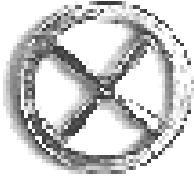


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ASSOCIATION NEWS

2013 REUNION

An Information Sheet on the 2013 Reunion at the Waltham Abbey Marriott Hotel on 21/22/23 June is attached.

2014 REUNION

The 2014 Reunion will be held at the Peterborough Marriott Hotel over the weekend 13/14/15 June 2014. Room half-board prices have been agreed at £65 per person per night with a £15 per night single occupancy supplement. (These are the same rates as 2013). In addition a discount of 35% has been negotiated on all bar prices throughout the weekend.

ASSOCIATION GOLF

The Re-Union Golf will be played at Theydon Bois Golf Club for the Burnett Shield on Friday 21st June with tees at 1330. If anybody else would like to play please give me a call on 07812 017641 or let me know at steveksanders@googlemail.com.

The annual match against the RAF Aircraft Apprentices playing for the Don Fisher trophy has been booked for St Ives Golf Club for Wednesday 24th July 2013 with tees starting at 1100. St Ives is a new venue for both ourselves and the Aircraft Apps. Mowsbury has been good to us but St Ives offers a coffee, bap on arrival, 2-course dinner and coffee PLUS 18 holes of golf for £39. A bargain and a great day out with some really nice people (well I am going ☺!)

The Golf Section is now in real need of new blood. If you are still working - can you get the day off - or retired and can drive, come to St Ives. If we do not get some new players it could be the last. If you can play for the Administrative Apprentices on this occasion please give me a call on 07812 017641 or let me know at steveksanders@googlemail.com.

Steve Sanders (307th) – Golf Secretary



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(has that been done before?!)

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Mrs **Claire Holman** (Honorary)

RESIGNATIONS

John Sutton (11th), **Peter Foorte** (13th),
Colin Ramshaw (20th), **David John** (30th), **David Scott** (40th),
Patrick Ryan (Affiliated).

MEMBERSHIP LAPSED

Ron Turner (4th), **Ian Pike** (7th), **Anthony Gibbs** (15th),
Len Tostevin (17th), **Lewis Kidd** (302nd),
Timothy Samwell (302nd), **Adrian Hughes** (314th),
James Lithgow (330th),



It is with sorrow that we have learned of the death of the following members:

592362 **John Higgs** (7th)
592730 **Reg Holman** (17th)
592962 **Chas Hardie** (23rd)
593679 **Peter (Ossie) Osborne** (36th)

and of the following non-member:

592194 **Robin Glanfield** (3rd)

OBITUARIES

PETER (OSSIE) OSBORNE (36TH)

I first met Peter in early January 1959, on a very cold and windy railway platform in Kings Lynn whilst waiting for a connecting train to Heacham where we were to be met by Corporal Jimmie Stewart and transferred to the AATS at RAF Bircham Newton. During that first meeting, whilst enjoying a sneaky cigarette, we discovered that we shared the same birthday and that he was two hours older than me. Thereafter, we exchanged birthday cards each year until we lost touch.

Peter's time at Bircham was fairly uneventful although he did attract a little bit of notoriety and admiration, bordering on "hero worship", for having been able to walk from Kings Lynn to Bircham in less than five hours in the middle of the night, having missed the last Bus back to Camp. He was also enthusiastic on the football field and achieved fame in the ranks for having fallen down a rabbit warren and breaking a leg - such was his stature.

There was a good precis of him in our Passing Out edition of the Apprentice Magazine which read " One whose stature and

ANGELIC appearance so clearly belied his ability to cause Instructors to lose hair at an unnatural rate". It was perhaps a little after the rabbit warren episode that he became an ardent and faithful fan of Manchester United and followed them for the rest of his life.

Having done "his time", at home and abroad (notably Gan) Peter left the Royal Air Force in January 1972 and acquired a newsagents shop in London which he managed for a couple of years. It was during that time that he began to use his accounting skills and started doing a few accounting jobs in his spare time, mainly for a Company named Adscene which was a free newspaper that was distributed throughout Kent (his home county).

Soon afterwards, having attracted a number of other clients who were mainly self employed businessmen, he established his own accountancy practice, trading as Peto Accountancy Services in Canterbury.

