



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
7th July 10**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:** Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, John Phillips, Brian Care, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Kev Lambeth, George Barrett, George Hopkins, Mike Cole, Mike Holdsworth, Alan Parkes, Bob Potter, Harry Potter, Jim Hurley, Eddie McNulty, Rip Kirby, Roy Hicks and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Bob Jones, Eddie Fenwick, Dave Bowron, John Browning, Neville Collins, Terry Howard, Ron Mason and John Mason. Peter Pederson texted his apologies saying that he could not attend as his son was in hospital after a stroke, we hope for a speedy recovery.
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. Roger Howells. Carried.
6. **Welfare:** Bob Jones remains in hospital in ward 22, Heartlands hospital. Peter Pederson, please see above in apologies. The branch sends its best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present. Thank you Elsie. The Chairman stated that some donations would have to be put off at present while funds are replenished.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting to be arranged.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George Barrett went on a coach trip to the Airborne Day at Southsea. And managed to raise £150 through raffles etc. A big thank you to Wolverhampton PRA for their contributions. Brian Care informed the branch that he has been sending parcels with money that has been raised through running the raffle at branch meetings, Brian and Pat have received 8 letters from recipients and Brian read one out from sappers from 21 Engineer Regiment. Keep up the good work.
10. **70th Anniversary of Airborne Forces.** This will take place on the 24th July 10 and admission will be by TICKET ONLY. This is for information only as all the tickets have now gone.
11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Mike and Sue hosted the Golden Brick and Gastronomic Gala on the 3rd July 10 with meals from around the world such as Italian, Indian, and English etc. This was an excellent day and very well attended with even the weather God looking down on us this year. A big thank you to Sue and Mike for once again allowing the branch to trample their grounds. Thanks also to Les and Debbie Chester, Dave Clarke and also Tommy and Anne Smith for their cooking skills. Any monies raised will go into the branch funds for use in good causes.
12. **Arboretum Visit.** This has been arranged for Sunday 17th July 10. Transport was discussed but it was felt that travelling by car to the venue would cause less hassle. Anyone interested meet on the Arboretum car park for 10:30. The Arboretum can be found on the A38 between Lichfield and Burton.
13. **Branch on Facebook.** Dave Clarke has volunteered to place the branch on this site. Thanks Dave

14. Any Other Business:

Steve Brown. Steve has received an e-mail from Paddy Denning, ex 9sqn, 59 Sqn and 131 Sqn to appeal for sponsorship for The Kilimanjaro Challenge in September 2010. Paddy is asking the branch for sponsorship to carry out this challenge where all proceeds will go to Help for Heroes charity. Anyone wishing to contribute can do it online at www.justgiving.com/william-denning or by sponsorship form, contact Steve Brown. The branch has donated £50.00. Mike Holdsworth and Steve Brown also pledged £20 each to this causes other members said they would make personal donation.

Al Parkes. It is with regret that Alan informed the branch that his wife, Cath, has recently lost her Mother. Commiserations from the Branch

George Barrett. George reported that Chris Chambers has become a member and has paid his subs. Welcome.

Elsie Barrett. Elsie has provided a list of members who have not, to date, paid their subs for this year. Reminders will be sent to those on the list. Roger Howells did pay Al Brough and Mac Nash subs and says he wants it back.

Brian Care. Brian celebrated his birthday at this meeting, but was reluctant to say which birthday it was.

12. **Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th July 10** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945Hrs.

13. Deadline for the August 2010 edition of the **AEA JOURNAL** is 12th July 10. Please don't leave it until the last moment if you want anything included.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.

Diary of Events

- 17TH July 10 – Arboretum Visit.
- 4th August 10 – Branch Meeting
- 29th August 10 – Federation Day
- 1st September 10 – Branch Meeting
- 26th September 10 – Cromwell Lock Remembrance.
- 1st – 3rd October 10 – AEA AGM and Reunion Dinner.

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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Cheque / Cash £5.00 enclosed _____

Date _____