



*Royal Air Forces Association
Newark & District Newsletter*

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The charity that supports the RAF family



The Newark Nimrod



Branch & Club Newsletter

Autumn Edition - October 2022

In friendship and in service one to another, we are pledged to keep alive the memory of those of all Nations who died in the Royal Air Force and in the Air Forces of the Commonwealth. In their name we give ourselves to this noble cause. Proudly and thankfully we will remember them.

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From the Editor.....



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Little did I think that when I last sat to pen my Nimrod Editorial in the Summer, that before this next edition we would have sadly lost our beloved Sovereign (RIP Ma'am – Duty Done!) and be welcoming our new King, Charles III (God Save the King!) Clearly, much has been written and published about our 'Royals' in the interim but I have been minded to include some reflections herein to mark these historic events from perhaps a more localised perspective?

I am delighted to advise that one of our new members and Branch Committee co-optee, Gaz Creswell, has kindly volunteered to takeover as the new Editor! I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him well in his new role? On that note, I know he will be on the look out for topical stories, reminiscences and indeed anything that might be of interest to our readers. If you think you can help, please do not hesitate to get in contact with him:

gary@garycreswell.com

Also closer to home, you will be aware that we are facing a potential momentous change with a possible distancing of relationship between the Club and Branch the rationale of which I will endeavour to explain later? I know that this topic has been causing some consternation in various quarters, but hopefully I can allay some of the fears and misconceptions with the realisation that this presents a really positive opportunity for our Branch to prosper, grow and move forward, so please do read on.....



Which just leaves me with the opportunity to thank you again for all your contributions and help and support during my tenure as Editor. Allan Hildage

Branch & Club Committee Members 2022/23



Newark & District Branch/Club



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Club Secretary

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Dennis Atkins

Club Steward / Bar Manager



Lisa Wells

Foreword from the Branch Chairman



Dear Fellow Members,
Greetings Again!

Well it's been a busy time again and seemingly that's the 'normal' on the RAFA 'treadmill'? It's certainly been a different time for us all following the loss of our Patron HM The Queen that impacted us all in one way or another. Thanks to **Elsbeth White** who opened the Branch for coffee during the Queen's televised funeral service allowing members who wished, to share in the mourning.

We necessary had to curtail our general Wings Appeal collection effort during the period of National Mourning which also saw the cancellation of Battle of Britain commemorations both locally and Nationally. However, our Hon Vice-President, **Dennis Atkins** single-handedly manned a Wings' stand at Boyes after and is to be congratulated for raising nearly £300!

I am delighted to advise that our additional two committee volunteers have been formally appointed as Trustees of the Branch. **Jerry Flint**, has taken over as Branch Vice-Chairman and will stand-in for me as Chairman during my forthcoming trip to the Antipodes. **Sarah Rowe** has taken over as Branch Treasurer and along with **Gaz Cresswell** are all most welcome members of the Branch Committee. I would like to to this opportunity thank **George Campbell** for serving out what be a record for the longest notice period!

You will be pleased to learn that **Paul Watson** is recovering well following his long-awaited knee operation and we're delighted to see him back in 'circulation'. During Paul's enforced absence our RAFALO, **James Scott**, has been standing in as our Standard Bearer as well as in his role as Wings Appeal Organiser. Sadly for us, James is being posted away next month on promotion and I know you'll join me in offering our congratulations and thanking him for all his efforts in supporting the Branch so well.

Our regular Coffee mornings on Wednesdays and Saturdays are seemingly becoming more popular as a valued service and amenity to our members and the wider-community as a whole. However, we have to face the reality of increasing costs in the current economic climate and fear we maybe forced to raise price for Tea/Coffee from £1.50 to £2.00. This would be the first increase for a number of years and with a free biscuit with every serving, we believe that are offerings still provides excellent value for money? This still very much in consideration and nothing will happen until after the next AGM in 2023. In the interim, we would welcome your thoughts and views.

In addition to our normal activities, 'the way ahead' has been the focus for much attion and a necessary distraction to ensure that we do what is right for the Branch overall and continue its on-going viability for our successors and hopefully for the RAFA generations yet to come.

