



ROYAL AIR FORCE LOCKING APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our ninth News Letter. In this issue we will be reporting on the AGM, on the combined meeting of apprentice associations and speculating on the move of RAF Locking to Cosford. We also have a short article by Mike Collier (76th) on his efforts to trace the members of his entry.

AGM AND REUNION

On a wet but not unpleasant Saturday morning on the 17 June the Association held its second Annual General Meeting when 99 members, many accompanied by their wives, enjoyed a morning of meeting and greeting before the AGM took place at midday.

Suitable music this year was provided by disco because of a prior engagement of the Flowerdown Brass but no-one seemed to notice as they were too busy talking. This year we again ran our own bar which was free to members and Neil Castle and John Hall produced the goods in organising the event. Of especial note was the excellent range of refreshments provided by Edith Castle and for which we thank her very much.

Memorabilia on display included the video which many members took the opportunity to purchase. Also available for sale were miniature items such as Apprentice wheel cuff links, tie tack wheels and ladies eagle brooches all manufactured in silver and gilt. Prints of the painting 'Beaufort Over Locking' were also available together with RAF Locking and No 1 Radio School Shields. For those unable to attend, the items described can all be obtained through the Secretary. Doug Reid still maintains a stocks of ties and videos and a purchase proforma will be found at the back of the Newsletter.

Despite the low cloud base and the wettish weather, Flowerdown Fair was an attraction for many members after the morning's efforts. Unfortunately, the weather reduced the flying display and as a

consequence takings were down on previous years; nevertheless, it was agreed that the day was a success and nonetheless enjoyable. Later on some 110 of us met at Dance and Partyscene to enjoy an excellent dinner followed by some dancing and of course a great deal more chat.

PRESENTATION OF THE RAF LAA TROPHY

One of the most important items on the day's agenda was the presentation of the RAF Locking Apprentice Association Trophy to the Commandant of No 1 Radio School, Group Captain Ian Sloss. The Trophy was handed over before the Meeting proper because of the adverse weather conditions which required Ian's personal attention during the period when we were due to sit down. However, bringing the presentation forward did not diminish the importance of the event. Members will be pleased to know that we now have a permanent memorial to the training of some 6000 apprentices at RAF Locking. Although it was presented to No 1 Radio School, a title which disappears on the Station's closure, the Trophy will still continue to be presented to personnel at Cosford which may become The RAF School, or perhaps academy, of Engineering Training. The trophy, which was on view during the Reunion, was a splendid centrepiece and admired as much for its quality of manufacture as its excellence in design.

In presenting it to the Commandant, our President, Martin Palmer, said that its purpose was twofold; it commemorated the training of Apprentices at RAF Locking from 1952 to 1976 whilst providing recognition in the form of a prize for achievement by either students or staff at No 1 Radio School. Appropriately, the Trophy, which was handsomely constructed by former civilian instructor, Mr John Coombs, was inscribed 'For Excellence' which the President said was a fitting expression for the aims of No 1 Radio School.

The Commandant, in his acceptance of the Trophy, thanked the Association and said that although the

title 'No 1 Radio School' would go on the School's move to Cosford, he nevertheless foresaw the Trophy playing its part in the recognition of excellence in performance by personnel at Cosford. Moreover, its purpose in commemorating the training of Apprentices at Locking, would be rightfully remembered with its annual presentation.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President opened his address by thanking the Station Commander for providing the facilities for holding the AGM. He also thanked the Committee and, in particular, John Hall and his helpers for the success of the reunion before reviewing the major events of the year. In particular, he expressed his sorrow over the deaths of Ian Tedford and Brian Carpenter during the year and also mentioned the deaths of other ex-apprentices whose passing was known to the Association. To the families involved he offered his condolences on behalf of all members. On the subject of Locking's closure, he reviewed the options that were open to the Association and declared a wish that we would overcome the problems that the Station's closure would cause. Finally, he expressed the hope that the Committee would receive an easy ride from the membership at this year's AGM which he was delighted to declare open.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, in his report, said that he would still like to see more activity in the regions and suggested that if there was a volunteer to organise an event, funding would be available to offset the hire of a suitable facility in which to hold it. He went on to suggest that the Association should also mark the closure of RAF Locking and ideas were needed on how this might be achieved. In making a plea for more Newsletter items, he suggested that ideas for the future should be most welcome and should be featured prominently. On this theme he said that there was shortly to be a meeting between the Apprentice Associations to discuss where we go from here since we were all in the same boat with station closures and role changes. Finally he thanked all members for coming and especially welcomed the new faces present.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Membership Secretary, being unable to display his finely prepared viewgraphs due to a blown OHP bulb, instead explained to the Meeting how the state of the membership stood. The figures were now 347 members with a further 28 who, it has been assumed, declined

