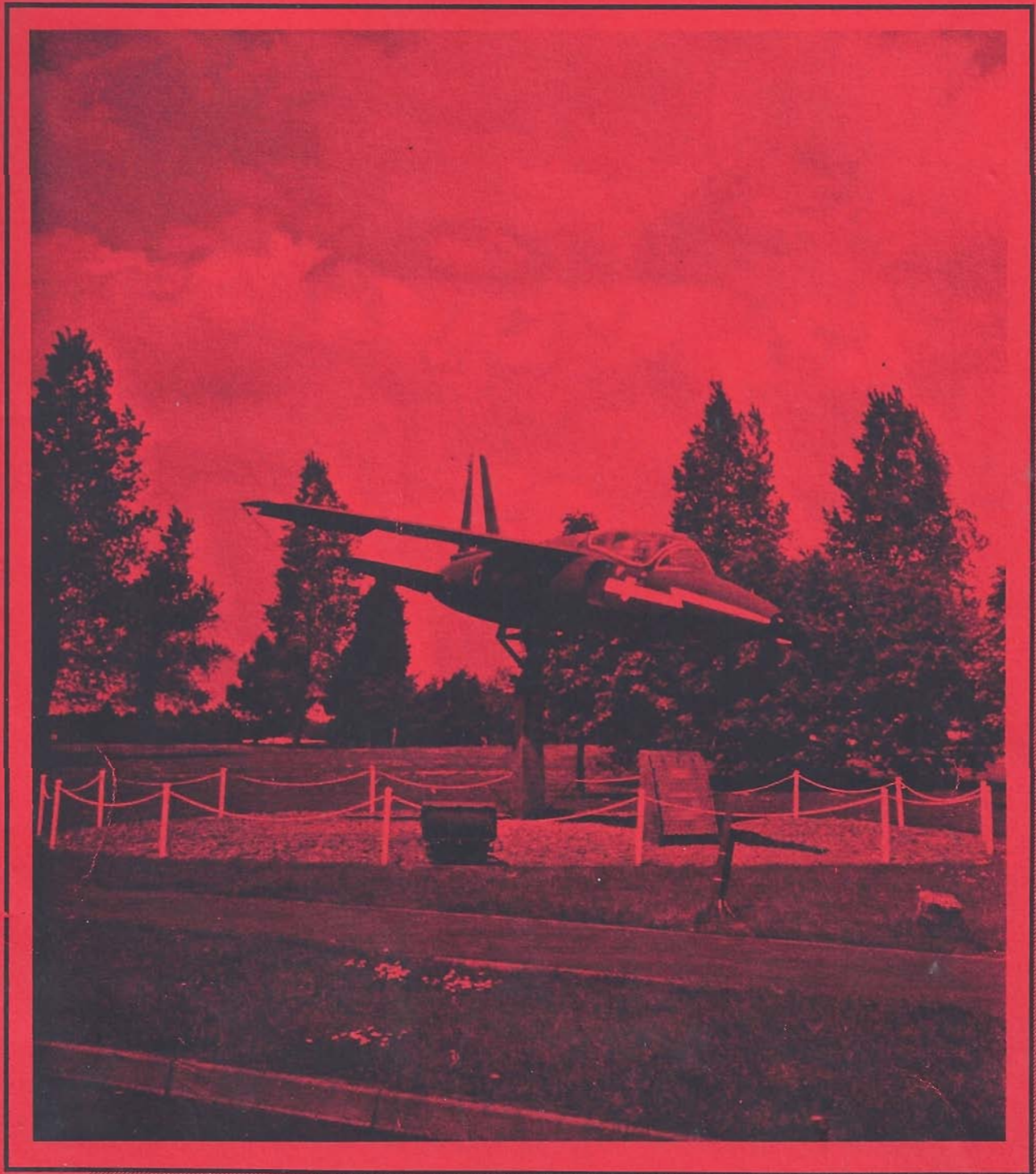




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JIM BRINTON RETIRES

The NAAFI Manager leaves Locking

A small families shop was included in the premises and as the years went by this was increased in size to cope with the growing demand for a shop counter service by families of servicemen. Several structural changes were made to the premises producing some hair raising tales such as staff and stock being walled up in secret passages.

Jim Brinton retires from the NAAFI organisation in May 1993. A presentation to mark his retirement as this Unit's Shop Manager was made on Tuesday 23rd March 1993, in the Lounge Bar of the Roundel Club.

A brief summary of Mr Brinton's career: Mr Brinton joined the NAAFI organisation in 1951 and he has travelled in service of the Services to locations as far apart as Didcot and Rhodesia. A period of service with the Army in Cornwall followed before serving on such RAF stations as Filton, Colerne, Rudloe Manor and Little Rissington. He took over managership of the Locking shop in 1964.

The site of the original hutted shop is now occupied by SHQ. The main task of the shop manager during these years was to maintain mess supplies in bulk rations - this was in the days of National Service when Locking had

a much larger and continually changing strength of servicemen.

One major move was a period of eight weeks whilst the complete shop was being re-tiled when it was necessary to transfer goods into a disused church annex which stood on a site near to the new SHQ - it was the first time that NAAFI service has taken over from a church service.

The new Families Services Shop and Gift Shop on the current site were opened in 1972. Mr Brinton has provided exceptionally loyal support to this Unit since 1964. His warm and approachable style has earned him well deserved respect from those that have served at Locking. In an age when personal customer care is only just returning to the service sector, it is gratifying to note that such care has always been a hallmark of Mr Brinton's managerial career.



ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Watch your Waste!!

LEFT TO RIGHT :
C/T Parsons (Present i/c
Recycling); Gp Capt
Davison; Mayor Peter
Bryant; C/T Dormer (Past
i/c Recycling)



REMEMBER
THE THREE
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REDUCE
RE-USE
RECYCLE

Are you concerned about the amount of waste in your dustbin? Perhaps you already recycle your bottles and cans, but could you reduce the amount of waste you actually produce?

In total, household waste amounts to 20 million tonnes a year, one tonne for every family. About half of this could be recycled, but only 5% is at the moment, most ends up in holes in the ground called landfill sites. This is a waste of valuable materials and energy and can be a cause of pollution.

Before we even consider recycling, we should aim to reduce the waste that comes into our homes, by not buying over-packaged and disposable goods where we have a choice. Of course, much packaging is essential to protect the things we buy and keep them clean, but we all know examples where too much is used. Buy fruit and vegetables loose instead of pre-packaged for instance and take your own shopping bags rather than picking up new plastic bags every time you go to a supermarket.

Look for things made from or packaged in recycled materials when you are out shopping, such as dustbin liners, toilet rolls, writing paper, detergents in recycled plastic bottle. Other examples include cat litter and loft insulation made from newspapers, and garden furniture made from recycled plastic. New products are being developed all the time.

Re-using and returning are also important ways of cutting out waste. For example, milk bottles are used an

average of twenty times, so always return yours. If you have old furniture, appliances, clothes, toys, books and other things that you no longer use, local charities and community groups, such as the thrift shop will usually take them for sale if they are in good condition or can be repaired.

When you have done all you can to reduce, re-use and return you should look at what you can recycle. Anyone with a garden can recycle a quarter of their waste by turning kitchen and garden waste into compost and mulches. This avoids the need to buy peat-based composts and protects valuable peat lands which are havens for wildlife.

Local councils had to prepare recycling plans last year, following on from the Government setting a target to recycle 25% of household waste by the year 2000. Most towns and large villages have at least a bottle or can bank and in some areas councils and charities run door to door collections for recycled wastes. Some councils take steel cans out of the mixed rubbish by magnetic extraction. Find out about and use the facilities in your area. Within the bounds of this station, facilities are available for the recycling of glass, paper, engine oil and aluminium cans. The Local council provide further collection services for, fridges, tins, metals, batteries, garden waste and more.

If you have any ideas for improving the recycling facilities on this station, or require further information please contact C/T Rogers Parsons on Ext 7309.

CORPORALS' DINING-IN NIGHT

Thursday 25th March 1993

During the 50th anniversary year of No. 1 Radio School, the Corporals of RAF Locking organised a dining in night for the first time in several years. Although it was a new experience for most of those attending, from the first welcoming glass to the last sip of coffee the evening proved to be an enormous success.

