



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
1st June 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, Eddie Fenwick, Tony Higgins, Kevin Lambeth, Rip Kirby, Dave Clarke, Pete Clarke, John Phillips, Tom Smith, Derek Platt, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Neville Collins, Bob & Harry Potter, Mike Holdsworth, Barrie Aitken, Terry Howard, Gordon Page, Brian Fosbury, Roger Howells, Alf Manders, 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, John Phillips. Seconded by, Brian Care. Carried. Minutes from other branches were made available.
6. **Welfare:** Brian Care has recently suffered with Gall stones and this forced him to cancel his holiday, but is making good progress now. Bob Jones has been readmitted into hospital with a water infection.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 12th June 2011. Meeting at the Dog and Doublet, Bodymoor Heath. 10:00hrs for 10:30hrs move.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** George and Elsie Barrett are to resume sending the parcels now they are back from Crete. Brian and Pat Care have sent a further 12 boxes since the last meeting. **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 6th August 2011 has been pencilled in.
11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Sue and Mike will be hosting a garden party on the 9th July 11. There will be a BBQ and roast with draught lager and bitter served. There was a discussion as regards putting on a whole roast lamb but it was decided that a traditional type Barbeque would be the better option. There will be a nominal charge for the food which will include draught lager and bitter with a curry being served in the evening. Maureen Aitken is supplying the bread rolls etc. **Anyone** wishing to attend please let Bunny know so that he can make a record of who is attending (please see below regarding attendance book. This is likely to be the last one that Sue and Mike are to host as they are planning to move. To date 22 members and wives have said they are attending.
12. **Any Other Business:**
 - a. **Bunny Brown.** The Airborne Forces weekend will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.
 - b. **Bunny Brown.** Bunny mentioned the Veterans Badge and stated that anyone who had served in the armed forces was eligible including Regular, T.A. and National Service. Anyone wishing to apply for this badge can do so by calling 0800 169 2277 and you will need to supply your military number, time served from until, unit(s) served with and possibly your national insurance number. More information on www.veterans-uk.info

- c. **Bunny Brown.** The Branch has now implemented an attendance book which will be used for future functions for those members saying they are attending branch functions. This will hopefully prevent members saying they are going to attend and arrangements made for the numbers expected and then some members not attending. Any member who wishes to attend functions will now have to let Bunny know and their name will be entered into the book. Those saying they are attending and then not turning up will still be expected to pay.
- d. **Bunny Brown.** 299 Squadron have invited the branch to their Airborne Forces day on the 29th July 11 in Wakefield by the OC Chris Wilcox. More to follow.
- e. **Brian Care.** Brian asked why the rooms at the Royal Court Hotel were so expensive and Bunny stated that he would enquire about this.

13. Closing date for articles for the April edition of the Journal is **MONDAY 14th July 11**

14. **Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th July 11** at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.

Diary of Events

- 10th – 12th June 11 – Commando Sappers, 40th Anniversary
- 18th June 11 – John Rock Dinner
- 24th – 26th June 11 – REA Reunion, Minley.
- 1st Weekend July – Airborne Sappers Reunion
- 6th July 11 – Branch Meeting
- 9th July 11 – Mike & Sue Holdsworth garden party
- 29th July 11 – 299 Association Airborne forces day.

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 £5.00 enclosed _____

Date _____



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