to renew their membership. The Association were therefore 25 short of the total which was aimed for after last year's AGM. He exhorted the members present to make further efforts to bring in recruits since it was proven that the major source of new members was due to the 'old boy's network.' For those apprentices who were outside a personal network he suggested that members could advertise in their local consumer advertiser sheets which offered a cheap means of bringing the Association to the attention of the lonely 'hearts.' He also suggested that local social events could help bring in new members and to this end he said that a localised membership list would be included in the Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer outlined the Balance sheet and explained the differences between this and last year's figures. He pointed out that the nett profit was down due to the renewal membership being £2-50 below the joining fee and the larger outlay on purchases as the organisation had grown; however, despite this the difference was negligible and funds were adequate for all conceivable requirements. Currently, the costs of printing were still negligible and this was the only item of expenditure that was likely to rise rapidly in the future. After questions the Meeting accepted the proposal to accept the balance sheet.

ELECTION OF AA COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Chairman explained that the former AA representative, Ben Cuming, had unfortunately had to resign from the Committee. Therefore, there was a need to replace Ben and he called for a volunteer from the floor. This call was answered by Mike West (99th entry) and the Meeting happily agreed the appointment.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Chairman explained that there was only one proposal for a change in the Constitution. This related to last year's decision to approve the appointment, where it was deemed desirable, of Associate Members. The AGM, in approving the change, had left it to the Committee to devise suitable rules for the election of Associates. The rules, which were then outlined, had to be approved and after discussion, in which the membership expressed concern over the number and status of associates, the Meeting were asked to vote for their inclusion in the Constitution. After some changes were requested to the wording the Meeting agreed to the expansion of

the membership rules. These changes will be included in the reprint of the Constitution sent to new members but for existing members the amendment will be included with the Newsletter and you are recommended to cut it out and substitute it for the current Membership paragraph in your personal copy of the Constitution.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The need for the year's subscription was swiftly dealt with after the Chairman outlined the sort of expenditure that would be required. It was agreed that there would be no change and that the renewal subscription would remain at £7-50. For your convenience (and ours), a standing order proforma is enclosed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The majority of items under this heading related to local questions but there was one particularly important point to arise. It concerned the measures that would be taken to care for all the apprentice records when the Unit moved to RAF Cosford. This could not be fully answered at the time; however, it was known that the Stats and Records Section at RAF Locking would move so presumably the whole of the archive would go to RAF Cosford with the Section. However, it is this sort of question that the Association will be asking in the run up to closure and we intend to ensure the safe removal of all those items such as the entry shields when the time comes.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Members will be pleased to know that since the AGM we now have a membership database of 385; however, this is a heavy period for renewal subscriptions and, for those that have received the invitation to renew membership, prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. As indicated at the AGM, this quarter's membership list is published by area. This will give members an idea of whether it is feasible or not to hold a regional social event. Should any Member wish to arrange one, please let the Secretary know and we will assist in any way we can. Also, if any member wishes to contact another, we will be pleased to act as a post box and pass on any communication.

As pointed out on many occasions, we need new members and the proven way to achieve this is for existing members to chase up old friends and let them know of our existence. So why not call up that old number you have in your diary and see if old Harry, Sid, Brian, etc. is still compos and needs to know about

us. As usual, for your convenience, we include the 'application to join proforma.'

VJ DAY COMMEMORATIVE PARADE AND SERVICE

Along with most other towns, the Weston-super-Mare branch of the Royal British Legion held a parade and service at the War Memorial in Grove Park on the 20th of August and the LAA was represented by a committee member. As well as wreaths from Avon, Woodspring, the Town, RAF Locking and the Police one was laid on behalf of all ex-service associations by the RBL. The Association also decided, on your behalf, to grant £50 to the Vera Lynn VJ Day Appeal.

DOES YOUR FIRM HAVE A HOUSE MAGAZINE?

