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FROM THE EDITORS DESK

(Actually the Smoking Room in the Duck and Dive)

A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. I trust the sprouts are almost ready for serving (mine have been simmering since October 1st). And so we start again, another year, 2024, and I hope it proves to be good for all of us. Very soon our Chairman will be pestering all those of us who were brave enough to sponsor him in his “walkies” and our wallets will be empty. Fair play to him though, he said he would do it and he did.



In October I went to Nairn for the AGM of the Shackleton Association and was accompanied by P.O. Tom B. Raffles, the Branch Bear. He is trying to get a few flying hours and I was lucky enough to get him on the aircraft pictured here. A

P8-A Poseidon MRA1 of CXX (120 for the non Romans) Squadron at RAF Lossiemouth. He had an eight hour 35 minute flight.

Later in the month I took him to RNAS Culdrose (HMS Seahawk) where he was taken up in a Merlin Helicopter for 1 hr. 15 mins. I handed him back into the tender care of our Chairman at the Cenotaph Parade and he completed the march along with Phil Small, on his wheelchair.

Due to the stringent Health and Safety rules P.O. Raffles is not allowed to handle sharp objects such as a pen, so he was unable to provide me with a report from the Cenotaph.



AGM 2024

AGM 2024 is going to be held at: **Southview Park Hotel, Skegness, PE25 2LA** on **FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2024 at 2000 hrs**. The weekend itinerary is on Page 6.

The hotel is the Southview Park Hotel, Skegness, which is part of the Parkdean Holiday Resorts. (www.southviewparkhotel.co.uk) They are able offer us a special price for early booking with prices from £130 to £250 for 2 nights based on 2 people including breakfast through £195 to £375 for 3 nights based on 2 people including breakfast depending on the type of accommodation running from twin, double, king size, superior twin, superior double through to a suite. There are also 3 disabled twin rooms available at £150 for 2 nights and £225 for 3 nights. There is no discount for single bookings unfortunately but then again there isn't when one books at a Premier Inn. Possibly the biggest problem is that the company and indeed the hotel do NOT offer a cancellation policy and the cost of the stay must be paid at the time of booking.

MOST IMPORTANT. MOST IMPORTANT. MOST IMPORTANT

Please **DO NOT** attempt to try to book any accommodation via their website or booking.com as the dates we require are not currently on there.

The details for booking your accommodation at the Southview Park Hotel, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2LA are as follows:

- 01754 896060
- option 5
- Now you should get to talk to a human being!!!
- Booking for the RAFA weekend Feb 2024
- Dates 29th Feb - 3rd March 2024
- Remember to state if you are booking for 2 or 3 nights.
- Type of room you want to book (See below)
- They will require your name, address, telephone number & email address.
- Payment card details
- Check-in is from 1600 hrs but "could" be earlier if your room is ready.

PLEASE NOTE YOU CANNOT BOOK THIS VIA Booking.com OR ANY OTHER METHOD APART FROM THAT SHOWN ABOVE.

After booking please email Steve Mullis, chair.rafaglobalbranch1370@gmail.com confirming that you have booked, the number of nights and the type of room booked. Remember that certain types of rooms have limited availability, so early booking, to avoid disappointment is advised.

Type	2 Nights £	3 Nights £	Quantity	Description
Standard Double (First floor)	130	195	24	Features a King-size bed, a settee with shower head over bath.
Standard twin (First floor)	150	225	11	Features 2 King-size beds, shower head over the bath.
King size (First floor)	£150	£225	5	Features a King-size bed, a settee, standard bath with shower head over the bath.
King size (Ground floor)	150	225	2	Features a King-size bed, standard bath with shower head over the bath, this room has patio door.
Superior Twin (Ground Floor)	170	255	1	Features 2 King-size beds in same bedroom, separate living room with dining table, standard bath with shower head over the bath. This room also has a private balcony terrace.
Superior Double (Ground Floor)	200	300	4	Features a Super king Rococo bed, settee, standard bath with shower head over the bath.
Suite (2nd floor No lift facility)	250	375	4	Features a Super king four-poster bed, separate living room with dining table, luxury bathroom and separate walk-in shower, 2 Smart flat-screen TVs. This room also has a balcony.
Suite (Lift to First Floor)	250	375	4	Features a Super king four-poster bed, separate living room with dining table, luxury bathroom and separate walk-in shower, 2 Smart flat-screen TVs. This room also has a balcony.
Disabled twin (Ground floor)	130	195	3	Features 2 single beds, no bath only shower (wet room with lift up seat), this room has patio door

