



## THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 09**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:15 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, John Phillips, Harry Potter, Bob Potter, George Barrett, Alf Manders, Pete Clarke, Dave Bowron, Bob Dorrell, Roger Howells, Tommy Smith, George Hopkins, Brian Care, Eddie Fenwick, Gordon Page, Mike Holdsworth, Barrie Aitken and of course the Ladies. A warm welcome went to a new member, Ray Richards who has recently moved to the area. Ray Served in 9 Sqn. as SSM and was previously a member of the South West branch.
3. **Apologies from:** Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, Rip Kirby, Mike Cole, Danny Flynn, Peter Pedersen, John Browning, Dave Clarke, 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, Dave Bowron. Seconded, Bob Potter. **Carried.**
6. **Welfare:** A get-well card has been sent to Harry Mennie who is still waiting an operation. Sue Holdsworth`s (Mikes Wife) mother Peggy James has recently suffered a stroke but is improving at present. The branch sends its best wishes to Peggy for a speedy recovery.
7. **Treasurer`s Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting will be on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 09, meeting at the The Bull, Barston for a 10:30 start.
9. **Cromwell Lock.** The Chairman, Bunny Brown attended the remembrance along with Eamon Smyth, Ian Hendry, Tom Carpenter, Bob Jones, George Barrett, Kev Lambeth, Elsie Barrett and Dot Parkes. There was also a good turnout from the Newark branch, PRA. and 40 plus standards. There was a short service with the Last Post being played and then wreaths were laid on behalf of the associations.
10. **AEA / AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> October 09.** An excellent weekend, well attended and well organised with 170 sitting for Dinner. There was £570 raised on the Raffle for the Birmingham Branch a big thank you went to Jan Brown and Wendy Clarke for organising the raffle. Also a big thank you for Bunny Brown and Dave Clarke who had organised the weekend on behalf of the Chatham Branch, well done.
11. **Branch Christmas Dinner 5<sup>th</sup> December 09.** The date has been arranged and this will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Proforma below.
12. **Any Other Business:**  
  
**George and Elsie Barrett.** Congratulations on your combined birthday celebrations in September and thank you for a wonderful evening.

**Tommy Smith.** Tom reported that he had recently joined the Victory Services club and recommends people to join. Cost is £25 for a family membership.

**Bunny Brown.** Bunny had received a letter from Major Bunny Hooper informing the branch of the Festival of Remembrance to be held at the Town Hall, Birmingham on the Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 09 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are priced at £5.00, £10.00 and £15.00 and are available from the Town Hall and Symphony Hall ticket offices. Tickets also available from Frank Manning. There is to be a Salute to Airborne Forces and the Parachute Regiment Band will be playing.

**Bunny Brown.** Bunny informed the branch that Mike (Zoom) Cloonan will be holding his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 09 at the Kingshurst Labour Club, Chelmsley Wood. Everyone who knows him is welcome.

**John Phillips.** John informed the branch that he had finally made his glider flight that he had won in the raffle at last years AGM. The flight took place at the West Sussex Glider Club on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 09. The glider pilot had previously been in the RAF as a Hercules pilot.

**Elsie Barrett.** Elsie has asked me to remind members that their membership subs are now **OVERDUE** and could you please pay them now.

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

**14. Next Meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 09** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs

**15. Deadline for the DECEMBER 2009 edition of the AEA JOURNAL is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**

**W. Steve Brown**  
*Secretary*

#### **Diary of Events**

- 4<sup>th</sup> November 09 - Branch Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 09 - Branch Meeting
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

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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.**

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Please REPLY ASAP.