Simon Johnson (208th) suggested last year that we publish a paragraph that could be inserted in the house magazines of large companies to attract new members. This was a successful idea which has produced around 20 new members for the Association. So, if you would like to have another go or you didn't get around to it last year here is the spiel:

Calling all ex-RAF Locking Apprentices

Did you start your career as an Apprentice at RAF Locking, Weston-super-Mare? The RAF Locking Apprentice Association is keen to hear from all ex-Aircraft, Technician, Craft and Mechanic Apprentices who trained at the Unit between 1952 and 1976. The Association exists to provide members with a means of maintaining contact, giving support where necessary and fostering friendship through social meetings. It is also in being to ensure that the spirit of Apprentice training lives on despite the sad end to the scheme in 1994. If you would like to know more, then contact Charles Hart, the RAFLAA Secretary, at 9 South Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2HA. Tel (01934) 621969.

Alternatively, you could adapt the paragraph and place it in your local free advertiser asking ex apprentices to call you. This was Neil Castle's suggestion at the AGM. It could make a worthy contribution to our membership.

THE AUTUMN SOCIAL WEEKEND

After our successful AGM Dinner Dance which saw around 55 couples enjoy a splendid evening we are confident that our autumn social event, to be held now on Saturday 30th of September, will be as good if not better. This year we considered providing live music but decided against on the grounds of cost but

wine will be provided within the price of the ticket which remains at a highly affordable £12-50. The point from the floor at the AGM about the venue not being suitable for the passage of wheel chairs was taken but the difference in cost between Dance and Partyscene and a comparable facility rules out any change. The event had to be moved forward by three weeks to fit the booking schedule and avoid the International Sandocross with its large number of bikers and we apologise if you had noted a different date in your diaries.

So why not earn a few smarty points from the wife and arrange a mini holiday weekend at Weston? George Ring will again be looking after the Dinner Dance organisation and you will find his application at the back of the News Letter. Essential details are: Date, 30 Sep 95; cost, £12-50 a ticket; time, 7 for 7-30pm; Dress, Lounge suit; Venue, Dance and Partyscene, Whitecross Road, Weston-super-Mare, Tel (01934) 627048. Because the event has been brought forward there is not much time to think about it - so decide now and get your proforma off today.

A HISTORY OF APPRENTICE TRAINING AT LOCKING

Malcolm Turner (96th entry) is just about to embark on a mammoth task and is needing your help. He writes, "It is my intention to write a 'History of Apprentice Training at RAF Locking 1952 -1976' and I therefore need, at this stage, to collect anecdotes and personal memories whilst we are still able to remember reasonably clearly. A little later I will also be seeking photographs, etc., to add to the Association's collection for publication. In this respect, if anyone can send me photocopies of any photographs that they are willing to have copied, this would be much appreciated."

"The book will cover all aspects of training both technical and 'domestic' and apprentice life in general on and off duty. It is hoped to be able to add sections to the book covering entry by entry statistical information. It is intended that any profits from publication will go into RAFLAA funds."

So please give Malcolm the support he deserves for such an undertaking. His address is 10, Herons Way, Hythe Kent CT21 6QS, and you can contact him at work by writing to SSAW, DISS, Templer Barracks, Ashford Kent TN23 3HH.

LAA GOLF SOCIETY

Mike Hill (91st) has written to us with the suggestion that we form a RAFLAA Golf Society. He

suggests that although our geographical spread is rather large for the typical golfing society we could, nevertheless, make a start by arranging our own competition in conjunction with the AGM or other social event possibly on the Friday immediately preceding it. He also foresees us challenging the Cranwell and Halton Associations who both have strong golf societies. We are sure that there will be interest in this proposal and as Mike is willing to look after the organisation the first step is to provide him with your details. So if you are interested, please send Mike the proforma enclosed.

ELEVENTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The eleventh Committee Meeting was held on the afternoon of the 15th August at RAF Locking where the main topic discussed was the combined Apprentice Associations meeting which was held at RAF Halton the previous week. This meeting is outlined below.

Also discussed was the closure of RAF Locking and the actions that we as a Committee would need to take in order to secure what remained at Locking of its apprentice past. This included our shields and also the Verpilleaux Paintings which Lord Trenchard presented to No 1 Radio School. Many members will remember the paintings, all concerning the use of radio in World War I, in the 3(T) Bk Theatre. They were particularly inspiring to look at when undertaking 'finals' or when not listening to sermons during the Sunday church parade. Hopefully a place will be found for them at Cranwell from where they originally came to Locking in 1952.

Another topic raised was the life of committee members whose 3 years in office comes to an end next June. Currently, the view of the majority is that it would be time to stand down but there will have to be a staggered leaving since only 2 of the members are still relatively new. We shall certainly need a new Secretary and Newsletter writer as well as a Treasurer and a Membership Secretary. So the trawl is on for members to undertake these duties. If there are any members who would like to volunteer for the positions mentioned, please ring the Sec or drop him a line.