AGM 2024 @ RAF Coningsby
THURSDAY 29th February 2024 – SUNDAY 3rd March 2024
Approximate number attending 40 – 50
Provisional AGM Weekend Itinerary

- 1. THURSDAY** 29th February **15.00 hrs** onwards. Check into hotel. (Southview Park Hotel, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2LA)
- 2. THURSDAY** 29th February **20.00 hrs** Meet & greet at Southview Park Hotel. A chance for branch members to meet RAFALO's etc from RAF Coningsby & from RAFA Coningsby and District, Mablethorpe/Sutton & Boston branches.
- 3. FRIDAY** 1st March **07.00 hrs - 08.45 hrs** Breakfast at hotel. Transfer from hotel to RAF Coningsby, Baxter Close, Coningsby, Lincoln LN4 4TG. Own transport (25 miles, Approx 40 mins.)
- 4. FRIDAY** 1st March 2024 **0930** – Arrive at the main gate, park cars in the main car park. **10.00** – Tea and coffee in the BBMF tea bar or similar **10.30** – Group splits into 2 One group tour BBMF, the other visits the Typhoon Display Team and one Typhoon Squadron. **12.00 – 12.15** – Official Photo in front of the Typhoon or similar. **12.15** – Travel to Officers Mess for lunch. **12.30 -13.30** – Officers Mess lunch, to be paid individually at time of purchase. **13.30-15.00** – Groups switch over. One group tours BBMF, the other visits the Typhoon Display Team and one Typhoon Squadron. **16.30** – Depart to the hotel.
- 5. FRIDAY** 1st March Evening meal in hotel followed at **20.00 hrs** by the AGM in Trafalgar Suite in hotel
- 6. SATURDAY** 2nd March **08.00hrs – 10.00 hrs** Breakfast in hotel
- 7. SATURDAY** 2nd March POSSIBLE CHOICES. Go Karting Global Branch Championship <https://kartworldextremeleisure.co.uk/> Details to follow for any one interested. OR visit to Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre @ East Kirby for Just Jane OR Free Time OR Depart hotel for home.
- 8. SUNDAY** 3rd March 12.00 hrs Depart hotel for home

Global Branch 1370

AGM of RAFA Global Branch 1370 to be held at Southview Park Hotel, Skegness, PE25 2LA @ 20.30hrs (UK Time) plus via Online Zoom Call on Friday 1st March 2024

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Dedication followed by two minutes silence.
2. Chairman's Welcome to Guests & Members
3. Apologies for Absence (Secretary)
4. Chairman's Annual Report
5. Report from the Committee for the past year (Secretary)
6. Matters Arising from the Committee 's report.
7. Acceptance of the Report from the Committee for the past year (Presented by the Secretary)
8. Report by the Treasurer including acceptance of the Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.
9. Independent examination report of Branch Finances
10. Report by the Welfare Officer
11. Election of Committee Officers, Committee members & Trustees. All Committee Officers & Committee Members are also Trustees. Presented by the Secretary.
 - a) Chairperson *
 - b) Vice Chairperson *
 - c) Hon Secretary *
 - d) Hon Treasurer *
 - e) Welfare Officer
 - f) Membership Secretary
 - g) Wings Appeal
 - h) Social Events Co-ordinator
 - i) Area Conference Delegate
 - j) Annual Conference Delegate
 - k) Newsletter Editor
 - l) Website Editor

* Please note that these positions are classed as Branch Officers & will require to have DBS check done before taking up the position. There is no personal cost of this check.

Voting will take place at the AGM & be added any previous vote held online & via email.

Consideration of any resolutions Any Resolutions for inclusion must be sent to Mr. Gerwyn Thomas at rafaglobalbranch1370.secretary@gmail.com by 16th Feb 2024 latest.

Meeting dismissed.

GOD SAVE THE KING

AGM UPDATE !!!!

