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Group Holiday between 19/26th February 2008 at Princess Marina House Rustington near Littlehampton. Free return transport from Albatross Club to PMH. Reduced rates for group members. The cost of the holiday is £270.00. This is "all in" of course and includes outings. Applications to any member of the welfare team as soon as possible. The welfare team will be pleased to clarify any aspect of the holiday to you. This is open only to ex RAF service men and women and their families.

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**John Leahy (editor)**

# The Albatross

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**A Great Wings Collection Many Thanks**

The Total raised for the Service collections, 150 club. Wings Appeal this year was These all netted a further £12,680.07. Broken down £6,258.22 to the total. A big this is £3,248.91 from the thank you to all involved for Band concert, £1,798.34 the hard work you put in to from the weekly draw. make it such a success. We Sainsburys collection netted made £1100 more than last year. Your efforts have been very worthwhile. I was very happy to see you all at the Christmas and Easter fairs, collections, on the Streets, and outside Tesco's plus the sale of an organ, and foreign coins, as well as donations, Church

*Ken Agglesden MBE President & Wings Appeal organizer.*

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**Annual Subscriptions Stewards Table**

As agreed by those mem- Since starting the table bers who attended the sale the total raised for AGM in March. Branch the Club is £2,500.00 associate subs will in- thanks to the Stewards for crease by £1.00 and Club making it a success. But subs by £2.00 from without the generous gifts 1/1/2008 . Renewal let- of your unwanted items ters will go out with this this would not be possible a big thank you to all who have donated.

*Elizabeth Leahy (Membership Secretary)*

*Len Oliver (Club Chairman.)*

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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 outside the Club, drive to start of walk, lifts can be arranged.	
1st & 3rd Thur WAAF/WRAF	11.00
1st Friday - Quiz Night	19.45
1st & 3rd Sat - (Usually Bingo)	20.00
4th Tue - Swing Night	20.00
Please donate a raffle prize to help pay for the Band.	
2nd & 4th Friday Crib Night	19.45

**Check Notice Board for details of other Activities. A curry night is being arranged for 8th December cost will be notified**

## Remembrance Sunday Parade

As Standard Bearer & editor of this publication. I was very disappointed at the lack of support by members of the Bexhill Branch of RAFA for the march from Devonshire Square to the War Memorial. I am sure there are some able bodied members who could have marched with me. My Escorts this year were my Wife Elizabeth and Barbara the Wife of an ex - Royal Navy Submariner. I am aware that the weather was inclement but that did not stop other organizations from marching. Both the Royal British Legion

## Club Opening Times

### Monday to Saturday

Morning and Lunch Times.

11 00 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 Sunday between 12 00 - 13 30 pm.

Coffee is served during opening hours. **Lunch is available every day except Sundays & Mondays. Exception 2nd Monday of the month.** Fish & Chips available on Fridays. Please place your orders early to avoid disappointment. First come first served. Other food is also available.

and the Royal Naval Association plus the MVR had at least 8 members accompanying their Standards. The RNA Standard bearer is in his eighties and he made the effort. At the Church service at St Augustine's in the afternoon there was only 2 RAFA members present. I think that it was a poor show that out of 800 members only 4 made any contribution to the memory of the sacrifice made by those who died defending our country. *John Leahy*



## New Ideas for Members Activities

It has been mentioned to committee of players attend the Crib tee members that some of the sections that no longer exist, could be revived for the benefit of members. If interest is shown we could give the various things a whirl and see how they go. Darts was one of the ideas put forward we have the facilities, also and Solo for the card players in the club. At the moment only a hand-

ful of players attend the Crib nights which are advertised in the regular feature section. We are always looking for people willing to run the various section activities, so if you feel like a challenge put your name forward. Ballroom Dancing has also been suggested. We have a suggestion box in the club so use it if you are interested in any of the events mentioned.

## Table Tennis, Keep Fit, Monthly Walk / Talk

As in most editions of the magazine I am pleased to say all sections are doing well and a big thank you to the section leaders and organizers. You all do a wonderful job and are most appreciated for your efforts. Keep up the good work.

Speakers for the next 3 months are 12th Dec Michael Hoad—Westminster Walk-about. With slides. 9th Jan Peter Hobbs—Plane Facts on Stamps. 13th Feb Alan Ruffles. The Downside of Banking. A Donation of £50.00 has been given to the Club. As

## Weymouth Turkey & Tinsel Holiday

36 members enjoyed a break in age, Portland Bill, Bournemouth, November for a Turkey & Tinsel. and Dorchester on market day. We enjoyed good weather good food and good company. We had Oliver & David Starkey for getting a number of excursions, to Swan-

it organized for us to enjoy.