



## **RAF HALTON APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2016**

This Newsletter includes an update on the situation regarding your Council and its effect on the future of our Association. It also details the plans for ensuring that there is an enduring RAF Apprentice legacy. In turn, details of this year's AGM and Triennial are provided.

### **Your Council**

For over a year now, appeals have been made in both the Haltonian and the last Newsletter, for members to step forward and take up vacant positions on the HAA Council. No volunteers have been forthcoming who have agreed to undertake any of the tasks. Over the last few months in particular Council has suffered the loss of three members: one has sadly died, a second has had a stroke, and another has retired due to general ill health. Furthermore, another Council Member is shortly to move away from the Halton area. The majority of the members on the Council have served for several years with three members for about 20 years; they have been the backbone of the Association. In addition, the Chairman will be stepping down during the course of the year after the AGM. At present, we have no successor. We need a prospective new Chairman and replacements for the key vacant positions of Membership Secretary and the Haltonian Editor. In the meantime Min Larkin has agreed to act as co-ordinating editor until a replacement editor can be found. The volunteers at the National Memorial Arboretum and the Golden Oldies are similarly placed. The result is that the Council has had to anticipate the rundown of the Association. Unless vacancies are filled this could be sooner than we all anticipated. Of course, this may not arise if volunteers do step forward.

### **The Trenchard Apprentice Centennial Project**

Against the background of the risk of a shortening Association life the outcome of the Centennial Project becomes imperative if the contribution that the RAF Apprentice Scheme has made to both the RAF and the Nation is not to be forgotten once the HAA is no more and there is no one to advance our cause. Details of the Project (Trenchard's Engineering Apprentice Legacy 2020 - TEAL 2020) have been well rehearsed in the Haltonian, Newsletter and the Chairman's report to the last AGM.

The TEAL 2020 project team, ably supported by its professional adviser, has been working hard over the last 15 months to explore the opportunities that might be available to ensure our that our Legacy is more widely appreciated. They have looked extensively across industry and other organisations in an attempt to get financial sponsorship so that the project becomes self-funding. However, we have been hampered by the large sum of money we have in the bank when it comes to getting such support. This means that if we are to be successful we will have to dip into our capital. You may know that, should our Association cease to exist, the residue of our money will, in accordance with our Constitution, be allocated to the RAF Halton Charities Account or the RAF

Benevolent Fund. Although worthy causes in themselves, they would not necessarily provide a continuing legacy for Trenchard's Brats.

After exhaustive research, the TEAL team has identified what it considers to be our best options for the future and has put before your Council those that it recommends. The Council has given its unanimous approval to these recommendations. Our Legacy programme will have a 3 - pronged approach:

- Bursaries administered by the RAF Charitable Trust (RAF CT)), to be in place by 2017.
- A new and dynamic website designed to focus on garnering the interest of the general public and youth in the telling of the Apprentice story.
- Presence at the RAF Museum at Hendon and Cosford.

As far as the Bursary initiative is concerned, the plan is that they would be offered annually to sixth form students to encourage the take up of a career in engineering. We are in discussions with the RAF Charitable Trust (RAFCT) who would oversee the running of the programme on our behalf. One of the most significant advantages of involving the RAFCT is that the programme would continue once the Association closes down. The importance of the Bursary scheme is considered to be of the highest priority for our Legacy initiative. It does come at a price, and a considerable sum would have to be invested to ensure the longevity of the scheme. Initial estimates drawn up in partnership with the RAFCT indicate that a capital sum of about £200k will be required. This is a significant but not critical proportion of the Association's funds. Even so, the bursary scheme is considered essential to ensure an enduring legacy. The AGM will offer an update.

An extract from the new website will be shown to the AGM following which it will be released to the world at large! Engagement with Senior Management with the RAF Museum has taken place and was extremely successful. The AGM will be offered a progress report.

Finally, in overseeing expenditure on the Legacy projects, your Council will of course keep in mind the need to ensure that sufficient funds are available to enable the Association to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

I look forward to your continuing support



Chairman

## **The AGM**

The AGM will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The CMC of the Sgts' Mess has once again kindly given us permission to use the Mess for our pre-AGM lunch. The Sgt's Mess bar will be open at 11:30 and usual, the AGM will be held in Kermode Hall commencing at 1330 hrs. The agenda and the financial statements are enclosed. Important decisions on the Association's legacy will be made, and we need you there to have your say. Please make the effort to attend. Please advise the General Secretary of requests for additional agenda items to be considered by the Council by 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## **The Triennial**

Through the goodwill of the Station we are able once again to hold a Triennial. It will be held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September. Details and the application form are attached. There are a couple of important points to bring to your attention. First, changing circumstances have encouraged your Council to agree that members may now invite one adult (paying!) guest for the day. Secondly, there will be NO FACILITIES for 'pay at the gate' by non - members. If you know of any non-members who wish come along please tell them to apply for membership in the normal way in sufficient time for the Triennial paperwork to be sent on to them. Finally, a plea for help! Please contact Denis O'Brien, the Office Manager if you feel you can offer support on the day itself and / or in the admin prior to the event.

