



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch

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MINUTES OF 172nd O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 21st February 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	Bill Perry	Eric Blenkinsop	Bob Seaman
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2. Apologies

John Elliott	Jon O'Connor	Bob Matthews	Charlie Peglar
Jim Rogers	Keith King	Bob Woolley	

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Eric Blenkinsop
Seconded ~ Bob Seaman Carried

4. Matters Arising

Nil

5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the evening. Commented on the excellent evening presented by Brig Ian McGill in aid of Help for Heroes at the RE Museum. Sentiment was echoed by several members present. Due to the change of venue for April meeting the branch AGM will now be held over to the 16th MAY meeting.

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated Minutes of other branches.

Received invitation from Maj Lillicrap of 23 Engr Regt (Air Assault) to the medals parade at Rock Barracks on Thursday 31st March – details attached all members are encouraged to attend

7. Treasurers Report

As at 20th January 2011

Cash at bank	£594.24
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£243.11
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 837.35

This figure includes £185 paid up for the John Rock Dinner

Treasurer apologised for the confusion over the previously incorrect cost of the John Rock Dinner. **NB the cost of the dinner is fixed at £25 unchanged from last year**

Proposed ~ Bob Seaman
Seconded ~ Bill Shield

Carried

8. Welfare Report

Jim Rogers has had an op on his leg to remove a growth – he is doing OK & the branch wish him well.

9. Museums and Archives

Secretary commented that the branches' group membership of the FoREm lapsed in December 2010 – Peter will investigate and renew if necessary

10. Branch Events

The April meeting of the Branch OGM will be held at 12:00 am on the 18th at Skinners Hall in London. Chairman Baz Bassett holds the post of Beadle for the guild and will host the meeting there preceded with a tour of the magnificent building and finishing with a light lunch. Wives & partners are welcome as usual. Parking is impossible and the nearest station is Canon St. Further Details will be forthcoming

The trip around the AJEX Museum has been confirmed for Sunday 13th March. Members will need to drive themselves to the venue in Hendon where there is free parking available and then on to the RAF Museum for lunch and a trip round the exhibits. Full details attached, please confirm if you wish to attend – there is no charge for entry to either venue. All are welcome

John Rock Dinner 18th June 2011. We have had a very encouraging response from the WW2 veterant to attend although some are unfortunately unable to make the journey at least a half dozen have accepted.

11. Any Other Business

Secretary commented that we currently do not have a Branch Representative to carry our views forward to the Executive Council. Asked that the membership consider coming forward to fill the post.

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 21 March 2011

13. Post Scriptum

Nil

14. Branch Diary

AJEX Visit	13 March 2011	AJEX Museum Hendon
Branch OGM	21 March 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	18 April 2011	Skinners Hall London
Branch AGM	16 May 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	18 June 2011	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	20 June 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess

15. Notices

23 Engr Regt (Air Assault) intend to hold an airborne Weekend in July – initial message is attached