It was not too long before the size of his practice caused him to look for a partner and he merged his business with one of the larger firms in Canterbury, namely, Larkins Chartered Accountants.

Shortly afterwards, in 1996, he joined a Property Company, trading as Halsion in Canterbury as Financial Controller. The staff there remember him as a little bit scary as he did not mince his words and he ordered a special extractor fan to be installed in his office as he would not give up the smoking habit. In fact, one member of staff cannot ever remember seeing him without a cigarette on the go.

Peter was also a public spirited man and in 1991 was elected as a Magistrate and served on the Bench until he was forcibly retired at the age of 70 in 2012. I shall always remember visiting him in Canterbury a few years ago when he was Chairman of the Bench and being impressed by the number of people who would greet him in the street as "Mr Osborne, Sir" only to discover that he had sentenced them to time at Her Majesty's Pleasure or had admonished them. Such was the man.

We met up again at Bircham for our 50th anniversary in 2009 and a group of us, including Peter, were fortunate to have been able to have had regular reunions ever since in addition to the annual Admin Apprentice Association reunions.

I was privileged to attend Peter's "celebration of life" service at the Crematorium on 4th April and was a little surprised at the large turn out - almost like a Manchester United Football crowd. The humanitarian service was conducted by Ted Fisher, a member of the RAFA and Peter was marched in to the tune of the "Dambusters March" played by the RAF Central Band and after all the eulogies he was marched out to the famous Manchester United Red Army chant of " Glory, Glory Man United", and I assume they won the Premier League as a tribute to Pete!!

A truly remarkable exit for a truly remarkable man, I am proud to have been his friend and birth mate.

(This obituary was compiled in conjunction with the three other 36th Entry "Stalwarts" with whom Ossie was good friends and we never seemed to be amazed at the number of times he was "fined" for smoking in his room at hotels where we had our re-unions!)

Brian DeVecchis (36th)

REG HOLMAN (17TH)

I first met Reg somewhere between Paddington and South Wales in September 1952; we were embarking on a journey during which our friendship strengthened throughout the following 61 years. We were about to join the Royal Air Force on a 20 month administrative apprenticeship. Reg, being tall and smart soon made his mark and he was appointed the Entry Sergeant Apprentice.

Reg had an outstandingly successful RAF career, he progressed to Sergeant, during which time he served in Iraq, Aden and then

Nicosia under active service conditions during the EOKA troubles. In 1963 Reg was commissioned as an administrator and held a series of high profile posts, including that of ADC to Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, Commander-in-Chief of RAF Support Command.

In the 1970s, some 20 years after we first met, we worked on opposing desks in the Ministry of Defence, before Reg managed to escape back to Cyprus. Later as a Wing Commander he was awarded the OBE for his outstanding service at RAF Scampton. The award recognised not just the brilliant job he did in charge of all the support services at Scampton but also the effort he put in outside working hours for the good of the community. He also masterminded the royal visit of Princess Margaret to the Station in 1978, the template of which was used for a subsequent royal visit to the RAF Staff College. Reg was justifiably very proud of this National honour but in his typically modest way, he rarely, if ever mentioned it.

In the mid-eighties he was promoted to Group Captain, and spent the final few years of his RAF career at Support Command Brampton where the family settled in the village before moving to Hartford. Reg was one of a small band to be promoted to Group Captain without attending Staff College. He hung up his uniform for the last time in late 1990 after an outstanding career spanning 39 years.

On leaving the RAF Reg was appointed Bursar of Westwood House School, Peterborough: A very different environment to that which he had been used to, but one which suited his wide range of managerial and administrative skills. He slotted easily into the academic environment, relished the new challenges, enjoyed the people, and loved to recall his experiences in tackling the myriad of tasks which confront every school bursar: He also felt privileged to be able to continue a close association with the school after he retired.

Something of a workaholic during his working life, in retirement he was no different, and he accepted a 3-year stint as President of the Spanish apartment complex which he served with distinction, devoting countless hours for the benefit of the other owners of several nationalities.

