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AGM 2003

Our 2003 annual reunion and AGM is to be held on 12th April next in Weston-super-Mare and again at Daunceys Hotel which, for those who did not come last year, lies on the seafront to the North of the town. The hotel is family run and offers a good standard of accommodation with many rooms offering a view over Weston Bay and Brean Down. The price of accommodation is typically £35 per person per night bed and breakfast for a room with a sea view. We have reserved a small number of rooms at a special price of £29 per person for a night's bed and breakfast booked through the Association

The cost of the Dinner Dance, the AGM finger buffet and tea after the meeting will cost you about £22 each (prices have yet to be finalised for 2003) with all the events taking place in the hotel.

Should you wish to attend just the AGM the buffet will be around £6 and those of you who wish to attend the dinner-dance without the preliminary events the cost is £17-50. Again, we have decided to subsidise drinks purchased from the bar by charging just £1-00 a glass whatever its content.

The timetable of events is:

11 Apr 03 Informal Meet and Greet; 8-00pm, Dauncey's Bar

12 Apr 03

10-30am Members commence arrival at AGM venue – Dauncey's Hotel.

11-00pm Bar facility open.

12-30pm Finger Buffet commences.

1-30pm AGM Commences with Trophy presentation.

3-00pm AGM complete. Tea served.

3-30pm Members disperse.

7-00 for 7-30 Dinner Dance: Venue Dauncey's dining room.

Sample Menu

Prawn Mayonnaise, Deep Fried Crispy Camembert, Soup, Fruit Juice

Roast Lamb, Supreme of Chicken, Mushroom Stroganoff

Strawberry Roulade, Blackcurrant Sundae, Ices

Cheese Board

Tea or Coffee

RAFLAA Trophy

- RAF Cosford has nominated a candidate for this year's award; the presentation will be made at the AGM.

AGM 2003

- Any nominations for posts on the RAFLAA Committee should be forwarded to the Secretary Dave Gunby.
- Any proposals that members wish to raise at the AGM should also be forwarded to the Secretary.
- Members are invited to forward to the Secretary any proposals to changes in the Constitution.

RAFLAA Ties

Due to the depletion of the original stock of ties and as this is the 10th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Association it was suggested that the next order of ties should be the same design but better quality.

Visit to Locking Apprentice Archives at RAF Henlow

On Thursday 17th October, a visit was carried out by some committee members (Tiny Kuhle, Vic Gibbs and myself). The visit was arranged by Joe Holroyd and was supervised by Vic Ludlow (Duty Curator).

Approximately 2 hours was spent looking at the problem of presenting information for members wishing to trace their former colleagues. Looking through each entry file was not an option in the time, but we were able to assess what needed to be done.

Existing in the Museum was a large ledger containing original class lists as at attestation of Entries 60 to 87 and 91. Stuck over these lists were further class lists as at third term assessments. The ledger is in poor condition, pages torn, manuscript amendments, faded type and suffering the effects of damp.

This ledger is now on loan to me, and I am creating a database from the data therein. The task is quite time consuming but I am making good progress to date. I estimate that the information in the ledger will be on the database by the end of this month (December 02).

The information on the database comprises:

Service Number, Surname, Initials and a Comment column. By way of explanation the Comment column contains info regarding progress, or otherwise, through the apprenticeship. As things stand at the moment the comments refer to transfers to other entries, transfers to other forms of training or discharges. With regard to the latter, no differentiation is made between the reasons for discharge as I think that there may be some sort of stigma attached in certain individual cases. To complete the picture I now need the passing out lists to add to the comment column.

N.B. The information in these class lists cannot be relied upon 100% as I have found anomalies in service numbers, surname spelling and initial variations.

Information regarding the original class lists for entries other than 60-87,91 is yet to be gleaned. In the meantime, any member of the Association wishing to have a copy of their particular entry list that I have produced should contact me.