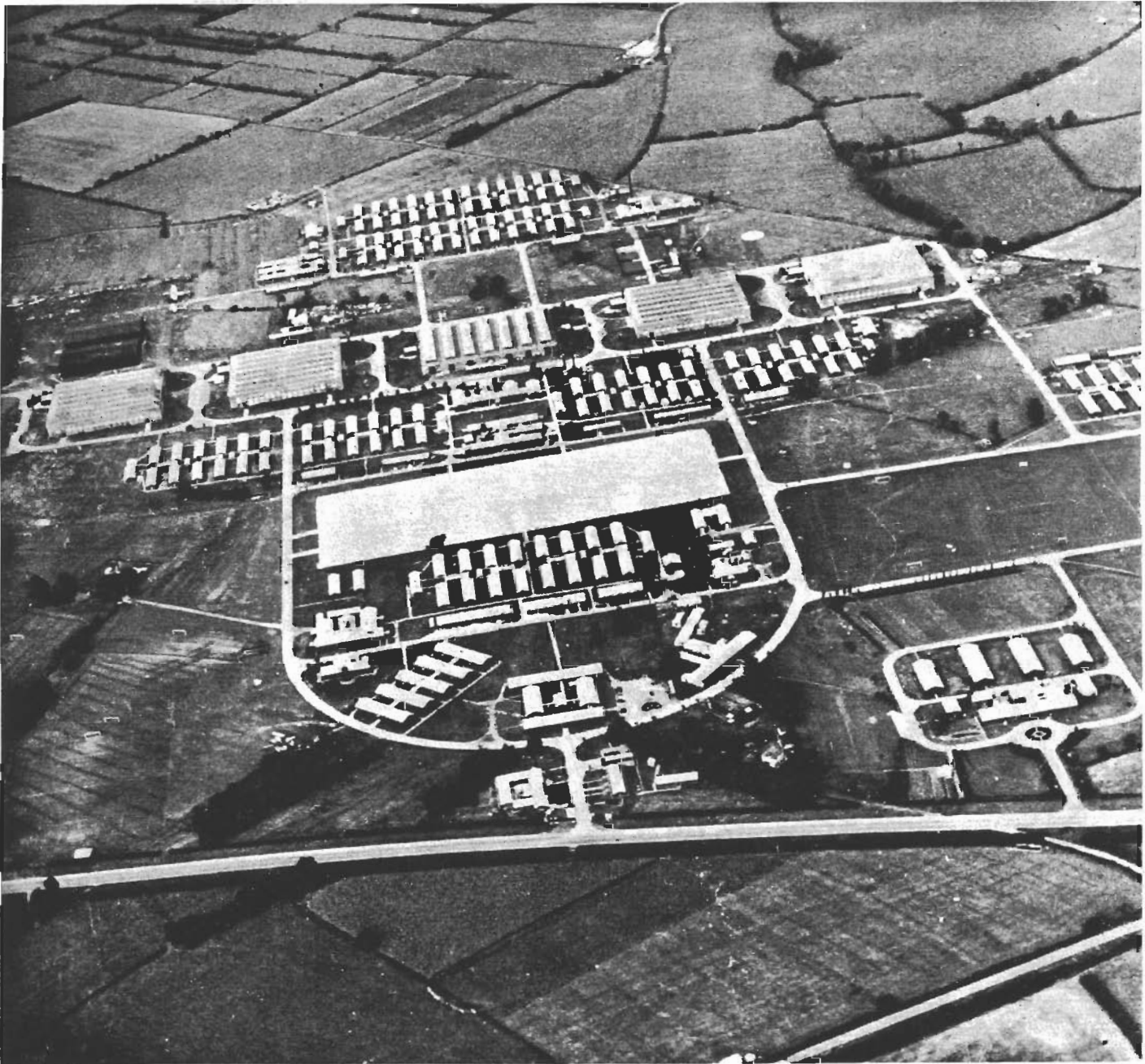
The tradition of the 'Dining in Night' was maintained throughout despite various attempts to 'Ground' the port decanter and 'Retire' from the top table prematurely.

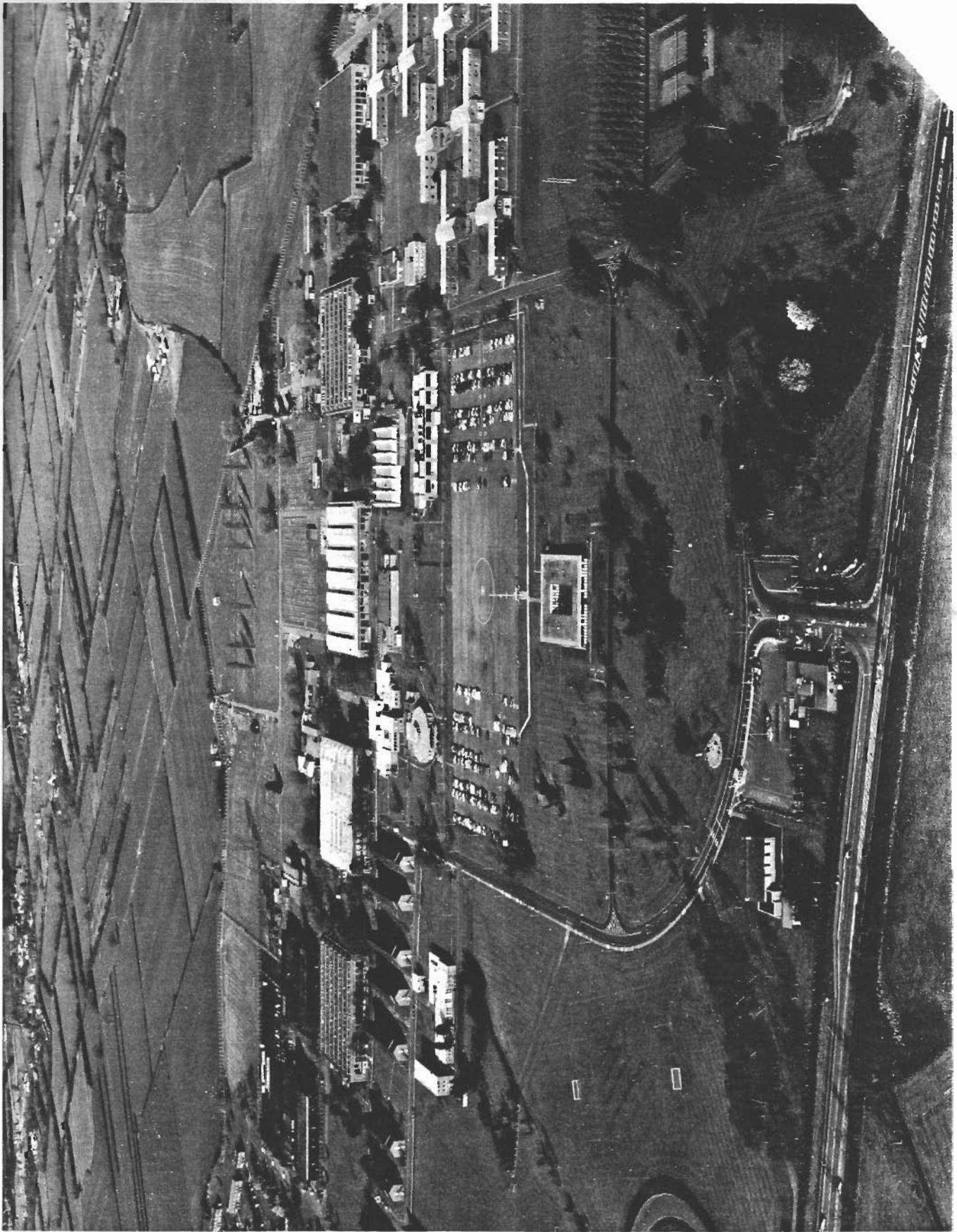
With many similar evenings planned, this promises to be an excellent 50th anniversary year to the Corporals of RAF Locking.



WHAT WAS THE YEAR?

In the last issue, we asked when this aerial shot of Locking was taken. If you guessed 1948 you were right. Apart from the T blocks much has changed since those early days, with all the wooden huts being knocked down over the years. However, the outside of the Station has changed little, with the majority of the field boundaries remaining the same. One major change is, of course, the routing of the M5 to the east of the Station. Interestingly, there are only three vehicles to be seen in the picture. Also, in 8 Area, a Lancaster, Mosquito and other assorted aircraft can be seen. Locking as it is today is shown opposite.





THE LOCKING APPRENTICE

Who is this that crawls out from beneath a stone!

This year being the 50th Anniversary of No. 1 Radio School, one cannot forget the Radio Apprenticeship scheme which played a large part in the history of the School.

The Apprenticeship scheme was well established when it moved from Cranwell to Locking in 1953 and continued to flavour the character of the School until it was phased out in the mid nineteen seventies. The spirit of the apprentice still lives at Locking, quite a number of civilian instructors and RAF staff were Locking apprentices and will have mixed emotions about those days.



THE LONG SHARP SHOCK!

Three years of training - how did we survive? The first year was the hardest, if you survived that you were conditioned to survive for a further two. First year conditions :

No civilian clothes to be worn, on or off the station.