MEETING OF APPRENTICES' ASSOCIATIONS

Committee representatives from the Halton, Cranwell, Ruislip and Locking Associations met at Halton House Officers' Mess on the 7th of August to review where we were as a group of organisations with similar objectives; where we intend to go in the future and to discuss what actions we could take to achieve a

mutual advancement for all the Associations.

The meeting was hosted by the HAAA and Air Cdre Mike Evans acted as chairman. He outlined the progress on various items of interest to the associations. These included the erection of a large apprentice wheel outside Fulton Block, Cosford, in recognition of both apprentices' and boys' training; a window in the Station Church dedicated to all apprentices and boy entrants who were trained there; the completion of the transfer of the Halton Library to Cosford and the recording on hard disc of all Apprentice items, memorabilia and documents back to 1922 which comprise the 'Halton Collection.' Discussions with the RAF Museum had resulted in a legal memorandum being prepared for the collection's maintenance. Also, agreement had been reached with the Service to establish Halton as the home of the HAAA so that their reunions will continue to be held there.

Efforts to have a plaque put up in St Clement Danes on behalf of all apprentices had so far made no progress because of lack of space; however, a phosphor bronze plaque is to be placed in the 'Taj Mahal' at Cranwell commemorating the training of apprentices there. Two books are about to be published concerning the life of apprentices; one of these, by Bill Tunbridge is imminent. And efforts are going ahead to publish one on the history of apprentice training in the round and the HAAA took an action to approach Sir Michael Armitage to assist with the project.

The meeting also discussed the apprentices stand at the RAF Museum at Hendon; this exhibit, recently completed, is considered, in the light of the Museum's current financial situation, a reasonable success. Although there is a fund of goodwill with the keeper of aircraft, Air Cdre David Lawrence, the associations can expect no improvements or changes to the current stand for a considerable time.

The loose 'staying in touch' between Associations is considered worthwhile and as a result the meeting agreed to formalise it. It was agreed that whilst meetings will not be frequent they will be regular. It was also agreed that the Boy Entrant Association should be invited next time. Merger was also mentioned and whilst there was no question of this in the near future it was agreed that it should remain under continuous review.

The Chairman outlined the situation the HAAA are in over a bequest from a member of the 19th entry at Halton. He left a half million pounds in a Trust Fund to be used for the award of prizes and to look

after the welfare and needs of apprentices at 1 S of TT - being unaware that 1 S of TT no longer existed and that there were no longer any apprentices with needs or requiring welfare. The Service has control of the fund and OC Cosford is appointed as Trustee and is now empowered presumably to spend the money how he pleases. The HAAA, who perhaps should have had the cash, will possibly be able to apply for funds but they have no right to the proceeds nor any say in how it is spent. The message is therefore clear. Any member who wishes to leave the odd million to the RAFLAA should ensure that it is clearly stated in their will.

The Chairman outlined the HAAA's tri-annual reunion which takes place this year on 23 Sep 95. Main events are a meet and greet on the airfield site where some 2500 members are expected. A packed lunch will be supplied and a pipe band will be in attendance. After lunch there will be a church service; a Spitfire and a Yak aircraft will be on display; there will be a march past across Main Point with Sir Michael Armitage taking the salute and dispersal will be after a sunset ceremony.

Similarly, the Cranwell Chairman outlined their reunion which is to be held at RAF Cosford this year on 30 September. It starts at 9-30am with a meet and greet; the bar opens at 11-00am followed by lunch at 1-00pm. The AGM commences at 2pm and departure will be after refreshments at around 4-30pm. The Golden Entry this year is the 46th entry; the cost is £20.

All agreed at the conclusion that it had been a useful forum and that we would hold annual meetings to further the debate. The next meeting would be held before the end of July 1996, probably at Halton and the LAA agreed to host it.

RAF LOCKING'S CLOSURE

In a previous News Letter we outlined the moves that were taking place in the Service that would ultimately affect RAF Locking. The RAF Ground Training Review took place some 3 years ago and the results of this study were announced in Parliament in November 1992. In essence, the Government accepted the recommendations to centre all Engineering Training at RAF Cosford whilst concentrating Administrative Training at RAF Halton. However, RAF Locking was to continue as the base for TG3 and TG11 training subject to further review. This review was completed last year and was eventually accepted by Parliament some 3 months ago; it recommends Locking's closure on 1 April 1998 and the removal of training to RAF Cosford. Thus the camp will have achieved a

60 year life span as an RAF Station.

