



Airborne Engineers Association

Chatham Branch



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MINUTES OF 153rd O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 19th January 2009

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	Charlie Peglar
Bob Mathews	Charlie Peglar	Bill Perry	Mick Fisher
Peter Kershaw			

2. Apologies

Keith King	John Elliott	Bob Woolly
Ben Taverner	John O'Conner	

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Bill Perry
Seconded ~ Bob Mathews Carried

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman invited the Branch to hold one minute silence out of respect for the passing on of our President Lt-Col John Grosvenor RE who sadly died on the 5th January and whose funeral was today. A wonderful man and a sad loss to us all.

Congratulated the branch for all that the branch had achieved in the previous year i.e. John Rock Bust, AGM Raffle and splendid Christmas Lunch.

Expressed best wishes for Pam Seaman & Pauline Woolley recovery to good health

6. Secretary's Report

Circulated other branch minutes.

Circulated email from Mick Humphreys congratulating the branch on raising £1500 for Help for Heroes.

7. Treasurers Report

Treasurer thanked Jim Rogers for his help with the funds for the past few months.

Bob gave notice that he will be standing down as treasurer at the branch AGM.

As at 20th January 2008

Cash in Bank	£502.39
Cash in Hand	£.14
Cash Available to Branch	£446.12

Proposed ~ Charlie Peglar

Seconded ~ Bill Shield Carried

8. Welfare Report

Ben Taverner is in better health and is back at home.
Pauline Woolley is out of hospital.

9. RE Museum

Nicks proposal to 23 Engr Regt as archivist has been accepted by the Colonel & RSM. SSgt Bernie Byrnes is in contact and Nick will visit the barracks soon.

10. Branch Events

- a. The annual John Rock Dinner to be held on 20th June 2009 in the Trafalgar Suite, King Charles Hotel. The cost will be £23 per head. Branch approved and will go ahead.
- b. August BBQ – Bob Matthews to organise.
- c. Xmas dinner to be held on 6th December 2009 in the King Charles Hotel

11. Any Other Business

- Contributions were invited for John Grosvenor's requested charity. Agreed that members present would each contribute £5 to be passed on.
- Nick read out a request from BBC researcher - see attachment
- New members directory will be available for sale – now have over 1300 members
- AGM in Nottingham – parking will be expensive £12 per day in NCP
- Next AGM charity proposed to be Combat Stress
- Billy Morris is planning a run from Rhine Barracks to Rock Barracks
- Edinburgh branch have changed their name to Airborne Engineers Association Scotland to reflect their current representation

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting 16th February 2009

We are currently producing a documentary for BBC1 and we are looking for older men and women to take part. We would love to contact some members of the Airborne Engineers Association who might fit the bill. Ideally we are looking for men and women aged 70 plus who are living independently and alone.

The documentary is based on schemes where elderly people and young people living together. The idea for the programme is that in exchange for living rent free, a young person between the age of 25 and 35, who is living at home with their parents because they can't afford to move out, moves in with an elderly person for one week. The younger person will provide the older person with companionship and practical help such as support with cleaning, cooking and shopping as well as providing the security of having someone else in the house. The hope is that the young person will realise that it is possible for them to move out and gain some independence. The older person will have a positive experience by not only receiving help around the house and companionship but also helping to challenge the limited stereotypes of the elderly that are often seen on television. It will be a very fun and interesting week for both parties! In addition we hope it will raise the profile of such mutually beneficial schemes that already exist around the country.

The filming would take part over a week in late January or early February but we would like to talk to people who might be interested as soon as possible, ideally before Christmas. We're looking for people who are interesting characters and think they might have some advice for young people today. Obviously we realise that it will be a big undertaking so it will need to be someone who is up for quite an exciting week.

If you would like to have a chat about this or if you know anyone who might like to take part please contact me on the number below. My contact details are also on the attached poster and flyer.

Many thanks,
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Are you 70+ and living on your own? Would you appreciate some companionship, help and support with cooking, cleaning, shopping and other day to day activities?

And would you be interested in participating in a BBC ONE documentary in which young people who still live with their parents experience caring for someone else for a week?

The BBC are looking for 70+ year old men and women who live on their own and would be willing to let a young adult (aged 25 - 35) move in to their home for a week to provide companionship and practical help with their daily routine.

If you are interested in taking part in the series, or would like to find out more, please email abigail.williams@bbc.co.uk or telephone (0)20 8008 3990