



ROYAL AIR FORCE LOCKING APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second quarter Newsletter. In this edition we have some sad as well as good news, we are able to set out details of the Reunion and AGM in June and there is also information on where to stay. Also included are a couple of tales from the past one of which is a didactic story of surviving the first posting.

Arrangements are now well under way for the AGM and associated events and we look forward to seeing and meeting you on the morning of Saturday the 15th of June. Also attending the event is our President, Air Cdre Martin Palmer (91st entry). He is looking forward to meeting as many members as possible and we are also pleased to report that Gp Capt Simon Rooms, the new Station Commander of RAF Locking and our Vice President, will be calling in as duties allow.

Because it is a Constitutional requirement, a formal AGM calling notice and agenda is enclosed. Members wishing to put propositions are to submit them to the Secretary in reasonable time before the Meeting in order that sufficient preparation can be made. Please do not wait until the morning. The Committee itself will be tabling its own propositions for discussion by the Meeting.

We are enclosing the AGM details again and have also included the proforma for the dinner dance for those who were unable to decide whether they could come or not earlier in the year. Wives are welcome to attend the AGM and Reunion so don't leave them at home wondering what you are getting up to. Please remember that you will be charged the £2-00 admission fee to enter RAF Locking on the morning, this being the entry fee to the Flowerdown Fair which you will be enjoying later in the day. The usual excellent air display is a planned feature despite the MOD's decision to minimise on all non-official tasks so there will still be something for everyone around the Arena area. It really does seem likely that this

will be the very last Flowerdown Fair at RAF Locking so if you are wavering over whether to make the effort to come then bear in mind that you are unlikely to get a further chance of seeing the Alma Mata in its prime.

Finally, our thanks to the members who have put pen to paper and have produced copy which is included in this Newsletter. It is always good to hear from you especially when you want something included. Lots more please especially ideas for extending and empowering the Association.

DEATH OF JOHN WRIGHT AND KEVIN OULTRAM

First, sadly, we have to report that in late February John Wright died of a heart attack. His funeral was attended by Kevin Oultram who himself died just two weeks later. They had been great friends since they joined the 73rd entry in Jan 1953, it was ironic that having remained close friends for the intervening 40 years both should die within days of each other.

Kevin is survived by his wife Geraldine and 5 children - they had 2 boys and 3 girls all now working. Kevin was a diabetic and had suffered over a long period but died very suddenly and almost immediately after it was discovered that he had leukaemia. Kevin had just retired from working with Farnel as their purchasing manager. He was heavily involved with the church and his and Geraldine's life centred around his children and the church. Because Kevin belonged to the British Diabetic Association, the LAA have granted a small donation to the charity.

John is survived by his wife Brenda and 2 children. He was a former AEO and later a navigator on Vulcans. His prime interest was classic car rallying and, after he left the RAF, spent many years as a college lecturer. He died of a heart attack and, at the request of his wife Brenda, the Association donated a similar sum to the British Heart Foundation.

On behalf of the membership we send our condolences to both Brenda Wright and Geraldine Oultram.

SOME GOOD NEWS

In a recent letter from Bob Machin (100th entry) in which he sent us some old Locking Reviews he mentioned Padre Phillip Schofield who was, at the time of the opening of the PMUB Church in 1963, Locking's OD Padre. Strangely, although the opening of the church featured largely in the Spring '63 Locking Review, the article failed to mention who the first incumbent was!

Many of you will remember Padre Phillip with some affection both for his ministry and for his contribution to the morale of the troops through his skill as a ventriloquist and magician. Sadly, Mrs S, as she was known then, died in 1969. Her welcoming cups of tea and sympathy at the church club helped many a lost soul cope with the stresses of life at Locking. Phillip is still entertaining occasionally with his doll 'Jimmy' at church functions and for the elderly. He is of course Bob's father-in-Law and lives now in North Wales. To Philip we send our regards and best wishes.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

As indicated in the last Newsletter, there has to be some Committee changes because members are elected for a 3 year period. Neil Castle will be giving up the Membership post and, provided you approve, Mike West will be taking over the duties. Also, John Leaper the Craft Rep has now decided not to stand again. All the other members will be putting themselves forward for re-election and we shall therefore only be looking for 2 volunteers to take over the AA and the Craft slots. In the case of the Secretary's duties he will be relieved of the task of writing the Newsletter. It has already been revealed that Chris Horn (99th Entry) would be taking over this job, and he has a few words to say later. Finally, to our 2 Committee Members who will be standing down the Committee would like to thank them for their commitment over the past 3 years.

