



# Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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## MINUTES OF 177<sup>th</sup> O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011

### Committee Members

Chairman	~	Baz Bassett	
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Peter Kershaw	*
Welfare	~	Mick Fisher	*

\* These Committee Members were in attendance

### 1. Members Present

Bill Shield	Bob Matthews	Jim Rogers
Bob Seaman	Eric Blenkinsop	Keith King
Tim VanderKraan	Bill Perry	Bob Woolley
Frank Ryan		

### 2. Apologies

John Elliott	Jon O'Connor	Baz Bassett
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### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers  
Seconded ~ Bill Shield                      Carried

### 4. Matters Arising

Errata

- Bob Woolley was in attendance last month
- Bob Matthews was not in attendance
- 11a Proceeds from the auction raised £21 for Ranville church restoration
- Raffle raised £250 in total

### 5. Chairman's Report

In the absence of the Chairman Eric Blenkinsop took the Chair. Welcomed Frank Keith & Tim. Had no report from Baz who was in France on Holiday

### 6. Secretary's Report

Circulated minutes of other branches  
Gave details of Double Hills Service 2011 – details attached to these minutes

## 7. Treasurers Report

As at 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Cash at bank	£710.60
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£48.00
Outgoings	-£100.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 658.60

Branch has 29 paid up members

## 8. Welfare Report

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## 9. Museums and Archives

£190 has been allocated to cover cost of display boards on airborne display

## 10. Branch Events

- a. Branch Christmas Lunch in King Charles Hotel confirmed for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011
- b. Double Hills Commemoration Service to be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011
- c. Bob Matthews will organise a Curry Lunch for Later September or October if possible

## 11. Any Other Business

- a. Tim vanderKraan asked if the branch could contribute to a fund for a memorial to the Falklands (Summer of 82) in the National Memorial Arboretum. It was suggested that we might contribute the proceeds from the Xmas Lunch Raffle

## 12. Next Meeting

**Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the RE WOs and Sgts Mess, Brompton Bks**

**NB There is NO branch Meeting in August**

## 13. Post Scriptum

Bob Matthews has fixed a date for the Ghurkha Curry Lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Officers Mess at Invicta Park, Maidstone

Please return the attached proforma asap as we need to have sufficient numbers to make this event viable. The event is open to anybody and their families and is a delightful location

Proforma attached

#### 14. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Airborne Weekend	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2011	Rock Barracks - Woodbridge
<b>NB</b>	<b>No branch Meeting in August</b>	
Branch OGM	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Ghurkha Curry Lunch	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Officers Mess, Invicta Park Bks
Branch OGM	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch Xmas Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	King Charles Hotel

#### 15. Notices

Nil