I am very pleased to announce that I have received confirmation that the RAF Association President, Air Marshal Sir "Baz" North, KCB, OBE & his wife, Lady Fiona, will be joining us on Sat 1st March 2024, as our guests of honour, at our AGM at Coningsby/Skegness.

If you haven't already decided yet whether to join us at next year's event then maybe, just maybe this news might make the difference and get you booking your room today!!!

GLOBAL BRANCH's DIRTY HALF DOZEN 2024



Ok folks, **NOW** is **YOUR** chance to do what you have always wanted to attempt!!!!

I currently have 1, possibly 2, places for our next Wing Walking experience on May 14th 2024.

If **YOU** want to have the experience of a lifetime plus raising money for our RAFA Wings Appeal 2024, (£700 per walker), whilst it costs you nothing to do it, then please email me **NOW** on chair.rafaglobalbranch1370@gmail.com Age is not a barrier, providing you are over 18 plus you **MUST** weigh under 14st/89kg.

Come on lads & lasses, having done it myself I know it is great fun!!!! Plus we also have a young lady who is **TOTALLY** blind joining us on the day, to do this Wing Walk for **SECOND TIME**, so doing aerobatics. Therefore you have **NO** excuses for not taking up this chance!!!!

Members Ramblings, Notices & Requests

From Robin Noble

Having joined this branch near the very beginning, this is the first time I have been able to attend one of the visits, even though they have been closer to home in the past. The visit this weekend has been a great social event, although there were only 10 members in attendance it did not detract from the occasion. We all met the previous night in the hotel, next day we visited two great and informative locations, firstly to the RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre, which had been opened specifically for us, where we were met by Tom and John, who gave us a short but very informative tour around the historic base, followed by a very descriptive vision of the Bases history and viewing the many artefacts on show. From there we made our way to the thriving Norwich Aviation Museum, where there was a lot of information relating to past Airbases in Norfolk, several static aircraft. There was lot of ongoing work at each location , making both worth a call back in a year or two.





One of the many exhibits at Coltishall with Steve Mullis in his natural habitat, or so he led us to believe.

From Graham Croft



OK I will be the very first to admit that in the scheme of things this 'table' at our Village Christmas Gift Fair today was probably the least effective money raising activity that I have ever undertaken, it was only run from 11.00 to 14.00 (???) and was poorly attended. After deducting £6 for the table there was just £20 in the pot, but would have been more if RAFA had managed to get a 'Santa Bear' to me as offered.

However in its favour it was only 300 yds from home, free tea & coffee, and plenty of cake. Also it was so easy and not a total waste of time.

Well done, Graham. Every little helps. Ed.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024



29th Feb - 3rd March AGM Skegness & RAF Coningsby

27th April Newark Air Museum

12th June RAF Cosford Museum

29th June Armed Forces Day (not a branch visit, just in case anyone wishes to host an event locally)

13th August Royal Armouries Leeds

28th September National Memorial Arboretum, by which time the branch stone should be in place.

10th November Remembrance Sunday

Details of arrangements for all events from April onwards will be available on the Facebook page.

A WEEKEND IN NORWICH

Graham Croft

Back at the end of September ten intrepid members of RAFA Global Branch 1370 made their separate journeys into the wilds of Norfolk with the intention of visiting the 'RAF Coltishall Heritage Centre' and then the 'City of Norwich Aviation Centre'.

We arrived at Norwich 'Premier Inn' at various times on the Friday afternoon and fully armed with the 'Meal Deal' had our meet and greet at 19.00 in the Restaurant, and apart from the fact that Steve's choice from the menu was usually 'taken off' it all went very well with lots of chat and banter.

Saturday morning started (of course) with a 'Full English' and as much of the toast, cereals, croissant, coffee, tea etc. that time and stomach room would allow, and then the 20 minute drive to what had been RAF Coltishall.

Originally built as a Bomber Station in 1939 it changed to a Fighter Station in 1940 with Supermarine Spitfires and Hawker Hurricanes. Douglas Bader commanded 242 Squadron there. In the 'Cold War' period Coltishall had multi roles. Two air sea rescue squadrons, flying Westland Sycamore, Whirlwind, Wessex and Sea King helicopters. Also English Electric Lightning Squadrons with 42 aircraft at its peak.