Neil Castle was a founder member and was at the initial meeting when we decided to go ahead with the formation of the Association. He had already taken responsibility for the residue of documents, photographs and other bits and pieces that were the only record of apprentice training at Locking. Many items had been thrown away and if Neil had not taken charge there would be very little left now. Hopefully, he will continue as steward of the

memorabilia and being a committed guardian of our history. Many thanks, Neil, for your service to the Association over the past 3 years.

John Leaper volunteered to look after Craft Apprentice affairs when the original committee was elected at our inaugural general meeting. John has since been a committed member of the Committee and whatever the weather and state of roads between Locking and Gloucester, he has always arrived on time to support our efforts in furthering the Association and, truth to tell, we have used his services at Boddington on more than one occasion. Many thanks, John, for your service to the Association over these initial years.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR INCOMING EDITOR

"In the January Newsletter, Charles announced that I would be producing the Newsletter from August. Referring to my caravanning activities, he went on to say, "..... it may even become a picaresque delight. Who knows?" Well I didn't for a start! Vague memories of pica-farads drifted into the outer fringes of my memory, but try as I might, pica-resques eluded me. I even had reasonably clear images of the Admiral (Flt Lt Benewith - any one remember him?) trying to drum basic English into 99WA2 in the huts opposite 3(T) Block - but no picaresques."

"Seeking guidance from Collins dictionary, I discovered "Picaresque: relating to a type of fiction in which the hero, a rogue, goes through a series of episodic adventures. Of, or involving rogues or picaroons. Hmm!"

"Anyway, thank you for the welcome."

"As for the future, I would like to think that the Newsletter continues to be about, and (preferably) by you the members. That way you will set the tone and the pace so that all I have to do is put it all together - he said hopefully! So if all you rogues and picaroons out there would like to start sending me your letters, articles and nostalgia, I will do my best to turn them into a series of episodic adventures!"

"Please send all contributions to Chris Horn, 464 Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset, BS22 8QX. Alternatively, you can E-mail me at 101617.524@compuserve.com. My telephone number is (01934) 511465 and I look forward to hearing from you."

FLOWERDOWN FAIR (FF96) AND THE RAFLAA AGM

The AGM was one of the major items discussed at the last Committee Meeting held on 24th April. The details are set out on a separate sheet and we hope that you will make a special effort to attend. We do not have a long term view because of Locking's closure so it could be the last time that we are able to hold the AGM and reunion on the Station. Flowerdown Fair 96 could also be the last Station open Day so it is worth the effort this year; it could be your last chance. We agreed that the format and programme should follow closely on last year's model with Neil Castle and John Hall doing their stuff. We have also asked The Flowerdown Brass if they will provide the music this year and we are hoping that their heavy participation on the day will allow their appearance. And, of course, we shall be holding a dinner dance that evening at Dance and Partyscene in Whitecross Road.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMME

The programme for the AGM weekend is included with the Newsletter along with the customary application for Dinner Dance tickets. Please bring with you the pass printed with the programme; it will ease your entry through the barrier allowing access to 3(T) Block which is not open to the general public. Enhanced security measures are in operation on the Station and members should be aware of the requirements.

At the AGM itself the President will be presenting the RAFLAA Trophy to the first recipient, Mr Dave Standley; we shall be reporting on progress during the year and looking for your support in the future. We shall also be seeking your approval of the balance sheet and we will be asking you to regularise an increased payment on notification of the death of a member. The Chairman wants to hear from you on what you would like to see done to commemorate the closure of the Station and to this end we shall be providing a suggestion book for peoples ideas.

For those who haven't seen it, the "Apprentice" video will be on sale and you will be able to view before buying. The Agenda for the Meeting will be on display and copies will be available in the Theatre together with the balance sheet. Minutes of the last AGM and all Committee Meetings held since will be available for those who like to read such things. Neil Castle will again be displaying a range of interesting old photographs of Apprentice activities which hopefully some of you will be able to identify for him.

In the evening the Dinner Dance will commence at 7-00 for 7-30pm at Dance and Partyscene, Whitecross Road. An application form for tickets, still priced at £12-50, is enclosed.

