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Why We Just Love Kids

A little boy was doing his math's homework. He said to himself, 'Two plus five, that son of a bitch is seven' 'Three plus six, that son of a bitch is nine'. His Mother heard what he was saying and gasped, 'What are you doing?' 'I'm doing my math's homework, Mum.' And this is how your teacher taught you to do it.' 'Yes' he answered. Infuriated the mother asks the teacher the next day, 'What are you teaching my son in math's?' The teacher replied, 'At the moment we are learning addition.' The mother asks, 'And are you teaching them to say, two plus two that son of a bitch is four.? When the teacher had stopped laughing, she answered 'What I taught them was, two plus two, THE SUM OF WHICH, is four.'

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90th Anniversary of Royal Air Force

There have been a number of celebrations to commemorate the ninety years of the RAF. The MOD invited 47 Standard Bearers, and their guests, along with Chiefs of Air Staff, to attend a service at The Royal Air Force Church in London 'ST Clement Danes' on March 30th. We assembled in Lincoln's Inn Fields and marched along Kingsway and into the Aldwych where the Church is situated. After the service we went to the Royal Courts of Justice for a finger buffet. The top brass from the RAF were present and it was so nice when they mingled with the 'other ranks,' this was something that would not have hap-

pened many years ago. On the 11th May there was a parade at the RAF memorial at Runnymede in Berkshire where the Ambassadors from the Embassies in London were also invited. There is to be a Beating the Retreat & Sunset Ceremony at RAF Uxbridge on 28th June at 18.00. The entry is £8.00 The cost for the coach will be £11.50 making a total of £19.50 for the trip. This includes a tip for the driver. The coach will leave from the club at 15.30 and return no later than 23.00. If there is not enough "take up" the trip will be cancelled and we will lose our deposit for the coach so please support us.

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	“ “ Evenings 19.00 to 23.00*
Friday - “ “	11.00	Sunday PM 12.00 to 14.00*
3rd Tuesday Jazz Night	20.00	* Closed Thursday & Sunday Evenings
1st Wednesday Coffee Morning	10.30	
2nd Wednesday Welcome Group	10.30	Meat raffles are held on Friday lunch times,
4th Thursday Welcome Walk	09.30	tickets are available at the bar. Proceeds go to
Meet at Club, then drive to start of walk		the Club to cover overheads.
1st & 3rd Thursday WAAF/WRAF	10.30	
1st Friday Quiz Night	20.00	
1st & 3rd (Usually Bingo)	20.00	
2nd & 3rd Friday Crib Night	19.45	

Thank you from Mary

Check notice board for variations and details of other activities.

Mary would like to thank all who so kindly supply her with shredded paper for her chickens bedding, and the empty boxes for the eggs.

Forthcoming events for June & July

The Branch is holding a Strawberry Tea on the 12th June at 14.30. for the RAF residents of Princess Marina House and Mais House and any ex-RAF personnel who are in care homes in Bexhill. Volunteers are needed to push wheelchairs for the visitors. The Club will be holding a Jumble Sale on 14th June. Any Members who could donate cakes, bric-a-brac, part worn or new clothes that do not fit anymore these would be most appreciated. The Club will be having a Nosh & Natter evening to celebrate the Summer Solstice on 21st June it will take the form of a “Bring a plate buffet.” 28th June the Branch will be having a Book Sale. Peter Hobbs will give a Welcome talk on ‘Plane Facts on Stamps’ on 11th June. There will be no welcome Talks in July & August. Have a good Summer!!!!

The Branch Annual Luncheon

The Annual Lunch will be from the menu and entered held in the Cooden Beach on this list. The tickets are on Golf Club at 12.00 on the sale from the bar staff. There 24th June. The cost is £17.50 is a limited number of seats this includes Gratuities. But so they are sold on a “first wine is not included. There is come first served” basis. We a menu on display in the are hoping to have distin-foyer of the Club, and a list guished guests and also the for selections to be made Secretary General of RAFA.

What is a Senior Citizen?

A “Senior Citizen” is one who was here before the pill, television, frozen foods, credit cards, and ball point pens. For us a “Chip” meant a piece of wood or a fried potato we had with fish. “Hardware” meant hard wear and “software” was not even a word. Teenagers never wore slacks or jeans. We were before panty-hose, drip-dry clothes, dish-washers, clothes dryers and electric blankets, videos, DVD players, mobile phones, i-pods, MP3 players, global positioning satellites . We got married first, then lived together and thought “cleavage” was something butchers did. It was before Batman, disposable nappies, jeeps, pizzas instant coffee, and Kentucky Fried Chicken wasn't even thought of. In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, “grass” was for mowing, “pot” was something one cooked in, a “gay” person was the life and soul of a party, Whilst “AIDS” meant beauty lotions or help for someone in trouble. We are today’s Senior Citizens, a hardy bunch when you think of how the world has changed, and the adjustments we have had to make. Now of course we are in the happy state of knowing about these things, it’s just that we have to get our grand children to show us how most of them work!!!