Reg Holman the person was highly respected, he possessed many fine qualities; he was always immaculately turned out, and had been spotted on more than one occasion mowing his lawn in sports jacket, tie and flannels. He never possessed a pair of jeans! Generous with his time, patient and understanding, he had a dry sense of humour and his spontaneous quips would always make people laugh, often thawing frosty situations. His attention to detail earned him many plaudits, even though Claire sometimes found it somewhat exasperating. He could stand his ground when necessary, but never lost his temper, and always sought to mediate and persuade, rather than to use the big stick. Perhaps, what I will always appreciate most was his kindness, sensitivity and gentle approach when correcting another's mistakes; a virtue not many of us possess. Reg's favourite answer to any question or enquiry, "do you want the short version or the long one?" All who knew him well would ask for the short version, knowing full well that, like it or not, we were going to get the long one anyway!

Reg was also a talented sportsman who played hockey at both Station and Command levels, and latterly enjoyed something of a hockey Indian summer with the Huntingdon Veterans. We eventually persuaded him to give up playing at the age of 63. His son bought him golf lessons as he also thought it was high time his Father took up a less demanding, non-contact sport. Reg viewed the change as merely down-sizing to a smaller stick and a smaller ball. Even so, he thoroughly enjoyed the game and especially the good company of his pals at Pidley Golf Club. His stance on the tee could mislead us as to the direction he would launch the ball, and one of his playing partners rather unkindly described Reg's swing posture on the tee as that of a Praying Mantis swatting a grasshopper. Nevertheless, he was a

competent player and loved the challenge. In recent years I have no doubt that his high level of fitness helped him to resist the ravages of cancer for as long as he did.

In the later stages of his illness I was fortunate to be able to spend a fair amount of time with him and I never ceased to be surprised at his determination in continuing to do the Daily Telegraph crossword, and how alert his mind remained right up until the end. My dearest friend, Reg – Officer of the British Empire, talented Royal Air Force officer, sportsman, fashion icon, devoted husband, father and “Pappa.” In sum, he was a lovely man and a true friend. I will miss him deeply, but at the same time I feel very privileged to have known him.

David Valentine (17th)

REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

CYPRUS

The Cyprus Group met at Avdimou Beach on 8th April 2013. This was the 12th meeting of the Group and although there was only two of us in attendance for the first meeting of the year it was another happy afternoon with some good craic and reminiscences. Ian Dennis and myself kept the flag flying over a few beers and a good meal while the wind blew hard outside and the landlord closed the shutters to keep the place as warm as possible. Ian also presented me with a couple of DVD's covering recent matches involving the Cyprus Rugby Team. As I have said before, with only a few of us in Cyprus it only takes a couple of call-offs to make it a very small gathering. Phil Tobutt was in the UK, Ben Casey was tied up at work with problems caused by the Banking Crisis, Dave Pyant is only just back from the UK after some surgery and Brian Granville was tied up elsewhere. I'm pleased to say that Dave Pyant is recovering well after his operation and he hopes to be with us at our next scheduled meeting on Monday 3rd June 2013 at the Kyrenia Beach Restaurant at Avdimou Beach. A lot of the conversation was about the Cyprus Banking Problem but apart from some inconvenience it does not appear to have affected either Ian Dennis or myself to a great degree. I look forward to our next meeting at Avdimou Beach and I'm sure that it will be a bit warmer than today.

Ray Burrow (29th)

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DORSET

The quarterly meeting of the Dorset Branch of the Association was held on Saturday 25th May in the beautiful town of Sherborne. We met in the Half Moon Inn in the town centre and had an enjoyable lunch. Those attending were John White (13th), Tony Richards (14th), Peter Reed (30th), Tony Peters (34th), Mike Hamill (40th) and Shay Foley (46th). We welcomed

a new member - Bob Mussard (330th) from Wincanton in Somerset. No photo is available because of my technical ineptitude of uploading a picture from my camera to my PC! The next meeting will be on Saturday 31st August in The Ship, High Street in Christchurch. Its proximity to Hampshire may appeal to members who live in that fair county. The dress code is casual, meeting time 1230 for 1300.

