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Overheard on a bus in Bexhill. First lady “ You remember that chap who took you out last month, well he asked me out and I wanted to talk with you about him before I give my answer.” 2nd lady “ It was fantastic, He arrived very smartly dressed, with some beautiful flowers, in a Chauffeur driven limousine, he took me out for dinner, Champagne, lobster, dessert and after dinner drinks, then on to a show. I really enjoyed it. He took me back home and I invited him in for coffee. Then he turned into an ANIMAL, he tears off my expensive new dress and had his way with me twice.” 1st lady “Goodness Gracious!... So you are telling me I shouldn’t go out with him?” 2nd Lady “No...No...No... I’m just saying, wear an old dress.”

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Branch and Club AGM 24th March

Once again the AGM is due, and nominations for committee members are up for election. Forms are in the foyer and nominees must be proposed and seconded by full members. Their permission must be sought before they are proposed. The Branch Chairman and Vice Chairman are standing down. So these two posts have to be filled. The posts of Branch Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Eight Ordinary Members plus two Associate Members, are there for the asking. The Club Officers up for election are. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer. Plus Social Secretary, two Ordinary & two Associates members. The AGM will take place in the Ops Room at 20.00hrs. All paid up members can attend but only Full members can vote for the Officers of Branch & Club. Associate Members can vote for the Associate Members of the Committees. We look forward to seeing you there. *Dorothy Hoxey Hon Sec*

Annual Lunch 18th May 2010

The Annual Lunch will be Bob Hounslow director of held at the Cooden Beach Membership of all RAFA Golf Club on 18th May at Areas at CHQ. The 12.30. for 1 pm. The cost tickets will be available at this year is £19.00 per head the bar from 5th April. this includes a 3 course lunch The Menu for your selection will be hung in the our will be Group Captain foyer at the same time..

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Regular Monthly Program

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.

Welcome Talks

The welcome talks start at 10.30 on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The cost is £1 with tea & coffee available afterwards.

The talk for 10th March is given by Michael Hoad and is titled "Exploring the Garden Route" about South Africa. He will be showing Photo Slides

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 Mondays to Fridays. 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.

to go with the talk..

14th April Gerald Mathews (Butcher) "The Meat Trade". This is the Bexhill butchers who won this years Golden Sausage Award, a National competition.

12th may Chris Cox " The Home Front " with Musical Memories



Wings events past Present & Future

This year Celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain and HQ are making it special with a number of Events including a service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by receptions at the Guildhall and various Livered Companies. This will be followed by a parade through the city. The Christmas fair was very successful and made £548.00. The Wings Appeal total to date is over £900. On Saturday 17th April we

are holding a Spring Fair at the club 10.30 till 12.30 with all the usual stalls and a raffle. All contributions will be much appreciated. On Saturday 19th June we are holding another Band Concert with the RAFA Presidents Band of 35 musicians, at St. Augustine's Church Cooden Drive Bexhill. Tickets will be £10.00 each as usual, but our expenditure will be higher as we have to pay for the Bands travel expenses.

Please support this and tell your friends. On Saturday 3rd July we have been granted a one day slot for collecting outside Tesco's Bexhill. Collectors will be needed, if you can spare an hour this will be most welcome. Later in the year we will be having a Summer Fair and the three day collection outside Sainsbury's Thur, Fri, Sat. 26/27/28th August. Thank you all for your support. Ken Igglesden MBE President & Wings Appeal Organiser

Forthcoming Events & Easter Draw

St Patrick's day will be celebrated on the 20th March with an Irish Stew supper, the cost will be £5.00 per head, book early to avoid disappointment. Also **St Georges** Day will be celebrated on 24th April see notice boards for details nearer the event.

A **Veterans Day** is being organized by the Bexhill Veterans Association. It will be held at Edgerton Park on the morning of 26th June including a Drum Head Service and the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex will take the salute after the service. There will be contingents of 1st Gurka Rifles, Eastbourne TA, Scouts, Guides and Air cadets. The British Legion Band will be providing the musical accompaniment.

Heather our chef is cooking a **Mothering Sunday Lunch** and also an **Easter Sunday Lunch**. Please write your names on the lists in the foyer if you are interested! There will be an **Easter Grand Draw** with the draw numbers on the sheets similar to the Christmas Draw, 20p a square. Select your numbers from the grid on the board on the wall by the stairs to the kitchen. Write your name, square numbers on an envelope and place this with your money in the box by the stairs to the Jubilee room.

The Area Conference is being held this year at the Devonshire Park Centre Eastbourne on 26/28th March. Anyone who is interested to see how RAFA works will be welcome to attend the two day event. Have your Membership card with you.