The reasons for the delay in the move will be obvious; Cosford does not have spare capacity for the School to move into so a building jobber is required in some areas to accommodate Locking's likely numbers in 1998. This means that 98 new married quarters will be built, the existing medical centre will be enlarged as will the officers' and sergeants' messes and, of course, a new ground radio training facility will be built on the area where the last remaining wooden 'Spider' huts currently sit. Hopefully, the new builds will be ready in time although we can be sure of a few glitches before completion and presumably there is an alternative assumption to keep training going at Locking for a few months after the closure date just in case.

For Locking itself the future is by no means finalised but there are still a few British Army Units looking for a home so it is looking more probable that the unit will become a military barracks in due course - provided someone gets an LTC approved.

PENULTIMATELY

Thank you all for the support you have given the Association over the past year. Please remember that we exist to be of use to you the members so let us know what more the Association should be doing for you. And, if you have any thoughts on the future, then put pen to paper and let us know. We would be especially grateful to hear from you about what you would like the Association to do to celebrate the closure of Locking when the time comes.

AND FINALLY - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

All of us at sometime or another must have thought "I wonder what happened to old so and so?" I certainly have and with the advent of the LAA, I was presented with the ideal opportunity to do something about it.

Almost 40 years had elapsed since we passed out. Would it be possible to find anyone; would they be interested; were they all dead? Fortune smiled to begin with in that I acquired an 'order of merit' pass-out list containing names and initials. Many of which, incidentally, turned out to be incorrect or misspelt. The first ploy of the army of gremlins, whose whole purpose in life seems to be to frustrate my efforts.

Armed with this list, I spent many hours in my local library searching through their mass of telephone

directories. There were just over a hundred of these when I started but they seem to be breeding just lately and a great many duplicates have appeared. This activity was initially viewed by the library staff with some suspicion but now I think they have come to look upon me as a harmless crank, with a strange taste in short stories.

The first few of course are relatively easy (The unusual surnames and initials) and I was lulled into a false sense that this was going to be simple. Though I did find it surprising that so few had kept in touch with anyone else, or could even remember very much about them.

There are embarrassing moments, like the long conversation I held with a delightful lady, who was obviously the wife of someone I was searching for. After a number of minutes discussing his career and subsequent achievements I began to wonder if she was ever going to let me chat to the guy, so I asked if I might speak to him. At which point she said, "I'm afraid you can't." "He died suddenly last year."

There are also depressing moments. When looking for someone I had considered to be a close friend at Locking, I had made twenty seven calls and finally found him at the opposite end of the Country to where I expected him to be. When I hit the jack pot, he didn't even remember me.

This experience is balanced by the occasions when I find someone who is so elated at regaining contact that I can almost feel the excitement coming down the telephone line like electricity.

A rather strange event occurred after I had given up hope of finding one person because of a relatively common surname and initials. One night some months later I had a dream that I met this particular character on a train going to an LAA reunion and he gave me an address. The only part I could recall in the morning was the name of the town. Somewhat sceptically, I consulted the appropriate telephone directory and there were 2 entries with the required name and initials. The first one I tried was the person I was looking for. I'm not quite sure what the shrinks would make of it but there are times when I wish it would happen more often.

Knowledge of a home town occasionally leads to ageing parents or other relatives. Generally, these are very co-operative but I did come across one lovely elderly lady who took some 10 minutes or so to convince that I wasn't after her son's body. After numerous "off mic" conversations with what I took to

be her husband, interspersed with questions to me, she finally consented to give me the number. However, before I could redial, she was already talking to him, to warn of this possibly unsavoury person about to call him.

Most people when I call them tend to be extremely helpful, sometimes too much so. I had one gentleman somewhere in northern Scotland who insisted on going away for almost five minutes to consult his local directory for people with his surname (while the BT meter was gently ticking away) only to give me a list of names I had already tried.

BT have their share of frustrating tactics, the worst of which is disembodied voice which proclaims, "The number you have dialled is not available." I assume this means that the subscriber has gone ex-directory or perhaps taken their business to another company. But when this is the last of a list of 20 or so people with the same name and initials that I have already tried unsuccessfully, I begin to wonder if it really is worth the effort.

The 'Air Force List' provides interesting reading, although not many libraries retain archive copies. I suppose that my perception of people at the age of 15 bears little resemblance to their potential at 21, when I sit in my local library thinking "Good grief, they surely never commissioned him." It is, however, useful if they make it to the 'Retired List' as 'Records' will redirect letters to them. Even then the odd one does not reply and I am left with another gap in my list.

