

June 2009

Annual Conference 2009

The Following Resolutions were agreed by Annual Conference 2009

Resolution No

5. This Conference, having noted CC Paper 2/09, resolves that the tenure of office for Elected Members of Central Council and the Annual Conference Committee be increased from one to two years, with effect from Elections 2010 and that the Association's governing documents be amended accordingly. **Central Council**
6. This Conference resolves that the membership be provided with a periodic summary of the Association's investments and cash deposits at intervals not exceeding 6 months. **Huntingdon & Dist**
8. This Conference, having noted CC Paper 1/09 resolves that Annual Conference 2013 be held at Eastbourne. **Central Council**
9. This Conference resolves that donations and other gifts from Branch Funds or individuals to Welfare Homes or welfare projects be unrestricted in their use. **South Fylde**
10. This Conference resolves that the Association campaigns for Members of Parliament, Media Announcers and similar celebrities to feel moved to wear a Wings badge throughout Battle of Britain Week. **Chelmsford**
11. This Conference requests Central Council to seek Government action to ensure that the period of silence during Services of Remembrance, organised by ex-Service Organisations, is strictly observed by the halting of vehicular traffic, without charge to the organization. **Rydale**
13. This Conference resolves that Central Council investigates the potential viability of a RAFA Credit Union and report back to Conference 2010. **Northern Area**
14. This Conference requires that some form of protective clothing be provided for Standard Bearers to wear whilst on duty in inclement weather. **Bexhill-on-Sea**



Emergency Resolutions.

1. This Conference approves the way forward in modernising the branding of the Association as presented at Annual Conference 2009. **South East Area**
2. This Conference resolves that Air Cdre A H Vaughan is appointed a Life Vice President of the Association. **Central Council**

List of Central Council Members 2009/10

Below is a list of Central Council members, as elected at the Council Meeting on Sunday afternoon following Conference.

President of The Royal Air Forces Association	Air Marshal P O Sturley CB MBE BSc FRAeS (Philip)
Vice-President of Central Council (non-voting)	Air Vice-Marshal D Whittaker CB MBE (David)
Chairman of Central Council	Air Vice-Marshal P Liddell CB BSc CEng FIEE FRAeS (Peter)
Vice-Chairman of Central Council	Sqn Ldr J Tisbury MBE (John)
Honorary Treasurer	Air Commodore J Harrison MA (John)
RAF Nominated Members	Air Commodore R Paterson OBE (Ross) Chief Technician A P Rees (Taff)
RAFBF Representative	Air Commodore J A Bell OBE FIMgt (John)
RAFALO Representatives	Wing Commander C H Goss RAF (Chris) Sergeant W Swiggs (Wayne)
Elected Members	Mrs J A Boothman (Judith) Mrs W J Conlon (Jean) Mr T F Knox BEM (Fred) Mr J W Lee MBE (John) Mr I L McEnnis (Ian) Dr B Pattison OBE (Bryan) Mr K Stone (Taff) Mr J B Wilkie (Brian)
Area Representatives	Northern Mr G J Middleton (Geoff) European Mr B Darke MBE (Brian) Wales, Midland & S.Western

	Squadron Leader J A Tisbury MBE (John)
	South East & Eastern Mr F Barrett MBE (Frank)
	Scotland & N.Ireland Mr J F Skelton MBE (Jim)

Branch Secretaries Listing

Enclosed for Branch Secretaries is the Branch Secretary listing. This is intended for the use of Secretaries only and we would appreciate it if these addresses and telephone numbers are treated with the utmost discretion. Please check that your own details are entered correctly and let us know if any amendments are required. The South East Branches will receive the South East Branch listing only and the Eastern Branches will receive the Eastern Branch listing

Branch Closure

I regret to inform you that the Copenhagen Branch closed with effect 14 May 2009.