Shay Foley (46th)

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SOUTH WEST HERTS

Our meet on Saturday 4th May 2013 at the Three Crowns pub, Bushey Heath, marked the 11th Anniversary of the Group's formation. A good show of 13 members and we were pleased to have the company of Bryan Schofield, RAFAAA Chairman. The usual banter, with food and some new ales in the pub. We look forward to the Association AGM in June when many of our Group members will be meeting up again with former colleagues. Apologies for absence from Derek Hobden (19th), David Marshall (24th), Tom Price-Rees (40th) and Peter Ralph (46th). With regard to our proposed visit to Bentley Priory: unfortunately, the Project Manager, Battle of Britain Trust has advised me that it will not be possible for our Group to visit the Priory at present as the work in progress has been delayed due to financial reasons. A date in September is envisaged. This is disappointing news. However, our next meet will be on Saturday 3rd August 2013 at the Three Crowns. We look forward to seeing our regulars and any other Association members who may be within travelling distance. Meet at 1100 hrs onward with food from 1200. Pub directions at www.three-crowns.com. Car park on site.

Trevor Moore (15th)

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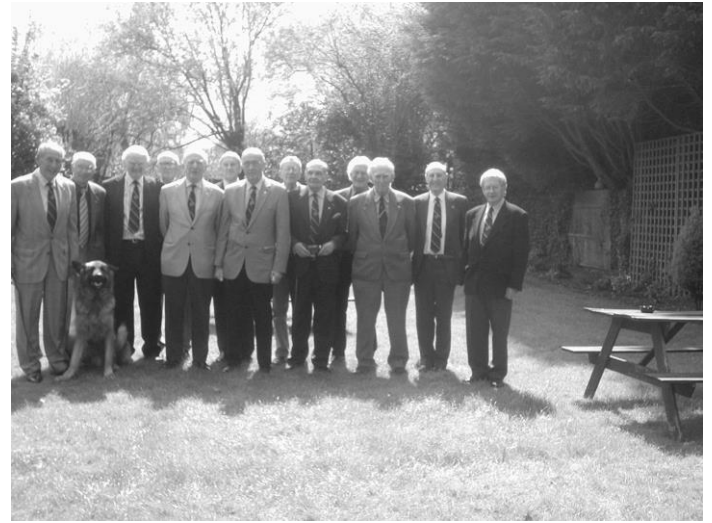


Photo (L to R): John Summers (18th), Peter Moir (17th), Haydn Illingworth (21st), Tony Parsons (19th), Trevor Moore (15th), John Forshaw (20th), Bryan Schofield (33rd), Phil Gough (31st), Gerry Singlehurst (15th), George Masson (29th), Jack Marshall (56th Ruislip), Ken Roost (1st), Noel Hayes (31st) (and the dog – not a new mascot - we still have “Guy”!).

GLOUCESTER AREA LUNCHEONS

Having recovered from my hip replacement surgery and thrown away the sticks I thought it time for another get together as it had been five months since our last luncheon. We returned to The Royal George at Birdlip, yet again, on St Georges Day (23rd April). The initial response to my invitation was quite poor but the numbers gradually increased and we eventually had ten Association Members accompanied by three ladies. There were also two FTR's for which apologies were received. The age group varied as the entry numbers ranged from the 5th (our President, Jim Wilcox) to the 301st (Alan Campbell, his first visit). We were also joined for the first time by Stuart Wright - Affiliated

45th Boy Entrant. The meal was really good value with the delightful weather complementing a pleasant afternoon enjoyed by all. Sorry some of you were not able to make it. Some other names were bandied around by some of the company so if there is anyone who might have missed out or anyone else who would like to join our group please let me know.

Mike Day (38th)

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(L to R) Back Row: Stuart Wright (Aff), Brian Kent (28th), Alan Campbell (301st), Phil Flavell (45th), Bill Huggins (4th), Brian Yost (22nd)
Front Row: Jim Wilcox (5th), Mike Day (38th), Sean Barbour (6th), Dave Buley (22nd)

SPAIN

A most convivial and leisurely lunch was held on Tuesday 26th March at the La Cova restaurant in El Campello, Alicante and was attended by some of the usual suspects currently living in the Costa Blanca region of Spain. They included Syd Avery (39th), Dave Squire (44th) and his wife Sue, Allan Bacon (35th) and Judy, and Frank Carroll (38th) accompanied by Barbara. A most welcome addition to our ranks was somebody we 'found' (courtesy of Dave Angood (41st)) living in the region; Roger Milsom (41st), who was with his wife Marilyn. As usual, during and after lunch, the banter, jokes and stories flowed ranging from current sporting expertise and activity to memories of days now long past but still vivid to many. Of course, 'Docking Lil's' name came up, despite nobody owning-up to have had ever met her, as well as the usual war stories of different drill instructors ranging from the very tall to the very small! Although the magic age of three score and ten (or slightly more!) is now getting prominent within the group it is advised that everybody was in excellent health and spirits, and making plans for the coming summer period after which our next meeting will take place towards the end of September. We would be delighted to welcome any visitors or ex-apprentices who may be either visiting or living in or around the Costa Blanca over the next six months or so and ask that you contact me to make suitable arrangements.

