



RAF HALTON APPRENTICES' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

After the announcement that Halton was to close, our then Chairman Duncan Grant, on behalf of the Association, had the foresight to inform the Secretariat, Infrastructure MOD of our interest in maintaining our historic presence at Halton. A short narrative of his correspondence and their reply is recorded below. In addition, we are in contact with the Vale of Aylesbury District Council recording our interest in the site, which covers the Church and the Halton Apprentice Tribute. We are pleased to note the support of our President Group Captain J. Brayshaw.

Request;

"RAF Halton Closes by 2022. It has significant recognised military history associated with the 20th Century including WW1, WW11 and the Cold War. This is manifested in a number of ways including Rolls of Honour and specialty windows in St George's Church as well as the pictorial and Archive stories ranging from that associated with Frank Whittle and many WW11 heroes from the 40,000 plus RAF Engineering Apprentices who trained at RAF HALTON for 73 of the first 100 years of the Royal Air Force. It is a significant component in the history of Lord Trenchard's vision for the foundation of the Service.

What plans are in place to ensure the markers for this Legacy and Heritage (already in place and available for access by the public) will be sustained at the site-perhaps in what is now St George's Church - following closure".

Response;

"A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Aylesbury Vale District Council have received initial contact from MOD officials who will work closely with the Council and other interested parties to consider the best possible future use for the site. RAF Halton contains a number of listed buildings and structures that have statutory protection, including Grade 2* Halton House and gardens. In addition, there are a number of features and artefacts currently housed at the site by the RAF which have significance both to the history of the service and the local community. This includes items currently found at St Georges Church. Whilst the Church is not listed, the MOD recognise the significance of many of its features and will be considering how best to ensure this is dealt with in a respectful manner."

Our President Group Captain James Brayshaw briefed the Council at the end of a planned Council meeting. It included;

The prospect of an enclave based on the Sergeant's' Mess, Kermode Hall and St George's Church. His personal recognition of the need to create a high profile for Heritage and Legacy matters.

The move to Cranwell would take three years.

The Chairman and His Deputy will be the Associations points of contact. Min Larkin will provide matters Historic associated with Halton to the Station Heritage Committee.

AGM

I am sure you will appreciate that the suddenness of the decision to close Halton, and our Chairman's announcement that for personal reasons he will be standing down in January, presents your Council with a number of challenges that affect us all. Your Council does not intend to be wrong footed by acting hastily. We met on the [7th February](#) and decided to postpone the March AGM until the 30th September (which is the latest date as per our Constitution. This will enable us to prepare and present to you a number of options for your consideration. Also, we unanimously agreed that the current Deputy Chairman, Denis O'Brien, takes over as Interim Chairman for the period [8th February to 30th September 2017](#).

NEWSLETTER/HALTONIAN

At a number of AGMs, we have raised the matter of the increasing cost of the Newsletter and Haltonian and have discussed the matter of sending them to you via email. On these occasions, it was felt that we would endeavour to send you a hard copy for as long as possible. The Council now considers that on the grounds of cost we should move to an electronic means of distribution for both pieces. This decision was not taken lightly.

A number of you have not provided us with your email details and by your hardcopy of this newsletter we would ask you contact Alan Farley at membership@rafhaa.co.uk so that you can receive further Association information.

TRENCHARD'S ENGINEERING APPRENTICE LEGACY 2020 LTD (TEAL)

Managed by the three Directors selected by Council, TEAL was created to deliver three particular Legacy items. These were:

Formal Recognition by the RAF Museum of the place of the Halton Apprentices in the history of the Service.

Construction and delivery of a website telling the whole of Trenchard's Apprentice story worldwide. (To become www.rafapprentice.co.uk).

The setting up of a Bursary Trust in perpetuity.

The last piece of the jigsaw, the RAF Halton Apprentice Trust (RAFHAT), is in the process of being authorised by the Charities Commission as this Newsletter is being released. The Trust Objectives extend beyond Bursaries, allowing Trustees to support initiatives relevant to our Legacy in the years ahead.

With this in mind, the TEAL Directors think the time is right to close the company, transferring any remaining responsibilities (such as web site support and RAF Museum related 2020 work at Cosford) to the new RAFHAT. There will be no call for Association funds to do this and is planned to be completed by [31 March 2017](#).