I hope to make further progress in the New Year so that I can present a clearer picture to the AGM.

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One for the Records

The following list was extracted from the Archives:

Entry No 1 (E & W School - Flowerdown - Winchester)				
Wireless Operator Mechanics				
Attested January 1922			Passing Out December 1924	
362714	AHL	E.S.	1	AC1
756	AHL	F.	2	LAC
489	BARNETT	M.S	3	AC1
257	BISENDEN	FLW	4	LAC
485	BROWN	SG	5	ACII
296	CARD	L	6	AC1
389	CHERRY	LW	7	AC1
493	CLARKE	FW	8	ACII
311	CONNERTON	C	9	LAC
315	COOPER	WC	10	Cadet
490	CURTIS	SC	11	AC1
404	EDWARDS	EW	12	AC1
513	FROUDE	CW	13	ACII
338	GORDON	JR	14	AC1
522	GREENFIELD	HJ	15	AC1
474	HAYES	H	16	LAC
518	HOGAN	TE	17	AC1
511	HUME	WB	18	AC1
525	KNIGHT	TR	19	AC1
439	LAMBERT	L	20	AC1
477	LEWIS	JG	21	LAC
532	LINDOP	WHE	22	AC1
531	LUCAS	AS	23	ACII
421	MACE	HSB	24	AC1
553	MACKAY	EH	25	AC1
530	McKIE	WED	26	AC1
527	McWILLIAM	AEF	27	AC1
503	MORRISON	LA	28	AC1
533	MOTE	W	29	LAC
546	NEWMAN	PEE	30	AC1
536	NORRIS	OE	31	ACII
561	OSBORNE	EH	32	AC1
548	OTTY	L	33	LAC
554	PARKER	E	34	AC1
580	PEARCE	EF	35	LAC
555	PRISCOTT	L	36	ACII
659	REEVE	EG	37	AC1
660	RICHARDS	WJ	38	ACII
578	RIDLEY	LRE	39	AC1
611	RYDING	WWG	40	ACII

No 1 Radio School

No1 Radio School will be reformed at RAF Cosford on April 2nd.

There will be an AOC's parade with the RAF Band followed by a buffet in Flowerdown Hall and then there will be time to see something of the facilities, followed by a reception in the Sergeants Mess.

An invitation has been extended ex Locking Apprentices and their partners to take part in the day's events; anyone interested should contact the RAFLAA secretary Dave Gunby for details. The number of available tickets are limited – if you wish to attend contact Dave before 7th March.

Tiny Kuhle
87th Entry

Social Outing

Television studios have always been full of electronics, but even more so today.

Vic Gibbs has contacts in the industry, and would like to know potential numbers of members interested in such a visit.

The most likely first venue is the Sky Television studio in West London, just off the A4 Great West Road. Once numbers have been estimated, the visit will take place on a suitable date to be arranged.

Please contact either Vic or Tiny by email or 'phone.

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Hans.Kuhle@t-mobile.co.uk

(01895) 235 076

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The Golden Reunion of the 72nd Entry

What a grand occasion it was as 51 members of the Entry and 40 ladies attended a buffet evening at Daunceys Hotel, Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday September 14th.

The weather both for the night and for the dummy run on the Friday night was fine and clear. The moon shone down upon the waters of the Bristol Channel presenting a fine view, for those with normal vision, and the sea had apparently never been so close to the town.

Having lost our President Ripp Rippon to the rigours of age since the last reunion, we were due to appoint a successor. There seemed no one more fitting than our DI Dennis Ward who had been our Vice President for some time. Dennis deemed himself honoured to be invited to be our President and he received a framed scroll commemorating the occasion from the Chairman.

Surprisingly (but only to him) our senior man Clem Clements was invited to become our Vice President. He accepted the invitation and was also presented with a framed scroll.

