

MINUTES OF MEETING-1st October 2009

Chairman's Welcome – Barry Beck welcomed everybody to the October meeting, indicating that there would be a DVD show 'Memphis Belle- The true story'. There was also an impromptu 'Happy Birthday' to Charles sung by the members. Barry also congratulated Tony and Liz on their 'secret' marriage.

Apologies – I&C McCallum, B Purchase, P Cushing, L Dench, L&A Mann, J&E Hindle, C Fox, A Goldspink

Minutes of Previous Meeting- September meeting minutes were read and accepted as a true record

Secretary's Report- No issues arising, but a letter sent to the Aylsham Show Association was read out, as was a card received from Graham at the North Norfolk Railway thanking the Group for all their help at the 40's weekend at the railway.

Chairman's Report- Barry told the membership that he thought that 2009 had been an excellent rally season, especially the North Norfolk Railway. Barry gave his thanks to Richard & Sarah for all the hard work that they have put in.

Barry advised of the trip to Reymerston Hall to meet with Wg Cdr Ken Wallis.

Barry also advised that there had been some volunteers to produce the Newsletter, Mike Pollard with Ray Elderton helping out.

Barry hoped that there would be support for the Group Xmas dinner, especially as it is the last event of the year.

Barry then thanked the membership for their support, with a special thanks to those helping with the tent at Group events.

Treasurer's Report- June Cushing on behalf of Peter reported that the current funds stood at approx £4000 as the current bank statement had not arrived before the meeting.

Membership Secretary's Report- Bill Purchase on holiday.

MVT Liaison Officer's Report- Nothing to report

Publicity Officer's Report- Charles Warren advised that at the Gala day he had 2 interviews with Radio Norfolk, along with various Tannoy announcements gained valuable publicity for the Group. Also at the Gala day Heart FM chatted with a number of Group members, and there were also pictures on the Heart FM website.

Rally Secretary's Report- Richard and Sandra advised that the Rallies were quietening down at the moment, but thanked the membership for all their support throughout the Rally season. Richard told the membership of some filming that had taken place in North Norfolk for a Sky1 celebrity bird watching programme.

Richard then advised of the Norfolk Living History Fair at Mannington Hall on 17/18 October. There was also a request for a staff car for Remembrance Sunday, 9th Nov.

Newsletter Editor's Report- Dave Goddard advised the members of the publication date for the next newsletter, which will be the Xmas issue and any Xmas greetings for members was welcome. Also asked for any articles and adverts that members might have for inclusion in the newsletter.

Any Other Business-

Dave Goddard Snr advised that there was still a need for donations of either cash or items for the shoeboxes for soldiers appeal, the Group having donated 25 shoeboxes and the feeling is that the membership should be able to produce at least 50 shoeboxes or monetary equivalent. Lists of suitable items were available for members to take away with them. The shoeboxes or items for inclusion are to be submitted by the February meeting. An example of a filled shoebox donated by Cyril & Marion Salisbury was shown to the members.

Rodney Reynolds asked for commitments from people regarding the Xmas dinner because as of 1/10 there were only 10 definite and 8 possible booked, the hotel committing on minimum of 65 to guarantee the sole use of the room. Rodney also said that the dinner would not be in the marquee but in the Yare Suite.

Barry reiterated about the hard work that Rodney and Marina have put into the organisation of the Xmas dinner this year and in previous years. A show of hands was asked for to gauge commitment.

Russell Herring raised the issue of parking problems at Wensum Lodge together with cancelled meetings; he advised that he had been in contact with 'The Cottage' regarding meeting facilities. It was decided for the Committee to look into this.

Alan Roper advised of the Red Feather Club at Horham open day on 25th October.

Being no other formal business the meeting closed at 2050, there followed the DVD show of 'The Memphis Belle'.