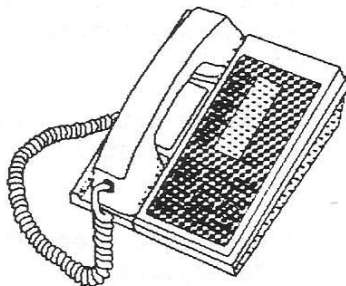
On the topic of 'Records,' they used to be quite helpful but recently this situation has changed. It appears that they, like many other organisations, overworked and under staffed. My offer to do my own research, as a temporary unpaid assistant met with a rather unamused reply, which concluded with the devastating put down that they were "not allowed to reveal any information about an airman without that airman's permission until 75 years after the death of the airman." - and all I wanted were initials and Service numbers to go with a list of names I had.

Local and in house newspapers are generally helpful and I have had some success in this area. Also other ex-apprentice organisations, particularly Halton have been friendly and happy to offer assistance, as have the current clerical staff at RAF Locking.

All in all, it is without doubt, a deeply frustrating, expensive, time consuming yet quite fascinating exercise. Unless you have a lot of patience, an understanding partner and sheer pig headed persistence, I would certainly not recommend attempting it, for as I have discovered it can be addictive.

Finally in answer to the question that may have arisen in the mind of anyone kind enough not to have fallen asleep by now. How successful have I been? Well, so far I have located 50 people, who either started with or spent time with my entry and if my calculations are correct there are about 53 more to find - the really difficult ones.

Mike Collier



ROYAL AIR FORCE LOCKING APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

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RAF LOCKING APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION

Membership List as of 10th August 1995 - (By Country/County)

County: Avon			
Mike	Wittamore	Bath	Entry No: 85
Alan	McLachlan	Bristol	Entry No: 85
Chips	Rafferty	Bristol	Entry No: 75
Mike	West	Bristol	Entry No: 99
Colin	Clayton	Bristol	Entry No: 94
× Nat	Cole	Bristol	Entry No: 76 -
× Brian	Gale	Bristol	Entry No: 76 -
Clive	Peddle	Bristol	Entry No: 89
Mick	Thompson	Bristol	Entry No: 96
Brian	Sprosen	Bristol	Entry No: 85
Mitch	Mitchell	Bristol	Entry No: 90
Ian	Davis	Clevedon	Entry No: 91
Brian	Bays	Clevedon	Entry No: 97
Roger	Smith	Nailsea	Entry No: 104
Bob	Jamieson	Thornbury	Entry No: 78
Tony	Horry	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 76 -
Malcolm	MacPherson	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 93
Willy	Ranson	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 100
Bryan	Barrington	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 96
Dick	Cheeseman	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 84
Derek	Hitchins	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 70
Jim	Campbell	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 98
Barry	Gray	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 98
Doug	Buttery	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 98
Peter	Crowe	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 95
Ted	Pounds	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 105
Chas	Hart	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 71
Pete	Bryant	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 89
Bill	Walker	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 102
Ian	Ashcroft	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 70
Tony	Dennett	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 100
George	Ring	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 95
Paul	Edwards	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 94
Andy	Perkins	Weston Super Mare	Entry No: 109
Bob	Jones	Weston-Super-Mare	Entry No: 99
Chas	Crofton	Weston-Super-Mare	Entry No: 104
Colin	Locke	Winscombe	Entry No: 87
Neil	Castle	Winscombe	Entry No: 76 -
County: Bedfordshire			
Roy	Tanner	Bedford	Entry No: 91
Mike	Strange	Biggleswade	Entry No: 104
Robin	Boast	Biggleswade	Entry No: 96
Derek	Weller	Clifton	Entry No: 102
Ron	Kennett	Dunstable	Entry No: 96
Jack	Rennison	Dunstable	Entry No: 66
Terry	Mullett	Dunstable	Entry No: 99
Ian	Gibbon	Haynes	Entry No: 93
Ron	Grant	Henlow	Entry No: 76 -
× Mike	Ward	Leighton Buzzard	Entry No: 76 -
Ron	Spain	Luton	Entry No: 96
Philip	Ashton	Luton	Entry No: 74
Mike	Home	Maulden	Entry No: 76 -
John	Wombwell	Meppershall	Entry No: 72

