



# Airborne Engineers Association

## Chatham Branch



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### MINUTES OF 211<sup>th</sup> O.G.M IN THE KING CHARLES HOTEL GILLINGHAM MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2015

#### Committee Members

Chairman	~	Baz Bassett	
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Peter Kershaw	*
Welfare	~	Mick Fisher	*
Membership	~	Tim van der Kraan	

\* These Committee Members were in attendance

#### a. Members Present

Brian Cazaly                      Frank Ryan                      Bob Seaman  
Mike Tindle

#### b. Apologies

Jim Rogers                      Bill Shield                      Baz Bassett  
Keith King                      Tim van der Kraan

#### c. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of Previous Meeting 'were unavailable – Mike and Peter submitted a verbal report

#### d. Matters Arising

Nil

#### e. Chairman's Report

- Chairman was unable to attend – Peter Kershaw took the chair. Reported that the Xmas lunch was a great success with 60 attendees. The results of the raffle has nearly offset the costs borne by the branch which was gratifying
- The Xmas card and invitation to George Mikkers widow was withheld at the request of her family
- There was a good representation by the Association at the remembrance day parade

#### f. Secretary's Report

- Received notification of the funerals of George Millar and John Mason which was circulated by email to members

#### g. Membership

- Nil

#### h. Welfare

- Mick Fisher reported on, Keith King and Bill Shield.
- Informed the branch of the situation regarding Bill and Freda Perry – Bill has had a non malignant tumor removed and Freda has suffered a heart attack

#### i. Treasurer's Report

As at 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Cash at bank	£1015.06
Un - Cashed Cheques	-£35.00
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£33.38
Funds available to Branch	£1,013.44

Proposed ~ Frank Ryan  
Seconded ~ Bob Seaman                      Carried

**j. Museums and Archives**

- a. Peter reported that the Airborne Engineers Posters have finally been replaced and look really good – thanks to the sterling efforts of Jim Leach well done

**k. Branch Events**

- a. Branch Xmas lunch will be held on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> December at the King Charles Hotel. Cost and menu to be confirmed
- b. Date for the John Rock Dinner will be decided next meeting with a larger attendance

**l. Any Other Business**

- a. Mike Tindall informed the branch that the Chatham REA will be running a battlefield tour to Flanders in June
- b. The AEA AGM will be held in Coventry this year organised by the Birmingham Branch

**m. Next Meeting**

**Next Meeting and Buffet Lunch Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015. All AEA Chatham Branch Members, Wives and Partners are kindly invited to attend. Would you please remember to bring a prize for the Raffle. Thank You.**

**n. Branch Diary**

<b>Branch OGM/Buffer Lunch</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b>	<b>King Charles Hotel*</b>
Branch OGM	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	King Charles Hotel
<b>Branch Xmas Lunch</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>	<b>King Charles Hotel</b>

**o. Notices**