Without the support of TEAL it is doubtful if we could have achieved so much in a relatively short space of time. With the benefit of hindsight in view of the announcement of the closure of Halton it is fortuitous that we did! Many thanks to all involved (some unseen) who have helped us to come so far in such a short time.

BURSARY

A number of members have asked if they can donate directly to RAFHAT. Yes. If you wish, you can donate directly to RAFHAT by contacting Les Shardlow: secretary@rafhaa.co.uk or telephone the office [01296 696896](tel:01296696896).

We are pleased to announce that this year, we will be able to sponsor three scholars. This is due to the gain accrued from our Capital Funds, without eroding our capital sum.

News of our current scholar George Lacey.

In February, he will visit Cranwell to attend an RAF Induction Course and in July, undertake a RAF Leadership Course at Gilwell London. We are very fortunate to have OC NO1 School of Technical Training Wing Commander Chris Jones to act as mentor to George. We are also delighted that Chris, a former Cosford Technician Apprentice, has agreed to be a Trustee of RAFHAT.

IBCC

Our thanks to Peter Cunningham and Min Larkin for supporting our interest here. Min is currently providing the IBCC Team with details of our contribution to the Bomber Command.

NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - CENOTAPH

The HAA will be represented at the National Remembrance Service and Parade on Sunday. [12th November 2017](#). Tickets for the event are limited. This occasion is another opportunity to wear the forage cap. Please apply to the office if you wish to attend. An SAE would be appreciated. Because of security restrictions you will also need to send the Secretary your DOB, current address and the town in where you were born. Failure to do so will mean your Secretary having to chase you up, however, the organisers may refuse your application.

HAA REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The HAA Remembrance Service at St. Georges Church and Parade will be held on [Tuesday 7th November 2017](#). Please let the office know if you wish to attend.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE

The National Remembrance Service to commemorate the Battle of Britain will be held at Westminster Cathedral on [17th September 2017](#). Please contact Les Shardlow if you wish to attend. An SAE would be appreciated. The same information required as for Cenotaph, plus passport or driving licence No.

STOP PRESS

Our recently appointed Membership Secretary Garron Clark-Darby has for personal reasons had to stand down. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking over the job.

REUNIONS.

223 Entry

Date. [27- 29th May](#).

Location. The Mercury, Bristol Holland and Spa, Bristol.

Contact: Bob Rodhamat: Robert.rodham@idnet.com or call him on [07803 173161](tel:07803173161).

203 Entry

Date: [19-22nd April](#).

Location: Holiday Inn Express Gun Wharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3FD Contact: Please book direct with Enid at the Hotel on [02392 894240](tel:02392894240).

Phone Tony Missent on [01685 812287](tel:01685812287)

Mob No. [07768 696440](tel:07768696440)

E mail: tonymissent@gmail.com

310 Entry

Date: [2-3rd September](#)

Location: The Best Western Hotel, Monkbar, York.

Contact: Peter Barker. Email: ptrbrk@aol.com

80 Entry

Date: To be Announced.

Contact: Nev. Feist on [01293 775403](tel:01293775403) Mob No. [0786 5882513](tel:07865882513). Email: nevfeist@gmail.com

Enclosure: Financial Statements for year ending 2016

For further News updates see www.oldhaltonians.co.uk and click on "News".

RAF Halton Apprentices Association: Section A Receipts and Payments Year End to 31st December 2016