Jason Parker, our Club Chairman, fully explains below the rationale and background for the calling of the Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday 13th October at 1915 hours. Whilst this is primarily a Club issue, it does affect all members. I will not pre-empt Jason's statement only to reiterate that there is absolutely **NO** intention to close the Branch. Indeed we believe that the measures proposed will ensure its survival and thus both committees fully support the proposals.

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21st September 2022

Dear Fellow Member,

CALLING NOTICE – RAFA CLUB SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
CHANGE OF DATE - 13th OCTOBER 2022

Further to my previous Special General Meeting (SGM) Calling Notice of 16th September 2022, regrettably we have to postpone the SGM by one week from 6th October 2022. Accordingly, you are now invited to a SGM of the RAFA Newark & District Club being held at our premises at 23a London Road, Newark-on-Trent on Thursday 13th October 2022 commencing at 1915 hours.

There is one resolution being tabled requiring to be a voted by the membership:

"The Club Committee be empowered to dissolve the RAFA Newark & District Club at a date yet to be determined but not exceeding a period of 6 months from this date."

Whilst all members are encouraged to attend, under prevailing RAFA rules only ordinary members will be entitled to vote.

Michael Reilly,
Club Secretary.

Open Letter From: *Jason Parker, Club Chairman*



Ladies & Gentlemen,

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
THE FUTURE OF RAFA NEWARK & DISTRICT CLUB?

*I appreciate that our calling for a Club Special General Meeting is something of a rarity so I am writing to provide you with the need and rationale for the resolution being tabled. The proposal is to empower the Club Committee to close/dissolve the Club to allow HQ RAFA to dispose of the premises and thereby relieve the Club & Branch of the ongoing and escalating burden of maintaining the building, obviously, not a consideration that has been reached lightly. I need to emphasise from the outset that there is absolutely **NO** intention to close the Branch!*

Background.

As you will be aware the RAFA Newark & District Club and Branch have endured some difficult and turbulent times over the past few years that has been injurious to our reputation and indeed we were facing entire closure in early 2021. However, thanks to a small cadre of dedicated members who rallied to raise the necessary Committees to save the day and keep both the Club & Branch going!

Situation

Since then considerable effort has been expended and achieved in trying to rebuild the Club/Branch to a continuing and viable part of the overall Association. Whilst the overall Branch has a membership of headcount of some 277, it has become increasingly clear that the reality is there is only a dedicated core of 20 or so active members many of whom are now of advancing years. Appreciating that still somewhat in the immediate post-COVID era, there is a reluctance for some to venture out and get involved in social events, indeed the Branch 75th Anniversary Celebration Event could only attract 2 members in addition to Committee members attending!

Importantly, as with other like clubs / organisations locally, we are not attracting any new or younger members which does not bode well for the longer sustainability of RAFA in Newark and certainly not in its present guise? As mentioned we are not alone in this situation similar associations locally with Club premises are struggling to continue and survive and we have already seen the closure of a local RBL Branch, at least two Regimental Associations similarly closing through lack of support in the past year.

The Club's Committee and management team have done extraordinarily well in a relative short period of time in re-establishing the business as an emerging profitable and ongoing commercial concern to support our collective charitable aims. However, this has been achieved in the main by hosting private events such as wedding receptions, birthday parties, funeral wakes, etc., but most importantly through the dedication and concerted efforts of our appointed Club manager and her family. Having said that, it should be recognised that this is also a potential single point of failure with an immediate detrimental impact should 'they' choose to 'walk away' for any reason?

Financial

Also, we have recently received a utilities bill for £8.7k and other unanticipated but essential building maintenance bills totalling some £2k. It is also recognised that there will soon be a requirement for some roof and guttering repairs and despite some recent refurbishment work, we are advised that the building will probably need a complete electrical rewire and re-plumbing in some areas in the medium term potentially costing some £20-30K. Whilst we share these expenses with the Branch we have met the current expenditure by drawing down some reserves, it is appreciated that this is very much a one off solution and is not sustainable in the longer term (nor perhaps indeed the best use of Branch charitable monies?)

