

**R.A.F.A. Bexhill on
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Best Wishes and a Speedy Recovery to John Greenhough / Tom Turner & Geoff Brown and all our other sick members. Get Well Soon.

Membership Renewal for 2007

Where appropriate, enclosed with this newsletter, you will find a renewal form for your particular membership type, i.e. Life / Ordinary / Full Associate or Branch Associate member. Please read the form carefully and carry out the instructions stated. I have tried to make these forms as simple as I can and would appreciate your help to get the membership for 2007 up and running as soon as possible. As we have over 800 members it takes a great deal of my time, so if I do not have to chase people it makes my job easier. Thank you. *Elizabeth Leahy* Membership Secretary



Coffee Morning For December

There will be a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 6th December at 10.30 am. There will be a cake stall, a raffle and some of the books will be available. The main attraction will be Eileen Slinn and her sister from America, and Ma-sie Gillespie who will be running a packaged gift stall. You may pick up an Xmas gift for someone ?

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Christmas Message From Our President



I am very pleased to say that this year's Wings Appeal Total has exceeded 2005 by over £1,100 ! This is excellent, especially as 2006 has been the 60th Anniversary of the Branch. We have now raised £567,254 since the appeal started in 1951. Many thanks to ALL who helped in any way. Grateful thanks to John Dowling and the Bexhill Observer for the wonderful support they gave us over the past year. The total amount raised was £11,548.42. The largest sum was from the RAF Band concert £2,780.77. The rest has come from raffles, collections, fairs, draws. 150 club, donations, and more. Thank you ALL for your hard work throughout the year, and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ken M Igglesden MBE Branch President.

Christmas Wishes From The Chairmen

Both the Chairmen and Members of the Branch / Club Committees would like to wish all members a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We need the support of all of you to maintain our existence. There are a number of Branches and Clubs which have gone to the wall due to lack of interest from members. We need to have a commitment from members to actively use the Club and generate income to survive. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming Club Events

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Regular Events

2nd Mon - Aircrew Association 11 00
 Every Mon - Keep fit 14 30
 Tuesday - Table Tennis 11 00
 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

Christmas Carol Concert

The Christmas Carol concert will be held on 15th December at 7.30 pm. This will be the last event that Canon David Knight will preside over as he is standing down as Branch Padre. He is hand-

Club Opening Times

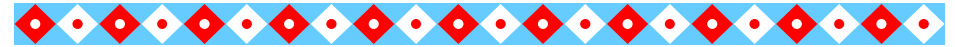
Monday to Saturday Morning and Lunch Time.
 10 15 to 14 30.
 " Evenings 19 00 to 23 00*
 Sunday PM 12 00 to 14 00

*Closed Thursday and Sunday Evenings.

Meat Raffles are held Friday Lunchtime, tickets are available 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 the opening hours. Lunch is available every day except Sunday. Two special lunches are available each Wednesday and on Friday there is a Fish & Chips special. Lunches are served between 12.00 & 13 45.

You may phone your order in advance on 212916.

ing over the baton to David Renshaw, who we greet with open arms. We thank David for all his good works in the past. Best wishes to him and Joyce for the future. Come and join the singing folks.



Special Low Cost Holiday at PMH

Sixteen places are available for a low cost holiday in Princess Marina House at Rustington, between 20-27 February 07. On offer is a full board holiday including outings and entertainment plus free return coach between the Albatross Club and PMH. We will also throw in free transport between your home and the Club at the beginning and end of your holi-

day. The price is only £260.00 per head but remember that normal welfare discounts apply, so don't let the cost put you off in any way. More details are available from the welfare team, please ring 01424 843008 for more information. PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS—DON'T DELAY APPLY TODAY.

Christmas Fair

This years Fair is on 2nd December from 10 am until 12 pm. The usual stalls will be operating with books, cakes, videos / cds, bric a brac, raffles, WAAF hamper raffle.

Hand made Christmas cards and craft stall. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes are always welcome. A big THANK YOU to all who help to make it a success

Welcome Talk

Welcome group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30 AM All members and their friends are welcome. The cost is £1.00 per person which includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. The speakers for the next four months are:- 13th December Graham, Albon. "Coast to coast in Costa Rica". Slide show and commentary.

January 10th "A Test of Honesty". Given by Alan Ruffles.
 February 14th "Lost Ancestors". Given by Judith Bourke M.A.
 March 14th "Presentation on the Magistracy". From Mrs Tina Wakeford.
 Come and join us for refreshment and entertainment.