It was also a 'V' Bomber Dispersal Airfield and Concord even landed there once.

Although no longer active Coltishall still has the feel of a traditional RAF Station even though since the closure in 2006 it has had a few changes of use. It now belongs to Norfolk County Council who bought it in 2012, and various private enterprises occupy the hangars and some buildings. Thankfully some areas and buildings have been taken on by the Coltishall Heritage Group of volunteers and we were given a brilliant guided tour of these areas that have been retained to show the history of this Airfield.

With lunch now calling it was a short drive to our next venue, the City of Norwich Aviation Museum, which is a volunteer-run museum and charitable trust dedicated to the preservation of the aviation history and located on the northern edge of Norwich International Airport, reached by road through the village of Horsham St Faith.

Although not a large site it is crammed with interesting items and aircraft, and you don't have to be an Aircraft or RAF fanatic to enjoy and appreciate it.

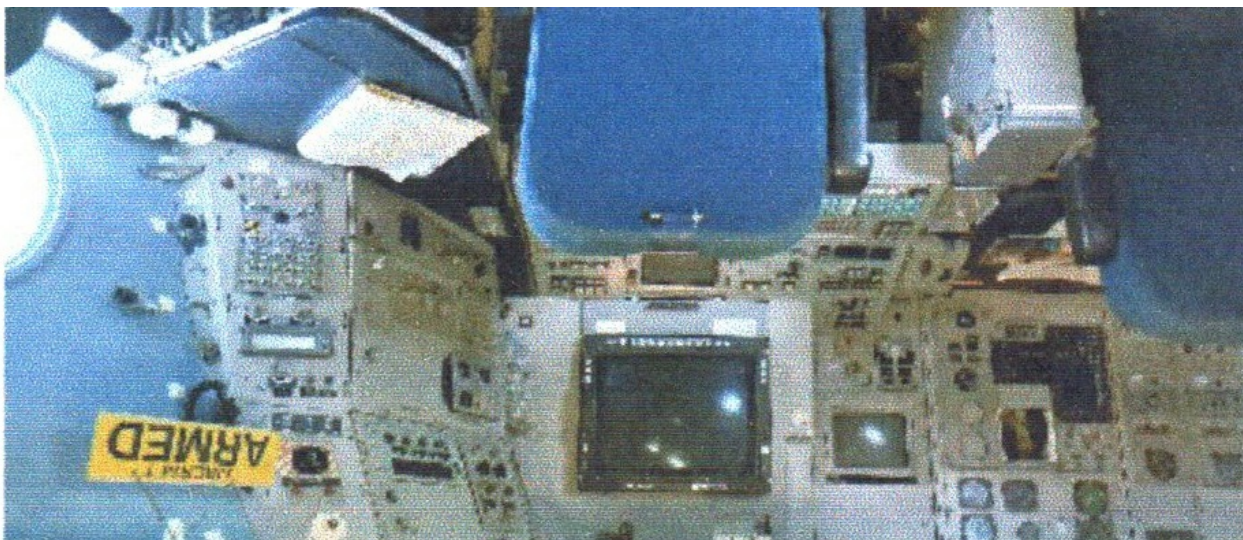
Amazingly Paddy (Wright) and I found that the Vulcan XM612 was an 'old friend' of ours which we had worked on as Ground Crew at RAF Cottesmore in the early 1960's.

Light lunch in the Cafe at the Aviation Museum (they did a fantastic Hot Chocolate) and then back to the Premier Inn for a quick nap and shower in preparation to meet up for Dinner at 7.00.

A nice meal, good company, a 'jar' or two, and lots of banter about the day and memories of past visits and events. This is what life is all about.



Nimrod Flight Deck



Nimrod Nav and TacNav Positions

VETERANS AFFAIRS

PENSION NEWS

The following item appeared in the Pension Society Journal:

Anyone serving after April 1975 and now over 60 or over could have an Armed Forces Pension if they served for 2 years or more.

The pension is **NOT** paid automatically - Veterans must apply to the Veterans UK using AFPS Form 8 or can call 0800-085-3600 for further information.

VETERANS ID CARD

Right folks. For those that are interested. It looks like the Veteran ID cards are starting to get rolled out.

As usual, with GOV.UK it looks like they are rolling these out in batches of 4000 to start with until they can cope with the numbers.