Allowed off the station Saturdays and Sundays from mid-day until 9.30pm only.

Church parades on Sunday mornings.

No consumption of alcoholic drink whatsoever.

No cars or motorcycles allowed.

If you were a smoker you had to have a smoking pass signed by your parents.

Part of your pay compulsorily withheld until you went on leave.

Lights out 10pm every night.

THE ENTRY SPIRIT

Survival was due to the 'entry spirit' being very strong. We all suffered together, but also banded together to help fellow entry inmates.

There were three entries each year consisting of 100 to 150 apprentices per entry. Each entry developed its own character throughout the three years of training with its own entry banner and entry song. These came to the fore on entry sporting and social occasions. For example, for famous apprentice boxing tournaments, we would march from the Apprentice Wing billets (in the area of the present Flowerdown Club) to the old gymnasium (now Station Workshops) displaying our entry banners and singing our entry songs. The rivalry was intense, each entry supporting their champion boxer.

I dare not mention that I was in the 84th entry as no doubt many reading this article will shout SPROG! They being 69th, 72nd, 76th or some other senior entry. Such was the strength of Entry Spirit.

POWER OF THE SENIOR ENTRY

Fear was struck into the hearts and minds of the Junior Entry at the very mention of the phrase 'Senior Entry'. During the last four months of training the Senior Entry was almost a law unto themselves and had many



RIGHT :
A Locking Apprentice in the foreground (an extinct breed) with a wooden billet complex in the background (also extinct).

FAR RIGHT :
Hooray!! Senior Entry at last!



ABOVE :
Christmas dinner 1958 -
note the Entry Banners on
the wall.

unwritten privileges. The first experience by the Junior entry of the Senior entries' power was when they were commandeered to clean their billets and bull their kit. You dare not refuse otherwise you end up with a cold bath. The way to get protection was to volunteer to be a kit boy to a particular member of the Senior entry and you 'bulled' his kit exclusively.

Then there were the raids on the Junior entry billets by the Senior entry which happened after light out when your bed, with you still in it, was tipped upside down, your kit taken from your locker and thrown around the billet or outside. The kit had to be well marked so it could be retrieved more easily.

Once a week the Senior entry held a kangaroo court in the NAAFI where again the Junior entry billets would be invaded and the SPROGS marched off to the NAAFI to face such charges as being improperly dressed, in the billet. Of course you were always found guilty and had to stand on a table and sing before being released.

We longed for the day when we would be Senior Entry!

SAGA OF THE WHITE CHINA MUG

Every apprentice had his own mug and irons (knife, fork and spoon, to the uninitiated). These had to be laid out on the wooden locker for daily inspection as well as being used each meal time. The white china mug barely lasted a week during your first term. During the many kit inspections by the Apprentice NCO he would wipe his finger around the inside of your mug, stand about two inches from your face and with a blase of hot air should "DIRTY, VILE GREASE!" SMASH! would go the mug over the iron bed end. After those inspections the billet looked like a whirlwind had hit it.

Needless to say the NAAFI kept large stocks of white china mugs in anticipation of the frequent whirlwinds.

Another place your white china mug could disappear was outside the Apprentice Mess in the large hot water trough used for washing mugs and irons after each meal. If you accidentally let go it would sink to the murky depths of this trough never to be seen

RIGHT :
Hamish McCrackers,
Apprentice Wing Mascot,
having Christmas Dinner
1958.



It was the custom of the Senior Entry to leave their mark on Weston-super-Mare with such pranks as putting washing powder in the fountain on the sea front, or hoisting the entry flag on the flagpole of the Odeon Cinema.

again. After up to a thousand apprentices had used the trough the contents became quite murky with bits of food floating on the top. We swore this was used as next days soup although we could never prove it.

LITTLE MAN - BIG VOICE

As you pass the Flowerdown Club there is a sign saying "PARKES ROAD"; this brings back memories of a WO Parkes, the Apprentice Wing Warrant Officer. A little man barely five feet tall and a former RAF Bantam Weight Boxing Champion. He organised the Apprentice Boxing Tournaments for which he was famous. Parkes Road was his favourite apprentice hunting ground, being small in stature he could hide easily behind a billet or tree, stepping out just as you were marching down the hill. "Get those arms swinging shoulder high,

you flock or docile sheep!" he would shout. The voice was heard quite a few seconds before we actually saw him.

Apprentices feared but also respected him at the same time.

APRENTICES VERSUS THE LOCAL LADS

Apprentices were always conspicuous in Weston-super-Mare as they always wore uniform. This of course provided bait to the local 'teddy boys' during the nineteen fifties era and many a skirmish took place on the beach especially during the summer.

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ABOVE :
Wet weather Passing-Out Parade in 3(T) Block, July 1959. Slow March Past.

GOOD GUYS/BAD GUYS

Good conduct stripes were awarded if your crimes went undetected, these were worn at the bottom of the left sleeve on your uniform. By the time you had reached your final two terms the apprentice had accumulated three of these stripes (see photo of passing out parade)

After one year certain apprentices were selected to hold a local NCO rank and give them responsibility at a young age. A leading apprentice (one stripe), would be responsible for one billet of twenty-two apprentices, a corporal apprentice would be in charge of two billets and live in a bunk at the end of one of them - what luxury! A sergeant apprentice would be responsible for a squadron (approximately four hundred and fifty apprentices). The flight sergeant apprentice was selected for the passing out parade only, then the next day we would all be demoted to Junior Technicians and be away on our postings.

SACRED GROUND

This of course was the Parade Square used exclusively for parades and drill instruction and was out of bounds at all other times. This was the territory of the Station Warrant Officer who could often be seen stalking its perimeter like a game warden looking for poachers.

CAR PARKING!

We never had cars to park so that solved the problem. As apprentices joined the RAF at Locking the

first year included a large dose of initial training - that meant plenty of drill. For us we had an extra large dose to get ready in time for the inaugural Freedom of Weston Parade in 1956. As we always wore studded boots, drill timing could be more precise and we could hear our movements, compared to today's 'soft shoe shuffle!'

The frequent parades were always lead by the Apprentice Wing Pipe and Drum Band with the Shetland Pony Mascot 'Hamish McCrackers' who held the rank of Leading Apprentice. Apprentice wing being about thousand-strong would fill the square with its three squadrons.

TO CONCLUDE

In between all the above capers we actually did some technical training; but that is another story which time or space does not permit.

These days when I come through the main gate I expect to see the guards in red jackets and white trousers giving a cherry "Hi-De-Hi! Welcome to Locking Holiday Camp". Yes times have changed and I must change with them.

At the end of the day taking everything into consideration, I am proud to say "Yes I was a Locking Apprentice and wouldn't have missed the experience for the world".

Now I can crawl back under my stone!

Squadron Leader Dick Cheeseman
(RAF Ret'd)
84th ENTRY 1956-59.

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HUSBAND & WIFE ON GUARD



In February 93, a rare situation occurred at RAF Locking. The RAF Policeman and the Armed Guard detailed to carry out Control of Entry duties at the Main Gate, were husband and wife.

Cpl Ray Glear and Jnr Tech Lisa Glear found themselves on duty together for just one hour, nevertheless the Stn Cdr, Gp Capt Davison managed to be present to mark the occasion.

ROAD REPS**Canberra Crescent**

Mrs Hudson (2 Canberra Crescent)

Anson Road 1-7, 2-40

Mrs Murphy (12 Anson Road)

Anson Road 9-51, 42-68

Mrs Allin (23 Anson Road)

Anson Road 53-71, 70-98

Mrs Britton (55 Anson Road)

Larkhill Road

Mrs Carrington (3 Larkhill Road)

Merryfield Road

Mrs Kemp (1 Merryfield Road)

Woolvers Way

Mrs Casey (14 Woolvers Way)

Oxford Square (Odds)

Mrs Jones (34 Oxford Square)

Oxford Square (Evens)

Mrs James (27 Oxford Square)

Varsity Way

Mrs Tindall (15 Varsity Way)

Portal Road & Trenchard Road 1-12

Mrs Smith (2 Portal Road)

Trenchard Road 13-27 &**Pinetree Road 1-15**

Mrs Frye (15 Trenchard Road)

Flowerdown Road

Mrs Longman (13 Flowerdown Road)

Adastral Road

Mrs Wootten (10 Adastral Road)

Broadway & Mendip Road

Mrs Farrell (21 Mendip Road)

Tower Hill, Spinney Road &**Pinetree Road 2-4**

Mrs Mannall (1 Tower Hill)

FLOWERDOWN FAIR 1993**LOCKING LADIES**

RAF Locking's own Flowerdown Fair will be held on Saturday 19th June 1993. All proceeds will go to charity. Locking Ladies hope to run a large number of stalls, including the following :

**Plants Books Cakes
White Elephants Lucky Dip
Tombola Bargain Bazaar
Sandwiches Facepaints
Handicrafts Teas Toys**

Any offers of help to run a stall or to help a stall holder would be appreciated. Potential helpers are very welcome.

