



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 151st O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 13th October 2008

Committee Members

Chairman	~	Eric Blenkinsop	*
Secretary	~	Nick Gibson	*
Treasurer	~	Bob Seaman	
Welfare	~	Keith King	

* These Committee Members were in attendance

1. Members Present

Jim Rogers	Bob Matthews	Bill Shield	Bob Woolly
Bob Mathews	Charlie Peglar	Bill Perry	

2. Apologies

Arthur Cheesman	Keith King	Ben Taverner
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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Corrections noted to previous minutes – date was incorrect should read 15th September

Chairman's address should read welcomed all to 150th meeting.

Proposed ~ Bob Matthews

Seconded ~ Charlie Peglar Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Eric gave first notice that he will not be standing for election as chairman at the next branch AGM in 2009, Lt Col Bob Matthews has agreed to stand as candidate at that time.

6. Secretaries Report

Distributed minutes of Birmingham branch. Correspondence received from Allan (Nobby) Clarke who had intended to visit the branch next week & asked if the branch would forward a donation to Help for Heroes on his behalf.

7. Treasurers Report

Treasurer forwarded report as follows

As at 11th July 2005

Cash in Bank	£446.43
Cash in Hand	£0.00
Cash Available to Branch	£446.43

Proposed ~ Bill Shield

Seconded ~ Bob Matthews Carried



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8. Welfare Report

Ben Tavenor is in hospital in Basildon to receive operation soon – Eric sent a card.
Pam Seaman is in hospital. Card is on its way
Branch sends best wishes to both

9. RE Museum

NTR

10. Branch Events

- a. Branch Christmas lunch set for Sunday 7th December 2008 at the King Charles Hotel, Chatham. There will be the usual raffle so please bring a prize.
- b. The annual John Rock Dinner to be held on 20th June 2009 in the Trafalgar Suite, King Charles Hotel. The theme will be the Glider Pilots Regiment. It is proposed to invite as Guests of Honour Vivien Mallock, the sculptor of the Rock Bust & her husband Col Ross Mallock former Cmdt Army Air Corps. Also Col 'Nick' Nicholson Chairman Glider Pilots Regiment Association.

11. John Rock Bust

Any member planning to attend the bust unveiling at Woodbridge should inform Joe Stoddard, or, if a member of REA (Airborne), inform Bob Prosser.
The remainder of the monies for the project have been passed to the association treasurer and the branch account is now closed

12. AGM Raffle

Star Prizes have now been acquired as follows

1. A 2 Hour Glider flight for one, Courtesy of Ray & Angela Ogden
2. A weekend at Medway courtesy of the following
 - a. The King Charles Hotel ~ a twin bedded B&B for two people.
 - b. The Historic Dockyard ~ an entry voucher for two people.
 - c. Dickens World Chatham Maritime ~ Purchased at cost to branch of £25.
 - d. RE Museum ~ donated by Eric & Beccy.
3. An engraved presentation Wilkinson Sword manufactured Fairburn-Sykes Airborne/Commando fighting knife.

The ladies were asked to join the meeting to discuss arrangements for the organising of the raffle

13. Any Other Business

Association Secretary Mick Leather is standing down as he now works in Russia.
Ray Coleman has agreed to take up duties. Therefore the association will shortly require someone to run the shop.

14. Next Meeting

Next meeting 17th November 2008



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**Airborne Engineers Association.
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Menu for the Christmas Lunch at the King Charles Hotel
Sunday 7th December 2008.**

Starters:-

- A. Italian Tomato, Mozzarella & Fresh Basil Caprese*
- B. Fresh Winter Vegetable Soup. *
- C. Chefs Pate Quenelles.*

With toasted focaccia bread & red currant jelly.

Main Course:-

- D. Seasonal Roasted Turkey Breast* With traditional trimmings.
- E. Prime Sirloin of Beef* In Borolo wine mushroom sauce.
- F. Tomato and Goats Cheese Tarte* Served with potatoes and Chefs mixed garden salad.

All above with potatoes and vegetables in season.

Sweet:-

- G. Rocky Road Chocolate Indulgence. Rich chocolate base topped with chocolate vanilla cheesecake & brownie chunks.
- H. Ice Cream Selection* Vanilla pod, rich chocolate chip and strawberry cream.
- I. Individual Steamed Christmas Pudding* With Brandy sauce

Items marked *can be Wheat/Gluten free

NAME: _____

Adults:	Starters. ABC	Main Course DEF	Sweet GHI	Tea/Coffee
Children:	Starters. ABC	Main Course DEF	Sweet GHI	Tea/Coffee

Cost: £17-00 per adult, £8-50 per Child

Returns ASAP to
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