Equally and more importantly it is felt that any future revenue generated could be necessarily diverted to the maintenance of the premises rather than for the primary charitable purpose of our *raison d'être*.

Potential Solution

Whilst both the Club and Branch committees have been pondering and discussing these issues and potential solutions without much success, we have received a serious approach from a local charity who are keen to form a 'Blue Lamp Club' to serve as a social hub for all Armed Services Veterans and Emergency Services' personnel. has expressed an interest in buying our Club & Branch premises in their entirety and with additional sufficient funding to facilitate the total refurbishment of the premises. If this were to happen, they have already indicated that the Branch would be welcome to continue to meet and 'operate' from the premises.

The Way Ahead?

We have been in discussion with RAFA HQ who are not adverse to disposing of the premises and have commenced negotiations with the Charity. However, the final decision rests with the Club membership who have to vote to close the Club and hand the building back to RAFA HQ. Rather than wait until all negotiations have been completed and avoid any potential further or unnecessary delay, we are asking that the membership votes now to empower the Club committee to make the decision once the negotiations are completed.

Clearly, this is not a situation that any of us would have wished to have found ourselves or be placed in, but realistically having spent much time discussing all the possible options moving forward, the disposal of the property came to the fore as undoubtedly the most practical.

Recognising this would mark the end of an era for RAFA Newark & District Branch please be assured that we do believe that without the burden and continuing diversion of maintaining an increasingly expensive property, the Branch itself can begin to properly regain its strength and return to its former success. Collectively, your committee members have the will and determination to succeed. Thus, I have no hesitation in commending the proposal to you.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you at the SGM to be held at the RAFA Newark & District Branch/Club commencing at 1915 hours on Thursday 13th October 2022.

Jason Parker

Chairman

RAF Newark & District Club

RIP Ma'am - Duty Done!



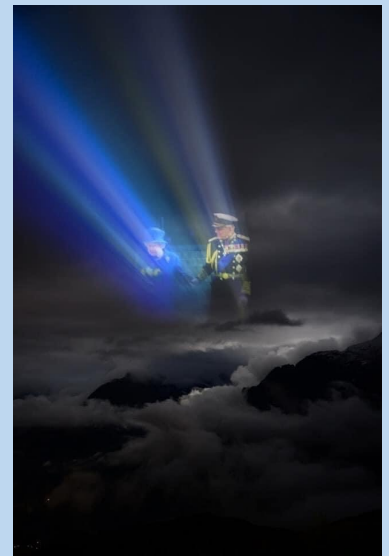
As we lay you down to rest ma'am,
And sorrow sweeps the land,
May Phillip be there waiting,
To take your weary hand.

Your reign for us is over,
Your guiding light no more,
You're now at peace, your duties done,
As many gone before.

And when you cross the pearly gates,
Where hero's dare to tread,
And greet the faithful fallen,
The battalion of the dead.

A million brave young soldiers,
Who's lives had never been,
All standing to attention,
To welcome home their queen.

God bless you ma'am.





A funny AND TRUE story about Her Majesty the Queen:

Around 2010, the Queen and her Personal Protection Officer, Dick Griffin, were walking alone one afternoon in the remote hills near her favourite home, Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

An American couple were walking in the opposite direction, and they all stopped for a chat.

Griffin recalls: "There were two hikers coming towards us, and the Queen would always stop and say hello.

"They were two Americans on a walking holiday.

"It was clear from the first moment we stopped that they hadn't recognised the Queen, which was fine.

"The American gentleman was telling the Queen where they came from, where they were going next, and where they'd been in Britain.

"I could see it coming, and sure enough, he said to Her Majesty: 'And where do you live?'

"She replied: 'Well, I live in London, but I've got a holiday home just the other side of the hills.'

"Then he asked her: 'How long have you been coming up here?'

"She replied: 'Oh, I've been coming here since I was a little girl, so more than 80 years.'

"You could see the cogs whirring, so then he asked her: 'Well, if you've been coming here for more than 80 years, you must have met the Queen.'

"Quick as a flash, Her Majesty said: 'Well, I haven't met her, but Dick here meets her regularly.'

"So the guy asked me in excited amazement: 'YOU'VE MET THE QUEEN!? What's she like!?'"