If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, jewellery, old tights, jam jars, wool, unwanted cosmetics or 'White Elephants' which you are prepared to give to the Fair, please contact me. If you are prepared to grow cuttings and contribute plants nearer the time, it would be much appreciated. I will arrange collection of any gifts or please take them to the collection points at the Hive, Playschool or the Thrift Shop.

**Sarah Longman
13 Flowerdown Road
Tel : 823941**

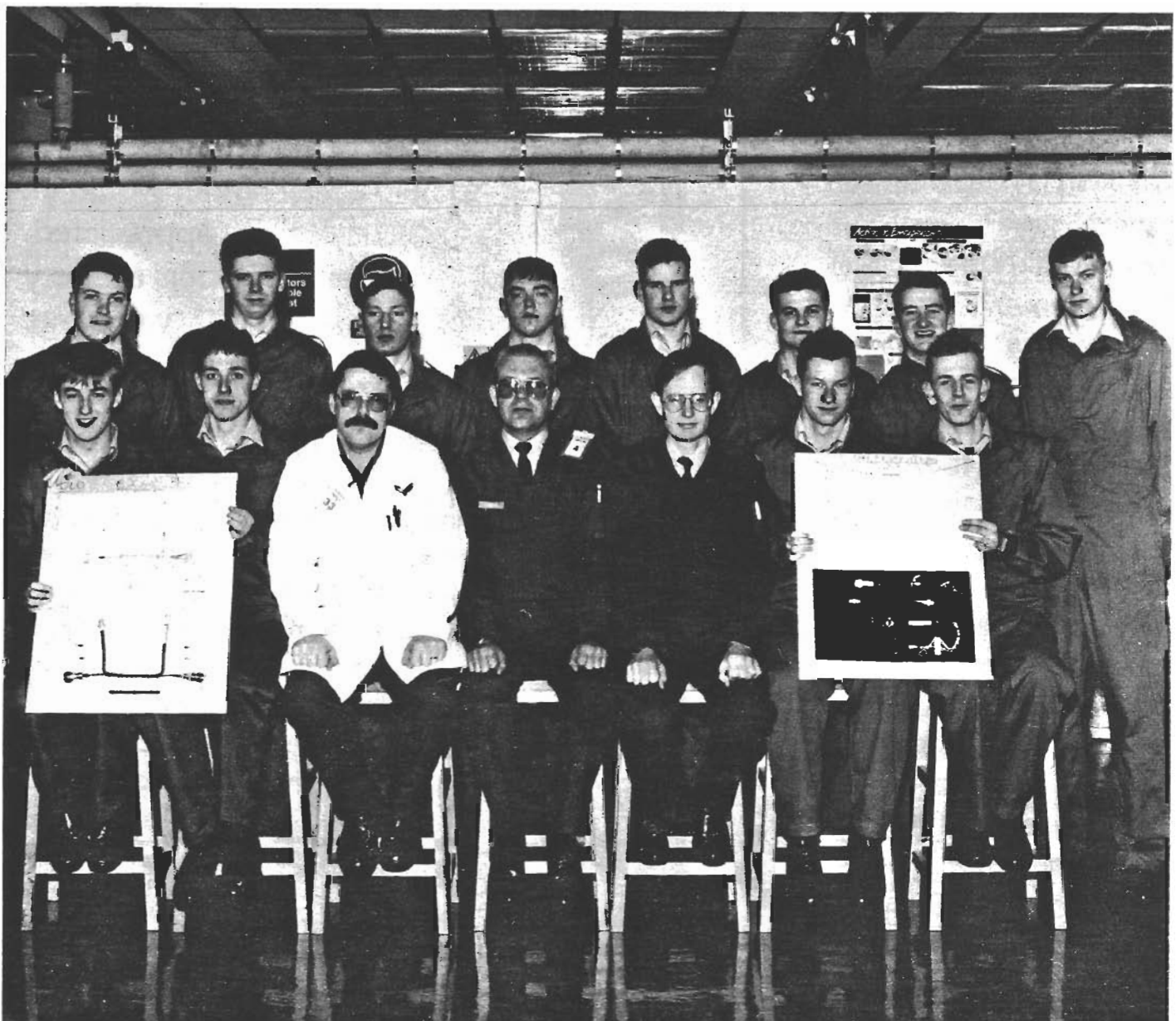
CHANGES IN 4(T) BLOCK

A major change to the Skill of Hands (workshops) course for basic TG3 trainees in 4(T) Block has just taken place. No one is sure when the old course started, but Mr Derek Shaw says that it is basically the course he took during his national service in 1958! The new course reflects the changing skills required by a modern Mechanic or Technician.

Gone is the heavy "Metal Bashing", this is now left in the capable hands of TG5. "Looming and Lacing" has been replaced by Ty Wraps, Spiro

Wrap and Heat Shrink (much to the relief of all concerned), and a larger range of plugs and sockets, both crimped and soldered, has been included to give students a better feel for what is currently in use.

The photograph shows, Flt Lt Donald O/C BMTF, Chf Tech Simonds and Cpl Richardson who developed the new course and DTC 147, the first class to complete the new course. DTC 147 are holding the end product of the connector phase of the old (left) and new (right) courses.



50th BLOOD DONATION



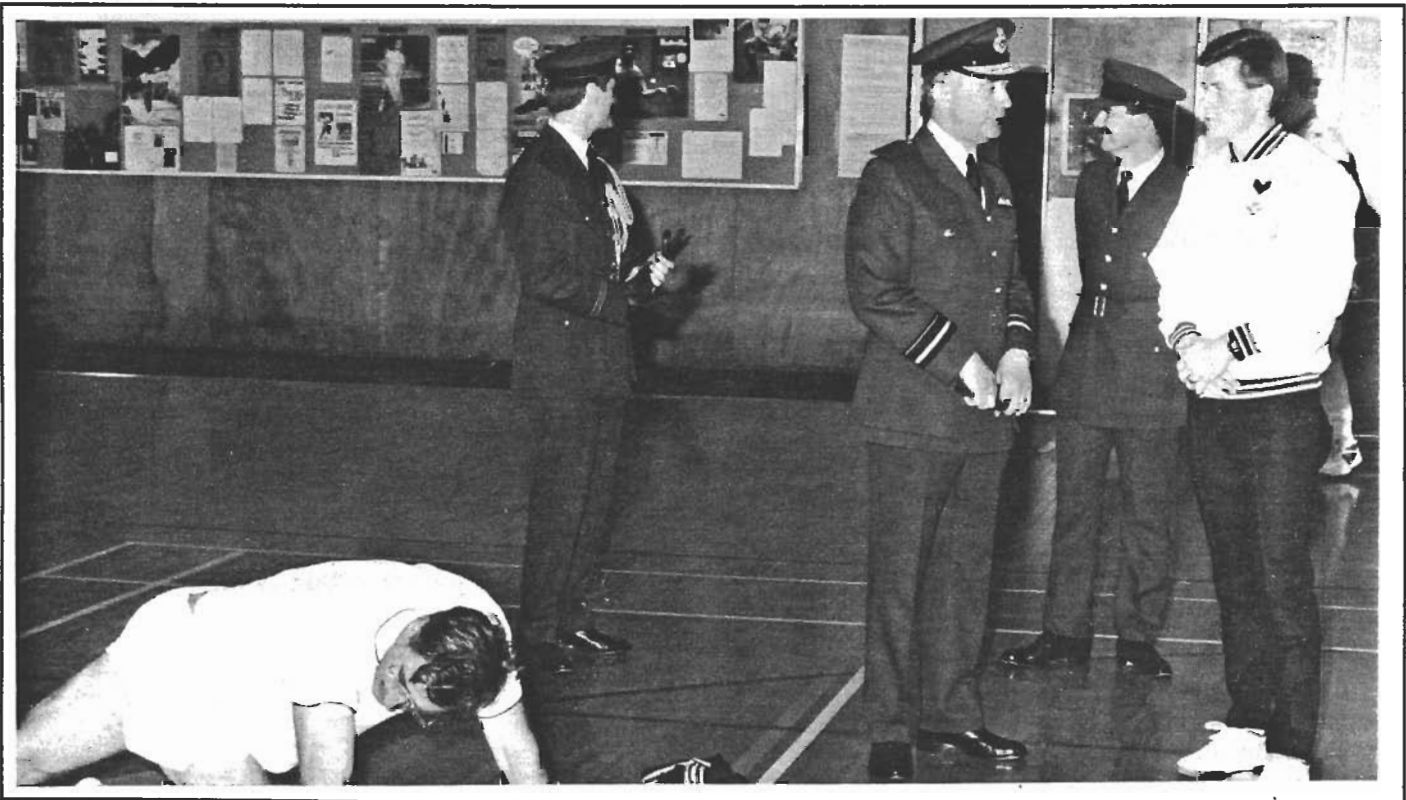
Photograph shows Flt Lt Swetman receiving his certificate from the Station Commander Group Captain Mike Davison and Mrs Barbara Hillier the Assistant County Organiser for the Blood Transfusion Service.