	Keith	Rowland	Milton Keynes	Entry No:	96
×	John	Davies	Potton	Entry No:	76
	Dave	Thompson	Sandy	Entry No:	88
	Tony	Mooney	Sandy	Entry No:	84
	John	Walker	Sandy	Entry No:	91
County: Berkshire					
	Chris	Bryan	Bracknell	Entry No:	87
	Vic	Faloon	Langley	Entry No:	100
	Chas	Trussler	Maidenhead	Entry No:	87
	Rex	Farrington	Maidenhead	Entry No:	76
	Tony	Elkin	Mortimer	Entry No:	104
	Dennis	Dorey	Newbury	Entry No:	82
×	Pete	Cornforth	Reading	Entry No:	76
	John	Brooke	Reading	Entry No:	85
	Colin	Bell	Thatcham	Entry No:	90
	Graham	Mays	Warfield	Entry No:	103
×	Dave	Painter	Windsor	Entry No:	73
	Rocky	Thompson	Wokingham	Entry No:	69
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	Des	Fullylove	Great Missenden	Entry No:	96
	Pete	Elliott	High Wycombe	Entry No:	91
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	Bruce	Graham	High Wycombe	Entry No:	79
	Peter	Iddenden	High Wycombe	Entry No:	105
	Ron	Regan	Marlow	Entry No:	100
	Michael	Watson	Marlow	Entry No:	88
	Tiny	Kühle	Milton Keynes	Entry No:	87
	Boris	Gilbert	Milton Keynes	Entry No:	216
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	Charles	Tyler	Princes Risborough	Entry No:	91
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	Bob	Lane	Chatteris	Entry No:	96
	Roger	Clark	Huntingdon	Entry No:	96
	John	Fryatt	Huntingdon	Entry No:	107
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	Len	Scofield	Huntingdon	Entry No:	75
	Gordon	Shores	Huntingdon	Entry No:	97
	Colin	Doye	Huntingdon	Entry No:	101
	John	Burkey	Huntingdon	Entry No:	87
	Dave	Ferris	Huntingdon	Entry No:	219
	Alan	Laybourn	Huntingdon	Entry No:	92
	Graham	Paterson	Peterborough	Entry No:	107
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×	Barry	Price	Frodsham	Entry No:	85
×	Mike	Huscroft	Macclesfield	Entry No:	76
	Phil	Mills	Manchester	Entry No:	90
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	Les	Hardy	Bude	Entry No:	78
	Colin	Ingram	Bude	Entry No:	88
	Geoff	Beer	Liskeard	Entry No:	93
	Alex	Smith	Newquay	Entry No:	85
	Chis	Chisholm	Newquay	Entry No:	88

Al	Thomas	St. Columb Major	Entry No:	94
David	Buse	Wadebridge	Entry No:	92
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Derick	Cotton	Appleby	Entry No:	90
Bob	Finlayson	Carlisle	Entry No:	99
Mick	Farrer	Carlisle	Entry No:	102
Joe	Tonepohl	Whitehaven	Entry No:	85
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Will	Scarlett	Brixham	Entry No:	87
John	Evison	Exeter	Entry No:	91
Brian	Aldridge	Exeter	Entry No:	79
John	Cann	Ivybridge	Entry No:	103
Tim	Wyatt	Kingsteignton	Entry No:	99
Bert	Armstrong	Plymouth	Entry No:	99
Tony	Bestwick	Sidmouth	Entry No:	96
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Ray	Hill	Pimperne	Entry No:	79
Tony	Hooper	Sherborne	Entry No:	93
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× Keith	Rennolds	Heathfield	Entry No:	76 -
Tim	Hockley	Peacehaven	Entry No:	102
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Alan	Darbyshire	Driffield	Entry No:	102
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× Colin	Heasman	Braintree	Entry No:	76 -
× Ian (Mac)	Macnee	Braintree	Entry No:	76 -
Brian	Goddard	Chelmsford	Entry No:	96
Chris	Hibbett	Chelmsford	Entry No:	76 -
Alan	Beedham	Chelmsford	Entry No:	75
Ian	Meachem	Chelmsford	Entry No:	210
'JJ'	Jardine	Chelmsford	Entry No:	100
Brian	Garratt	Chelmsford	Entry No:	87
× John	Austin	Chelmsford	Entry No:	76 -
× Bob	Vicary	Chelmsford	Entry No:	76 -
× Vic	Armstrong	Harlow	Entry No:	76 -
× Tony	Prior	Ilford	Entry No:	76 -
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Geordie	Bagnall	Abbeydale	Entry No:	216
Mervyn	Harris	Bisley	Entry No:	89
Guy	Slingo	Cheltenham	Entry No:	96
John	Leaper	Cheltenham	Entry No:	223
Paul	Guy	Churchdown	Entry No:	102
Olly	Oldman	Dymock	Entry No:	78
Colin	Kent	Gloucester	Entry No:	92
Mick	Rafferty	Gloucester	Entry No:	98
Trevor	Reynaert	Longhope	Entry No:	105
Glyn	Price	Longlevens	Entry No:	102
Bob	Machin	Sandhurst	Entry No:	100
Dave	Calvert	Stroud	Entry No:	96
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Ted	O'Toole	Fleet	Entry No:	73
Colin	Burns	Gosport	Entry No:	85
Chris	Lewis	Horndean	Entry No:	92