"Because I'd worked for Her Majesty for a long time, and I knew I could pull her leg, I said: 'Oh, she can be very cantankerous at times, but she's got a lovely sense of humour.'

"The next thing I knew, BECAUSE I'D MET THE QUEEN, this guy gets out his camera, hands it to Her Majesty, puts his hand around my shoulder, and he asks her: 'Can you take a picture of the two of us?'

"So, as requested, Her Majesty took a picture of us.

"Then we swapped places, and I took a picture of them WITH THE QUEEN.

"And we never let on, and we waved goodbye.

"After we'd walked away from them, Her Majesty said to me: 'I'd love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to his friends in America, and hopefully someone tells him who I am!'"

Rest in Peace, Your Majesty



Dick Griffin



THE PROCLAMATION OF ACCESSION

"WHEREAS IT HAS PLEASED ALMIGHTY GOD TO CALL TO HIS MERCY OUR LATE SOVEREIGN LADY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II, OF BLESSED AND GLORIOUS MEMORY, BY WHOSE DECEASE THE CROWN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN ISLAND IS SOLELY AND RIGHTFULLY COME TO THE PRINCE CHARLES PHILLIP ARTHUR GEORGE.

WE, THEREFORE, THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL OF THIS REALM, AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, TOGETHER WITH HER LATE MAJESTY'S PRIVY COUNCIL, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REALMS AND TERRITORIES, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF LONDON AND OTHER, DO NOW HEREBY, WITH ONE VOICE AND CONSENT OF TONGUE AND HEART, PUBLISH AND PROCLAIM THAT THE PRINCE CHARLES PHILIP ARTHUR GEORGE, IS NOW BY THE DEATH OF OUR LATE SOVEREIGN OF HAPPY MEMORY, BECOME OUR ONLY LAWFUL AND LIEGE LORD, CHARLES III, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, AND OF HIS OTHER REALMS AND TERRITORIES, KING, HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, TO WHOM WE DO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL FAITH AND OBEDIENCE WITH HUMBLE AFFECTION, BESEECHING GOD, BY WHOM KINGS AND QUEENS DO REIGN, TO BLESS HIS MAJESTY WITH LONG AND HAPPY YEARS TO REIGN OVER US."



"GIVEN AT ST JAMES' PALACE THIS TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO."

"GOD SAVE THE KING"



11th September 2022

*Newark Proclaims the Accession
of
King Charles III*

King Charles III



God Save the King!

Parades.....

International Bomber Command Centre

*International Bomber Command Centre celebrated Bomber Command Day with a service of remembrance at the IBCC in July This is the second year of the event marking the day. There were RAF Association Standard Bearers from branches across Lincolnshire at the service to mark the occasion including **Alan Brookes** carrying our Branch Standard.*



Air Bridge: Sunday 25th September 2022

This is an event held at Newark Cemetery – at a special memorial near to the Polish War Graves – usually around the third Sunday of September. The Service remembers the 250 airmen who lost their lives during the Air Bridge operations, which helped the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. People from all over the country and Poland attend and wreaths are laid.

*Our Life Vice-President, **Dennis Atkins**, laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch and our Standard was paraded by **James Scott**, our RAFLO*



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LATTE

COFFEE MORNING

CAPPUCINO

HOT CHOCOLATE

AMERICANO

MOCHA

- 09:00 – 12:00
- WEDS & SAT
- RAFA CLUB
- London RD Carpark
- Behind the Odeon
- EVERYONE WELCOME



£1.50

BISCUITS INCLUDED!



Don't forget we also serve a range of Specialty Teas and Infusions now at our regular Coffee Mornings on a Wednesday and Saturday.

All served with a free biscuit, good humour & plenty of banter! A real bargain at just £1.50.



Why not come and join us? We look forward to seeing you!

Situations Vacant!

We are always needing help with our Wednesday and Saturday Coffee Mornings (particularly Saturdays!) . It has been requested that we consider similarly reopening on a Friday as we did pre-COVID, but can only do this if we can get sufficient volunteer helpers.