Frank Carroll (38th)

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L to R: Syd Avery, Sue Squire, Dave Squire, Barbara Carroll, Frank Carroll, Judy Bacon, Allan Bacon, Marilyn Milsom, Roger Milsom

ARTICLES

BELFAST XR 365 - 'HECTOR'



The photograph of this ex-RAF Belfast aircraft was taken last year at Cairns Airport, Queensland. It is the last airworthy Belfast having been flying, albeit spasmodically, until quite recently. It appears that the aircraft has now been 'grounded' as it is believed to be in the hands of the receivers because of debts by the company that operates it - 'Heavy Lift Cargo'. Des Skinner (41st), who also lives in Australia, spoke to the pilot about three years ago and discovered he was an ex-RAF Halton Apprentice. At that time the Belfast was doing contract work for the Australian Department of Defence. Now registered as RP C8020, it was better known in its RAF service days as "Hector" (Tail No XR365). A total of ten Short Belfast C.1s, to give its official designation, entered service with No 53 Squadron at RAF Fairford in January 1966 before moving to RAF Brize Norton the following year. All the aircraft were given the name of giants. The whole of the Belfast fleet was 'retired' relatively early in 1976 and placed into storage. Five aircraft were subsequently purchased in 1977 by 'TAC Heavy Lift Cargo' and after a refit at Marshalls of Cambridge to civilian airworthiness standard, they operated three of them for a while from Stansted, with one remaining in service until 1998. Ironically, a number were chartered by MOD in support of the Falklands War and the first Gulf War. The only other remaining complete airframe is "Enceladus" XR371 which is housed at RAF Cosford Museum.
Dixie Dean (40th)

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CORONATION PARADE ON 2ND JUNE 1953

My recollections preceding the Coronation of Her Majesty go back to the Abdication of King Edward VIII in December 1936, I can recall my father swearing about him and saying he should be court-martialled (though I had no idea what he meant). The Coronation of King George VI took place the following year and I heard part of it on the radio. In those days I went to a Roman Catholic school and received a Coronation mug. When I was 16, following two changes of school, I enlisted at RAF North Weald on 29th September 1947, after gaining the old fashioned School Certificate and passing the aptitude tests and physical fitness tests. I have a reason to remember the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten in November 1947. Princess Elizabeth got married and I got seven days CB!! I thought my brass buttons and cap badge were shiny enough but Sgt Bradbury didn't agree. I now understand very clearly the prejudice mentioned in the Bible against women, that their testimony was worthless. My testimony as an Apprentice was worthless compared with that of a Drill Sergeant! I had been in the RAF for two months. On the day of the Coronation I was lining the route of the procession in London. I was now a Corporal, 22 years old and had been stationed at St Athan (Glamorgan), Halton (Bucks), then my first operational station, Coningsby (Lincs) and was now at Bawtry (where Notts, Lincs and Yorkshire all meet). I do not know London well and cannot recollect whereabouts I was but I can remember an office

