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Perks of getting old

- People phone at 9pm and say. 'Did I Wake You'.
- There's nothing left to 'learn the hard way'.
- You can live without sex but not without Glasses
- You enjoy hearing about others operations.
- You can hold parties without the neighbours know-
ing.
- Your joints are more accurate than the met office.
- Things you buy now won't wear out.
- Your secrets are safe with friends they can't re-
member them either.
- You no longer think that speed limits are a chal-
lenge.
- In a few days time you won't be able to remember
where you saw this list.

Can't do it yourself?

Painting & Decorating

Ring Graham Beale on 01424
219824 Mob:- 07895008546

No job, too small. Free esti-
mates .

Plumbing & Heating

Central heating / General Build-
ing. If you have any problems
ring Paul Baker on
Mob:-078772633689

Problems with your PC?

PC running too slow?

Don't know what to do?

Need Advice?

Need help installing Hard / Soft

Ware?

Ring Steve on **01424 211999** or e-
mail :-**steve.bridges@sbpcs.co.uk**

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by 14/02/2009 John Leahy (Editor)

The Albatross

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Wings Appeal for 2008

The books have now been closed for this year and I am pleased to announce that thanks to the help of members we reached our target, We raised £10,264 which has now been sent to HQ. This year a few members did a house-to-house collection and made nearly £400 and a number of residents thanked us for calling! Our Chairman David Stevens showed everyone the way. He did all 3 collections. House, Sainsbury, & Street. He collected £277 Well done David. We claim back 20% from HQ which goes into the Welfare fund. The Sainsbury collection netted a record £1,488.

Subscriptions for Branch & Club

Subscriptions for Branch As-
sociates and the Albatross
Club are due for renewal to me
at the beginning of January
2009. Full x-RAF members
should send their subscriptions
to South East Area. They will
receive renewal letters from

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During Septem-
ber £4,050 was raised! My thanks to
the Wings Committee and all of you
who helped with the collections. Also
the general public who supported us
so well. We start our 2009 campaign
with the Xmas Fair on 22nd Nov.

In an effort to help the Club the "150
Club" which has been running for
over 25 years will be used for the
benefit of the Albatross Club. A
Happy Christmas and a Healthy New
Year to all our members.

*Ken M. Igglesden MBE. President & Wings
Appeal Organiser*

South East Area under
separate cover, and an
addressed envelope is
always included with
this, send it with your
subs to S.E. Area.

*Elizabeth Leahy Membership
Secretary*

- Regular events
- Subscriptions
- Welfare News
- Monthly Walk
- A Plea for funds
- Painting & Decorating
- Plumbing & Heating
- P C Problems solved

Regular Monthly Events

2nd Monday Aircrew Association	11.00
Every Monday Keep Fit	14.30
Tuesday - Table Tennis	11.00
Friday - " "	11.00
4th Tuesday Creole Jazz Night	20.00
1st Wednesday Coffee Morning	10.30
2nd Wednesday Welcome Group	10.30
4th Thursday Welcome Walk	09.30
Meet at Club, then drive to start of walk	
1st & 3rd Thursday WAAF/WRAF	11.00
1st Friday Quiz Night	20.00
1st & 3rd Sat (Usually Bingo)	20.00
2nd & 3rd Friday Crib Night	19.45

Check notice board for variations and details of other activities.

Bar Opening Times

Mon - Sat Morning & Lunch Time.	11.00 to 14.30
“ Evenings	19.00 to 23.00*
Sunday PM	12.00 to 14.00*

*Closed Thursday & Sunday Evenings

Meat raffles are held on Friday lunch times, tickets are available at the bar. Proceeds go to the Club to cover overheads.

Thank you Mary for giving so kindly, from the sale of the home produce. Delicious crumbles jams /marmalade and fresh vegetables. You generated nearly £1,500 for the Club. A really Big Thank you. XXXX

Welfare News

A Very Happy Christmas to all from the Welfare Team. You may have a copy of the RAF Benevolent Fund pamphlet in this newsletter. In the feature "Home is where life is". It draws attention to the sort of help that is avail-

able to members of the RAF Family who find themselves faced with housing problems that are difficult & expensive to cope with. In our experience the "Ben Fund" is very generous & practical in helping out with housing prob-

lems. If you have concerns of this nature do get in touch with the welfare team, or contact RAFBF directly. Their telephone number is 0207 580 8343

Pat O'Brien, Welfare Officer.

Monthly Walk

It is with regret that we have to announce the end of the monthly walks. Our organiser for the last 15 years Beryl Murrell, has got to the stage in her life where she has had enough of sorting out routes, and checking beforehand to make sure the walk is a viable proposition. Beryl has led her team of walkers over stiles, on walks with not too many hills, or too much

mud to contend with. She also ensured there was a handy pub at the end to refresh the weary walkers. We have had some smashing walks and also some lovely food afterwards. Our grateful thanks for all the hard work Beryl has put in over the years. Hers will be a very hard act to follow, if anyone would care to take up the challenge? *John Leahy & all the Walkers.*

A Plea For Some Funding

This year has seen some very expensive projects to keep the Club a going concern, and as we struggle on to juggle the books, there are times when it seems a thankless task. There are some months when we wonder if we will survive to the next one. Our income and outgoings do not balance. The reason for this is there are not enough "Bums on Seats". Some evenings the Barman is the only one in the Club. Everyone says what an asset the Club is and how friendly. Ladies feel they can enter without fear of being harassed and the "Bonhomie" is good. It

would be a shame to lose it but this is what will happen if things do not change. A number of members have given donations when things have looked grim and when things have looked grim and have saved the Club from extinction. Sadly it is always the same people, and for their help we are grateful. If every member gave a donation of what they could afford it would help prevent hearing. "Yer the old Bexhill rafa club closed, shame not enough interest". I know that times are hard but it could get harder with no Club to go to. Merry Christmas. *Len Oliver Club Chairman*