As already outlined, this June meeting could well be the last opportunity we have of holding our reunion on the Station since it may not be in a position to hold a further open day in 1997. Lack of manpower as the Unit moves toward closure could make it a close run situation. Moreover, the MOD has decided to minimise non-official events in order to reduce the task on the Services, so the largesse we have all become accustomed to is likely to wither from now on. Whether or not this year's FF is the last remains to be seen. Some appear to feel that at the present rate of progress, the move of the Station to Cosford could well take us past the official date; however, apart from that being wishful thinking it still does not mean that we shall enjoy another open day.

Never mind, if you cannot get to the AGM there is no need to despair since we have it in mind to formerly commemorate the closure of the Station when we know for sure when it is to happen. But more of that later.

BALANCE SHEET

We append the balance sheet to the Newsletter. It has been audited and our financial affairs have been given a clean bill of health. The auditor of course had a few observations on the way in which we keep our accounts but overall we are in a healthy situation which means that we can keep the subscription at its current value of £7.50. Apparently, its all down to Sage, whoever he is. The agenda for the AGM included with the Newsletter shows that the balance sheet is an item to be discussed and we shall be asking for your approval of the finances.

Since the balance sheet was published you will be interested to know that its state 3 months later is little changed. At 1 April 96 the current account held £1830.83 and the higher interest account held £3302.02 a total of £5132.85. The increase in the current account over the past couple of months has been due to the continued payment of subscriptions and £537.50 was due to the sale of dinner dance tickets for June. Our balances therefore remain substantial and we have no hesitation in recommending no change in the subscription.

PLACES TO STAY IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

We have had a few enquiries on where to stay in

Weston so again here is some information on hotels and places where you can find good accommodation.

Firstly the Tourist Information Office address is;

Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare.
Tel (01934) 626838.

It is situated close to the Grand Pier and they are an extremely helpful office who will advise and supply lists and even book accommodation for you. Accommodation is still plentiful in the Town but there are fewer good quality small hotels now than there used to be since many have become nursing homes. Those that remain are highly competitive but are not providing discounts unless they receive a coach full of members! On the other hand, it is always worth haggling since many hotels exist on a coach a week.

Still top of the shop is the Grand Atlantic, AA 3 Star (Tel (01934) 626543) but the Royal Pier, AA 3 Star, Birnbeck Road, (Tel (01934) 626644) has the better views.

Good accommodation is available at:

The Dorville, RAC 2 Star, Madeira Road,
Tel (01934) 621139.
The Rozel, AA 2 Star, Madeira Cove,
Tel (01934) 415268.
The Royal in the Town Centre, AA 2 Star,
Tel (01934) 623601.

Probably the most competitive hotel strip in town is along the sea front in Knightstone Road (head toward the North end of the Town when you reach the Grand Pier). Some names to look for are:

The Mentone Tel (01934) 626153
Midland Hotel Tel (01934) 621217
Monaco Hotel Tel (01934) 621910
The Old Colonial Tel (01934) 620739

Also worth a look is the Bay View and the Bayside both run by the same proprietor. Telephone numbers are: (01934) 624893 and 642494.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM FILM

The Service Representative is still engaged in procuring film from the Imperial War Museum. This project still looks viable and he is optimistic that he will be able to show some video footage at the AGM.

OWNERSHIP OF MEMORABILIA

The Chairman has recently written to the Station Commander because we were concerned about actual ownership of the mass of photographs, documents and other bits and pieces of memorabilia. In reply, the Station Commander has confirmed that these items now belong to us and we have stewardship; ie. ours to protect and cherish. The shields around the walls of the Theatre are not included and the ownership of these will be watched with interest since it seems unlikely that there will be room to display them at Cosford. This regularises the often vexed question of ownership of items held in Neil Castle's custody. The letter also approves of the way in which we look after the items.

COMBINED MEETING OF ASSOCIATIONS

The RAFLAA will host the 1996 combined associations meeting which this year will include the Boy Entrant Associations. The meeting date is to be the 15 July 1996 and the venue is the officers' mess at RAF Henlow.

The meeting will discuss a range of items of common interest. The Associations invited are the RAFHAAA, RAFCAA, RAF Ruislip Apprentice Clerks, RAFBEA, 'Brats 192' (RAF Locking Boy Entrants' Association) and the RAF Kirkham BEA.

