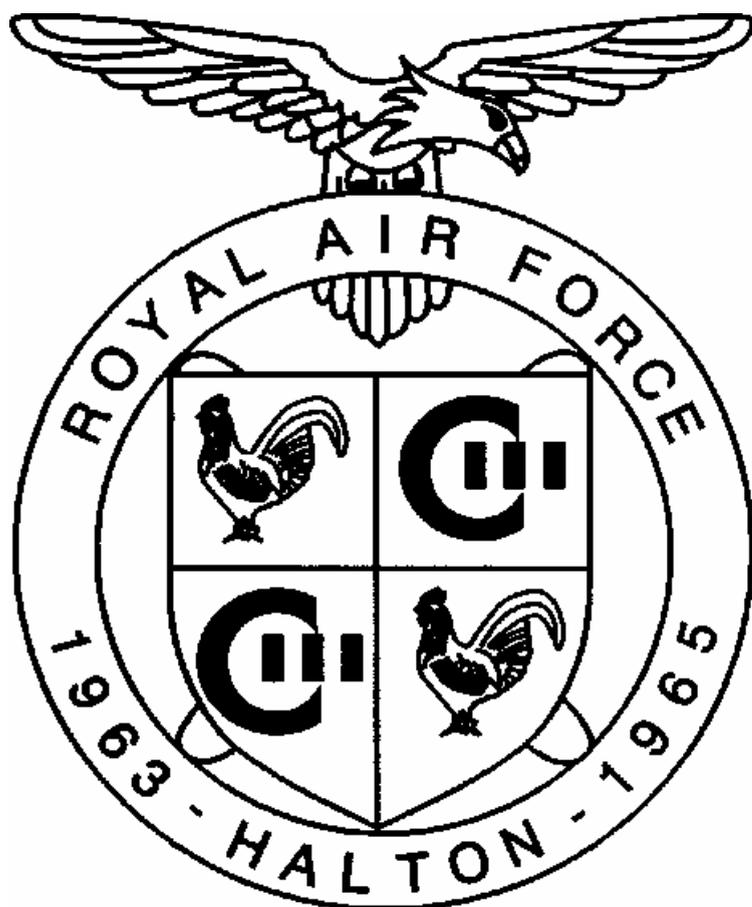


# 103rd Entry Association

## Newsletter



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This will be the last news letter from me for the time being as I am off to work in sunnier climates for a while. That's Greece for those who don't know. If there is anyone out there who thinks they might like to take over my role as Newsletter editor then contact any one of the committee. You will be thought of very highly. (You could even get mentioned in dispatches!) Otherwise you will all have to wait for my return before you receive the next newsletter.

Any way, I know it's late but) Happy New Year to all our readers, I am afraid that this newsletter will be short I have been very tied up with work (yes, yes I can hear you all say but it's true,) and as such it's been difficult to put pen to paper. However the show must go on.

We have had two more volunteers for the committee. Barry Neal and John Dillon. Thanks to them both. The committee now stands as follows:-

Chairman	Les Shardlow
Vice Chairman	Chris Wales
Secretary	Les Garden
Treasurer	Nick Smith
Committee member	Ken Bannister
Committee member	Malcolm Watts
Committee member	John Bromley
Committee member	Barry Neal
Committee member	John Dillon
Committee member	not filled

We are still looking for that last volunteer. Any offers from you out there? The commitment is minimal. We have also had some new members join the association.

### **The Constitution**

At last I have finished and produced our Constitution, a copy of which is enclosed for your keeping.

### **Association Tie**

For those of you who might want another association tie then contact Nick Smith.

They only cost £4.50 (inc P & P). As usual there's an application form attached to the newsletter.

### **Resumes**

More resumes from members are attached. Again many thanks to those who have sent them along. Please keep them coming - I need something to fill the newsletter! They do make interesting reading. Please be patient if yours' is not in print this time. They will be in forthcoming newsletters.

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **1. RAFHAAAAGM**

The RAFHAAA AQM (only open to members and Association reps) is to be held on Saturday 18th May 1991 at RAF Halton in 2 wing mess starting at 1400 hrs. For those of you who are members then why not come along and find out what is to happen to Halton and the RAFHAAA in the coming years. Perhaps voice your

opinion or thoughts on the future of the association. Come to that you might even have some constructive Ideas that would be most welcome. If you come early you can buy a very good lunch in the RAFA Club. This is in what was the old bedding store for those who remember. Most of those attending the AGM start here in the RAFA dub. If you come we will see you there.

## **2. Halton Show**

This year the Halton show is to be on the 22nd June 1991. This is another great day out AJI the activities are at the airfield with full of interesting sideshows and a variety of activities. There is of course a special enclosure (complete with beer tent) for Halton Apprentices and their families. Why not try and make this an occasion to meet up with colleagues again. Many of the 103 committee will be there as usual, so we hope to see you there.

## **The Reunion Dinner**

Attached are some prints of photos taken at the reunion dinner (courtesy of Les Garden). Anyone who would like photo copies should contact Les Garden. (See your address list.)

## **Editor's notes**

I still waiting for information from you to put in our newsletter. There must be someone out there with a little story or anecdote to pass on. (I will even accept them Anon!) This gives the other readers an insight into what we have all been doing since our Halton days, so please put pen to paper. Send any pre-printed matter, cuttings, old magazines, even photos (although they are a little difficult to reproduce, but I can always give it a try). While you may not think what you have will be of any interest, there are many others who will. All matter sent will be returned to the sender. Remember, if there are any topics or features that you think may be like to see then send your ideas to me.

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## RESUMES

No. 9            **Alan Collard**

1966 -1969    30 M.U. RAF Sealand.