Expect the website to crash regularly and the link not to be available all the time. Once they hit their allocation of 4000 for the period they are receiving applications, the link will disappear until it is next available. We don't know what that period of time is at the moment.

What you will need:

1. A mobile phone or laptop/,PC with a camera.
2. Photographic ID - Drivers Licence/Passport.
3. Your service number.
4. Branch of service - Army, Navy, RAF
5. Your full name as it was when you served.
6. Residential address.

Make sure you have that ready, it will save time.

The process will be much like any other online process. It will want your details typed in and photos of ID uploaded. It may also ask for a selfie of yourself to compare with the ID uploaded. So, not overly complicated.

To access the online service, check this link or Google search HM Armed Forces Veterans ID card regularly.

<https://veteranid-apply-frontend-dbs-veteranid-prd.apps.ocp2.azure.dso.digital.mod.uk/?>

During the process, you may be asked to create a GOV.UK login. This requires an email address, and a mobile number.

There will eventually be a postal option, for those that don't have access to a mobile or computer or are just technophobes. Expect this option to take longer and will most likely involve sending original documents in and I suspect there will be a cost associated with. That isn't confirmed. This may be something Post Office Counters can deal with in the future.

Our very own Dave Routledge took part in the initial trial, so I am sure he will be only too happy to help if you encounter any problems.



NEW FROM SSAFA

SSAFA's Forcesline has an online chat service which means you can let your fingers do the talking if you need to reach out for support.

This is available Monday - Friday, between the hours of 09:00 - 17:30 GMT. To talk to the Forcesline advisors click on the link:

<https://www.ssafa.org.uk/get-help/forcesline>

Please be assured that when seeking help your privacy is fundamentally important to SSAFA.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2023 AT THE CENOTAPH



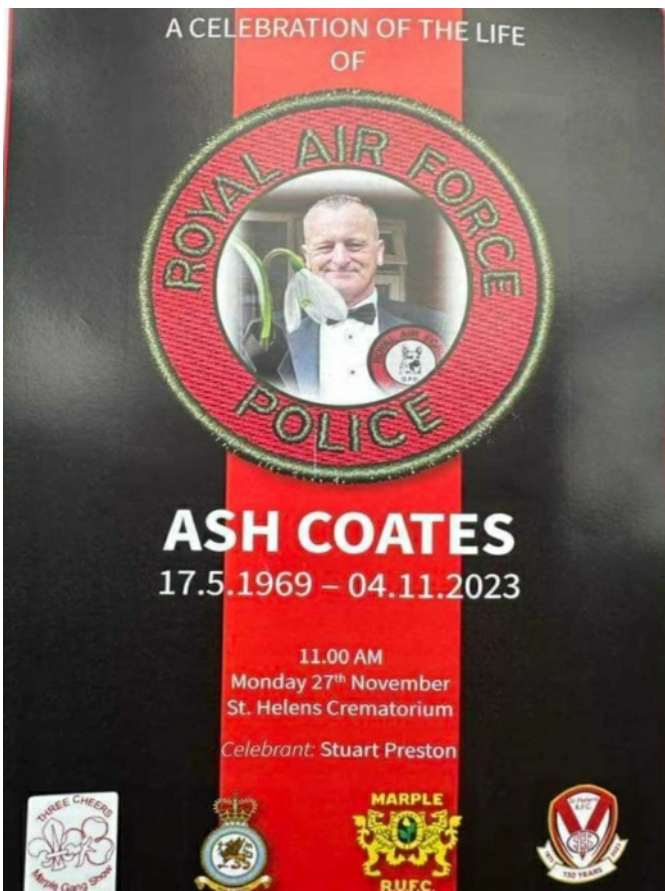
15 Branch members attended this event, yet not one of them has offered to report any recollection. Is this amnesia induced by the onset of senility or, and more likely, alcohol?

On page 18 there is a report on a Remembrance Sunday event in Wales. Maybe the fact that the beer there is called Brains explains why our member was able to send an article!



ASH COATES FUNERAL

Alec Fraser



On Monday the 27th November at St Helens Crematorium we said the final farewell to Ash Coates.