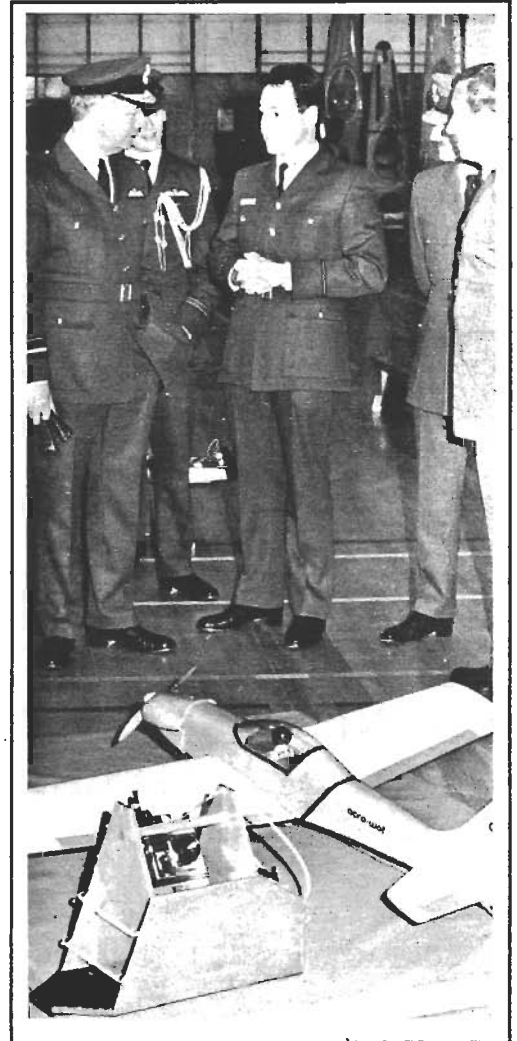
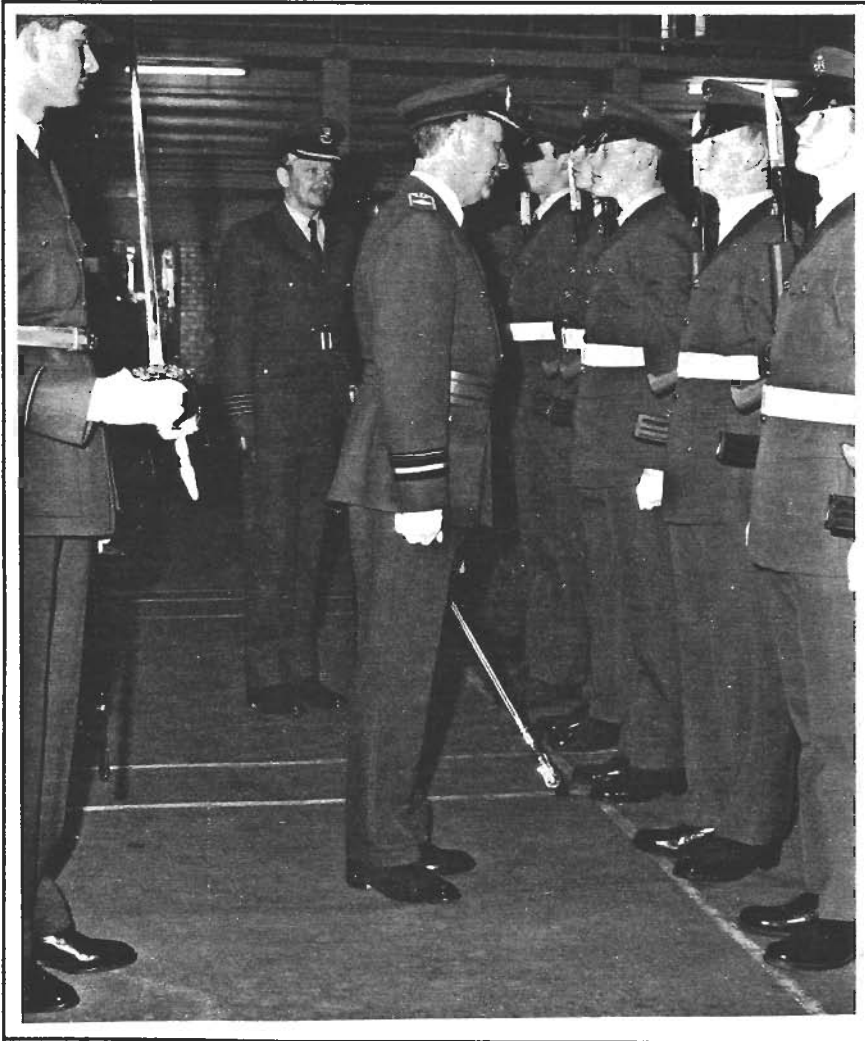
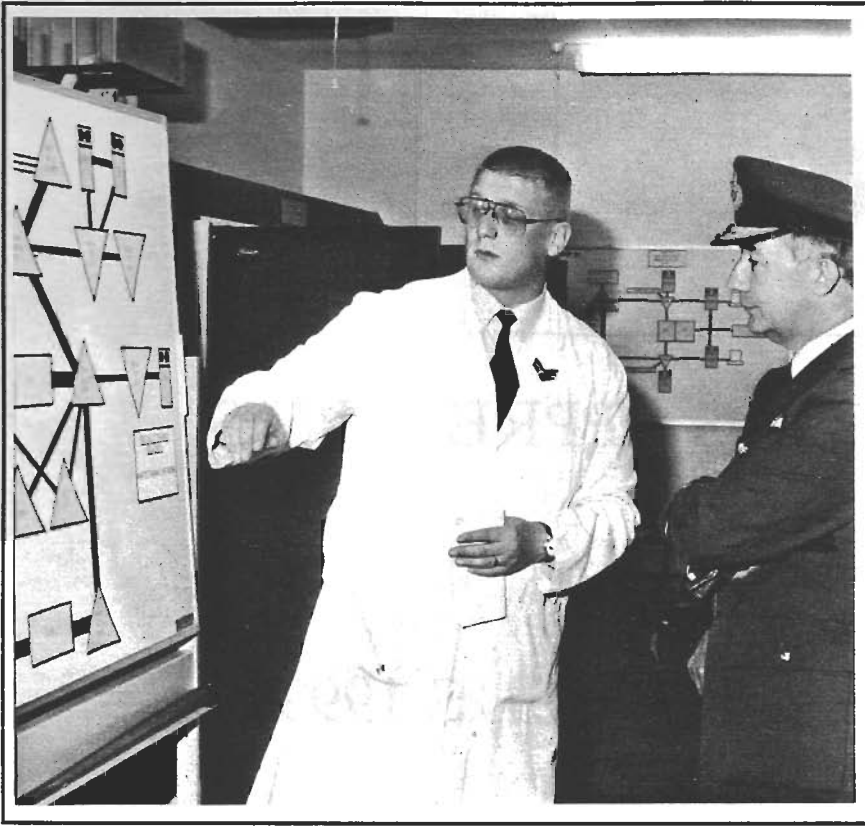
At the last visit of the Blood Transfusion Service to RAF Locking Flt Lt Keith Swetman was presented with a commemorative badge and certificate to mark his 50th donation of blood. Flt Lt Swetman first gave blood in 1968 and has regularly donated since.

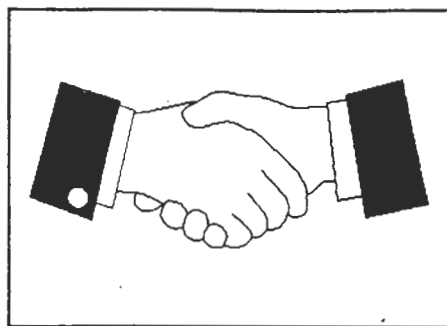
When he first started to give blood, a pint was taken every six months. More recently, donations may be taken at sixteen week intervals and the quantity has dropped to 500mls.

THE AOC's INSPECTION

Photographs taken during the AOC's visit on 30th March 1993.