*If you think that you might be able to help please contact **Elsbeth White** at the Branch.*

Your Branch



Branch Welfare.....



Des Saint, our new Branch Welfare Officer is seeking volunteers who could help in any supportive welfare role. Full training will be provided! Should you wish to volunteer or indeed need any help yourself, please contact Des directly on: 07954-438823 or email

desmond.saint1@ntlworld.com



WITH AGE, I REALIZE...

- 1. I talk to myself. Sometimes I need an expert's advice.**
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.**
- 3. I don't need anger management. I need other people to stop pissing me off!**
- 4. My people skills are just fine but my tolerance for idiots needs a little work.**
- 5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "Oh, you'll remember."**
- 6. Nap time is not a punishment. It's a reward.**
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is too terrible to even think about.**
- 8. Duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.**
- 9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer and come out wrinkle-free and 3 sizes smaller?**
- 10. "Getting Lucky" actually means walking into a room and remembering why I came in.**

Branch / Club News.....



Newark RAFA Branch HQ and Club

Behind London Road Car Park and Asda Petrol Station
Branch Tel. 01636 707505

COFFEE MORNINGS Wednesdays & Saturdays 9am to 12 Midday
ALL WELCOME

NEWARK RAFA CLUB

The Club Room can be hired for:-

***Private Parties, Weddings,
Christenings, Birthday Parties,
Dances and Funeral Wakes
Business Meetings.***

Fully Licenced Bar Available

**For further information and bookings
please call the Club booking line:- 07957309604
or email:- bookings.rafanewark@gmail.com**

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Battle of Britain Invitation Quiz.....



Chris Richardson

Whilst the Battle of Britain commemorations were cancelled this year, the Branch & Club marked the occasion with an Invitation Challenge Quiz held at the Club on Friday 23rd September 2022. As previously, our independent Quizmaster for the night was Chris Richardson (Ex-Newark Police Town Inspector) who yet again devised and delivered an entertaining evening of challenging questions.

At the end of the evening there was a clear winning a team but a tiebreak was needed to determine the runners-up team. Both the leading teams were home grown with the 'Dallas Cowboys' led by **Dallas Fraser** emerging as champions and 'Card's Cads' led by **Alan Card** as worthy runners-up following the tiebreak!

Thanks again to the Club team and **Sue Parker** for providing a delicious Curry! A great night was had by all and importantly we also raised some £128 towards our Wings' Appeal 2022 .



Quiz Champions—'The Dallas Cowboys'



.....and our Runner's-Up Team—'Card's Cads'

BREAKING NEWS

We understand that not all members have FaceBook where we have until now been posting our up-to-date news, but thanks to the efforts of Jerry Flint our Branch Vice-Chairman, we now have a new website that will hopefully help to widen our membership audience?

Why not visit now at:

www.rafanewark.co.uk

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 **Sunday Lunchtime** 

16th October – 12noon till 2.00pm

NEWARK RAFA CLUB **£3.00**
Entry

12 TO THE BAR **12 TO THE BAR**

BAR Available **BAR Available**

£3.00

Entry *Come in and join us for two hours of Great Music and Fun.*

The poster features a central photograph of a jazz band performing on a stage. The band members are seated and playing various instruments including saxophones, trumpets, and a double bass. In front of them are several small white boxes, each with the '12 TO THE BAR' logo. The background of the stage is decorated with blue string lights.

An Evening with Cranwell

Friday November 4th 2022

Palace Theatre, Newark



Band of the RAF College &

military wives
Choirs
Cranwell



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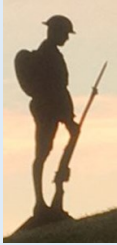
and on line at www.palacenewark.com

£17.50



TC HOME & INTERIOR





Remembrance Sunday — 13th November 2022

This year's Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service will be held in Newark on 13th November. The Parade will assemble in the London Road Car Park and any members wishing to march should arrive before 10.40am

The Unknown Warrior

On September 7th 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battle-field cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme.

None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why. The bodies were taken by field ambulance to GHQ at St-Pol-Sur-ter noise.

There the bodies were draped with the union flag. Sentries were posted and Brigadier-General Wyatt and a Colonel Gell selected one body at random.

