

Club Special Events

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21st March we will be having a Jumble Sale

10.30 am until 12.00 pm.

Also on the same day. A St Patrick's Night Party. With an American style Supper.

25th April A St George's Night Party with entertainment by "The Goodall Brothers".

Further proposed events may include A Vicars & Tarts Night.

Anyone interested in resuming a Darts Competition??? Notify one of the Bar Men or a Committee member.

Can't do it yourself?

Painting & Decorating

Ring Graham Beale on 01424 219824 Mob:- 07895008546

No job, too small. Free estimates .

Plumbing & Heating

Central heating / General Building. 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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Branch and Club AGM 25th March

The Annual General Meeting of your Branch and Club, will be held on the 25th March, at 20.00 hours in the Ops Room. If any Ordinary Members, would like to have a say in how the Branch is run, why not stand for election on the Branch committee as an officer, or a Committee member? I am sure you will find it most rewarding. I hope to see you all on the 25th March.

David Stevens Branch Chairman

Your Attendance is Requested

Any resolutions for debate must be handed to the Secretary by 12th March. Nominations are invited for both the Club & Branch Committees

Branch Committee

Branch Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Sec, Hon Treasurer, and 8 Ordinary Members, plus 2 Associate Members, who are elected by the Associate Members at the meeting.

Club Committee

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Sec, Hon Treasurer, Social Secretary and 2 ordinary members, plus 2 Associate Members elected by the Associate members. Nomination forms are available from

officers of the Branch and Club. Before nominating someone for a post seek their consent. The closing date for nominations to be handed to me is 12th March 2009.

Dorothy Hoxey Secretary

Club Chairman's Report.

There has been a lot of speculation about the future of the Branch and Club. If you attend the AGM you may be better informed than most, and find that all the gloom and doom is unfounded. We have spent a lot of money to improve the premises and I am sure you will have noticed the changes. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM. All are welcome.

Len Oliver Club Chairman

RAF Records Office Change

R.A.F. Innsworth has closed. Service records may be had at.

R.A.F Disclosure Office,

Room221B

R.A.F. Cranwell

Sleaford. Lincs

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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.

Forthcoming Club & Branch Events

The Annual Lunch will be held at The Cooden Beach Golf Club on Tuesday 19th May the cost of the tickets are £18.00 per person. The Menu for your selection, also tickets will be available nearer the date. Our guest of honour this year is to be Air Vice Marshal Grahame Jones RAFA Secretary General.

The Air Crew Association are holding a special event for Inde-

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 new 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..

pendence Day on 4th July. All profits to the Club. Look out for more details nearer the date.

Monthly Walk will now be resuming, not always on muddy footpaths, but to areas of interest i.e. Sovereign Harbour, Rye Harbour. This will be followed by lunch to recover. A list for names will be displayed in the entrance hall for those interested in attending. Meet at Club at 9.30.

Welcome Group

Meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am. **March 11th** "History of the Flying Squad" by David Starkey. **April 8th** "Plane Stamps Two" by Peter Hobbs, with slides. **May 13th** "A History of Gatwick Airport" by Dave Harrison, with slides. **June 10th** "Alcester Court Leet" Medieval talk by Foster Richardson, with slides. Admission £1. includes coffee and biscuits. All profit from this now goes to the Club.

Re-decoration of Club & Bar Area

As some of you who use the Club will have noticed. The Club interior has started to be redecorated. The work is being done in-house by members, to save money. We were quoted £2000 to have it done by professionals, but we will be able to do the job for just the cost of materials. The money has been raised from several events that have taken place. The profits from which have been placed in a separate account which is our "building fund", and will only be used for refurbishment and upkeep. We have had a report that

Wings Appeal Events

Spring Fair Saturday 18th April 10-12. All the usual stalls. Donations for the Raffle and bric-a-brac stall would be most appreciated.
Saturday 6th June (D-Day) Concert by the RAFA Presidents band at St Augustine's Church Cooden Drive at 7.00 pm Tickets will be available at the club nearer the time Cost £10.00. **Saturday 1st August** 10-12 pm Wings Gala some stalls outside weather permitting. Donations for raffle much appreciated

the boiler, which must be at least 20 years old, will need replacing soon. This would cost about £3000 which we hope to raise from forthcoming events. So far we have £247 from the New year Party, £250 from Burns Night, £175 from Valentine's Day. Plus a donation of £250. from SSAFA. If we can keep this up we may manage to keep a reserve in hand to cover unexpected building bills. We know in this time of hardship money is precious, but all donations would be gratefully received. Thank you for helping.