building of several stories on the opposite side of the road and the windows had lots of people at them and there was a great many flags. My first recollection is it was pouring with rain. I stood presenting arms and I was completely wet through. We had been issued with new uniforms, known as T.63, a smooth cloth like the American servicemen wore and what a change compared with the old fashioned serge I had until then! It was comfortable instead of scratchy, best of all the brass buttons did not need cleaning, they were anodised. How I wished I had had them when I was an Apprentice! White blanco from the rifle sling, my webbing belt and bayonet frog washed off in the rain and marked my new uniform. My second recollection is of seeing a black lady wearing a white dress standing up in an open carriage in the heavy rain pass in front of me. I am fairly certain she was wearing a white hat but I clearly remember she had an opened white parasol and in spite of the rain she was standing up in the carriage, dancing in the rain and acknowledging the cheers of the crowd which was behind me and on the opposite side of the road. At that time I had no idea of who she was but the warmth of her personality when she passed in front of me changed my attitude. I now know she was Queen Salote of Tonga. I can recall thinking "If she can enjoy it then so can I" and she made me smile. My attitude changed and I realised I was in a very privileged position. It was probably the only Coronation Procession I would ever see and I determined to witness something that would be unique in my lifetime. A police constable was standing to one side and slightly behind me and after the lady had passed he tapped me on the shoulder and said "Should you be smiling?". I noticed that he was as wet as me but several years older and was wearing campaign ribbons and medals. A conspiratorial wink passed between us. My third major recollection was to see the Coronation Coach pass in front of me. I remember it was pulled by six, maybe eight or possibly ten pairs of grey horses. The coach was rolling on its undercarriage and I got just a quick glimpse of Her Majesty and never saw Prince Philip. The coach is high, obviously very heavy and the sway was very distinct and noticeable to me. I have no idea what fastens the coach to the undercarriage but in spite in the cheering I still remain convinced to this day that I could hear it creaking on its undercarriage. I recall that I was terrified something would break and the coach tip over. I had this terrible thought "What should I do? What were we supposed to do?" During the training and practice at Northolt it had been drummed into us that it was an honour to be training for this job, that we had been specially chosen to honour Her Majesty, we were to guard her and to be seen by the crowds but we had been given no orders as to what to do in an emergency like I envisaged might happen. Fortunately nothing untoward happened, the rain continued, the bands played, the carriages passed and the troops marched past me, not just ours but several from overseas that I could not identify. The whole kaleidoscope of colour, precision and pageantry passed in front of me, maybe twelve to sixteen feet from me, much too much to remember, but the above are my enduring impressions. I still have my Apprentices' Badge (the wheel), my airman's cap badge and the forage cap with the Apprentices' black and white chequered hat band on it (denoting a St Athan Apprentice) which replaced the first hat band of blue and my brass button stick. I still have my Coronation Medal which was awarded to me by Air Vice Marshal Dermot Boyle, Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Group in Bomber Command. I seem to remember we got extra leave but I cannot recall how many days. Just to look at the ribbon with its silver medal and to polish it and to wear the cap with its badge and chequered hat band and to wear them on Remembrance Day brings a flood of memories back to me of a singular great day in my life and all the preparation for it. The medal had a distinctive scratch across its face side caused by the rifle when I Ordered Arms but 60 years of (now annual) polishing has nearly erased it.

Bob (Wings) Sayer (2nd)

APPRENTICE MEMORIALS

Thanks to Alan Campbell (301st) and Garry Hoyland (330th) for pointing out that some members may not be aware of permanent Apprentice memorials in place across the country. As far as Admin Apprentices are concerned, we have our commemorative stained glass window in St George's Church at RAF Halton and our memorial at the National Arboretum (pictures in previous Newsletters) as well as, of course, the Heritage Room at Bircham Newton. In addition, a stone set into the pavement at the side of St Clement Danes Church facing the Strand commemorates all Apprentices and Boy Entrants.

Editor



RAF BARNHAM

I read with interest Stuart Robothan's contribution about his time serving at RAF Barnham when it stored WMD's and his concern about the derelict state of it when he visited. Just a couple of days before I received the Newsletter I was travelling from Lincolnshire to Essex with my brother (also a member) and, just South of Thetford, we passed an establishment signposted as RAF Barnham and we both commented that we had never heard of it. On our return journey we slowed and had a good look and, sure enough, the shiny new sign said RAF Barnham and there was a proper barrier with a military guard. The signage also indicated that it is a satellite of RAF Honington located about three miles to the South East which is now the home of the RAF Regiment. So, Stuart, the old place has been brought back to life. If you are ever in the area perhaps our friends in the Regiment would let you have a look round.

Bob Humphrey (17th)

EDITOR'S NOTE

I would like to thank all members who have taken the trouble to submit articles for the Newsletter. Rest assured that appropriate articles will be printed (sooner or later – don't be dismayed if they aren't in this edition – it's just a matter of article length, space, format etc) and please continue to send material for inclusion – it's your Newsletter, after all.

