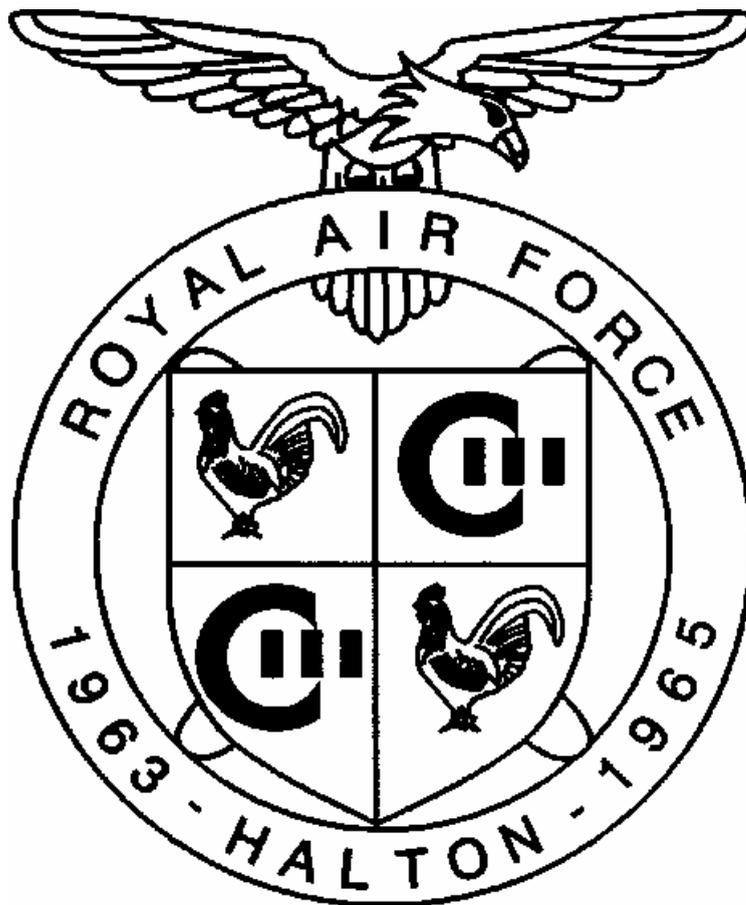


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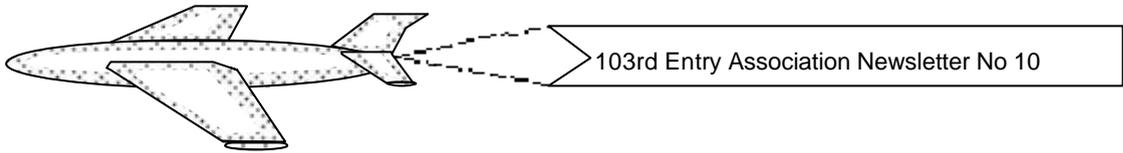
Newsletter



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Editorial

Firstly, my apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter to you. Progress is being made in finalising arrangements for next years Reunion, and it was felt that the newsletter should include the latest news at the earliest opportunity.

As you will see from the latest Committee Minutes, an amendment to the Reunion date has been forced upon us, so make a note in your diaries now for next year. The good news is that we have settled on a venue. I am hopeful that Les Shardlow will be able to circulate brochures from the Falcon Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon with this 'letter. We will hope that you will agree that the proposed venue has much to offer, even for our northern members (e.g. Glynn Hayes). The Committee will update you on costs etc once finalised, along with the subsidy for Association members.

A second delay has been caused by my need to compose from a remote location. This means that I have been temporarily divorced from my trusty Mac, and have to rely on a carrier-pigeon service to get the newsletter to our production & distribution office in Haddenham for onward transmission.

Lack of proper technical support also means that the newsletter will not be in quite the normal format, with far more of the content photocopied from the originals, warts and all. Les Garden has provided the Association Committee minutes, while Nick Smith continues to produce facts and figures from the Treasurer's department.

In our last newsletter I appealed for more contributions. To say that I am underwhelmed by the response is probably fairly accurate. I have been tempted to include my own potted history; my recent retirement from the RAF would suggest the time is right. However, I have resisted the temptation on this occasion in order to keep the bulk of this issue down. Maybe next time.

On a personal note, the process of my civilianisation is now complete, and though a little painful, has placed me with an IT (engineering) company seemingly run by ex-RAF people for ex-RAF people.. Hence my remoteness, since I am currently working on a short-term project with the Swedish Air Force. They promise that I will be brought back from the cold by Christmas. I wonder if Chris Wales would consider an exchange 'posting'.

Now if you will excuse me, I'm off to contemplate the meaning of life, in the sauna.

Read on.....

MHFW (Mr)

**Dates for your Diary: 20th May 1995 - RAFHAAA AGM, RAF Halton.
18th June 1995 - Committee Meeting & AGM, Les Shardlow's House.
18th June 1995 - RAF Halton Show Day.
23rd September 1995 - RAFHAAA Triennial Reunion '95
11th November 1995 - 103rd 30th Anniversary Graduation Reunion.**