RAF LOCKING APPRENTICES

REUNION

SATURDAY 19 JUNE 1993

AT RAF LOCKING 1000 HRS
IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL 3T BLOCK

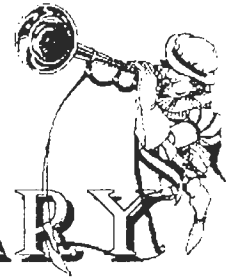
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Designed by Sgt J. Birns

FAF 47's R & I EXPERIENCE

After a six hour journey having dared to venture via RAF Cosford with a PTI(W) in tow, we eventually arrived at the Royal Air Force Resource and Initiative Centre at Fairbourne (RITC Fairbourne) Wales.

A hearty welcome was what we'd been told to expect from the staff at RITC Fairbourne - suffice to say we didn't get it. Cpl Nevitt PTI, briefed us as to the weeks entertainment. We were to canoe, rock climb, walk the hills and partake in various exercises that would test our resourcefulness and initiative skills.

Tea time arrived and we had a traditional Welsh meal, comprising of chips, meat pie and peas. After tea we all decided to test our own Resourcefulness and Initiative skills . . . we eventually located the pub - the Fairbourne Hotel - and decided to do a spot of hill walking en route.

The next day came upon us early. We were introduced to our respective instructors, Cpl Nevitt took half of FAF 47 and Cpl Andy Knapper took the other half. Andy Knapper, (ex MT driver) took us to the store and we were issued our kit, breeches (tight fitting), socks, Helly Hanson tops and various other pieces of 'survival' equipment. A tip for those fellow trainees who are lucky enough to go on R&I is not to forget your own personal safety equipment, namely the trusty hip flask (filled with Ribena of course).

Kit issued, it was time for our first exercise. A leadership exercise to be done in the disused slate mine at Friog.

Friog Frolics uses empty beer barrels, various lengths of rope, three pine poles, two tyres and a large parachute.

Typical officer cadet leadership exercises were easily completed using the afore mentioned items. The competent SACs of FAF 47 needed a further, more demanding challenge. It was answered by a hill walk visiting lovely sites such as a solar powered TV aerial sitting all alone in the middle of nowhere. The ex-mechanics decided to improve the reception as the aerial had obviously been put in the wrong place. Community service finished, we decided to return, eventually, using our newly discovered navigational skills.

Having been fed yet another traditional Welsh meal it became apparent that a further session of community liaison was in order . . . having returned from the pub, we quietly settled down for the night.

Tuesday arrived and we were issued enough rope to last Miss Whiplash a lifetime; we deduced that we were going rockclimbing.

We arrived at Barmouth Slaggs (no females here I might add) and claimed our spot. The easy part of rock climbing is being able to see where you're about to fall from, so to spice things up our instructor blind-

"The easy part of rock climbing is being able to see where you're about to fall from, so to spice things up our instructor blindfolded us . . ."

" . . . and you still get tea breaks every hour!!"





"... you can see my house from up here!"

"... we slipped into our wet suits and realised just how warm you could make them. Just use your initiative!"

"... hurry up Moose, we don't like hangers on !!"

folded us. Yet again, the SACs were brilliant. What task would defeat us? Forward abseiling? No not even that. Perhaps the canoeing next day would. We returned to RITC Fairbourne in high spirits and felt that we needed to end the day on a spirited note... having returned from the pub we settled down for the night.

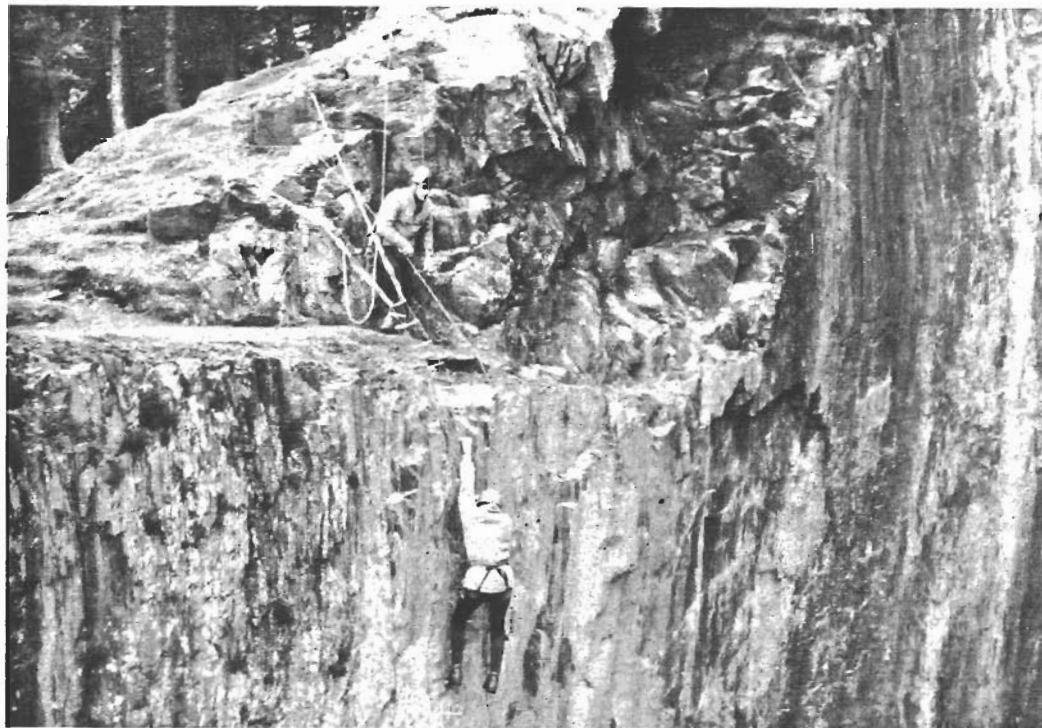
Morning came early again and our instructor issued us with our wet suits and 'life preservers'. After a short mini bus journey we arrived at a raging torrent. We slipped into our wet suits and realised just how warm you could make them. Just use your initiative! Having been ejected from a serviceable bridge in our canoes it was but a matter of some few minutes, until we had all mastered the canoeing lark. After a quick bash through the

rapids and out into the sea it was time to return to the centre. Night fell at Fairbourne and the project for the night was to build a European Fighter Aeroplane - out of lego. Unable to attend a community gathering at the Fairbourne Hotel, we settled down for the night. Disappointed but sober! Thursday morning loomed and today was a big day for both teams.

Thursday was expedition day. All day and night on a Welsh mountain side. Would we survive? Would the sheep survive? Our kit was extensive and comprehensive, Yorkie bars, boiled sweets, and not forgetting your invaluable personal safety equipment! The walking bit was quite hard but the newly found skills of team work and leadership shone through and we all made it to our campsite. No tents though, since SACs do these expeds properly. A plastic bag was home for the night and its amazing just how comfortable a plastic bag is. Morning came upon us early.

Friday was another rock climbing day. We were to abseil, traverse and climb up several sections of Electron ladder. Those tasks completed, we returned for the last time to the centre.

A traditional Welsh meal of lasagne and chips was out departing meal. The bus arrived, we staggered onto the bus, staggering due to exhaustion I might add and pondered the past weeks activities as we returned to RAF Locking and the real world ??



ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER OF BUFFALOES (RAOB GLE)

Are you a member of the above order?

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MONDAY

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Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. ROH Assembly 4th Monday Bi-monthly : Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.

TUESDAY

Worlebury Pride of the West	2717 2260	RAOB Club, 50 Locking Rd, W-s-M. 8.00pm. Somerset & Dorset Hotel, High Street, Burnham-on-Sea. 8.00pm. (This Lodge is closed at the present moment)
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WEDNESDAY

Loyal Victoria Excelsior	1482 10449	RAOB Club, 50 Locking Rd, W-s-M. 8.00pm. Ritz Social Club, Burnham-on-Sea. 8.00pm.
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THURSDAY

Thomas-de-Beckington Mendip Vale	3320 5502	RAOB Social Club, 50 Locking Rd, W-s-M. 8.00pm. Strawberry Special, Draycott, Nr Cheddar. 8.00pm.
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FRIDAY

Winston Churchill King Edward VII	10364 1843	RAOB Social Club, 50 Locking Rd, W-s-M. 8.00pm. Coopers Arms, Market Street, Highbridge. 8.00pm.
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SUNDAY

Causeway Sovereign Court-de-Wyck	9656 10369 5500	Pack Horse Inn, Mark, Somerset. 11.30am (fortnightly) British Legion Club, Orchard Street, W-s-M. 11.30am. RAOB Club, 50 Locking Rd, W-s-M. 7.30pm.
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A cordial welcome is extended to any Brother of the Order at the times and places mentioned above.
Any further information can be obtained from Mike Parrott on Ext 7251 or in room 30, 3(T).

