

Appointment of New Secretary General



Following a competitive recruitment process, the President of the Association and the Chairman of the Central Council are delighted to announce the appointment of Jane Easton as Secretary General from 1 September 2010.

Jane joins the Association after six years as Diocesan Secretary for the Church of England in Leicestershire. With 25 years in the charitable and not-for-profit sector, Jane brings experience and skills much needed to help drive the Association forward against a strong strategic agenda being developed by Central Council on behalf of our membership. Prior to her time with the Church of England, Jane had worked as a university manager, in hospital administration and in the arts.

Jane is joining the Association at a time of both celebration and challenge for the Royal Air Force family and she is keen to build on the excellent work of the Association as well as develop our contribution to the Services charity sector.

In accepting her appointment as Secretary General, Jane said: "It is vitally important that the Association listens to the membership, continues to maintain support for our branches, veterans and associates, and adapts our services for the needs of a growing Serving membership and their dependants". The Chairman of Central Council, Air Vice-Marshal Nigel Bairsto, noted that "the Association has a sound financial base, dedicated trustees, a highly professional staff, a wonderful network of volunteers and a charitable commitment to friendship and welfare support which is second to none. We look forward to welcoming Jane to the Association where she will bring to the Executive Team and members, skills and experience from the wider charitable sector to support the ethos and help build and deliver the specific aims of the Royal Air Forces Association."

Battle of Britain 70th Anniversary – Area Event Runnymede 15th August 2010

To mark the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the Area Council has agreed that the Area will hold a Service of Remembrance at Runnymede on 15th August 2010 beginning at 14.00 hrs. Branch Secretaries are asked to advertise this event to their members and Branches are requested to parade their Standards. Standard Bearers intending to parade their standard are requested to contact the



South East Office as soon as possible. Dress is No 1 HD plus medals for serving personnel and civilian equivalent. Further information and tickets can be obtained from Harvey Baigent or Pete Stockdale at the South East Office on 0208 286 6667.

Thanksgiving Service for Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Moran

A service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Moran KCB OBE MVO ADC MA FRAeS BSc RAF will be held on Friday 15th October 2010 at 12 noon at the RAF Church of St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2R 1BH.

Dress for the occasion will be: Serving Officers: Full Ceremonial Day Dress no swords
Civilians: Lounge Suit

Applications for tickets, stating connections and all names of individuals wishing to attend should be made in writing and are to be accompanied by a **stamped self-addressed envelope** and reach Mrs Michèle Small, SO3 RAF Cer Events, (ACM Moran), RAF Ceremonial Office, RAF Northolt, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 6NG by Friday 10th September 2010.

Thanksgiving Service for Air Commadore Ian McNeil

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life and Service of the late Air Cdre Ian McNeil, CG RAF Regt 1995-99, and previous Secretary General of the RAF Association, who died in Apr 10, will be held at the RAF Church of St Clement Danes in London at 11.00 on Thu 7 Oct 10. Further details will be issued in due course but those interested in attending the Service and Reception afterwards may register with the Regimental Secretary, RAF Regiment, Wing Commander (Retd) Martin Hooker, Tel: 01359 23 7824 Fax: 01359 23 7440 or Email: rafregtsecretary@honington.raf.mod.uk in the first instance.

The reception will be held in the RAF Club (Presidents Room)

Branch Amalgamation

Following representations from both Branches, the Chairman of Central Council has approved the amalgamation of the RAFA Storrington Branch (0749) with the RAFA Horsham Branch (0665) to form the RAFA Horsham & Storrington Branch (0665) with effect from 1 August 2010.

Staff Changes

I am pleased to announce that Nicola Short has been appointed as the new Communications & Marketing Manager for RAFA and commenced in the role on Monday 18th July.

I am sure that you would all like to join me in wishing Nicola a long and successful career with the Association.

Membership Benefits Booklet

Please be aware that there is a slight error in the new Membership Benefits Booklet. Unfortunately the contact number for SEIB (over 50's insurance) is incorrect. The correct number should be 0845 450 7882. SEIB are aware of the problem.

The City Of London Street Collection
Friday 10th September 2010

Once again South East Office is organising a collection in the City of London in aid of “**WINGS APPEAL**”.

The collection this year will be on **Friday 10th September 2009** using the Guildhall as a base. To assist this venture the South East Office can offer, travel expenses, and all equipment for your collecting needs.

Collecting may start from 0600hrs until 1300hrs.

Should collectors wish to use their own collecting boxes please let us know in advance in order that we may allocate a box number.

All money collected by individuals will be credited to their own Branch.

Collectors should register with the South East Office in advance.

This event would not be able to take place without the support of members and we are therefore seeking your help to make this collection as successful as in previous years.

Cenotaph Ceremony - London - 14 November 2010

The Royal British Legion, on behalf of the Home Office, will be organizing the ex -service contingents attending the Parade and Service at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, on Remembrance Day, 14th November 2010

A representative of the Scotland & Northern Ireland Area will lay this year the Association's wreath; Stewards will also be positioned at the Cenotaph to lay wreaths on behalf of the detachments as they march past.