At a very well attended service, the hearse was escorted into the Crematorium by 10 standards led by veteran Cpl Michael Lauchlan & his ex service dog Champ. The route was lined by over 50 Veterans & Air Cadets, many who had travelled from far & wide.

Inside at a very emotional & fitting service led by a very colourful celebrant with his red & white coloured beard, it was standing room only.

His family would like to thank all those who took the time & effort to attend to give Ash a wonderful send off.

May he now rest in eternal peace.

Per Ardua ad Astra.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN WALES



Following the closure of RAF St Athan, the town of Llantwit Major was determined to go ahead with a Remembrance Day parade. The sprawling expanse of St Athan has for decades been the lifeblood of its local town, but now that it's largely empty we see new, incoming families moving into new housing estates rather than the old, deteriorating RAF MQs.

Without the annual presence of the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band, now disbanded (no pun intended), the Town Council arranged for a Land Rover with a Tannoy to lead with the marching tunes, followed by the only available military presence, the University of Wales Air Squadron (UWAS) cadets. The young squadron did a sterling job on the day and the town was extremely grateful for their enthusiasm. A flight of veterans of all ages marched

behind the cadets, one or two in wheelchairs and one former RAF boxer in his 80's, doing his best in his personal fight to keep up with the parade.

Ripples of applause greeted the marchers going through the town diligently marshaled by the Town Council staff and local police. This was a day that involved the whole town; RAF Cadets, Vets Associations, Air Cadets (formerly ATC), Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Play Groups...I could go on. The ceremony itself was conducted expertly by our local Canon, with a respectful silence immaculately observed by the whole parade. The ceremony included the reading out of the 42 names on the town memorial by RAF veteran Paul Lindsey and then the laying of numerous wreaths. The parade concluded with a march-past, with the salute taken by the Town Mayor and dignitaries and OC No. 4 S of TT.



The Llantwit Major Rugby Club generously hosted a post-parade reception and there was an overall feeling of a job well done. A few tweaks and we can look forward to many more years of honouring our heroes, even without a significant military presence.

My thanks to Gerwyn Thomas for this article. Ed.

Chairman's Ramblings



Steve Mullis receiving the National Presidential Certificate from Sir Baz North.

Please note that the brains of the outfit is holding the Certificate

Well, I said a year ago that, "I think that 2023 could prove to be a very important year, worldwide, with all the political dramas being played out." Well, looking back over the past 12 months I can honestly say that I wasn't wrong.

We must be closer to a Third World War now or, in the near future, than we ever have been since 1945. The only difference will be is that some of those who were allies then, could well be the enemy now.

Why man just cannot get on with one another, no matter what the differences are between them, I will never understand. One can only live in hope!!!

On matters closer to home, for example with the Global Branch, we have continued to buck the trend and go from to strength. We have maintained our membership over the 600 mark, despite having 9 members relocating to the great NAAFI in the afterlife, including our Branch Secretary, Andrew Thomson.

On the Wings Appeal side, the Branch has excelled itself by raising over £10k this year, ably boosted by our intrepid Dirty Half Dozen doing a Wing Walk back in May. We also have another group going in May 2024, hopefully boosted by a young blind lady taking part. Rather her than me!!!!

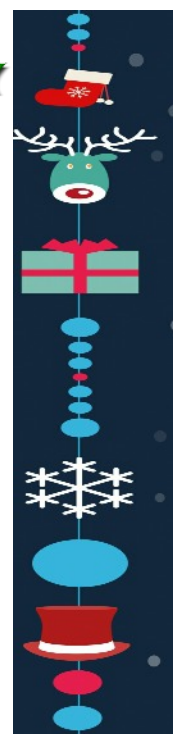
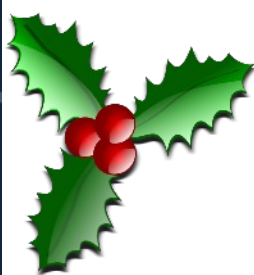
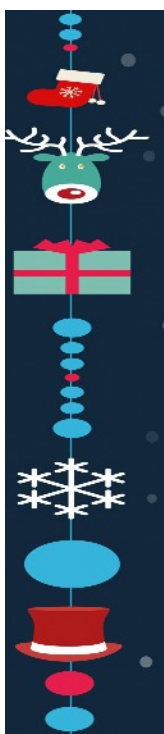
The branch held a very successful AGM at RAF Odiham back in March attended by the Area President, Air Commodore Alan Vaughan. 2024 sees us going to RAF Coningsby where we are honoured to be joined by the National President, Air Marshal Sir Baz North. This will be the first time we have had the National President join us since our very first AGM when we were joined by the then President, Air Marshal Sir "Dusty" Miller.