WIN A MINI!!**Section Ticket Sellers for Flowerdown Fair
Grand Draw.**

The Flowerdown Fair 93 Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 19th June, with a Rover mini 1.3 'Sprite' as the first prize (now touring the Station) and a number of other prizes. Tickets, priced at 50 pence each, with 10 per book, are available from Flt Lt Buckley ext. 7281, 3(T) Block and from the following Section representatives :

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MT	SACW Davies	x7396
Estates	Sgt Brettell	x7207
1(T)	Cpl Medway	x7373
2(T)	Cpl Dixon	x7434
2(T)	Sgt Edwards	x7469
4(T)	Cpl Webb	x7439
JRM	SACW Taker	x7267
Sgts Mess	SAC Dunn	x7340
Cat Off	SACW Steer	x7233
Off Mess	Cpl Turner	x7398

In addition, tickets are available from the Main Guardroom, and from the Officers and Sergeants Mess bars through a chit system. There will be a small prize for the person selling the most tickets.

Tickets will also be available at the Hangar Dance and on the day of the Flowerdown Fair itself. Look out for the prize Draw stall at these events, when the prizes, including the Mini, will be on display.

LOCKING GOLF SOCIETY

The RAF Locking Golf Society's Spring Meeting

The Pringle Cod Piece

A rotating spherical body in moving through the air is deflected in the direction towards which its front rotates.

Applying this fact with a skill and precision which Hogan himself would have been proud, was firmly uppermost in the minds of every member of the RAF Locking Golf Society as they stood in turn on the first Tee at the Henbury Golf Club, this year's venue for the RAFLGS Spring Meeting. The execution of this precise act did not always produce the intended result, however, the weather was fine, a light spring breeze and the warming sun of early morning tempered even the most choleric of golfing temperaments.

Henbury Golf course is situated just north of Bristol between Westbury-on-Trym and Henbury and was chosen as this year's venue due to its reputation for exclusivity, the pampered fairways and greens, the deceptive severity of the beautiful parkland course and the fact that one Friday afternoon last August, my cousin Clive, on my father's side, lost his best golf shoes, a full packet of Fishermens Friends and a lovely pale blue Pringle cod piece in the woods by the 10th hole at Henbury, after an illicit assignation with a pretty brunette from Chipping Sodbury was prematurely curtailed by the appearance of a mashie wielding greenkeeper purporting to be the lady's husband. To cut matters short he left rather hurriedly without all his tackle as it were, and he wants it back.

Before I go any further I must explain to the unenlightened and those without Sky TV some of the mysteries, rules and classes of golf and golfer alike. Firstly the golfer can be divided into 4 distinct classes :

1. The true sportsman : (Rare, cares not whether he wins or

loses but only on the way the game was played; votes liberal).

2. The enthusiast or trophy hunter : (Practices daily in all weathers, sometimes uses a caddy, above all, plays to win, votes Con).
3. The ignorant : (Usual traits - an unflinching good nature from utter indifference. Thinks that a lesson with a Pro is pre-requisite to getting married or for joining the Young Conservatives!)
4. The bandit : (Lacks any sort of moral conscience whatsoever, votes Republican).

They were all at Henbury that fine spring day.

Next we come to the mode of play : the type of golf one sees on TV is usually Medal play, ie all the shots are counted up at the end of 18 holes and the one with the lowest score is+ declared the sinner - easy. We play that way before lunch. The only difference between us and the pros is that we have handicaps. After lunch it gets a bit more tricky : a form of golf called Stableford is invoked wherein a hole bogged scores 1 point, a par 2 points, a birdie 3 points etc, the one with the most points is the winner. The Overall winner for the day is the player with the lowest score remaining when the stableford score is subtracted from the medal score. Got it? Good. Thrown in for good measure are prizes for the longest drive and nearest the pin.

The Captain and Vice-Captain (Jim Skinner & Don Steer) led the way off the Tee because . . . that's what always happens. We proletariat following in turn at a safe and respectable distance. The course was in fine condition although the greens had recently been dressed, making putting a less than exact science. Nevertheless the morning round produced golf of such a rare skill and quality that I find it difficult to put into words.

The lunchtime scoreboard showed the worthy winner of the Medal by five strokes was the inimitable James Dormer (25) scoring a superb nett 64, with Doug Dixon (12) taking the Gross prize with a fine and well deserved score of 81. The lunchtime leader of the longest drive was the ever accurate Don Steer.

Refreshed and fortified, hope sprang eternal for the also rans of the morning. Now we could really start playing. It's easy to win 18 holes, but 36 holes, that takes real class . . . Right, first tee, 465 yds, a drive down the middle, not too fast on that swing, Tempo now, think Tempo, Tempo, Tempo, now . . . HIT IT !!! The mark of a true golfer is his ability to recover from that every so rare unlucky slice into the trees. Still, 17 holes to go, no problem. Next time . . .

With the afternoon drawing to a close the players duly straggled back to the

club house tired and weary but content and mellow after a great days golf. A good meal followed and the prizes awarded. The afternoon's victory went deservedly to Mark Gee (13) with 34 points with Alex Grant (15) coming a good second on 31 points. The longest drive of the day was eventually won by Doug (Boom) Dixon and nearest the pin from a thinned seven iron by yours truly. The day, and the spoils however belonged to James Dormer's morning net 64 followed by 27 points in the afternoon gave him a comfortable and thoroughly deserved overall victory and the presentation of the LGS Spring Championship Shield.

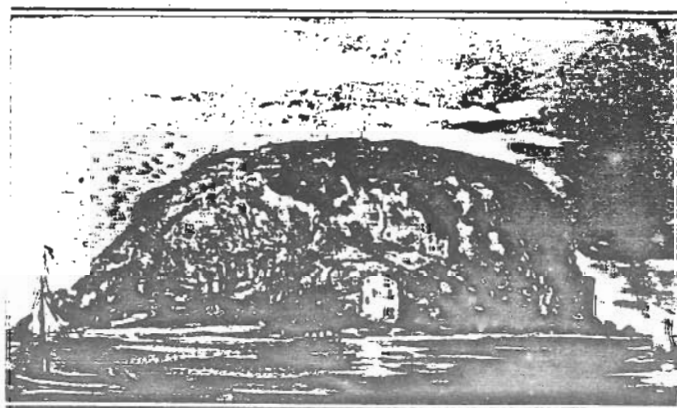
Our thanks go to the members and staff of the Henbury Golf Club for providing a fine venue, good food and amicable hospitality, and also to the guest players from MOD and Sam Burdge Garages for playing their part in what was a superb days golf. Now next time . . .

LOCKING GOLF SOCIETY SPRING MEETING RESULTS

Overall Spring Champion	James Dormer (25)	37 pts
Best Gross Score AM	Doug Dixon (12)	81
Best Net Score AM	Jim Skinner (17)	73
Runner Up Net Score AM	John Gill (19)	76
Best Stableford PM	Mark Gee (13)	34
Runner Up Stableford PM	Alex Grant (15)	31
Nearest the pin	John Gill	
Longest Drive	Doug Dixon	

STEEP HOLM

THE STORY OF A
SMALL ISLAND



STAN AND JOAN RENDELL

With foreword by John Fowles and preface by John Percival, this is the first full chronological history of Steep Holm.

The authors who for many years have been directing archaeological work on the Island tell its fascinating story from geological times to the present day. An exciting chronicle of adventures, the book includes masses of newly discovered information, dug out from dusty archives or unearthed by archaeological excavation - and the personal stories of people who lived on Steep Holm. Beginning when the limestone rock was laid down under warm seas, the reader is taken through episode after episode to bring the narrative to the late 20th century.

Romans, a Dark Age hermit, Vikings, medieval and later occupants are all part of the story, which includes two fortification eras. Against a background of storms, fishing and smuggling, events and characters of the 19th and 20th centuries are brought to life by vivid descriptions, often in the actual words of the persons portrayed.

Publisher Alan Sutton: price £9.99; available April/May from bookshops, on the Island - or contact the authors for further details
Tel: Weston-s-Mare (0934) 632307.

STEEP HOLM

TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND ENHANCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE LANDSCAPE, ANTIQUITIES, FLORA, FAUNA, NATURAL BEAUTY AND SCIENTIFIC INTEREST OF THE ISLAND OF STEEP HOLM IN THE COUNTY OF AVON AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES.

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The **Kenneth Allsop Memorial Trust Limited** is a registered charity that was set up to perpetuate the memory of the naturalist and broadcaster **Kenneth Allsop** who died in 1973. It purchased, through a public appeal, the 50 acre island of **Steep Holm** in the middle of the **Bristol Channel** which has since been preserved and safeguarded as a wildlife sanctuary.