Pete Ralph (46th)

ROYAL AIR FORCE ADMINISTRATIVE APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION
2013 REUNION AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WALTHAM ABBEY MARRIOTT HOTEL, OLD SHIRE LANE, WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX, EN9 3LX
21ST TO 23RD JUNE 2013

Programme of Events

Friday 21 June

1400 Burnett Trophy - Theydon Bois GC
 1930-2100 Carvery Dinner - Thyme Restaurant

Saturday 22 June

0700-1000 Breakfast - Thyme Restaurant
 1300 Ladies' Coach Outing departs
 1315 RAFAAA AGM - Forest Suite
 1700 Ladies' Coach Outing returns
 1930 for 2000 ReUnion Dinner - Forest Suite

Sunday 23 June

0700-1100 Breakfast - Thyme Restaurant

NOTES

- Rooms are available from 1500 on day of arrival
- On arrival at the Hotel ensure that your car is registered at Reception. Car parking is usually chargeable but is free for members for the Reunion weekend. However failure to register your car could result in a substantial penalty as the car park is CCTV controlled and monitored
- Please bring and wear your own nametag
- Dinner only guests please pay the Association Treasurer
- Accommodation and any extras must be settled by members with the Hotel prior to departure

Travel Directions

The Hotel is located close to Junction 26 of the M25 Motorway. From the West leave the Motorway at Junction 26 go up the exit ramp to roundabout and leave at second exit, the Hotel is immediately on the left. From The East leave the Motorway at Junction 26, take fourth exit off roundabout onto Honey Lane, go under the Motorway and leave the next roundabout at the third exit, the Hotel is immediately on the left.

The nearest Railway Station is Waltham Cross and the taxi fare is £8.

The nearest Underground Station is Loughton and the taxi fare is £10

REUNION DINNER MENU

Leek and Potato Soup

Roasted Leg of Lamb

served with Rosemary and Redcurrant Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables

Classic Lemon Tart with Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee and mints

(Notified special dietary requirements have been catered for)

Attendees

Bookings have been made on behalf of the following members:

ENTRY

1st **J Green, K Roost**
 2nd **S Robathan**
 4th **R Wise**
 5th **J Wilcox, D Burlingham, R Osborne, W Huggins**
 11th **M Heritage**
 13th **J White**
 14th **B Richards, J Gent, T Moore**
 16th **G Singlehurst**
 17th **R Mabbott, B Bullivant, G Wright, R Blundell, P Edmonds**
 18th **J Summers**
 19th **D Hobden, A Cowan, J Evans, A Parsons, J Waltham, I Thomson**
 20th **P Follett, J Forshaw**
 23rd **R Shepherd, D Marshall**
 24th **D Bulleid**
 28th **I Bell, M Owen**
 29th **A Bell, R Burrow, D Davies, R Pipe, H Trumbell, G Masson, R Anders**
 30th **B Philpott, P Reed, P Williamson, F Harrington**
 31st **N Hayes, P Gough**
 32nd **M Wilkinson**
 33rd **R Danes, A Du Feu, G Goddard, B Schofield**
 34th **K Hendry, R Orr, M Ridge**
 35th **R Dickinson**
 36th **B Devecchis**
 38th **A Burchell, P Dyer, D Linney, F Carroll, M Day, W Dean, P Charnell, R Cleife, K Edwards, T Price-Rees, G Stevens, N Pringle**
 40th **R Hedinburgh, K Green, W Hoggarth**
 42nd **B Morrison**
 44th **S Foley, P Ralph**
 46th **W Beedie**
 301st **D Ainsworth, G McCullough, A Proctor**
 304th **A Hammonds**
 305th **B Hoare, S Sanders**
 307th **D Johnson**
 313th **T McKnight**
 318th **G Hoyland**
 330th **Mrs S Craycraft, Mrs S Hopewell**
 Honorary Associate **B Collins, J Muirhead, S Wright**

I reiterate again the need for members to co-operate with regard to cancelled bookings. It is the responsibility of the member concerned to notify the Hotel of a cancellation.

Bryan Hoare (307th) – Social Secretary

TO ENSURE FAIRNESS TO EVERYONE ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S REUNION AT THE WALTHAM ABBEY MARRIOTT HOTEL, THE BAR DISCOUNT PRICES HAVE BEEN RENEGOTIATED TO A GENEROUS 25% ACROSS THE WHOLE RANGE OF DRINKS FROM THE BARS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.