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The Bexhill Branch of the Air Crew Associa-
tion Cordially invite members and friends to
attend a fund-raising Quiz Night in aid of the
Albatross Club on **Saturday 24th May
2008**. In addition to Club and ACA mem-
bers, other ex-service and civilian associa-
tions will be invited to join in the fun by
sending teams of four to participate in the
quiz.

Tickets will cost £10 .00 per head this in-
cludes a fish supper. Doors will open at
7.00pm the quiz will start at 7.30 sharp and
end at about 9.00 for supper which should
fortify everyone suitably for a subsequent
Sing-along followed by the Quiz Prize-
giving and Raffle. Please come and support
this event

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Branch and Club AGM 26th March

Yes it's March again, and another
Annual General Meeting of your
Branch and Club. The Date is
26th March, the time is 20.00
hours. The Venue. The Ops
Room. I hope you will all do
your best to attend this meeting.
If any Ordinary Member, male or
female would like to put their
thoughts into deeds, why not
stand for election on the Branch
committee as an officer or a
Committee member? I am sure
you will find it most rewarding. I
hope to see you on the 26th
March.

David Stevens Branch Chairman

Your Attendance is Requested

Any resolutions for debate must
be handed to the Secretary by
19th March. Nominations are
invited for the following posi-
tions.

Branch Committee

Branch Chairman, Vice Chair-
man, Hon Sec, Hon Treasurer,
and 8 Ordinary Members, plus 2
Associate Members who are
elected by the Associate Mem-
bers at the meeting.

Club Committee

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon
Sec, Hon Treasurer, Social Sec-
retary and 2 ordinary members,
plus 2 Associate Members
elected by the Associate mem-
bers. Nomination forms are
available from officers of the
Branch and Club. Before nomi-
nating someone for a post seek
their consent. The closing date
for nominations to be handed to
me is 12th March 2008.

Dorothy Hoxey Secretary

Club Chairman's Report.

There has been a lot of specula-
tion about the future of the
Branch and Club. If you attend
the AGM you may be better in-
formed than most, and find that
all the gloom and doom is un-
founded. We have spent a lot of
money to improve the premises
and I am sure you will have no-
ticed the changes. We are now
trying to raise funds to renew all
the lights in the Club. I look
forward to seeing you at the
AGM. All are welcome.

Len Oliver Club Chairman

Special points of interest:

- Date Of AGM.
- New Caterer
- Band Concert
- SE Area Con-
ference
- Black Tie
Event.
- Table Tennis.
- Keep Fit.
- Monthly Walk.
- Spring Fair.
- Welcome
Talks.
- Gala Quiz.
- Regular Events
- Swing Nights.
- St Georges
Day.
- Bangers &
mash Fund
Raiser

Regular Monthly Events Bar Opening Times

2nd Monday - Aircrew Association	11.00	Monday to Saturday Morning & Lunch Time
Every Monday - Keep Fit	14.30	11.00 to 14.30
Tuesday - Table Tennis	11.00	19.00 to 23.00*
Friday - " "	11.00	Sunday PM 12.00 to 14.00*
3rd Tuesday Jazz Night	20.00	* Closed Sunday and Thursday Evenings.
1st Wednesday - Coffee Morning	10.30	Meat raffles are held on Friday lunch times, tickets are available at the bar. Proceeds go to the club to cover overheads.
2nd Wednesday - Welcome Group	10.30	
4th Thursday - Welcome Walk	09.30	The Club wishes to acknowledge the many donations by members over the past year which help us survive. Thank You.
Meet at Club, then drive to start of walk.		
1st & 3rd Thursday - WAAF/WRAF	10.30	
1st Friday - Quiz Night	20.00	We would like to welcome our New caterer Christine who started in January. She has had many accolades from the members who have enjoyed her dinners, and they have complimented her on her variety of meals. A number of members from the Eastbourne branch make the journey to eat at our Club which is praise in itself. If you haven't tried her food yet. You should.
1st & 3rd Sat (usually Bingo)	20.00	
2nd & 3rd Friday Crib Night	19.45	
Check Notice Board for variations and details of other activities.		

2nd March There will be a Mother's Day Lunch see notice board for list.

Band Concert 10th May Area Conference

The RAFA Presidents Band will be performing an RAF 90th anniversary concert at St Augustine's Church Cooden Drive on 10th May. The tickets are on sale and all proceeds will be divided between Wings & the Club. The event was to be held at The De La Warr Pavilion but they wanted too much money. The Church fee is more realistic. The venue can only seat 300 people so buy your tickets early to enjoy some great music. Light refreshments in the interval will be available. The tickets will be £10.00 and are available at the Club bar. The South East &

Eastern Area conference will be held at Warner's "Lakeside" centre Hayling Island on the 4th 5th and 6th April. Your Delegate & Standard Bearer will be John Leahy. Also attending will be Elizabeth Leahy Ken & Elsie Igglesden, David & Benita Stevens, Len & Evelyn Oliver. **St Georges Day** This will be celebrated on **26th April** with the Goodall Bros to entertain us, a ploughmans supper will be included in the price of the tickets which are £5.00 from the Bar.

Spring Fair, Tesco's Collection, Welcome Talk.

We are holding a Spring Fair on 12th April. With all the usual stalls and raffles. If you could bake a cake or provide a raffle prize it would be much appreciated. **There** will be a two day Wings collection at TESCO'S. on Friday & Saturday 14/15th March. If you can spare an hour of your time for this worthwhile cause please contact Geoff Brown on 212563 **Welcome** talks for the next 3 months are 12th March. Stuart Earl "My Mayoralty Year" 9th April Judith Bourke MA " Nella Last's War". 14th May. Lianne Wainwright RAFA Welfare Manager Central Headquarters.

"RAF contact house Project & current Welfare Strategy". All start at 10.30am £1 admission (including tea coffee & biscuits)

Table Tennis, Keep Fit, Walks, Forthcoming Events

Table Tennis section still needs more members as a number have dropped out for various reasons. Come and join us it's all good fun. **Keep Fit** meet at 2.30pm Monday's; We have a nice crowd and all enjoy the not too demanding exercise to music which is good for one's cardiovascular system. We all enjoy the group and it keeps us off the streets. **Monthly Welcome Walk.** Leaves the Club at 09.30 on the 4th Thurs. Lifts for those who are car-less are available. We drive to the start of

the walk which has been reconnoitred by Beryl Murrell and Myrtle Bennett to make sure it is not too muddy or challenging, i.e. lots of stiles. After the walk we find a cosy local public house to refresh our selves and make the most of the normally excellent lunch. **Forthcoming Events. 22nd March** Fund Raising bangers & Mash £4.00 night. **25th March** Swing night. **26th April** St Georges Night. **29th April** Swing Night.

Black Tie Event @ Manor Barn

After the successful past events at Manor Barn we are hosting a further Black Tie Event on 9th May dancing to the Creole Jazz band. With a Buffet at the interval. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets will cost £10. and are available at the bar.