



RAF HALTON APPRENTICES' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Saturday 28th March at 1330 in Kermode Hall. Attendance at the AGM is for members only. Accounts are attached for your consideration. They will also be shown on our official website. Once again we have the privilege of foregathering at the Sergeants' Mess where the bar will be open at 1130 and a finger buffet will be served at 1215. The buffet will be free of charge. Members who intend to be present are requested to let the office know ASAP, so that catering arrangements can be made. Members not taking lunch are requested to be seated in Kermode Hall by 1315.

Wives and partners are welcome to join Members for lunch but not for the AGM. For those so interested during the AGM, which normally ends at 1530, we plan to have St. George's Church open for viewing the stained glass windows and where tea/coffee/cakes will be on offer.

To enable us respond to any questions you wish to put to your Council at the AGM they must be forwarded in writing to the office and received by 17th March.

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN ON THE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

This first Newsletter for a number of years arises from a review of the commitment and capabilities of your Council *Volunteers*. There is not a bottomless pit of goodwill and steady stream of volunteers to sustain the way we would ideally wish to support you. Accordingly, we will now be releasing two editions of the Haltonian each year. They will be supplemented by a Newsletter. Where

possible, the Newsletter will be transmitted by e-mail. It will also be placed on the Association web site. Please read on to see what important topics are underway or planned.

Your AGM

Council colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you. Let's see if we can top the 2014 numbers (92) who supported democracy last year. As highlighted below, Min Larkin is handing over the reins of the Haltonian. We urgently seek a successor. In turn, although Alan Farley and Peter Brown have been ably holding the fort, the Membership Secretary appointment still lies vacant.

Do come along.

Legacy Initiative

At last year's AGM I indicated that we were embarking on a project to determine how best to ensure that our Legacy is delivered. The Haltonian has also kept you up to date. I am pleased to report that your Council has now appointed three members as Directors of a Company limited by Guarantee to drive our vision forward. This will ring fence the Association's routine business. The company is known (with Lord Trenchard's agreement) as "Trenchard's Engineering Apprentice Legacy 2020" (TEAL 2020). Its mission, with specialist professional support, is to deliver a long standing bursary / scholarship and permanent exhibition reflecting our heritage for the 2020 Centennial of Lord Trenchard's vision. Peter Cunningham of the Lincoln Branch is kindly leading the investigation into how best to ensure that the International Bomber Command Memorial at Lincoln also reflects the Apprentice Story. By the AGM Peter and I will have proposals to put to you. Much is underway. Come along to support.

The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain

The Royal Air Forces Association is leading the National Remembrance to commemorate the 75th anniversary of The Battle with a Service at St Paul's Cathedral on 15th September 2015. I am pleased to report that in the light of the Apprentice contribution in the air and on the ground during the battle we will be represented at the Service. Fuller details will be placed on the web site at www.oldhaltonians.co.uk as they become available. In the meantime, we would welcome information from any Member who knows of an ex Apprentice Battle of Britain Veteran or Veteran family member who might wish to be involved with this historic event. Please contact the General Secretary, Les Shardlow, at the office..

NEW EDITORIAL TEAM NEEDED FOR THE HALTONIAN

The Haltonian Team of Min Larkin and Graeme Booker have decided to hand-over the reins at the end of 2015. They have undoubtedly found the job interesting and enjoyable since taking on the editorial task at short notice in 2012. Min in particular will be better able to continue his important support to our Centennial project through his Archive work. Any member(s) interested would be welcome to visit to discuss the matter and to see how the magazine is produced. The new team,(or individual if someone is so minded) would of course continue to enjoy the full support of the Association Archivists and access to our large photographic selection.

All reasonable expenses in pursuance of the job are met by the Association. IT support is provided with a Haltonian - dedicated Apple Computer. Please contact Min Larkin in the first instance on 01296624095 or trenchard63@btinternet.com should you be interested in taking on this important Association work.

ANNUAL HAA REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The HAA Remembrance Service at St Georges and Parade at the Tribute will be held on Tuesday 3rd November. The service will record the 75th anniversary of Thomas Gray's heroism, the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the very IMPORTANT part former Apprentices played in its success. Finally, we will also remember the contribution made by Apprentices in saying farewell to Sir Winston Churchill in 1965. Please make this a 'must go to event'.