A French honour guard was selected, and stood by the coffin overnight.

On the morning of the 8th (a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of Hampton Court, was brought and the unknown warrior placed inside.

On top was placed a crusaders sword and a shield on which was inscribed '(a British Warrior who fell in the GREAT WAR 1914-1918 for king and country'.

On The 9th of November the unknown warrior was taken by horse drawn carriage through guards of honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside. There it was loaded onto HMS Vernon bound for Dover..... the coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths and surrounded by the French honour guard.

On arrival at Dover the the unknown warrior was greeted with a 19 gun salute, normally only reserved for field marshals. He then traveled by special train to Victoria Station London.

He stayed there overnight and on the morning of the 11th of November he was taken to Westminster Abbey where he was placed in a tomb at the west end of the nave - his grave was filled in using 100 sandbags of earth from the battlefields.

When the Duke of York (later King George VI) married Lady Ellizabeth Bowes Lyons in the Abbey in 1923 she left her wedding bouquet on the grave as a mark of respect (she had lost a brother during the war) Since then all royal brides married in the Abbey have sent back their bouquets to be laid on the grave.

The idea of the unknown soldier was thought of by a Padre called David Railton who had served at the front during the great war and it was the union flag they used as an altar cloth at the front, that had been draped over the coffin.

It is the intention that all relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could believe that the unknown warrior could very well be their lost husband, Father, brother or son.

We will remember them.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"

John 15:13



The Lighter side & wisdom.....

VETERAN

SLOWER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET
LESS POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE
UNABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND
AND YET - STILL A SUPER MAN



When you realize that 1970 and 2022 are as far apart as 1970 and 1918 I'm just going to need a minute

We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.

When we were young, we sneaked out of our house to go to parties. Now, we sneak out of parties to go home!

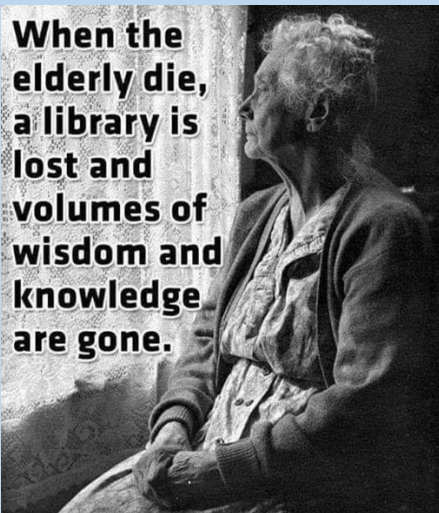
🤔 Why do our cars have to be roadworthy
😐 But the roads are not car worthy 😐

God promised men that good and obedient wives could be found in every corner of the world. Then he made the Earth round...and laughed and laughed and laughed!

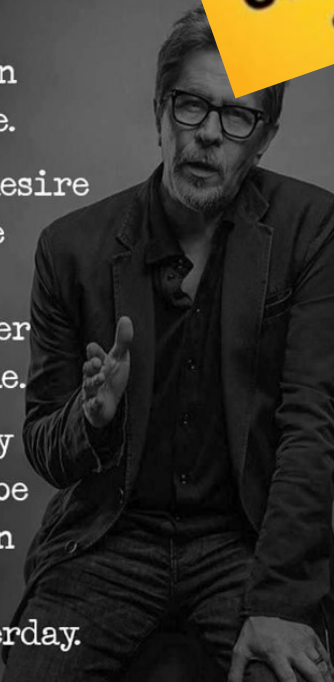
I hate hotel bath towels. So thick and fluffy I can't even close my suitcase!



When the elderly die, a library is lost and volumes of wisdom and knowledge are gone.



I am in competition with no one.
I have no desire to play the game of being better than anyone.
I am simply trying to be better than the person I was yesterday.



TIME TO DRINK CHAMPAGNE AND DANCE ON THE TABLE

And from Snowdrop Corner.....

A pensioner drove his brand new BMW to 100 mph, looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him. He floored it to 140 , then 150, ... then 155, ... Suddenly he thought,

"I'm too old for this nonsense !"