Contingents will assemble and disperse at Horse Guards Parade

Due to the number of personnel on parade the overall length of the march past has increased and it is requested that you ensure that your members are aware of the physical demands of standing in Whitehall for at least 1 hour and then marching for a distance of 1.5 miles, possible in inclement weather.

We have been asked to remind all on parade to help to ensure that behaviour and dress standards match the dignity of the occasion. There have been a few rather regrettable lapses that have offended the majority of those marching and the general public.

In view of the current security arrangements, only holders of admission tickets will be allowed to join the parade. All participants are liable to a security search on the day.

The South East Office will be administering the ticket allocation for the event this year. Peter Stockdale would therefore be grateful to receive applications for tickets at your earliest convenience. Contact details: Pete Stockdale MBE, South East Manager, RAFA South East Office, 3-5 Old Bridge Street, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 4BU Tel: 020 8286 6667 E-mail: peter.stockdale@rafa.org.uk

Battle of Britain Service Westminster Abbey - Sunday 19th September 2010

As is customary the Association has been allocated a quantity of admission tickets for the above service.

Twenty (20) Branch Standard Bearers are invited to form a Lining Party.

Due to enhanced security measures implemented by the Metropolitan Police applicants are to provide full contact details and dates of birth.

A further complication is that the list has already been sent to the RAF Ceremonial office for onward distribution to the Met Police and late applications may not be successful due to this

Applications for admission tickets and Standard Bearers wishing to attend are to contact Peter Stockdale at South East Office Tel: 020 8286 6667 no later than Monday 16th August.

Field of Remembrance - Westminster Abbey Gardens **11th November 2010**

We have once again been asked to participate in the above ceremony by the Royal British Legion. I therefore ask Branches to once again give this special occasion their best possible support by ordering crosses to be planted by their representatives wherever possible. Peter Stockdale shall be pleased to arrange for crosses to be planted on behalf of Branches unrepresented. Please be advised that all crosses must be planted by 10.00hrs on the day. A member of the Royal Family arrives at 10.45hrs and all participants must be in position by 10.00hrs. Peter Stockdale, with staff from the South East Office will be in attendance along with the National Standard Bearer on the day.

A Badge Cross will cost £8.47 and a Leaf Cross (suitable for use by Branches) will cost £5.14.

Orders, together with the appropriate remittance, should be sent to the South East Office no later than **Friday 29th October**.

Shoreham Airshow 21st – 22nd August 2010

The Royal Air Forces Association Airshow at Shoreham is one of the premier family air shows in the UK. The air show regularly attracts the best UK and European display acts to its unique "garden party" atmosphere event each summer. The show is held to support the work of the Royal Air Forces Association. Since the shows inception, the event has raised over £1.5million for RAFA.

Organised by the Shoreham-by-Sea Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association, Shoreham Air show 2010 will be the event's 21st anniversary and will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain and the 100th Anniversary of Shoreham Airport itself – the UK's oldest licensed airport. Among the highlights will be our "Scramble" scenario featuring Spitfires, Hurricanes and Messerschmitts alongside Dad's Army and spectacular pyrotechnics.

The five hour flying display will feature strong support from the armed forces as well as exciting aerobatic and emotive historic aircraft displays. On the ground there will be extensive static displays, arena displays, classic cars and trade stalls. .

Gates Open at 8.30am Flying Display 11.30am-4.30pm (approx.)

Ticket Information

- Advanced tickets for Shoreham Air show will be available [ONLINE](http://www.shorehamairshow.com) www.shorehamairshow.com up to the 12th August.
- The Herald Group will be running a **Credit Card Ticket Hotline** for air show tickets **from 1st May - 01903 282354**
- Advanced tickets will also be available from [Shoreham Airport](#) and various newsagents throughout West Sussex
- Tickets purchased in advance are valid for either show day but not both.
- Tickets may be purchased on the day of the air show by CASH or CHEQUE ONLY.

Ticket Prices

	Advance Tickets	On the Gate
Adult	£16	£20
Child (12-15)	£8	£10
Under 12s	FREE	FREE

Group Booking (16 or more)

Adult	£14	<i>Not Available</i>
Child (12-15)	£6	<i>Not Available</i>

Used Stamp Recycling

Due to a change in costs please now send all used stamps direct to RAFA Eastern Office, 117½ Loughborough Road, Leicester, LE4 5ND. **Please don't send any stamps to A J R Collectables , Fareham the stamp recycling company.**

Donations For July 2010

Area Welfare

In Memory of Mr Walter (Wally) Guildford, Lewes	£50.00
In Memory of Mr Les Wakeling , Thurrock Branch, Life Vice President and Honorary Welfare Officer	£300.00
In Memory of Kathleen Rosemary Moore	£150.00
In Memory of John Wynn Surrey	£245.00
In Memory of Connie Clark MBE, East Sussex Region	£50.00
Keep Smiling Through, re-enactment group (raised whilst attending Biggin Hill Air Show)	£200.00

Mr J O McAdam Berrylands Surrey	£300.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1295.00</u>

Hemsby Chalets

Mrs G Batchelor	£25.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£25.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL £1320.00

Ken Clarke
South East & Eastern Area Director