Many of our members took advantage of the accommodation package offered by Daunceys. The Friday night dummy run was well attended and I feel that an early parade on the Saturday morning would have been sparsely attended. The buffet provided was excellent and greatly enjoyed by all. There was no music just plenty of talking and listening. (Generally that's the way we like it). As the years roll by, we learn more about our members lives and their families. The stories we exchange are not always happy ones as we have now all reached the status of OAP'S.

We find that when we gather together that the spirit developed 50 years ago lives on, and had Locking still been open I think we would have tipped the junior entry out!

Long may we meet to celebrate those formative times.

Dave Gunby

RAF Locking Apprentice Association Accounts 2003

PROFIT & LOSS				
<u>SALES</u>	2002/2003		2001/2002	
Membership fees	2,870.10		2,658.72	
Life membership	300.00		900.00	
Sales - ties, pins and videos	218.50		79.00	
Social events	273.00		550.00	
Raffle at social event	0.00		0.00	
AGM and other misc income	2,715.00		3,549.50	
Bank interest received	33.91		91.65	
		6,410.51		£7,828.87
<u>PURCHASES</u>				
Pins	0.00		252.50	
Ties	0.00		0.00	
Videos	53.20		0.00	
Social event expenses	325.00		829.20	
Donations and wreaths	125.00		165.00	
Name badges	24.90		29.90	
Other	252.00		247.07	
AGM and other purchases	3,397.25		2,121.47	
		4,177.35		£3,645.14
<u>DIRECT EXPENSES</u>				
Advertising	24.00		0.00	
Bank charges	4.00		2.00	
Auditing	50.00		50.00	
Refund	52.50		42.50	
		130.50		£94.50
GROSS PROFIT		£2,102.66		£4,089.23

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PROFIT & LOSS (cont)				
OVERHEADS		2002/2003		2001/2002
Travelling expenses		412.10		532.80
Printing		404.80		562.13
Telephone		74.25		41.25
Postage and carriage		311.83		486.92
Stationery		268.62		201.25
			1,471.60	£1,824.35
NETT PROFIT/LOSS			£631.06	£2,264.88
BALANCE SHEET				
		2002/2003		2001/2002
CURRENT ASSETS				
Business No Notice account		£6,907.72		6875.56
Current account		£3,178.15		2577.75
Petty cash		£32.47		33.77
NETT CURRENT ASSETS		£10,118.34		£9,487.08
CURRENT LIABILITIES			£0.00	£0.00
FINANCED BY				
Brought forward balance		£9,487.08		£7,222.20
Profit and loss account		£631.06		£2,264.88
			£10,118.14	£9,487.08

Obituaries

GEORGE IAN BIRNIE

It is with great sadness that I pass on the news that Ian (Jock) Birnie died on Wed 5th Feb 2003 aged 66 yrs after a long illness.

His friends in the 75th Entry will remember him for his Scottish sense of humour and especially his footballing skills.

After leaving the RAF, Ian emigrated to Australia where he worked first at Woomera, and then at the Deep Space Tracking Station at Tidbinbilla near Canberra.

He will be greatly missed by his wife Mildred, sons Ian and Craig, daughter Heather and grandsons Lachlan, Liam and Felix.

Anyone wishing to make donations in memory of Ian can send them to either The British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research.

Alan Fowler- 75th Entry.

DOUGIE BANKS

It is also with regret that we have to announce that Dougie Banks of the 96th Entry passed away recently. The news came from Andrew Banks that his father Dougie had died as result of cancer.

The funeral took place on Thursday - 20th February at Easingwold Church.



The Apprentice Prayer

Teach us good Lord, to be thankful
For all the good times we had,
The skills we have learned,
The friendships we have shared
And the companionship we have enjoyed.
May all who have served the apprenticeship of the Wheel
Be ever mindful of the needs of one another.

Amen

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**RAF Locking
Apprentice Association**

Application for membership of the
Royal Air Force Locking Apprentice Association

Name..... Serving member HM forces. Yes/No

Address..... Entry Number.....

