



# Airborne Engineers Association

## Chatham Branch



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### MINUTES OF 179<sup>th</sup> O.G.M IN THE WO'S & SGT'S MESS BROMPTON BARRACKS 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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	Eric Blenkinsop	Jim Rogers
Bob Seaman	Bill Perry	Keith King
Bob Matthews		

#### 2. Apologies

John Elliott	Jon O'Connor	Bob Woolley
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#### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed ~ Peter Kershaw	
Seconded ~ Eric Blenkinsop	Carried

#### 4. Matters Arising

Nil

#### 5. Chairman's Report

Commented on the success of the Ghurkha Bart, congratulated Bob on the hard work and effort to make the day successful.  
Chairman commented that he had received no further communication regarding the AEA contingent for Remembrance Sunday

#### 6. Secretary's Report

Circulated minutes of other branches

## 7. Treasurers Report

As at 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011

Cash at bank	£646.60
Petty Cash & Cheques in hand	£21.00
Outgoings	-£0.00
Cash available to Branch	£ 667.60

Branch has 29 paid up members

## 8. Welfare Report

Sid Creswell has moved back to UK following the passing of his wife – pleased to restore contact with the AEA  
Received sad news of the death of Capt. Alan Compton serving with 23Engr Regt

## 9. Museums and Archives

Peter attended a meeting of the FoREM last month. Replacement posters for airborne display have been located and work is on-going

## 10. Branch Events

- a. Branch Christmas Lunch in King Charles Hotel confirmed for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 12:30 for 1:00 pm. It's proposed to invite a representative from "£ Engr Regt to give an update on the Regt activities. Proforma attached
- b. John Rock Dinner 2012 date agreed to be 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012. Its theme this year will be 299/131 Para Sqn (TA) Guest Speaker to be confirmed

## 11. Any Other Business

- a. Secretary suggested a possible charity worth supporting may be uk4u which supplies Christmas boxes to all forces stationed abroad at xmas – details found online at <http://www.uk4u.org/>
- b. Eric Blenkinsop also brought the branches attention to the work done by Combat Stress Charity which the branch has supported for the past few years

## 12. Next Meeting

**Next meeting 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 at the RE WOs and Sgts Mess, Brompton Bks**

**NB This is the last formal branch meeting in 2011**

## 13. Branch Diary

Branch OGM	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2011	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
Branch Xmas Lunch	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2011	King Charles Hotel
Branch OGM	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
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 OGM	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	RE HQ WO's & Sgts Mess
John Rock Dinner	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2012	King Charles Hotel

## 14. Notices

**AEA CHATHAM BRANCH - CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**KING CHARLES HOTEL – 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**  
 (Timings – 12:30 for 1.00pm)

**MENU**

- A** Creamy Winter Vegetable Soup (gf) (v)  
**B** Prawn and Pineapple Cocktail (gf)  
 Pineapple topped with succulent prawns and mary rose dressing brown bread and butter  
**C** Chilled Fan Melon (gf) (v)  
 with red berry coulis  
**D** Chicken Ceaser Salad (gf) (v on request)  
 Strips of chicken breast and crisp lettuce ceaser dressing and crisp croutons  
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- E** Seasonal Roasted Turkey Breast (gf)  
 Traditional trimmings  
**F** Beef Chasseur (gf)  
 Cooked in a mushroom white wine and onion sauce  
 Potatoes & Vegetables of the Season  
**G** Salmon with honey-Citrus Glaze (gf)  
 Fillet of salmon marinated with honey, orange and lime and baked new potatoes and chefs salad  
**H** Chefs Vegetarian Parcel (v)  
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- I** Individual Steamed Christmas Pudding (gf)  
 Brandy sauce  
**J** Retro Black Forest Gateaux  
 Chocolate sponge, Chantilly cream, cherries and kirsch liqueur  
**K** Lemon and Raspberry Swirl (gf) (v)  
 Lemon ice cream with swirls of raspberry sorbet  
**L** Cheese & Biscuits (gf) (v)  
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- Tea or Coffee

Cost of the Lunch is £17.00 per head. Children under 14, £10.00 per head.  
 Please make your selections eg Starter "A," Main Course "E," Dessert "J" for each person attending the Lunch and return the attached Performa with payment to:  
 Peter Kershaw, 26 Stoney Bank. Gillingham, Kent, ME7 3AG (Tel: 01634581897)

Adults Names	Starter	Main	Dessert	Tea/Coffee

Children's Names	Starter	Main	Dessert	Tea/Coffee