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**It is with regret
that we announce
the deaths of
four Members.
Fredrick Lunn,
Jim Barnes, Jack
Scriven and Eric
Owen. May they
Rest in Peace.**

Ministry of Defence Veterans Agency

The Ministry of Defence have set up a Veterans Agency. This is to provide, help, advice, and support for those in need, who served, or are spouses or dependents, of anyone who served in any of the U.K. Armed Forces. Regardless of whether it was in war or peace time, or if you were a Volunteer, Reservist, or National Serviceman. You are now considered to be a Veteran. There is also a War Pensioners Welfare Service. This provides support and advice to War Pensioners and Widow(er)s via the W.P.W.Service. Welfare staff are situated throughout the UK and home visits can be arranged.

Contact Details:- Free Help line 0800 169 2277

Free Minicom 0800 169 3458

Lines are open 8.15 – 5.15 Mon– Thurs

8.15 - 4.30 Friday

Welcome Group

2nd Wednesday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Entrance £1.00 includes Coffee, Tea, & Biscuits.

September 13th “The Seaside Organist” talk
by Alan Ruffles.

October 11th “The Oxford Canal Family”
talk by Judith Kinnison– Bourke M.A.

November 8th “A Policeman’s Lot” talk by
Alan Fuller.

December 13th “Coast To Coast in Costa
Rica” Slides and talk by Graham Albon.

Having Trouble With your P.C.

Don’t know what to do? Need advice?

Want help installing Hard/soft ware?

Call Steve Bridges on 211999

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12th December 2006 John Leahy (editor)

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R.A.F.A. Bexhill on Sea Branch & Club

Battle of Britain Week Tesco’s Collection

The Wreath Laying Ceremony is at the War Memorial on Sunday 10th Sept at 12.15 pm. This marks the start of Battle of Britain Week. It will be led by Rev. Canon David Knight our Chaplain.

The Annual Battle of Britain Church Service will be held at St Andrews Church Wickham Avenue on Sunday 17th Sept at 10.30 am. The Town Mayor (Councillor Eric Armstrong) and the Charter Trustees have been invited to attend. The Ex-Service Associations have also been invited. We hope for a good turn-out by Members to commemorate this occasion.

On Saturday 16th Sept at 7.30 pm The Goodall Bros will be entertaining us in the “ops” room. Jim our Steward has been

Street Collection 16th Sept Volunteers Needed

The Street Collection will be held on 16th Sept. We would like Members to take part in the collection or if you are not able, perhaps you could make a donation to the Wings Appeal. Please Send

organising a Huge Battle of Britain Raffle which will be drawn during the evening proceedings, money raised will be shared between Wings and Club.

Tesco’s Collection made £623.91 over the two days 26th/27th July. Our thanks to Geoff Brown who organised it and to those who gave up their time collecting.

The Annual Summer Fair on 29th July raised £550. Thanks to those who donated gifts and to those who ran the Stalls.

The Concert at the De la Warr Pavilion by The Central Band of the Royal Air Force on 19th July was very well supported and raised £2,780 for the Wings Appeal.

We hope to start the 150 club in September. *Ken Igglesden MBE*

it to me at 2 Brookfield Court Lionel Road, Bexhill on Sea TN40 1NT

Ken M Igglesden MBE

Branch President

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Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Please use the Club we need your Support.
- Please support the events that are laid on for you.

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Regular Events

2nd Mon - Aircrew Association	11 00
Every Mon - Keep fit	14 30
Tuesday - Table Tennis	10 30
Friday - " "	11 00
1st Wed - Coffee Morning	10 30
2nd Wed - Welcome Group	10 30
4th Thur - Welcome Walk	09 30
Meet at Club, drive to start of walk, lifts can be arranged.	
1st & 3rd Thur WAAF/WRAF	10 30
1st Friday - Quiz Night	19 45
1st & 3rd Sat - (Usually Bingo)	20 00
4th Tue - Swing Night	20 00
Check notice board for variations & details of other Activities. Are you interested in Scrabble see Board.	

A Great Thank You To John & Graham

As many Members who use the Club will have noticed. The Jubilee room was closed for a number of weeks. The reason for this was same as the De La Warr Pavilion. That being "Rusting Metal". This was found when a new carpet was to be laid. Fortunately John Phelan who is a retired surveyor was around and he had the answer and the know-how to fix the problem. Which he did "Free of charge". For this we are forever grateful. Graham Beale has also come up trumps, he has made good all the repairs that were required and has decorated at no cost for his time spent doing this work. This has saved us a lot of money. A member who wishes to remain anonymous paid for the carpet. We thank him very much.

Club Opening Times

Monday to Saturday Morning and Lunch Time.
 10 15 to 14 30.
 " Evenings 19 00 to 23 00*
 Sunday PM 12 00 to 14 00
***Closed Thursday and Sunday Evenings.**
 Meat Raffles are held Friday Lunchtime. Buy tickets at the bar throughout the week. Weekly Raffles and 150 Club draw are held Lunchtime between 12 00 - 13 45. on Sunday. Coffee is served during opening hours. Lunch is available every day except Sunday. The Curry Club is closed due to lack of support. Kitchen is closed 18th -25th Nov. Both dates inclusive.

Wings Fortnight (Why We Are Here)

The reason that R.A.F.A. is in existence is to raise funds for Ex RAF personnel and their families, who are unable to care for themselves, or are in dire straights and need help. There are Homes around the Country that care for these people, and, they have to be maintained, as well as providing food for the residents, and wages for the staff. The money collected by the Wings Appeal is for this very purpose. We always need people to help with the fund raising and this year is no exception. Usually the 2262 Squadron of the Air Training Corps help us in this aim. But this year they have been commanded to attend the Shoreham Air Show which happens to coincide with our collection day. Saturday 16th September. Further to this we need

lots of Volunteers. The Town Mayor and his Lady Mayoress Mrs Jeannette Armstrong have volunteered to do a Street collection for us. The 3 day Sainsbury's collection will commence on Thursday 14th Sept until Saturday 17th Sept. We would like to have two collectors at a time to man the posts as it is good to have the support of another person. If you could give an hour or two of your time please contact Geoff Brown on 212563 or Ken Igglesden on 215612. Ken will be at the Club all day on the Street Collection Day from 9.00 am. There is also a House to House collection from Monday 4th Sept until Friday 15th. If you could spare an hour for this it will be much appreciated and hopefully raise our figures.

Sand Sculptures

26 Members took a coach to Brighton on the afternoon of 2nd August to view the sand sculptures. These are very unique, the subject this year is the Roman Empire. Some of the exhibits are over 20 feet high and the detail has to be seen to be believed. As we went as a party we had a group discount and only paid £4.00 each which was a bargain. The exhibition runs until 10th Sept, and is well worth the visit. Thank you Loraine for organising it, and Vikki for acting as courier on the day. These events are appreciated by Members and if not advertised in the magazine, are shown on the notice board. Please use them or lose them!!

S.S.A.F.A.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association Forces Help. The Members of Hastings and Rother Division request the pleasure of the company of any member of R.A.F.A. Bexhill to their Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication to be held at St Augustine's Church, Cooden Drive, Bexhill on Sea on Sunday 24th September 2006 at 3.00 pm.

This is an Association which has a close affiliation with the Royal Air Forces Association and together with The Royal Air Forces Benevolent Fund do great work for our ex-services personnel who fall upon hard times. It is only right that we should support them, as they do us.