The branch was also honoured by the awarding of a National Presidential Certificate to the Branch Chairman. Though this was presented to one person, I honestly believe that it comes because of the hard work the whole branch has put in over the past few years. Long may it continue.

Looking forward we are now coming to a very challenging period. The Global branch first came into being back in 2015, so we are now in our 9th year of existence. Some of your Committee have been incumbent since its inception, for which we are very grateful.

However, this is something that logic says will not continue. So, it is down to YOU, the branch membership to step up to the plate and put your hard earned talents to good use. All positions on the Branch Committee are up for grabs at the 2024 AGM & you will have received notification of how easy it is for you to put yourself forward for any of the positions. So don't be shy & go hiding your talents under a bushel. Most of our members can spare a couple of hours a week & trust me that is all it needs to take. Being on the Committee of a virtual branch can be so much easier than doing the same thing on a physical branch. So come on folks lets see Gerwyn flooded with applications for joining the Committee.

Right, that's the sales pitch done, so it just leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy 2024. I hope I will get to see a lot of you at the AGM at the end of February, so if you haven't already booked, get it done now!!!!



The Chairman and Committee wish All Members and their families A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FOR THE RAF ASSOCIATION GLOBAL BRANCH

To the Members of Royal Air Forces Association GLOBAL 1370 Branch (“the Branch”)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN [in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Branch Terms of Reference] that the Annual General Meeting of the Branch will take place:

ON	FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2024
AT	Southview Park Hotel, Skegness, PE25 2LA @ 20.30hrs (UK Time)
VIA	Plus, via Online Zoom Call (Link to be emailed to all members)

For the following purposes:

1. To receive the report on the activities of the Branch for the past year.
2. To adopt the Trustees’ annual report and accounts and receive the independent examination report for the year ended 31 December 2023.
3. To elect Committee Officers, Committee Members and Trustees to the Branch Committee.
4. To consider resolutions for submission to the Annual Conference Committee.

Only Branch members are eligible to vote either by attending the meeting, by post or via an internet poll. However, a member who has not paid their membership subscription in the current year shall not be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Branch in that year if their subscription is in arrears by more than one month unless payment of their subscription has been suspended, postponed or waived under Byelaw 7 (6).

BY ORDER OF THE BRANCH SECRETARY

DATE

	Mr Gerwyn Thomas	04 DEC 23
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(1) A nomination form is available by request, from the Branch Secretary & must be returned to him, at least 21 days before the AGM to be included. Voting is by a ballot of the Members of the Branch present unless the position is unopposed, in which case the person is elected automatically. In the event of a tied vote for an election to Office, the members are to be invited to vote again by secret ballot, and if this procedure still produces a tie, the matter is to be decided by lot.

**THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION
GLOBAL BRANCH 1370
COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORM**

This form must be filled out fully and signed by the person applying and
by one other member of the branch.*

You may put yourself forward for any position on the committee

It must be returned to the Hon Branch Secretary, Mr GERWYN THOMAS by 15/01/2024

Name of Person Standing

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Position Applying for

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Your details

Name & Membership Number	Signature

Seconded by

Name	Signature
Mr S. G. MULLIS 214676	

You may apply for more than one position on the Committee. When applying please attach a resume of your attributes for the position you are applying for. You have to remember that other members of the branch might know nothing about you & it is them who will be voting in the Committee. Please send the completed application form & your resume to rafaglobalbranch1370.secretary@gmail.com

To apply for more than one Committee position please use one sheet for each application

*** The Chairman shall second all applications**

LETS 'AVE A LARF

Airline Chatter

Actual exchanges between pilots and control towers

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees."

TWA 2341: "Centre, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

O'Hare Approach Control to a 747: "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

United 329: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this...I've got the little Fokker in sight."

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for take-off, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for take-off behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern... we've already notified our caterers."