CENOTAPH REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The HAA will be represented at the National Remembrance Service and Parade at The Cenotaph on Sunday 8th November 2015. 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. An SAE would be appreciated.

ENTRY REUNIONS 2015

On the w/e 18th/19th April 2015, the 55th Entry will hold their Final, Final Re-Union (68 years from joining) at the Holiday Inn Aston Clinton. Some will arrive on the Friday 17th- notably Pat Cropley from Australia- but most on the Saturday; Entry Dinner will be on the Sunday evening. Anyone not yet booked in, please contact "The Good Shepherd", Dave Smith (55th) dave55thsmith@ntlworld.com
70th Entry. 22&23 May. Loc. Holiday Inn Bromsgrove. Contact Fred Crooks on 01276 36025 or fred.crooks550@gmail.com
82nd Entry. 22&23 May. .Telford Hotel & Golf Resort, Telford Shropshire. Martin Harvey on 01803 868336 or Harvey@martin375.orangehome.co.uk
109th Entry. (Technician & Dental App.) 50th Anniversary. 24th October. Wendover area. Graham Horlock on 01480 301902 or grahamhorlock@hotmail.com
71st & 218th Entries. 25&26 April.
203rd Entry. 2&3 May.
For further details please contact Trenchard Museum 01296 624095.

**12TH TRIENNIAL REUNION SATURDAY 26th
SEPTEMBER 2016**

Our President, Group Captain Adrian Burns, has kindly agreed that the Association can hold its 12th Triennial Reunion at our Home here at Halton. Further details will follow in the next issue of The Haltonian.

Enclosures:

1. AGM Agenda
2. Financial Statement for Year ending December 2014
3. Memorabilia Reminder

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Enclosure 1

RAF HALTON APPRENTICE ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA MARCH 2015

The AGM of the Royal Air Force Halton Apprentice Association will be held on Saturday 28th March in Kermode Hall RAF Halton. All Members are entitled to attend.

1. Introduction
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
3. Matters Arising from (2)
4. Amendment to Constitution
5. Appointment of Office Bearers.
6. Financial Statement.
7. Membership Report.
8. The Haltonian.
9. Legacy Matters including Chairman's Annual Report.
10. Presidents Report.
11. Message from Patron

Enclosure 2- RAFHAA UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2014

Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	470	-	-	470	10,716
Window	-	-	-	-	-
Triennial	-	-	-	-	17,446
Bequests/Legacies	19,906	50,000	-	69,906	19,475
Gift Aid Claimed	7,660	-	-	7,660	12,375
Life Membership Subscriptions	1,500	-	-	1,500	3,700
3yr Membership Subscriptions	1,780	-	-	1,780	8,274
Annual Membership Subscriptions	8,824	-	-	8,824	8,694
Memorabilia Sales	799	-	-	799	3,074
Investment Gain/Bank Interest	9,157	-	-	9,157	18,169
Rose Garden	-	-	-	-	-
Paver Income	-	1,170	-	1,170	-
Grove	-	-	-	-	-
Museum	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	50,095	51,170	-	101,265	101,923
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,095	51,170	-	101,265	101,923
A3 Payments					
Gifts & Grants To Individuals	292	-	-	292	335
Gifts & Grants To Institutions	3,015	-	-	3,015	3,034
Insurance	597	-	-	597	2,621
General Travel Expenses	8,330	-	-	8,330	10,049
Telephone/Fax/Email	1,040	-	-	1,040	991
Postage	223	-	-	223	593
Stationary & Office Supplies	358	-	-	358	299
Website Costs	-	-	-	-	86
Halton Magazine Printing Costs	7,299	-	-	7,299	11,223
Golden Oldies Band Costs	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,500
Catering for Events & Meetings	3,755	-	-	3,755	7,169
Coach Hire	1,150	-	-	1,150	-
IT Costs	3,557	-	-	3,557	3,366
Services for Equipment	2,715	-	-	2,715	35
Misc. Costs	200	-	-	200	12,471
Petty Cash	23	-	-	23	-
Memorabilia for Shop Sales	777	-	-	777	2,075
Governance Audit	160	-	-	160	150
Governance Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Overall amounts transferred to Investments/Assets	60,840	-	-	60,840	-
AGM Costs	715	-	-	715	535
Rose Garden	-	120	-	120	-
Pavers	-	1,013	-	1,013	-
Grove	-	1,584	-	1,584	-
Museum	-	-	-	-	-
Window	-	-	-	-	-
Legacy	-	-	-	-	-
Teal 2020	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Sub total	102,047	2,717	-	104,764	57,532
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Purchase	-	-	-	-	140
Sub total	-	-	-	-	140
Total payments	102,047	2,717	-	104,764	57,672
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 51,952	48,453	-	- 3,499	44,251
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	130,992	6,328	-	124,664	-
Cash funds this year end	79,040	42,125	-	121,165	44,251