We shall be discussing the stewardship of artifacts, documents and photographs of our activities in order to see how other organisations were coping with the problem. It is a subject that will be of interest to all since most have some mementoes left over and many have nowhere to keep them or display them. If you would like us to raise any matters at the council please enter it in the book which will be available at the AGM.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

Our membership database at the beginning of April stood at 351; however, there were a number of members have not renewed their subscriptions yet and have been circularised with a reminder. The Membership Secretary will be reporting to the AGM on the state of membership and will be reviewing ways in which we can again mount a drive to find recruits.

We are including a membership update and if any member wishes to have a full list or wants to contact another member whose address is unknown then please drop the Secretary a line. We will always forward on letters to the persons concerned.

We again include our standing order proforma to make subscription payment less painful and will continue to include it in all future Newsletters. Please remember that the current subscription for renewal is £7-50 and will remain at this level for the foreseeable future. Also, it is essential that when you have completed it you send it back to the Treasurer so that he will know that your subscription is to be paid by the bank. He will take the necessary action to inform your branch manager of your instruction.

COMMEMORATION OF LOCKING'S CLOSURE

As discussed in the previous Newsletter, we are still looking at ways of commemorating the closure of RAF Locking and the absorption of No 1 Radio School into 1 School of Technical Training. So far we have received no ideas from you so if you have ideas please speak up at the Reunion or enter your comments in the suggestion book. Joe recently discussed with OC AW at Locking whether it was possible for the LAA to take part in the Station's activities to mark RAF Locking's closure. In reviewing possible events, OC AW had suggested that Association members may like to consider being included on the final Freedom of Weston Parade when the Unit marches through the Town for the final time. Joe thought this would offer an excellent opportunity to contribute to the closing ceremonies and has informally agreed our participation.

We have also discussed the setting up of the History of No 1 Radio School Museum at Cosford which, although a matter for the School, does affect the RAFLAA collection of memorabilia and we will be talking to interested people at Cosford on this subject.

AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE LIST

Whilst there will be some name changes to the committee list after the AGM the AA Rep would like to draw your attention to an immediate one. He has changed his telephone number and this is reflected in the list enclosed. If you keep a committee list handy throw it away now and substitute the one enclosed.

LOCKING REVIEW

We mentioned that we have recently received some copies of the Locking review from Bob Machin (100th Entry) found whilst clearing out his loft. Thank you Bob. Neil Castle now has these in the collection and is delighted to have them. If anyone has similar

items that don't see the light of day from one year to the next how about digging them out and sending them to Neil.

AUTUMN SOCIAL EVENT

This year we have managed to find an acceptable date for our Autumn Dinner Dance. It is to be held on Saturday 2nd November at Dance and Partyscene in Whitecross road. The time is 7pm for 7-30pm and the cost remains at 12-50 per ticket. Doug will be doing the honours in running the draw. This date avoids the Sandocross event which crowds out Weston and has meant in the past that several of you have had to work hard to find a bed. More news about this event plus a proforma to apply for tickets will be enclosed in the next Newsletter.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

You will be pleased to hear that Mike Collier (76th Entry) has had some success with his search for former friends and has requested information on another couple from the 76th Entry. They are P S (Pete) Lee (589549); he was a ground radar fitter and came from a service family and the other was M J (Mike) Robbins (589586); he was also a ground radar fitter and came from the Porchester area. If anyone can help identify where they might be now, please call Mike Collier on (01386) 553298.

RAF BENEVOLENT FUND AIR SHOW

For those interested the RAF Benevolent Fund's Jubilee Air Tattoo 96 is to be held at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire on the weekend of 20/21 July this year.

EARLY DAYS'

Mike Collier (76th Entry) has written a piece for us concerning that period when he first passed out from Locking. Entitled 'Early Days,' he writes:

"Having overcome my initial surprise at managing to pass out, there then came the eagerly awaited posting. I had hoped for the Huntingdon area and in retrospect rather foolishly requested the SE Midlands when asked where I would like to go.

Fortunately, Records must have realised how naive I was, or perhaps thought I was joking and took pity on me, for beside my name when the postings appeared, was Bassingbourne. I had no idea what that might mean but as far as I was concerned it was heaven. Just 16 miles from my home town and the young lady I had been courting for the whole of my time at

Locking."

