



# Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch

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## MINUTES OF 170<sup>th</sup> O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

### Committee Members

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

\* These Committee Members were in attendance

### 1. Members Present

Bob Woolley	Jim Rogers	Eric Blenkinsop	Bob Seaman
Charlie Peglar			

### 2. Apologies

John Elliott	Jon O'Connor	Bob Matthews	Charlie Peglar
Bill Perry	Bill Shield		

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bob Matthews  
Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop                      Carried

### 4. Matters Arising

Minutes of the 169<sup>th</sup> meeting (November) will be circulated with these minutes

### 5. Chairman's Report

Welcomed all to the evening. Commented on how enjoyable and interesting the talk given by Col Chris Davies to raise funds for Help For Heroes.

### 6. Secretary's Report

Circulated Minutes for other branches.

### 7. Treasurers Report

As at 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Cash at bank	£1440.23
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£13.11
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£1,453.34

Proposed ~ Jim Rogers  
Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop                      Carried

### 8. Welfare Report

Welcomed Nick back after his recent illness  
Paddy Boyce is in hospital in Scotland and would welcome any calls to break the monotony (07799 313 530).

## 9. Museums and Archives

Nil

## 10. Branch Events

Christmas dinner. Peter Kershaw stated there is 70 odd attendees. Asked that everybody bring prizes for the raffle. Bob Pam and Peter will prepare a seating plan near the date. Timings are 1:30 for 2:00pm. 3 of our 6 widows will be attending – The others will receive a cheque for £20 with the branch's best wishes.

## 11. Any Other Business

Ginge Goodfellow's funeral was well attended

## 12. Next Meeting

**Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

## 13. Post Scriptum

Nil

## 14. Branch Diary

Branch Xmas Lunch	5 December 2010	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	17 January 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 February 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	21 March 2010	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mes

## 15. Notices

Dave Rutter has circulated details for Shoebox's for the Lads in 23 Engr Regt in Afghanistan

Welfare Parcels for 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault)

Our readers will be well aware that the Regiment is currently on an Operational Tour in Afghanistan. A FREE postal system permits WELFARE PARCELS of shoe box size and weighing no more than 2 Kgs to be sent to the soldiers. Suggested items to send include: Shower gel, Facial wipes, chewing gum, mint sweets, cocoa, packets of drinking chocolate, biscuits (but not chocolate - it melts!), super noodles (from Tesco), dried fruits, packets of mixed nuts, crunchy granola bars, wine gums or similar. The Yorkshire & Birmingham branch members have already been busy sending out these WELFARE PARCELS and have received letters of appreciation from the recipients. Boxes should be addressed to:

Major QM (T) Johnson 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Asslt), OP HERRICK 13, BFPO 792

Major Johnson will then forward them throughout the Regiment thereby ensuring the boxes are evenly distributed around the Regiment. OUR SOLDIERS DESERVE WELFARE SUPPORT - PLEASE HELP.