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*Oh! England. My England, what has become of you? No longer now the country that once so many knew, over sixty years ago we sang of lasting peace, we'd create a better world, hostilities would cease, we truly thought that we fought to make a better place, to erase discrimination from the human race, but looking round today I have to face the truth, that it was all for nothing we sacrificed our youth. The society that we live in has spiraled so far down, with drunken drug filled youngsters rampaging through the town, we cannot walk in safety down many of our streets, gone are the days of Bobbies pounding on their beats. Children who cannot read or write; a penniless NHS, pensions and mortgage scandals we sure are in a mess, gas and water shortages yet prices simply soar, councils cut the services but demand cash galore to help illegal immigrants and provide for pre-teen mothers, moral standards have declined, like so many others. We ex-service generation just cannot understand, how nothing worked out the way we had planned. Now we've grown old and helpless it seems quite indefensible, the one's who made the sacrifice are deemed to be dispensable, Strict discipline is what we need at home and in our schools, harsh punishment and public shame to those who break the rules, jimmy may sleep now in his bed, but puppets we've become, expected to be subservient, to the march of the EC drum*

# The Albatross

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## Battle of Britain Fortnight

From Ken Igglesden MBE President & Wings Appeal organiser

**The Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony** conducted by the Branch Padre Rev Daniel Smith will be held on Sunday 13th September 2009 at 12 15 pm. Meet at the War Memorial all are invited. We hope to have other ex-Service organizations with us and cadets of No 2262 Squadron Air Training Corps. **Battle of Britain Service of Remembrance and Commemoration** will be held at St Peter's Church Old Town on Sunday 20th September at 12 noon. The Town Mayor and Charter Trustees have been invited. Also present will be ex-Service Organization's and

cadets of the Air Training Corps. This is a special service as it is the first ever at St Peter's Church. Our padre Rev Daniel Smith will be officiating. Please attend if you possibly can. This is 69th Annual service. **Brew for the Few** Tea Party will be held at the Albatross Club on Saturday 12th Sept from 3.00 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, strawberry scones and cakes. If you could help by making cakes and scones please let me know. There will be a raffle (Top Prize Micro-wave oven). Raffle prizes would be appreciated. As in the past present Mayor & Ex Mayors will be invited.

## Wings Appeal Collections

Volunteers are needed for all the collections. **The House-to-House** on Monday 7th Sept to Friday 18th Sept. Not many members help with this, but if you can only do the road where you live it would be a great help. **Sainsbury collection**

3rd/4th/5th Sept (Phone Geoff Brown 212563. The Street collection Sat 19th Sept the ATC Lads help to do this, but any other help is greatly appreciated if you can spare the time. Phone Ken 215612 thank you & Good Luck To you all.



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### 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.**

**The 150 Club Starts again on 4th October please hand your Subs in by this date.**

### Forth Coming Events

St Trinians Fancy Dress Night will be held on the 3rd Oct . All are welcome for a Laugh. Goodall Bros Evening 31st Oct. Remembrance Night 14th Nov. Bangers & Mash 12th Dec.

### 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.

Our Chef Heather is providing delicious meals Tuesdays to Saturdays and 2nd Monday of the month. With a full roast dinner on Wednesdays. Please support her with your custom..

Both the **Lottery Bonus Ball Card** and the **Sunday Draw Sheet** are displayed on the notice board by the bar. Place your selection on them and put your money in an envelope and pop it in the appropriate boxes.

### Monthly Walk

The monthly walk is in need of a, Walk Organiser to arrange for short walks on the 4th Thursday of the month. Please contact a member of the Club Committee if you are up for the job, we will help you!!



### Welcome Talks

**9th September.** The talk will be given by Michael Hoad and the subject is (Roaming the Cuckmere). With slides.

**14th October.** The talk by Graham Albon and his subject is (The Oregon Trail to Salt Lake City). With Slides & Music.

**11th November.** The talk will be given by Lesley White. The subject is (Brewing and Beer) From David White's 1066 Brewery.

### Saying goodbye to Mother

We were dressed and ready to go to a New Years Party. We turned on a night light and the answering machine, covered the pet parakeet, put the cat out in the garden, and phoned for a taxi. The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave and the cat scooted back inside. We didn't want the cat shut in the house while we were out because she always tries

to eat the bird. My wife went out to the taxi, while I went back inside to get the cat. The cat ran upstairs with me in hot pursuit. Waiting in the taxi my wife didn't want the taxi driver to know that the house was empty for the night, so she simply said "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother." A few minutes later I got into the taxi. "Sorry I took so

long," I said as we drove away. "She was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her with a coat-hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me, but it worked. I hauled her downstairs and threw her out into the garden!"

*The taxi driver hit a parked car!!!*

#### A Message from Ken Igglesden

To all Members. As many of you lost over 2 stone over that period, but I will know I've not been at all well do not recommend it to anyone who since the 23rd June. Many thanks wishes to lose some weight going down for all the kind messages I have that road, as it is most debilitating. I received. I am on the mend and hope to see you all in the next few hope to be fit by September. I weeks best wishes to all . Ken