"So as a shiny new JT, I was delivered by my long suffering parents to the guardroom of No 231 OCU. The airfield we had passed on the way down the A14 appeared littered with Canberras, not a Lincoln to be seen anywhere. All my previous aircraft servicing experience wasted."

"The first novel experience was the arrival chit which appeared to serve no useful purpose other than to introduce the bewildered to the geography of the station and a number of seemingly empty offices to which you had to retrace your steps in order to obtain an elusive signature. The greatest oddity however came at 5 o'clock. I was more or less free to do whatever I wished. I could even go off camp - on a Monday! Not only that, I could also wear civilian clothes."

"A day or so later found me in ASF. Someone probably decided (rightly) that I could do the least amount of damage there. The Sgt IC the Radio Section was a revelation. He didn't shout, gave the impression that he thought that I may actually be human and that I might even be allowed to express an opinion. He also had the good sense to realise that 3 years at Locking did not count for much when it came to working on real aircraft. For my part, I felt a bit overawed by the whole experience but more than a little deflated when my education was entrusted to a national service SAC. He turned out to be superb considering that I was supposed to be a technical expert and was being paid at least twice the amount he was. He taught me a great deal about major and minor servicing of Canberra B2s and T4s, including one most profound item of advice relating to the tying up of 'Orange Putter' cables in the tail cone to prevent them fouling the flying controls. "Don't do it when the airframe people are checking the trim system or you will finish up with very short arms."

"Within weeks of arriving, I was ordered to go and see the SWO. No matter how hard I tried, I could not think what I had done to upset so important a person. With some trepidation and dressed as smartly as battle dress allowed, I went to his office. The ensuing interview went something like this. "You played football at Locking, Collier (it sounded like an accusation). Why didn't you tell me when you arrived? I mumbled an excuse. "You were a goalkeeper weren't you?" "Yes sir." "Right, you are playing for the Station on Wednesday." "Yes, sir." "OK, get back to work." I had indeed played 2 seasons for the Apprentice Wing 'B' Team (under 18s) in a local Weston-super-Mare league. What he had not

realised, however, was that the rest of the team were very fit and gifted whilst the opposition was mediocre. Consequently, my rather limited talent was never exposed."

"The day of the match duly arrived and I found that one of the full-backs was a Welsh International who had played for Charlton Athletic. He was doing his national service and obviously had no love for 'regulars.' He spent the whole game cursing me and my performance using all the swear words I know and others which I could only assume were their Welsh equivalents. I think I lasted 3 games before an ex-international schoolboy goalkeeper, also doing his national service, turned up and I lost my sports afternoon."

"This was a disaster as I had discovered that after the game and a quick shower, I could jump on my bike and be most of the way home before 5 o'clock to visit the aforementioned young lady. I needed another sport quickly so volunteered for the Station cross-country team. It was run by a highly enthusiastic if rather elderly sgt who also ran in the races. He spent many hours trying to persuade me that I had real talent and, if I would only do some training, I would be very good. He, of course, never appreciated that my only concern was to run the 7 miles as quickly as I could in order to be on my bicycle for the 16 mile ride home ASAP. What it was to be young and fit."

"I do recall one race quite clearly. It was of the type where the course was quite short and you had to complete more than one circuit. It was also very muddy. Running into one particularly large area of deep mud, I came across the Sgt on his hands and knees in the ooze. It appeared that he had tripped and ejected his false teeth into the morass and was frantically searching for them before they were trampled on by another competitor. Ever the enthusiast, he declined my offer of help, much to my relief, urging me to keep going so that the team got a good result. I recall I did not do well. It's difficult to run when you are laughing hysterically. Oh, the cruelty of youth!"

