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#### The Flying Horseshoe

I am delighted to be able to advise Members that following the resignation of Les Green from the position of Editor of the Flying Horseshoe; Phil Marston has volunteered to take his place with immediate effect. Thank you very much for this Phil.

There is no doubt in my mind that the monthly issue of the Flying Horseshoe is an excellent way of keeping all of the Branch Members aware of what is going on. It is therefore really good that thanks to Phil we are able to continue keeping all Members informed about RAFA Rutland.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Les Green, ably supported by Barbara, for his hard work over the years of setting up 'The Flying Horseshoe' in its present form, taking over from the original newsletter started by Ben Hunnisett.

Rob Toy, Chairman, RAFA Rutland.

#### MEETING PLACE DURING RBL REFURBISHMENT

It has been confirmed that, whilst the RBL refurbishment is taking place, the 7 May 2008 meeting will be held in the Cottesmore Social Club

#### THE RAFA DEPLORES TREATMENT OF SERVICE PERSONNEL – 7 MARCH 2008

Commenting on the report that RAF Wittering personnel have been advised not to wear uniform in public, the Secretary General of RAFA, Air Commodore Edward Jarron said, "RAFA deplores the fact that servicemen and women are made to feel uncomfortable in locations outside their stations. Our people should not only feel proud to be seen in uniform in public, but they should also be respected for their essential contribution to the nation's security, as well as to the welfare and social cohesion of the local communities in which they live.

Our Armed Forces face danger on a daily basis in order to protect our country, both here and overseas. In recent months we have also seen how they have assisted communities through floods and other natural disasters. We trust that the people who are abusing them are a very tiny minority and that the vast majority of the general public will show their support for the members of today's Royal Air Force".

#### DID YOU KNOW

The Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) is the largest single service membership Association, with nearly 80,000 members, drawn from serving and former members of the Royal Air Force. It provides support, welfare and comradeship to the entire RAF Family.

