



# Airborne Engineers Association

## Chatham Branch



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### MINUTES OF 180<sup>th</sup> O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

#### 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	Eric Blenkinsop	Jim Rogers
Bob Seaman	Bob Matthews	Bill Perry

#### 2. Apologies

Bill Shield	Jon O'Connor	John Elliott
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#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bob Matthews  
Seconded ~ Peter Kershaw                      Carried

#### 4. Matters Arising

Secretary apologised for the late mail posting of Novembers minutes this was due to a change of computer which caused a temporary loss of the mailing list. If anybody knows of a member who normally receives minutes by mail that did not please get in touch.

#### 5. Chairman's Report

Chairman wished a a Happy & Prosperous new year. He congratulated the branch on the success of the Xmas lunch, particularly Peter Kershaw and Pam Seaman for their efforts organising it. Commented that a busy year was ahead of us with the Falklands War commemorations, Brompton 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the RE Museums 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The branch will not be doing many events in order to not clash with these events confining it to the John Rck Dinner, Ghurkha Curry Lunch and Xmas Lunch.

#### 6. Secretary's Report

- Circulated minutes of other branches.
- Circulated minutes of Association AGM from October 2011 (also attached to these Minutes).
- Elsie Porter has moved and we have no forwarding address for her, Sec will contact Bill Mezies-Hearne who may be in touch with her, Anybody who has a contact please forward to Sec or Treas to enable us to stay in touch.
- Emailed by Mrs Massey – daughter of 1<sup>st</sup> Para Sqn Member who died in the early fifties when she was very young. She was looking to find out any information concerning her father who she knows little about. Any member who may have knowledge of him please contact the Secretary.

## 7. Treasurers Report

As at 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

Cash at bank	£659.20
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£30.00
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 689.20

Branch has 29 paid up members

The deposit for the Xmas Lunch has already been paid

Received 2 thank you notes from Branch Widows for Xmas Lunch

## 8. Welfare Report

- Bob Seaman is recovered from his fall. Pam Seaman is doing well.
- Everybody else is soldiering on fine.

## 9. Museums and Archives

- Replacement posters are not yet in place in the AEA Display – will await developments
- Events will be attached to these minutes

## 10. Branch Events

- There will be no summer BBQ event this year due to the busy calendar at that time
- John Rock Dinner 2012 date agreed to be 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012. It is hoped to get a guest speaker from 229 Para Sqn TA - to be confirmed
- Ghurkha Curry lunch is proposed for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August in the Officers Mess Maidstone. To be confirmed, the Regt may have duty commitments with the Olympics at that time. It is hoped to have a Ghurkha Piper and a Kukri dance this year.
- Corps Memorial Weekend is 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September – details to be confirmed
- Branch Christmas Lunch in King Charles Hotel confirmed for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 12:30 for 1:00 pm

## 11. Any Other Business

- Doris Taverner thanked the branch for the card we sent

## 12. Next Meeting

**Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at the RE WOs and Sgts Mess,  
Brompton Bks**

## 13. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch OGM	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch AGM	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2012	King Charles Hotel
Ghurkha Curry Lunch	19 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	Officers Mess Maidstone Bks
Corps Memorial Weekend	15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Brompton Bks
Xmas Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	King Charles Hotel

## 14. Notices

Nil