared for, he is as well as can be expected and is content with being at home.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Meeting at the Dog and Doublet, Bodymoor Heath 10:00hrs for 10:30hrs move.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George and Elsie Barrett have suspended the sending of these parcels and have received a message from the C.O. of 24 Engineer Regiment asking not to send parcels at this present time. Brian and Pat Care have sent a further 23 parcels to Commando Brigade and have received a letter from the chief clerk of 39 Armoured Squadron thanking them for sending the parcels as where the forward troops are there is very little in way of basic needs or luxuries. The branch has received a donation for these welfare parcels. A discussion took place about future donations and the option to donate to Troop Aid seemed to be favourable. **Note** if anyone intends to send parcels they are asked to place senders name on parcel to avoid it being treated as unsolicited mail.
10. **Clay Pigeon Shoot 2011.** A provisional date of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011 has been pencilled in. Alan Brough to be informed.
11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Sue and Mike will be hosting a garden party on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 11. There will be a lamb roast with draught lager and bitter served. This is likely to be the last one that Sue and Mike are to host as they are planning to move.
12. **Any Other Business:**
  - a. **Steve Brown.** Update for anyone who has asked for the 15% Blacks discount card, Billy Morris has requested them but is still waiting for them to be delivered.
  - b. **Brian Care.** Brian had been given a watch by Kevin Lambeth and this was raffled for the welfare boxes. John Phillips had the winning ticket.
13. **Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

**W. Steve Brown**  
Secretary.

### Diary of Events

- 16<sup>th</sup> April 11 – 299 Dinner
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April 11 – St Georges Dinner, TS Stirling
- 4<sup>th</sup> May 11 – Branch Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 11 – 299 Dinner
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 11 – Branch Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 11 – Commando Sappers, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 18<sup>th</sup> June 11 – John Rock Dinner
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 11 – REA Reunion, Minley.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend July – Airborne Sappers Reunion

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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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