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Fred Skinner loves his garden, from dawn till dusk he labours, and likes to share his surplus crop amongst his grateful neighbours, Lois Diaz, Spanish widow watches Fred though bedroom nets, sighing softly, breathing deeply, as he tends his prize courgettes. 'See you, love.' calls Hazel Skinner, it's her baby sitting night. Fred stands up from weeding carrots 'Hope the Twins are both alright' Lois lingers by the terrace greeting Fred across the hedge: 'Wont you share a glass of Vino?' Fred shyly smiles 'I'll bring some veg.' Sometime later, doorbell ringing Fred awaits with swede and peas. 'Come in darling' Lois oozes. Fred begins to feel unease. She sits revealing gartered thigh 'Come here beside me, Freddy darling, There, that's better don't be shy.' Lois comes closer, lips aquiver, Fred thinks that he should soon be gone. Lois sighs, Fred quickly murmurs; 'I think I've left my sprinkler on.' Lois flings her arms around him. 'Take me, Take me, I implore.' But faithful Fred escapes her clutches And swiftly makes it to the door. Over coffee break next morning, 'What did you do last evening, Fred?' 'Er, I did a bit of reading, watched the news and went to bed.' 'Her next door seems off today.' Said Hazel; 'Can't think what I've done. As you've got a glut of marrows, P'raps you ought to give her one.'

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The Albatross

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Wings Appeal Collections

A one day collection will be held at **TESCO'S** from 9.30 to 6.00pm on Saturday **July 3rd**. Collectors are urgently needed. Please make a special effort for the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Geoff Brown telephone = 212563 will be pleased to have your name and the time(s) you can fill. Your help will be much appreciated. In August we have a 3 day collection at **Sains-**

bury's; Thursday, Friday and Saturday **26th, 27th and 28th**. We can collect from 8.30 to 5.30. Many collectors will be needed. Please help if you possibly can. This will be my final year as **Wings Appeal Organiser**, so please help to put a smile on my face! Thank you all who have helped me over the years best wishes.
Ken Igglesden MBE
President.

The RAFA Presidents Band in Concert

The Royal Air Forces Association Presidents Band will be playing in a concert to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. This will be held in St Augustine's Church Cooden Drive Bexhill on **19th June** at **7.30pm**.

Admission £10. tickets can be bought from The Albatross Club, Marina Arcade and from The Bexhill Observer office Sackville Road Bexhill. In aid of the 2010 National Wings appeal.

Please get your tickets early

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Regular Monthly Programme**Bar Opening Times**

2nd Monday Aircrew Association	11.00	Mon - Sat 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*
4th Tuesday Creole Jazz Night	20.00	* Closed Thursday & Sunday Evenings
1st Wednesday Coffee Morning	10.30	Meat raffles are held on Friday lunch times, tickets are available at the bar.
2nd Wednesday Welcome Group	10.30	Proceeds go to the Club to cover overheads. Our Chef Heather is providing delicious meals Mondays to Fridays.
4th Thursday Welcome Walk	09.30	With a full roast dinner on Wednesdays.
Meet at Club, then drive to start of walk		Please support her with your custom.
1st & 3rd Thursday WAAF/WRAF	11.00	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 place it in the appropriate boxes.
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.

Monthly Welcome Talks**Welcome Walks**

9th June, Gerald Mathews talk will be on the meat trade. There will be no talks in July or August. If you have any suggestions for talks that you may have heard perhaps you could notify a member of the committee who will see if arrangements can be made to book the speaker.

The monthly walks continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month and the location is notified on the notice board in the foyer. Write your name on the list and whether you require a lift to the start of the walk. We do not have a walk leader at the moment but have organized where we go amongst ourselves. We have a pub lunch after the walk.

Words from the Branch Chairman

At the AGM in March I took over Branch Chairmanship from David Stevens who had filled the post for many years. David will be a hard act to follow because he worked like a Trojan to keep the Branch on course and be a credit to us all. I am sure you will all join me in wishing David and Benita a very happy retirement.

I'm glad to say that Branch activities continue unabated: the annual lunch will be over by the time you read this but we expect to have about fifty people in attendance and to have a speaker from GHQ to update us on the Association at large. Planning is underway for our participation in the Armed Forces Day event on 26 June in Edgerton Park, please make the effort to support this event if you can, there will be an RAFA tent and display near the show area and there is a need for people to man it during the day.

On 9th June we will be holding the annual Strawberry Tea in the club when we entertain ex RAF people from Sussexdown and Mais House

If you can help out with the Armed Forces Day or Strawberry Tea (or both) please contact the Steward in the club who will pass your message to the people concerned. My best wishes to you all, Pat O'Brien.

Big Thanks.**A Big Ask**

A big thanks to the outgoing committee members who retired at the AGM, to Geoff Brown, Vice Chairman, Peter Fagg, who worked hard producing posters for events and putting up, and taking down, tables at the various events, and many other tasks which he did when asked.

When events, which entail food are put on, would people make their requirements known in ample time, so that those who have the task of cooking, etc, have time to get the supplies in. We would be most grateful. Thanks go to Mary Moxam who supplied fresh eggs and we hope to see her again soon.