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Post Code.....

Telephone No.

E-Mail Address

Name for Identity Badge

Membership Fee: - £ 10.00

Do you require an LAA tie? (*Cost £6 per tie - max 2 ties*) (Qty) £.....

Total Enclosed £.....

(Please make cheques payable to: - Locking Apprentice Association)

Do you object to your details
being disclosed to other
organisations? Yes/No

Return this form together with your remittance to: -

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Kewstoke Road,
Kewstoke,
Weston-super-Mare
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Tel. No. 01934 628383

For Committee use

Comments

Membership Paid/...../.....
Database Updated/...../.....
Acknowledged/...../.....
Tie/...../.....
Badge/...../.....

Secretary –
Mr. Dave Gunby
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RAFLAA COMMITTEE

Appointment	Name	Address	Tel/e-mail	Re-Election Due	Entry
President	Martin Palmer				91 st
Chairman	Bert Davies	20 Lakefield Ave Little Paxton St Neots Cambs PE19 4NZ	(01480) 217243 dotbertdavies@aol.com	Sep 02	79 th
Deputy Chairman	"Tiny" Kühle	22 Tavistock Close Woburn Sands Milton Keynes Bucks MK17 8UY	(01908) 583784 Hans.Kuhle@t-mobile.co.uk	April 05 (Election to be ratified at 03 AGM)	87 th
Secretary Elect	Dave Gunby	23 Toynton Close Gregg Hall Estate Lincoln Lincolnshire# LN6 8AL	(01522) 525484 Davegunby@btinternet.com	April 05 (Election to be ratified at 03 AGM)	72 nd
Treasurer	Tony Horry	Hillside Cottage Kewstoke Road Kewstoke Weston super Mare BS22 9YD	(01934) 628383 horrycorp@aol.com	Mar 03	76 th
Membership Secretary	John Farmer	8 Glenmore Road Minehead Somerset TA24 5BQ	(01643) 705443 RAFLAA@aol.com	Mar 03	77 th
Service Rep	Joe Holroyd	Well Cottage 36 High Street Guilford Morden Royston SG8 0JR	(01763) 853742 patandjoeholroyd@tesco.net	Sep 02	85 th
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Craft Rep	Graham Beeston	87 Hornbeam Road Havant PO9 2UT	(023) 92346242 Work 0778 8795358 graham@mapleoak.co.uk	Sep 02	209 th
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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

STANDING ORDER MANDATE									
To Bank									
Postal Address		Branch Title (not address)		Sorting Code Number					
Please pay		H S B C		WESTON-SUPER-MARE		40 - 46		18	
for the credit of		Beneficiary's Name		Account Number		Quoting Reference			
		RAF LOCKING APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION		4 1 3 6 8 7 7					
The sum of		Amount		Amount in words					
£		Date of first payment		And thereafter every		Due date and frequency		until further notice in writing or	
commencing								Date of last payment	
								and debit my/our account accordingly	
PLEASE CANCEL ALL PREVIOUS STANDING ORDER/DIRECT DEBITING MANDATES									
IN FAVOUR OF:		RAF LOCKING APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION							
UNDER REFERENCE No.		Account to be debited							
Special instructions		Account Number							
		Signature(s)							
		Date							
Note: The bank will not undertake to									
a) make reference to Value Added Tax or pay a stated sum plus V.A.T., or other indeterminate element.									
b) advise remitter's address to beneficiary. c) advise beneficiary of inability to pay. d) request beneficiary's banker to advise beneficiary of receipt.									
e) accept instructions to pay as soon after the specified date as there are funds to meet the payment, if funds are not available on the specified date.									

Reminders

1 Radio School on parade at

RAF Cosford April 2nd 2003

AGM 2003 12th April Weston Super Mare

Committee Volunteers

AGM Items

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Social Outing TV Studios

10th Anniversary Ties
