



**THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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MINUTES OF THE BRANCH MEETING

**Held at Chelmsley Wood British Legion
2nd March 11**

1. **Meeting opened** at 20:00 hrs.
2. **Members Present:**, Tom Carpenter, Bunny Brown, Steve Brown, George Hopkins, George Barrett, Brian Care, Roy Hicks, Bob & Harry Potter, Mike Holdsworth, Tony Higgins, Mike Cole, Dave Bowron, Roger Howells, Bob Dorrell, Jim Hurley, Rip Kirby, Kev Lambeth, Eddie Fenwick, Barrie Aitken, Chris Green, and of course the Ladies.
3. **Apologies from:** Neville Collins, Alan Brough, Mac Nash, Terry Howard, Ron Mason and John Mason.
4. The **Chair** thanked all for attending. The Chairman also thanked all those who attended his birthday bash and for the generous presents.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and voted as correct and true. Proposed by, Harry Potter. Seconded. Dave Bowron. Carried. Minutes from other branches were made available.
6. **Welfare:** It is with regret that it is reported that Wilf Greenslade has recently passed away. Although Wilf was not a branch member he was well known to branch members being Ex 2 Para and also 225 Royal Mons. The funeral will take place at the Woodlands Crematorium on the 15th March 11 at 14:00 hrs if anyone would like to attend.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Funds are healthy at present.
8. **Boots and Beer Club:** Next meeting Sunday 6th March 11, meeting at the Plough Inn, Shustoke, 10:00hrs for 10:30hrs move. The meetings so far have been very good, let's hope for good weather.
9. **Shoe Box Parcels:** Brian and Pat Care and George and Elsie Barrett are waiting for 59 Sqn /24 Regt to be deployed so that they can restart sending the parcels. **Note** if anyone intends to send parcels they are asked to place senders name on parcel to avoid it being treated as unsolicited mail.
10. **Clay Pigeon Shoot 2011.** A provisional date of 6th August 2011 has been pencilled in. Alan Brough to be informed.
11. **Mike and Sue Holdsworth.** Sue and Mike will be hosting a garden party on the 9th July 11. There will be a lamb roast with draught lager and bitter served. This is likely to be the last one that Sue and Mike are to host as they are planning to move.
12. **Any Other Business:**
 - a. **Bunny Brown.** Dates for diary, Yorkshire branch Dinner, Wakefield, 12th March to include AEA OGM on Sunday 13th. 299 association dinner 16th April venue to confirmed, St Georges Dinner, TS Stirling 23rd April, John Rock Dinner, Chatham, 18th June cost £25.00. Airborne Engineer Reunion over the first weekend in July 11. The event will be based around the ABF weekend format and will be a ticket only event. Airborne Brothers, Red On. Minley, Royal Engineers Association (REA) Weekend 24-26 June 11 to be held at Gibraltar Barracks, cost £30 per head. 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault) – Afghanistan Medals Parade, Thursday 31 March 2011.

- b. **Steve Brown.** Date for your diaries, 10th to the 12th June, Commando Sappers 40th Anniversary, Chivenor. Cost about £40 per head which will include accommodation, crystal tankard, commando coin, and a live video link to the Regiment. Update for anyone who has asked for the 15% Blacks discount card, Billy Morris has requested them but is still waiting for them to be delivered.
- c. **George Hopkins.** The BILL LLOYD Memorial Trust Fund. George reported that a Charity Cricket match is to take place between ECB Physical Disability XI Versus British Army Development XI to take place on Sunday 07 August 2011 at the Bournville Cricket Club for anyone who would like to attend.
- d. **Bunny Brown.** Bunny reminded the branch that the April meeting will be the branches AGM and that if anyone was wishing to nominate for committee then they need to apply 6 weeks prior to the AGM.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th April 11 (AGM) at the Royal British Legion, Chelmsley Wood, 1945 Hrs.

W. Steve Brown
Secretary.

Diary of Events

- 6th April 11 – AGM & Branch Meeting

Gentlemen subs are now **DUE**. If you still wish to receive the branch minutes please pay your subs to Elsie Barrett (0121 628 7578) - 292 Brays Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 2PP, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

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