



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion

1st October 2014

Members Present: K Lambeth, B Brown, Dave Bowron, J Phillips, A Parkes, R Hicks, T Smith, R Howles, B Care, E Fenwick, G Barratt, D Yeo, K Woolnough, N Collins, P Clarke, S Brown, J Hurley, D Flynn, T Higgins, P Owen and of course the Ladies.

Apologies from: Chris Chambers, T Bark, Maj Hooper, A Brough, Ron Mason and John Mason, M Holdsworth, B Fosbury, A Manders, J Browning, D Clarke, R Dorrell.

Minutes: There was an objection to the minutes of the last meeting. Strike all from “It was proposed” to _ “discussion took Place”. Although a count of hands was made, there was no proposer or seconder, so there was no vote to be carried.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming all to the meeting, he then continued with the Loyal toast, Airborne Prayer and absent friends.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report accounts still healthy.

Welfare: John Brownings wife had a fall during a visit to Spain, she suffered two breaks, on serious to her arm and a fractured pelvis. Wally Gee has had an operation on his leg; he will be back in the UK 1st May. J Phillips gave a brief on John Holmes funeral, Capt O Dudley of 131 arranged a wreath from 131, and a Dakota from the Memorial Flight flew over the Crematorium as we led John into the Chapel. The funeral was well attended with the AEA president and members from 299.

Arnhem Bench: The Chairman gave a rundown of events in Arnhem with the “Bench”. Arnhem Renkum Council donated the Bench; he thanked all that were able to attend especially the Yorkshire boys and 299. It was Proposed and Seconded that the donations by Aldershot Branch and Birmingham PRA are returned if they wish, Carried. D Bowron Proposed that personal donations were NOT returned, this was seconded and carried. S Brown proposed that a Military Chaplain be contacted for any consecration of the Bench. R Howles asked for a vote of thanks for the Bench Committee.

Branch Christmas Dinner Dance: Entertainment has been booked, concessionary rate rooms are available at the Holiday Inn, Secretary has details. **Proforma attached**, book now, save disappointment, only one more meeting before the event.

A.O.B

M Holdsworth has organizing a table for the PRA Dinner on the 11 October.

John Phillips gave details of the Harrow Parade and Re-union of 131 at Kingsbury, 22 Veterans attended, all had a good time.

131 update, 131 will lose its “Independent” role as it is being taken into 24 Engineer Regiment, 301 Troop will remain in the Squadron.

TA Pension; research has been made and it seems there is no such thing as “Extra” pension from the Extra National Insurance paid by TA members.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November @ 20 00hrs Chelmslywood British Legion.

Diary of Events

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th November at the CWRBL.
PRA Dinner: 11 October 2014.
Branch Dinner Dance 6th December 2014.
AGM Re-union 16 – 19 October 2015.

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.

Name. _____

Telephone _____

Cheque / Cash £6.00 enclosed _____

Date _____

Proforma

**Airborne Engineers Association
BIRMINGHAM Branch
Annual Dinner Dance
Holiday Inn Hotel, Elmdon
6th December 2014**

From (please enter Name and Address)

Number of tickets required _____ at £27.50 per head. Total paid _____

Please find enclosed a cheque for _____. Please make cheques payable to AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION, BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

Please enclose names of guests for seating plan and any request for vegetarian meals.

Please return to Mrs Elsie Barrett, 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, BIRMINGHAM B26 2PP
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Reply A.S.A.P. to avoid disappointment.