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1,333	-	-	1,333	1,019
Window	-	-	-	-	-
Triennial	21,494	-	-	21,494	-
Bequests/Legacies	16,941	-	-	16,941	-
Gift Aid Claimed	4,755	-	-	4,755	-
Life Membership Subscriptions	1,950	-	-	1,950	1,300
3yr Membership Subscriptions	4,955	-	-	4,955	2,680
Annual Membership Subscriptions	8,411	-	-	8,411	8,255
Memorabilia Sales	1,933	-	-	1,933	957
Investment Gain/Bank Interest	546	-	-	546	748
Rose Garden	-	-	-	-	-
Paver Income	-	800	-	800	390
Grove	-	-	-	-	-
Museum	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	62,317	800	-	63,117	15,350
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Gilliat Original Investment	-	-	-	-	25,000
Gilliat Investment Gained	-	-	-	-	6,375
AXA Elevate Drawdown	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
Sub total	8,000	-	-	8,000	31,375
Total receipts	70,317	800	-	71,117	46,725
A3 Payments					
Gifts & Grants To Individuals	300	-	-	300	216
Gifts & Grants To Institutions	1,125	-	-	1,125	2,154
Insurance	631	-	-	631	613
General Travel Expenses	6,022	-	-	6,022	7,956
Telephone/Fax/Email	1,273	-	-	1,273	1,629
Postage	714	-	-	714	12
Stationery & Office Supplies	702	-	-	702	334
Website Cost	-	-	-	-	-
Halton Magazine Printing Costs	15,179	-	-	15,179	13,267
Golden Oldies Band Costs	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,000
Catering for Events & Meetings	1,766	-	-	1,766	2,435
Coach Hire	310	-	-	310	1,043
IT Costs	3,941	-	-	3,941	3,104
Service Supplies	3,139	-	-	3,139	3,567
Grove Maintenance Fund	300	-	-	300	200
Archive Project Consumables	353	-	-	353	194
Memorabilia for Shop Sales	-	-	-	-	1,968
Governance Audit	200	-	-	200	200
Governance Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
AGM Costs	618	-	-	618	604
Rose Garden	-	237	-	237	220
Pavers	-	323	-	323	819
Grove	-	-	-	-	-
Museum	-	155	-	155	-
Window	-	-	-	-	-
Triennial Expenses	7,429	-	-	7,429	-
IBCC Paver Legacy	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Teal 2020 Legacy Funding	-	-	-	-	69,606
Teal 2020 Bursary Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Teal 2020 Project Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	48,500	715	-	49,215	112,146
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
New HAA Office Hardware	43	-	-	43	666
Haltonian Project Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	-	402
Wealthtime Investment	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Sub total	50,043	-	-	50,043	1,068
Total payments	98,543	715	-	99,258	113,214
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 28,226	85	-	- 28,141	- 66,489
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	207	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	108,342	28,130	-	80,212	-
Cash funds this year end	80,116	28,045	-	52,278	66,489

RAF Halton Apprentices Association Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities YE 31st Dec 2016

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Year End 2015
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current Account	11,897	-	-	1,120
	Barclays Current Account	4,969	-	-	1,864
	Santander Direct Saver	159	-	-	158
	Santander Reward Saver	5,159	-	-	5,138
	Leeds Holbeck Building Society	-	-	-	389
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	1,425	-	-	51,045
	Nationwide Building Society	-	-	-	127
	Barclays Grove Account	-	334	-	128
	Barclays Deposit Account	28,334	-	-	20,243
		-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	51,943	334	-	80,211
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement	Agreement	OK	
		Error	Error		
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
	Shop Memorabilia Stock	3,450	-	-	5,349
	Stamps	805	-	-	756
	Outstanding Recoverable Gift Aid 2014	-	-	-	2,400
	Estimated Recoverable Gift Aid 2015	-	-	-	2,300
	Estimated Recoverable Gift Aid 2016	3,000	-	-	-
	Estimated Triennial Gift Aid 2016	2,770	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Cofunds Cash	Unrestricted	-	8,632	-
	Invesco Perpetual Distribution	Unrestricted	-	18,254	19,450
	Invesco Perpetual Corporate	Unrestricted	-	14,716	15,649
	Invesco Perpetual Monthly	Unrestricted	-	25,412	27,466
	Jupiter Strategic (Acc)	Unrestricted	-	6,595	6,867
	Jupiter Strategic (Inc)	Unrestricted	-	6,709	7,048
	Wealthtime	Unrestricted	-	158,459	76,314
	AXA Elevate GIA	Unrestricted	-	132,533	155,579
					371,311
					423,588
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	HAA Office	Unrestricted	-	2,221	2,736
	Museum	Unrestricted	-	1,030	1,288
					3,251
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which	Amount due	When due	
	Halton Magazine Printing Costs	Unrestricted	1,199	February 2017	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Date of approval