So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

The officer walked up to him, looked at his watch and said,

"Sir, my shift ends in ten minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend with my family. If you can give me a good reason that I've never heard before, why you were speeding... I'll let you go."

The Man looked very seriously at the police man, and replied :-

"Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back." !!!

The Cop left saying, " Have a good day, Sir "...



.....And the latest in Motor Bike gear??!



Member Discounts.....

Defence Discount Service

The official MoD discount service for the Armed Forces, Veterans and the Armed Forces Community:

Defence Discount Service provides discounts both online and on the high street for members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and Armed Forces Community.

Defence Discount Service is home of the Defence Privilege Card, the vetted discount card that can be used in stores, restaurants and venues to obtain armed forces discounts. This discount card allows Veterans and the Armed Forces Community to have a card that can allow them to receive military discounts.



For further information and to join visit: <https://www.defencediscountservice.co.uk/>

Did you know that HM Forces serving and ex-personnel are also entitled to join and enjoy the discounts offered through the following organisations? Get your card now and start saving.....



Blue Light Card

We are the discount service for the emergency services, NHS, social care sector and **armed forces**, providing our members with thousands of amazing discounts online and on the high street.

For just £4.99, members of the blue light community can register for 2-years access to more than 15,000 discounts from large national retailers to local businesses across categories such as holidays, cars, days out, fashion, gifts, insurance, phones, and many more.

For further information and to join visit: <https://www.bluelightcard.co.uk/>



Pensioners can get money off their food shop—
how over 60s can access 10% discount

Each Tuesday, people aged 60 and over can bag 10 percent off their shop at Iceland and The Food Warehouse. There's no minimum spend, meaning eligible customers can secure the discount whatever the size of their shopping list. To redeem the discount, shoppers will of course need to shop on a Tuesday, and show either their Senior Bus Pass, Driver's Licence,



The Adverts.....



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Armed Forces Day 2023

Just as one event finishes , planning starts for the next and we're already in discussion with Newark Town Council about AFD 2023! Armed Forces Day working group (AFS WG) is charged with organising and co-ordinating the Day's events. It comprises representatives from the Service organisations eg RAFA, RBL etc and traditionally the working group lead rotates through the three Services, with the lead for 2023 falling to the RAF.

*Again, guess who didn't duck quick enough?! Yes, Branch Chairman, **Allan Hildage**, really should know better by now? However, this does provide the opportunity to raise the profile of the Branch and with **Brian Hughes** , Chairman of, and representing, RAFA Balderton, we should hopefully be able to put on a great 'Show' with the 'light blue' at the fore?*

Whilst Allan will and could jointly Chair the AFD WG whilst representing the Branch, it would be helpful if we could have an additional representative from the Branch to ease the burden and avoid any possible conflicts. So, following the underlying theme of this Newsletter, we would welcome a willing volunteer to help on the AFD WG?!

If you might be interested in helping please contact Allan directly (07908 211137 or allahildage@btinternet.com) for further information without obligation!

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Very many thanks to all the contributors to this Newsletter, knowingly or not! We hope you have enjoyed the read, but we always need more articles, reminiscences and memories that need sharing and perhaps recording for posterity? Accordingly, can we please ask again that if you have anything you'd like to contribute / share / voice in future Newsletters, please contact the Editor

(rafanewarknews@btinternet.com)



Take Care, Stay Safe, Stay Strong!



Diary Dates

October — December 2022

October

- Mon 3rd — Branch & Club Committee Meetings
- Thur 13th — Club Special General Meeting
- Sun 16th — Lunchtime Music 12-to-the-Bar
- Sat 29th — Newark AF Breakfast Club

November

- Tues 1st — Club Open Night
- Fri 4th - Military Wives Choir / RAFC Band — Palace Theatre
- Mon 7th — Branch & Club Committee Meetings
- Sun 13th - Remembrance Sunday
- Thur 24th — Club Open Night

December

- Mon 5th — Branch & Club Committee Meetings
- Tues 6th - Club Open Night
- Wed 14th — Age UK Christmas Party
- Fri 16th — Branch Christmas Social
- Thur 29th — Club Open Night



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