David	Penberthy	Isle of White	Entry No: 71
Mike	Furness	Lymington	Entry No: 93
Bob	Pritchard	Southampton	Entry No: 82
Bob	Fairchild	Southampton	Entry No: 85
Ken.	Walton	Southampton	Entry No: 86
Tiny	Edwards	Southampton	Entry No: 94
David	Young	Southampton	Entry No: 75
Dizz	Gillespie	Waterlooville	Entry No: 76 -
Gus	Furnaess	Waterlooville	Entry No: 72
Brian	Johnson	Waterlooville	Entry No: 76 -
Martin	Sparshott	Waterlooville	Entry No: 97
Mik	Brown	Waterlooville	Entry No: 106
John	O'Keeffe	Winchester	Entry No: 85
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David	Restall	Hemel Hempstead	Entry No: 71
John R.	Flanders	Hemel Hempstead	Entry No: 88
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Graham	Holbrook	Faversham	Entry No: 94
Tom	Girvan	Faversham	Entry No: 85
Barry	Ellender	Faversham	Entry No: 93
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Ian	Hunter	Tunbridge Wells	Entry No: 96
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Bryan	Armitage	Mossley	Entry No: 71
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Michael	Barker	Leicester	Entry No: 85
Bryn	Neale	Loughborough	Entry No: 104
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x Art	Swain	Loughborough	Entry No: 76 -
Bill	Pye	Lutterworth	Entry No: 85
John	Morley	Rutland	Entry No: 76 -
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Harry	North	Lincoln	Entry No:	96
John	Wright	Lincoln	Entry No:	73
Bud	Nalton	Lincoln	Entry No:	79
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Donald	Innes	Stamford	Entry No:	78
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John	Gray	Liverpool	Entry No:	90
	County: Middlesex			
John	Sloley	Harrow	Entry No:	95
Ginge	Heat	Stanmore	Entry No:	101
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John	Sutherland	Uxbridge	Entry No:	104
× Michael	Dawson	Uxbridge	Entry No:	76
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Mike	Cheetham	Nottingham	Entry No:	81
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Peter	Floyd	Chalgrove	Entry No:	89
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Doug	Reid	Burnham-on-Sea	Entry No:	86
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John	Farmer	Minehead	Entry No:	77
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Dick	Scrivener	Yeovil	Entry No:	96
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Mike	Gentry	Ipswich	Entry No:	75
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John	Martin	Nr. Camberley	Entry No:	73
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Frank	Sansom	Crawley	Entry No:	85
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Jeff	Parker	Chippenham	Entry No:	216
Dave	White	Chippenham	Entry No:	79
Tom	Gerken	Hoddington	Entry No:	100
Pete	Woods	Melksham	Entry No:	79
x Bob	Wood	Milton Lilbourne	Entry No:	76
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Mike	Bonner	Swindon	Entry No:	224
Mike	Horlock	Swindon	Entry No:	83
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Mike	Collier	Pershore	Entry No:	76 -
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Chris	Armes	Sheffield	Entry No:	84
Mike	O'Neill	Upper Poppleton	Entry No:	96
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Ian	Hardie		Entry No:	221
Nick	Palmer	Rhinedahlen	Entry No:	98
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Pat	Marshall	Ottobrunn	Entry No:	96
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Brian	Carter	Glenfield	Entry No:	76 -
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Dick	Wharmby		Entry No:	90
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Robin	Amos	Moray	Entry No:	212
Doug	Webster	Nr. Aberdeen	Entry No:	95
Ted	Reed	Peterhead	Entry No:	100
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Ron	Stoves	Livingston	Entry No:	93
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Grant	Stewart	Blairstown	Entry No:	74
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Colin	Brown	Roanoke	Entry No:	72
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