Enclosures:

1. AGM Agenda
2. Annual Finance Statement
3. Triennial Information

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**ROYAL AIR FORCE**  
**HALTON APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

**KERMODE HALL, RAF HALTON**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Introduction and Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of the Last Meeting
- 4 Matters Arising
- 5 Chairman's Report
- 6 Financial Statement
- 7 Membership Report
- 8 Legacy Report
  - a. IBCC Progress
  - b. Cold War Heroes Recognition
  - c. RAF Museum Centennial
  - d. Centennial Bursary Award Plans
- 9 Appointment Of Officers
- 10 President's Address
- 11 Message from our Patron

Enclosure 2- RAFHAA UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2015

RAF Halton Apprentices Association: Section A Receipts and Payments Year End to 31st December 2015						
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest	£	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations		1,019	-	-	1,019	470
Window		-	-	-	-	-
Triennial		-	-	-	-	-
Bequests/Legacies		-	-	-	-	69,906
Gift Aid Claimed		-	-	-	-	7,660
Life Membership Subscriptions		1,300	-	-	1,300	1,500
3yr Membership Subscriptions		2,680	-	-	2,680	1,780
Annual Membership Subscriptions		8,255	-	-	8,255	8,855
Memorabilia Sales		957	-	-	957	799
Investment Gain/Bank Interest		748	-	-	748	9,157
Rose Garden		-	-	-	-	-
Paver Income		-	390	-	390	1,170
Grove		-	-	-	-	-
Museum		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>		<b>14,960</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,350</b>	<b>101,296</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>						
Gilliat Original Investment		25,000	-	-	25,000	-
Gilliat Investment Gained		6,375	-	-	6,375	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>31,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,375</b>	<b>-</b>
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>46,335</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,725</b>	<b>101,296</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Gifts & Grants To Individuals		216	-	-	216	292
Gifts & Grants To Institutions		2,154	-	-	2,154	3,015
Insurance		613	-	-	613	597
General Travel Expenses		7,956	-	-	7,956	8,354
Telephone/Fax/Email		1,629	-	-	1,629	1,040
Postage		16	-	-	16	223
Stationary & Office Supplies		334	-	-	334	358
Website Cost		-	-	-	-	-
Halton Magazine Printing Costs		13,267	-	-	13,267	7,299
Golden Oldies Band Costs		2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
Catering for Events & Meetings		2,435	-	-	2,435	3,755
Coach Hire		1,043	-	-	1,043	1,150
IT Costs		3,104	-	-	3,104	3,557
Service Supplies		3,567	-	-	3,567	2,715
Grove Maintenance Fund		200	-	-	200	200
Archive Project Consumables		194	-	-	194	-
Memorabilia for Shop Sales		1,968	-	-	1,968	777
Governance Audit		200	-	-	200	160
Governance Bank Charges		-	-	-	-	-
Overall amounts transferred to Investments/Assets		-	-	-	-	35,375
AGM Costs		604	-	-	604	715
Rose Garden		-	220	-	220	120
Pavers		-	819	-	819	1,013
Grove		-	-	-	-	1,584
Museum		-	-	-	-	-
Window		-	-	-	-	-
Teal 2020 Legacy Funding		-	69,606	-	69,606	-
Teal 2020 Scoping Study		-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>41,501</b>	<b>70,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,146</b>	<b>79,299</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>						
New HAA Office Hardware		666	-	-	666	-
Haltonian Project Equipment Purchase		402	-	-	402	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>1,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>-</b>
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>42,569</b>	<b>70,645</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>113,214</b>	<b>79,299</b>
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>3,766</b>	<b>- 70,255</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 66,489</b>	<b>21,997</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>104,536</b>	<b>42,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,661</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>108,342</b>	<b>- 28,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,212</b>	<b>21,997</b>