Because it is a wild place there will always be projects that are necessary for public safety, and to conserve historic buildings as well as helping to maintain many of the rare species of birds and flowers that have only a tenuous hold on this windswept rock.

It is the ideal memorial to a remarkable man, who would have delighted in its avian sky-show and approved of the human endurance of those who work to care for its fragile habitat. Plans for a Severn tidal power scheme will bring new problems for the island but these Kenneth Allsop would have regarded as a challenge to be overcome.

Membership of the Trust is the only reliable form of public income participation that the island receives. Though it has been given help in the past from the Countryside Commission and Woodspring District Council, to whom the Trust continues to be thankful, there is no guaranteed future income in the form of an endowment or guardianship.

By joining the Trust you will be helping to secure the future of Steep Holm as a haven for wildlife and a place of interest and beauty for human visitors. The latter have to be restricted in order to protect the delicate ecosystem, and in return for being a member of the Trust you will have special privileges:

- * advance notice of the Trust's boating programme so that you can plan ahead
- * cheap-rate tickets to the island if you come for the day
- * the chance to stay as a paying guest, for a weekend or week, which is an opportunity that is available only to Trust members
- * free passage if you are coming to donate a day's labour
- * a yearly report on the island's natural history and archaeological discoveries
- * an invitation to the Trust's annual general meeting and meal which takes place in Weston-super-Mare on the first Saturday in June

Please see overleaf for how you can join the Trust and so play a vital part in maintaining this unique island.

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The Kenneth Allsop Memorial Trust intends, subject to the weather - by which we mean strong winds - to run day trips to the island from Weston-super-Mare on the following dates. Except if otherwise stated all trips leave from opposite the Knightstone Centre and Harbour Inn, midway along Knightstone Causeway which is where the boats are moored, half a mile north from the large roundabout on Weston seafront. Park on Knightstone Causeway or behind the Knightstone Centre.

The following are the Trust's scheduled day trips for any number between one and a coach load, the precise availability of seats for the public being dependent upon the size of the boat we are able to charter, other bookings, and the work force that has to be carried to the island on the day in question. We are also prepared to run to order on other days (tides and weather permitting) subject to a minimum payment of £300, or payment at the normal rate if this is higher.

Book in advance with Mrs Joan Rendell on Weston-super-Mare (0934) 632307

1993 SEASON

(a) indicates a trip leaves Knightstone Causeway after high water and (b) before high water; the latter trips generally arrive back on the mainland about 6.00 pm, but (a) trips return with the evening tide and may be an hour or so later.

(AH) signifies a low-water trip from Anchor Head, which is further north along Weston seafront.

Saturday 10 April	9.00 (b)	Saturday 7 August	9.00 (b)
Monday 12 April	10.00 (b)	Saturday 14 August	10.00 (AH)
Saturday 24 April	10.30 (a)	Saturday 21 August	9.00 (b)
Saturday 8 May	10.30 (a)	Wednesday 25 August	10.00 (AH)
Saturday 22 May	9.30 (a)	Saturday 28 August	10.00 (AH)
Saturday 5 June	10.00 (a)	Monday 30 August	10.00 (AH)
Saturday 19 June	8.30 (a)	Saturday 4 September	11.00 (a)
Saturday 26 June	11.00 (b)	Saturday 18 September	10.45 (a)
Saturday 3 July	8.45 (a)	Saturday 2 October	10.00 (a)
Saturday 10 July	10.00 (b)	Saturday 9 October	11.00 (b)
Saturday 24 July	9.45 (b)	Saturday 16 October	9.45 (a)
Saturday 31 July	10.00 (AH)		

(All times are correct for British Summer Time. Adjust accordingly for any date where Greenwich Mean Time applies, though it is anticipated that BST will commence on 28 March and end on 24 October)

You will be asked for a telephone number where you can be contacted on the night before your intended trip if it has to be called off because of strong winds.

**Day trippers pay on the boat: £12.00 each for adults
£ 6.00 each for children**

Visitors will find the island has a basic snack bar where tea, coffee and cold drinks, chocolate and crisps etc are available, but it is advisable to bring a packed lunch. The island is suitable for the active elderly, but not for anyone who could not cope with a country walk on the Mendips. It is totally unsuitable for the handicapped. Visitors wishing to stay overnight must first join the Kenneth Allsop Memorial Trust. They will find dormitory accommodation with kitchen facilities, and a plentiful water supply. They will need to bring

sleeping bags, lamps and/or torches, and all their own food. A separate form is available which must be filled in by staying visitors. Please apply to the address below and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

For the **Steep Holm Guide**, giving details of its remarkable history, please send £2.50 to the **Kenneth Allsop Trust** via Wincanton Press, National School, North Street, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 9AT. The 96 page **Steep Holm Wildlife** is available from the same address at £5.00. Likewise **Steep Holm at War**, hardbacked with 128 pages at £9.95, and **Steep Holm - Allsop Island**, hardbacked with 160 pages, and also £9.95. Prices include postage.

Have a good time on Steep Holm!

Some Of The Sights And Sounds Of Steep Holm



RAF LOCKING MORNING & AFTERNOON PLAYGROUP

MORNINGS : Mondays - Fridays: 0915 hrs - 1200 hrs

AFTERNOON : Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays: 1300 hrs - 1500 hrs

Just a few words from the Playgroup to up-date you :

We all enjoyed a Christmas Party back in December 1992. We had a magic show followed by our party food and ending up with a nativity concert where all the children were helped to dress up. Mums and dads were invited and a guest appearance was made by Father Christmas who enjoyed the singing and he gave all the children a Christmas present.

Back in January, at the start of a new term, we were seen settling some new little ones into the afternoon playgroup and transferred some of the older children into the morning playgroup.

March - We were pleased to welcome Mrs Coville, AOC's wife, into the playgroup where Jamie Morgan and Natalie Bowers presented her with a card and flowers from the children. She showed great interest in all we had to tell her.

We had two lovely warm days in March where the children were able to play outside in our outdoor play area with the bats, balls, hoops and various other outdoor equipment. We are now hoping for better weather to go outside more often.

April - In April we celebrated Easter. The children could be found in the Playgroup kitchen cooking their 'Rice Krispies' chocolate Easter nests.

We are now organising our equipment so that the children can plant their own seeds each to grow a plant to take home.

May - We have the photographer coming to the playgroup on Monday 10th of May at 0900 hrs for the morning children and 1300 hrs for the afternoon children. We also had a visit from Mrs Jones and Mrs Balloch, two reception teachers at Locking County Primary School to the playgroup on 13th of May. They spent the morning with the children to get to know the ones going to Locking School in September. On the evening of Thursday 20th of May, a Cheese and Wine Evening was held at Locking School.

June - We are hoping to have, weather permitting, a Teddy Bear's Picnic outside for the morning playgroup and one for the afternoon playgroup. We also hope to go up to the field to watch the tents go up for the Flowerdown Fair and, if we are very lucky, to catch a ride on the Flowerdown Express. On the 15th of June, we have been invited to go over to Locking School, as a playgroup, to spend a morning joining in with the school activities. Also on the morning of 30th of June, we have been invited over once again to Locking School to take part in a music forum. More details of trips to Locking School for parents and children will be available to you shortly.

July - Monday 12th of July. We are arranging a trip to Bristol Zoo. Children going must be accompanied by at least one parent, but other relatives can come if there is room on the coach. Finally, we break up the playgroup on Thursday July. We will be having that morning, a playgroup leaving party for the older children who go to Locking School in September. However all afternoon playgroup are also invited. We will be having a magic show, party food and a concert for all parents. If you have a child who will be three this year then please feel free to come into the playgroup to put his/her name down on our waiting list and to discuss any questions you may have with the Playgroup Supervisor.

Auntie Pauline.

Weather permitting, 14th July, Sports Morning for the older children.

St. Michael's

Cheshire

Home

Could you spare two hours per month to visit St. Michael's and help serve drinks to the residents? Wives from RAF Locking can, at the moment, only visit once a fortnight.

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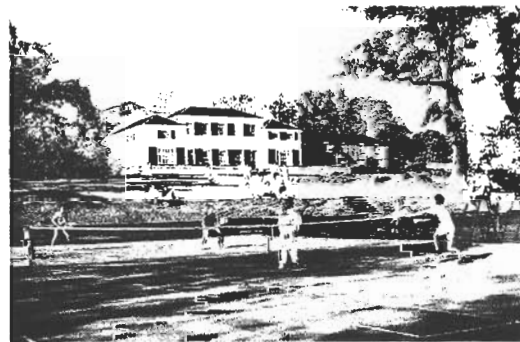
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