"Meanwhile, back at work, I had become good enough at tying off 'Orange Putter' cables to be trusted with something else. The Canberra had a GEE aerial in the tail fin and this required a modification which consisted of turning a very large slotted screw head through about 60°. I was presented with the largest GS screwdriver I have ever seen (almost as long as a 303) and a warning that if I broke this screw it required the fin to be changed - not very

encouraging. Rather gingerly, I clambered up on to the tailplane, located the enormous tool into the slot and applied gentle pressure. No sign of movement. A bit more pressure, then panic set in. I had visions of reporting to the FS IC the aircraft with bits of the screw in my hot sticky hand. Then, a flash of inspiration. What I needed was someone to 'carry the can' if it broke. Someone with his imagination in his biceps. What I needed was an airframe man. I found the biggest one in the hangar. I could almost see "tail fins changed while you wait" emblazoned across his denims. Using my best Uriah Heep impersonation, I explained that the thing appeared to be stuck and could he offer me some advice. Muttering long and loud about useless 'radio fairies,' he jumped up on to the tail plane and gave the screw an almighty twist which seemed to move it the required amount. Then fixing me with a scornful look, thrust the GS at me and marched off. I'm pleased to say that the same ploy worked every time and I never did actually reset one of those screws myself."

"One of my first Station parades there provided another surprise. It seemed rather odd that the 'Wingco Tech' was carrying out the pre-parade inspection. He stopped in front of me looked me up and down turned to the FS and said, "That one." The FS took my name and told me to report to him later. Now one of the merits of being an ex-apprentice is that you know pretty well everything that is likely to occur on a parade. If you have become the military moron the apprentice training system was designed to make you, you could go through the whole exercise with your brain in neutral. Or, as I did, worrying about what trouble I was now in. It subsequently transpired that the Wingco was on a smartness campaign and was picking one person per flight. Apparently, the creases in the sleeves of my greatcoat had impressed him. Standard Locking practice in my day, though I suspect in this case they were the residue of our passing out parade. Anyhow it got me half a day off work."

"Shortly after this I got charged. For 3 years at Locking, I had either appeared to toe the line, not been caught or joined one of the group punishment squads popular after some un-attributable occurrence. Now for the first and only time in my career, my name appeared on a 252. The 'Snoops' had found a hangar window whilst I was the key orderly. True to good apprentice practice, I required a good cover story and managed to find witnesses to say that when an aircraft was 'run up' on the airfield, vibration sometimes caused that particular window to slip its catch and open and there had been night flying that

evening. The flight commander must have been in a good mood when he heard the case and dismissed the charge. Ever since then I have always double checked almost everything I do -or is that old age?"

"By this time almost 4 months had elapsed since my arrival. I felt confident in what I was doing and thoroughly enjoying my social life. Then out of the blue, I got my tapes and a posting to Gaydon - but that's another story."

ILL MET BY MOONLIGHT

We recently heard from Mike Keen now domiciled in Western Australia. He wrote a couple of months ago and enclosed the short article entitled 'Ill Met by Moonlight' which he wrote during a spell of hot weather when the temperature reached 42.4 degrees centigrade! This was during some of the coldest days we experienced his winter. Thanks for the offering Mike and please write again.

He writes, "Those of you who challenged the rules regarding the possession of civilian clothes, will appreciate the numerous methods employed in re-entering the apprentice area after many a pleasant night out in the surrounding area, or more often in Bristol. One entered the camp via the A370, across the fields and through the hedge having a convenient gap in it or via the A38 and the officers' entrance."

"In the early hours of a Sunday morning 3 apprentices in civilian attire crept into a moonlit camp via the officers' mess entrance. They were quietly edging their way towards B Sqn billets when they observed considerable activity in the vicinity of C Sqn. RAF police, apprentice ncos and numerous officers were investigating a peculiar or probably serious occurrence. They quickly entered their billet from the rear corridor entrance, unfortunately the one whose bed was nearest to the door knocked over his rifle which was stored in his steel locker. This sudden loud noise alerted those outside C Sqn, the duty officer raced over to investigate entering the billet as they had. The reactions of the 3 apprentices varied, one hid behind his locker and froze, another leapt into bed fully clothed and the third was their saviour."

"On entering the billet the suspicious duty officer immediately stripped the bedding off the first bed on his right. How fortunate; this was the noisy offender whose lily-white naked body so shocked the duty officer he made a rapid retreat. Three very relieved apprentices survived this ordeal to enjoy their remaining 6 months of illegal activities."

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Post Script

Since the last Newsletter and up to 15 April the following have joined the Association:

Terry Stiby; Bob Watson; Mac Mckenzie; John Wolf; Mike Somerville; Mike Van de Velde and Terl Bryant. Welcome, guys, its good to see your names added to the list.

ROYAL AIR FORCE LOCKING APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

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