**RAF Halton Apprentices Association Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities YE 31st Dec 2015**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Year End 2014
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Santander Current Account	1,120	-	-	1,040
	Barclays Current Account	1,864	-	-	38,133
	Santander Direct Saver	158	-	-	158
	Santander Reward Saver	5,138	-	-	5,094
	Leeds Holbeck Building Society	389	-	-	381
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	51,045	-	-	50,538
	Nationwide Building Society	127	-	-	127
	COIF Deposit Account	-	-	-	1,043
	Barclays Grove Account	-	128	-	88
	Barclays Deposit Account	20,243	-	-	50,059
		-	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>80,084</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,661</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK	
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
	Shop Memorabilia Stock	5,349	-	-	5,428
	Stamps	756	-	-	1,097
	Estimated Recoverable Gift Aid 2015	2,300	-	-	2,400
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Invesco Perpetual Distribution	Unrestricted	-	19,450	19,408
	Invesco Perpetual Corporate	Unrestricted	-	15,649	15,547
	Invesco Perpetual Monthly	Unrestricted	-	27,466	27,366
	Jupiter Strategic (Acc)	Unrestricted	-	6,867	6,825
	Jupiter Strategic (Inc)	Unrestricted	-	7,048	6,942
	Gilliat Investment	Unrestricted	-	-	31,375
	Wealthtime	Unrestricted	-	76,314	75,948
	AXA Elevate GIA	Unrestricted	-	155,579	154,462
		-	-	-	308,373
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	388,584
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Halton Grove	Restricted	-	-	11,088
	Halton Grove	Unrestricted	-	-	871
	HAA Office	Unrestricted	-	2,736	2,727
	Museum	Unrestricted	-	1,288	1,288
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	4,024
		-	-	-	15,974
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</b>	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval		
	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED			
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Enclosure 3

12th Triennial Reunion

24th September 2016

This year's event will start in Henderson NAAFI (Tank) @ 10:00.

En-route from Baker's Field to Henderson Grove, a number of venues will be open for you to visit: The Trench Lines, Tactical Support Museum and coffee lounge, Kermod Hall, St George's Church, the Trenchard Museum and Halton House.

Uxbridge Classic Car Club, will once again support our event. Members wishing to display vintage vehicles of any description are welcome to do so. Please tell the office first to arrange security passes. Members wishing to fly into Halton should contact the office for operational reasons.

The Sunset Ceremony is at 15:20. The Golden Oldies will lead the parade from Henderson Grove Square to St George's Church. We would ask you to give your full support to our service at St Georges Church at 16:00.

NB: Transport will be provided during the march for the disabled, infirm and 'excused boots'. The RAFA Club at the Airfield will open between 16:00 and 19:00. The Trenchard Museum will be open all day.

There will be plenty of car parking spaces on Baker's Field. Regional branches/entry association planning to arrive by coach are requested to let the office know. Members, who have enjoyed the barrack block experience at past reunions, will be pleased (or possibly disappointed) to hear that this year, we have managed to secure 110 single rooms. These will be available on Friday 23rd September at a cost of £20/ head for high tea, bed and breakfast. The Sergeants' Mess has kindly agreed to provide a suitable drinking venue on the 23rd for those staying overnight.

Your Council agreed to allow wives, partners or an adult friend to attend this Event. The cost of the reunion to those members who pre-register will be £20, which will include lunch. **JOINING ON THE DAY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.** Please pass on these details to those non-members in your entry, who think they can just turn up on the day. Membership is available at £10 year by standing order. Members are respectfully requested to pre-register, as there will be no opportunity to do so at the gate.

Memorabilia will be on sale in Henderson Tank.

Members are requested to return the pre-registration form (enclosed) with an appropriate cheque and a stamped SAE (A5). A pack containing full details of the reunion will be sent out in late August/early September. You will need to have your programme and membership card to hand if challenged by guards. If you have lost your card, please send a stamped SAE to the office for a replacement.

Once again, please encourage any non-members who intend to come, to join the Association NOW. It will not be possible to do so on the day.

THIS REUNION WILL LIKELY BE THE LAST IN ITS CURRENT FORM

## **ANNUAL HAA REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

The HAA Remembrance Service at St Georges and Parade at the Tribute will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **CENOTAPH REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

The HAA will be represented at the National Remembrance Service and Parade at the Cenotaph on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Tickets for the event are limited. This occasion would be another opportunity to wear the forage cap. Please apply to the office if you wish to attend. A stamped SAE would be appreciated.

## **ENTRY REUNIONS 2016**

There is only one reunion planned before the next magazine in June, and that is the 74<sup>th</sup> Entry Diamond anniversary reunion at Halton on Easter weekend 25-27<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Contact [tony26cp@virginmeia.com](mailto:tony26cp@virginmeia.com)

There are quite a few reunions taking place over the Triennial weekend, so I am told but only two have notified the Office. These are

63<sup>rd</sup> Entry. 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joining. 23-25<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Pendley Manor Hotel, Tring. Contact Min Larkin at [min5856@btinternet.com](mailto:min5856@btinternet.com)

106<sup>th</sup> Entry. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Graduation. 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Broughton Suite, Holiday Inn, Aylesbury. Contact Dave Corton [dave@corton.net](mailto:dave@corton.net) or Vaughan Daivies on Mobile (07716) 353037.

142<sup>nd</sup> Entry. Weekend 15-16<sup>th</sup> October.