1969 -1972    RAF Changi / Tengah Singapore (103 & 110 Sqdn).

1972-1973    RAF Sealand.

1973-1975    RAF Tengah.

1975 -1976    RAF Odiham (Left the RAF)

1976 -1978    Thumrait(?) (Sultanate of Oman) Airwork Services. 1979 - Now Senior Planning Engineer  
BAE Strand Road Preston.

No. 10           **Jeff Lloyd**

I completed 24 years in the RAF working on a variety of Aircraft types from PR9 Canberras with 39 Sqdn. Britannias, Belfast and Harries GR3's at Gutersloh. I did three overseas tours at Akrotiri, Masirah and Gutersloh.

I also spent some eight years (in total) as an Instructor at Cosford.

I finally decided enough was enough and PVR'd when I was promoted to Fit Sgt and was posted Wittering to run the Harrier Ground Servicing School.

I married Jeanette in 1968 and we have two children, Ben and Hannah, and two labradors.

On leaving the RAF in 1986 I started work with Telephone Rentals pic. (now Mercury Communications) as a Sales Consultant in the Time and Security Division based at Telford Shropshire.

No. 11   **Rick Knight**

1965    Posted to RAF Cottesmore

1969    Posted to 103 Sqdn. RAF Changi.

1971    Returned to RAF Wittering on Harriers, until demob.

1973    Joined the Operations Department at Aberthaw power station.

1979    Promoted to Assistant Unit Operator on 500 megawatt units.

1984    Promoted to Unit Operator seconded to Kuwait.

1986    Returned to Aberthaw power station where I am presently employed as a Unit Operator responsible for 2 x 100 megawatt turbines, boilers and auxiliary plant.

I have been married for 17 years and have two daughters aged 9 & 10. I played regular soccer until the age of 40 when I broke my leg. I have been player manager of the local village team for several years and still make the occasional appearance as a substitute. My current passion is golf.

No. 12 **LES GARDEN**

**Jan 1965-March 1969**

30 M.U. SEALAND along with a lot of the Entry. I tried all sorts to get away - eventually volunteered to go to Sharjah. Highlight of the tour - met my wife while I was in the horizontal state in the bar.

**March 1969 -April 1970**

84 Squadron Sharjah - a good tour with my first chance to work on real aircraft! Met Danny Garmain ? Chris Bayes and Ed Cochran. Found out this year at a committee meeting that Nick Smith worked 100 yards from me in VASS and lived at the other end of J. lines!!!

**April 1969-March 1972**

Air Engineer and Air Electronics Operators School, Topcliffe.

1st & 2nd line Varsity - sleepy hollow 4 a/c on 4 hour sortie - fight for work at end of day - met Pete Coate on his Air Eng Course. During this time married and volunteered to go to Cyprus.

**March 1972-Jan 1975**

Bomber Servicing Wing Squadron, Akrotiri - 1st line Vulcan detachments to Masirah and Iran. Col In Worth on other shift so blamed him! No. 1 Son born in TPMH in December 1972 (coincided with Vulcan course and Electric strike - March 1972)!! Met Alec Nicholson, AJ Simmonds. Family evacuated during war and No. 2 Son born 9 months after Xmas detachment 1974 at Waddington - Squadron disbanded January 1975.

**Jan 1975-May 1979**

3 FTS teeming. After a few months became i/c leckys on SSF then bolt out of blue - go to Jetstream Development Team as electrical 'expert' along with four others to help sort aircraft and problems out to make it work. This is where everything came together and was able to see what could be done - we were the only development team who did not have any CSDE experience and we were all SGTS! Did my stint as Fire Chief on Blackpool "2". The development team disbanded after a year and I then took over the Avionics section at Leeming - very good experience as a Sergeant. When the Air Force decided that Jetstream should move from Leeming to Finningley I went with them. During my stay at Leeming I worked with Cliff Kay and Male Cottle.

**May 1979 -Feb 1980**

6 FTS Finningley. Moved Jetstreams down from Leeming and set up METS (Multi Engine Training Squadron). We went from 1 a/c flying for an hour a week to eight a/c for 6 hours each a day just by leaving O.C. Eng behind!!! Saw the oldest F/E trainee in the world doing his course and causing havoc by being a Chief - some say good old Ken, but we know better! By this time my turn to win the raffle came up and they made me a Chief and sent me to RAFA.R.M.S.U.P.U.

**Feb 1980 -Dec 1985**

Behind the wire - just like Stalag Luft 3 but we couldn't get a tunnel out. Controller of test sets, WE91, FZ/BZ, 828, 1290,1578, FARTS - if you are a lecky you will understand this if you went to BCAS, STCAS or RAFASU. By 1985 the writing was on the wall and resettlement courses were the in-thing.

**Oct 1985 -July 1986**

Page Aerospace as a product support engineer learning under the hard eye and tongue of a PSM Manager.

Eventually got fed up with it and started writing CV's for a living, leading to a job with Graviner.

**July 1968-Present**

Product Support Engineer on Fire Detection Suppression, HP Air, Nitrogen, Helium, Oxygen systems, smoke detection on aircraft. Also Involved In tanks and trains. Company "expert" in MIL-STD-1388-1 A.2A and DILSA. Multi disciplined - will go anywhere, do anything - especially for a beer!

(Here endeth the Epistle to the Corinthians! Ed.)

**Other Resumes:**

No. 1	John Hastings	NL1
No. 2	Paul Collins	NL1
No. 3	Kev Sheehan	NL1
No. 4	Pete Slawson	NL1
No. 5	Jeremy Bell (Dinga)	NL2
No. 6	David (Ed) Cochran	NL2
No. 7	Roger Evanson	NL2
No. 8	Brian Lee	NL2