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Santander Current Account	1,040	-	-
	Barclays Current Account	38,133	-	-
	Santander Direct Saver	158	-	-
	Santander Reward Saver	5,094	-	-
	Leeds Holbeck Building Society	381	-	-
	Virgin Money Deposit Account	50,538	-	-
	Nationwide Building Society	127	-	-
	COIF Deposit Account	1,043	-	-
	Barclays Grove Account	-	88	-
	Barclays Heritage Account	-	50,059	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	96,514	50,147	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agree	Agree	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Invesco Perpetual Distribution	Unrestricted	-	19,408
	Invesco Perpetual Corporate	Unrestricted	-	15,547
	Invesco Perpetual Monthly	Unrestricted	-	27,366
	Jupiter Strategic (Acc)	Unrestricted	-	6,825
	Jupiter Strategic (Inc)	Unrestricted	-	6,942
	Gilliat Investment	Unrestricted	-	31,375
	Wealthtime	Unrestricted	-	75,948
	AXA Elevate GIA	Unrestricted	-	154,462
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Halton Grove	Unrestricted	-	4,886
	Halton Grove	Restricted	-	7,093
	HAA Office	Restricted	-	2,727
	Museum	Restricted	-	1,288
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Lavenham Press	Unrestricted	3,670	05 January 2015
	Teal 2020	Unrestricted	19,606	05 January 2015
	Teal 2020	Restricted	50,000	06 January 2015
			-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval

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MEMORABILIA

In the last few editions of the Haltonian we were unable to include our memorabilia offer. Just a reminder to let you know what is on offer.

RAFHAA TRADING ITEMS

Brass Wheel Badges £3.00

Tie Tack Wheel (Plain) £3.50

Car Stickers £0.50

Baseball Caps (Wing colours) £8.00

Baseball Caps (With Braid)(Wing Colours) No dark blue. £5.50

Blazer Badges £12.00

Forage Caps (includes buttons, Wing Colour) £16.00

RAF Metal Badge £3.00

Halton Ties (Silk) £14.00

Halton Ties (Crinkly Silk) £10.00

Halton Ties (Crimplene) £8.00

Halton Ties (Polyester) £6.00

HAAA Ties (With Wheel) £8.00

Tie Tacks (Enamel) (Wing Colours) £3.00

Moneyclip, Page holder (embossed with wheel) £4.00

Key Fob (Brass Wheel) £4.00

Tea Towels £5.00

Halton Tribute CD'S £7.50

Bow ties £7.00

Cummerbunds £10.00

Cravats £8.00

*Fleece (Green) £22.00

*Polo Shirt (Green) £15.00

*T shirt (Green) £10.00

Cuff Links Wheel (Wing Colours) £3.50

No 1 S of TT badge £4.50

Sun Visor £1.50

Large wheel cufflinks £5.00

Blue Cloth Wheel Eagle £1.50

* Sizes - Small, Medium, Large, XL , XXL embossed 'Halton Brat'- Please state size on ordering.

Can include Entry Number at a cost of £2 extra - please notify IF REQUIRED when ordering.

Please ADD POSTAGE of £2.50 for all orders

Cheques should be made out in favour of RAFHAA and posted to -

RAFHAA, The Airfield, RAF Halton, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 5PG