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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

3rd December 2014

Members Present: K Lambeth, B Brown, Dave Bowron, A Parks, R Howles, B Care, E Fenwick, G Barratt, D Yeo, K Wooolnough, N Collins, P & D Clarke, S Brown,
D Flynn, B Dorrell, P Owen, M Nash, G Page, M Williams and of course the Ladies.

Apologies from: Chris Chambers, T Bark, Maj Hooper, A Brough, Ron Mason and John Mason, M Holdsworth, B Fosbury, J Browning, T Higgins, R Hicks, J Hurley and E McNulty.

Minutes: Proposed as a true record of the last meeting by D Bowron & seconded by P Clarke.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting, he then continued with the Loyal toast, Airborne Prayer and absent friends. He then went on to thank the anonymous donors for tickets to the Dinner Dance, and raised the point about considering moving at some time in future to the Crown Club (Shard End British Legion). The Secretary thought that we already have a good meeting room and should see how it goes.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accounts still healthy.

Welfare: Cath Parks as well as can be expected.

Branch Christmas Dinner Dance: With some hard work by the Entertainments Team, including a black Friday sale and 3 anonymous sponsors of tickets. The response by the Branch Members was outstanding and we now have a better turn out than last year. The hotel were browbeaten by the team and managed to get draught beers at £3.00 per pint, and a bottle of fizz for the Heads and Tails.

A.O.B

G Barratt reported that Harold Padfield an Arnhem Vet who jumped into Arnhem with the 1St Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers, had now been moved into a RBL Poppy Home in Southam Nr Leamington Spa.

S Brown raised the point that there was no mention of J Holmes funeral in the journal, Secretary to remedy, he also asked if we have any events arranged for next year, the reply was that there could be a Branch trip to Arnhem, and there is a VE day event on May 8th at the Crown Club. Next year is also the 40th anniversary of the Cromwell Lock Disaster when 131 Para Sqn (V) lost 10 men on a river exercise. M Williams has volunteered a 19 seater minibus to get us there and back.

M Cloonan will be retiring from 131 in the New Year and has invited us all to his leaving do, M Williams to confirm the date.

The Chairman Reported that he carried the Standard at the Troop Aid Ball at the Motorcycle Museum last Saturday. M Williams will be carrying a Standard at the Birmingham City football Match on Sunday 7 December when the two teams will dress at 1st World War soldiers, British and German.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 7 January 2015 @ 20 00hrs Chelmsleywood British Legion.

The Committee wish all, a Happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

Next Meeting:	7 January 2015 at the CWRBL.
Branch Dinner Dance	6th December 2014.