E Mailing Of Area Newsletter

To avoid blockages within the RAFA e mail system, the policy now is to publish the Area Newsletters on the RAFA website and individuals wishing to do so may download it straight from there. Go to www.rafa.org.uk and follow the links. An e mail will be sent to usual addresses each month advising that the Newsletter is on the website.

RAFA Affinity Launch - New Microsite

On 7th May the new RAFA Affinity programme was launched at the RAF Museum, Hendon where the partners all exhibited their offers to various Branch representatives, Area Directors, and RAFALOs

Hand in hand with this, a new internet microsite went live which can be found at:
www.rafa-affinity.org.uk

The site is divided into four sections: Lifestyle, Motoring, Travel and Protect and Plan and is fairly easy to navigate around. Each Affinity Partner has a page of their own and to take up an offer, a Member must enter a password. The same password applies across all affinity pages, this is **RAFA_Offer** – please note capital letters. The password is in effect because we only want RAFA members to obtain these deals and it is hoped this will deter non-members attempting trying to access the offers.

Having spoken to some of the Affinity partners at the Launch I believe there are some good deals which will be of benefit to Members and the team at CHQ are hoping to expand on these as time goes by.

CHQ will, in conjunction with the above, be putting an A5 booklet out in the next edition of Air Mail and a 2 page spread inside to detail it a little further. The booklet will have an advert from each

Affinity Partner and will have all the information available to the members of how to take the offer up.

This booklet will be updated and sent out with every other issue of Air Mail (i.e. every 6 months) so members are up to date with what is on offer.

Calling all Wings Appeal Organisers - Wings Workshop

On Thursday 9th July a Wings Workshop will be held at Harrow & Districts Branch Headquarters, The Windsock Club. There will be Tea & Biscuits served from 10.00 with the event itself running from 10.30 until 15.00. A buffet lunch will also be provided as part of the day for all attendees.

During the workshop you will be updated on Wings Appeal 2009, the work of your Area Fundraisers and ask for your feedback on proposed future fundraising merchandise. It will also be an opportunity for you to give feedback on any aspect of Wings Appeal you wish to raise.

We will need to know the numbers that will be attending this event in advance to plan seating and catering so if you wish to attend please get in touch with either Pete Brocklehurst on 0116 268 8757 (peter.brocklehurst@rafa.org.uk) or Victoria Ward on 0208 286 6667 (victoria.ward@rafa.org.uk) by Friday July 3rd. They will then send out further information regarding the event.

Battle of Britain Service Westminster Abbey - Sunday 20th September 2009

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.

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 17th August.

The City Of London Street Collection Friday 4th September 2009

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 4th 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 Tel: 020 8286 6667 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.

Brew for the Few at St Clement Danes.

On Thursday 23rd July a Brew for the Few will be held at the Central Church of the RAF, St Clement Danes in London. The event will start at 11.00 and run through until 14.00. Members are invited to come along to enjoy a cuppa and some cake whilst being able to take in the grand surroundings of this magnificent Church.

Visitors will be able to look at the Books of Remembrance, the Queen's Colours and Standards and a whole lot more of this most historic building. Also present on the day will be representatives from the Royal Air Force Museum London, in authentic Battle of Britain dress, who will be showing artefacts from the time including an incendiary bomb like the one used in the Second World War.

Located on the Strand in Central London only 2 minutes walk from Temple Underground Station, this event is for anyone in the London area or indeed anyone wishing to combine it with a day trip to the capital. For further details contact the Area Fundraisers : Pete Brocklehurst on 0116 268 8757 (peter.brocklehurst@rafa.org.uk) or Victoria Ward on 0208 286 6667 (victoria.ward@rafa.org.uk).

Cornbury Festival, Charlbury, Oxfordshire 11th & 12th July 2009

Cornbury Festival makes a lot of charitable donations through the Festival and they want to focus on the RAF this year by offering heavily discounted tickets.

Here are the details of the offers:-

All RAF personnel and RAFA members - current or retired - and their families to be offered **50% discount** on the following tickets:

- **weekend** adult tickets £90 each @ **£45 each**,
- **weekend** children under 16 £45 @ **£22.50 each**
- **Saturday or Sunday** adult tickets £55 each @ **£27.50 each**
- **Saturday or Sunday** children under 16 £27.50 @ **£13.75**

The offer does not extend to VIP tickets.

All personnel and members who want to take up the offer simply enter the promotional code **raf09** when prompted to on the website. www.cornburyfestival.com

Northern Ireland Veterans' Association Annual Service of Remembrance

This year's annual memorial service is to be held at the National Memorial Arboretum on Saturday 12th September 2009 at 11.30am. The Northern Ireland Veterans' Association (NIVA) remembers both those who laid down their lives and those who served in the province during the conflict. This year's service is particularly poignant as it will also commemorate the 40th anniversary of deployment under Operation Banner.

The service will be held in the amphitheatre which is situated to the rear of the chapel, guests are therefore requested to dress for an outdoor service. The service will be followed by a parade down to the Ulster Ash Grove for the laying of wreaths. The parade will form up for march off at 12.15pm by the Polar Bear near to where the train for the AFM departs.

Following the laying of the wreaths, there will be a 15 minute pause before the parade forms up for the return march to the visitor centre during which the guest of honour will take the salute.

The service is open to all and all associations are welcome to parade their standards. It would be appreciated if associations arranging for groups of their members to attend could notify NIVA of numbers and confirm if their standard will be parading. For further information regarding the service please telephone: 07980 343 759 or E-mail: fcj@nivets.org.uk Website: www.nivets.org.uk

'Party In The Priory' – 13th June 09

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many, to so few"

Famous for its pivotal role as the Headquarters of Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain in 1940 a trust has been set up to ensure that Bentley Priory is retained as a permanent living memorial to those who served in the Royal Air Force and fought in the Battle, and to acknowledge and recognise the sacrifices made by them and others to ensure the freedom of Europe and the World.

'Party in the Priory' is taking place on 13 Jun 09 and is being organised by The Bentley Priory Battle of Britain Trust. The event will involve an open-air concert with members of the London Amenda Strings Ensemble playing a variety of popular pieces of classical and military music. Additionally, historical tours of Bentley Priory will be provided.

Refreshments will be on offer throughout the event. However, guests are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon in this unique, historical location.

Tickets are available from Sqn Ldr (Retd.) Erica Ferguson (07813856719) during the hours 0900 – 1700, or, via email: bentleypriory@btinternet.com.

Prices: £10 for Adults. £5 for U-18's and veterans. All monies raised will go towards the trust.

Gates open at 1200. Concert begins at 1400.

Further details on the Bentley Priory Battle of Britain Trust can be found at: www.bentleypriory.org

Its part of *your* ethos and heritage, so please come and support.

Donations For May 2009

South East Welfare Funds

Mr H. Capener	25.00
Mr D Southee	25.00
Mr C Wallis	45.00
Mr J Taylor	50.00
Mr A Nicholas	50.00
Mr D White	100.00
Mrs J Isaac	25.00
Miss A Cherry	100.00
Mr V Sandelson	50.00
Mr J Hart	45.00
Mr H Lawley	25.00
Mr F Bain	25.00
Mr J Murdy	20.00
Sqn Ldr R Taylor RAF Retd	20.00
Mr L Cox- Freeman	20.00
Mr P Rook	20.00
Mr C Knapp	20.00
Air Cdre I Harris	50.00
Mr T Knight	50.00
Mr Elbourne	25.00

Mr D Dean	20.00
Mr G MacGregor	20.00
Mr J Niblett	45.00
Mr E Chestnutt	20.00
Mr M Mead	40.00
In Memory of Mr N. Rayner	100.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1035.00</u>

General

G Fraser	10.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£10.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL £1045.00

Ken Clarke
South East & Eastern Area Director

Enclosure:
Branch Secretary listing