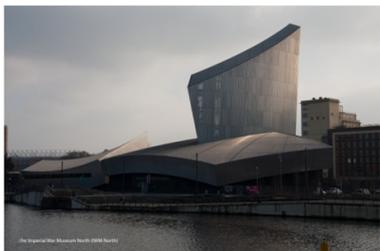




Not Nearly Enough Time or Space

On recent visit to my daughters in Lancashire she arranged a visit for us all to the **IWM - North** in Salford Quays. Salford Quays in Greater Manchester is, near the end of the [Manchester Ship Canal](#) and the museum is located at the site of the old dockyards. Other major landmarks in the area are **The Lowry Arts & Exhibition centre** and **MediaCityUK**.



The [Imperial War Museum North \(IWM North\)](#) is on the opposite bank to the Lowry and MediaCityUK. The museum, opened in July 2002. Its structure was designed to be a metaphor for a world shattered by war with sloping walls and ceilings. On entrance there are two levels, ground level and level 1 which includes the main exhibition space. The museum is proud of its extensive collection of historical artefacts, primarily from the wars occurring during the 20th century. The museum also has open public areas, restaurants and a studio learning space. At the moment (2015), **the exhibition is dedicated to the real life stories of evacuees and refugees**, the home front and front line. However, these themes change on a regular basis throughout the year.

Once inside you can begin your journey through the twentieth and twenty-first centuries through the **Timeline** or you can experience the six silo mini exhibitions, where you can explore sequences of events through real objects photograph's film and document. The silos cover, **Experience of War Women & War, Impressions of War, Empire & Commonwealth at War, Science Technology & War and the Legacy of War.**



In the large display pieces section there is a **Harrier jump-jet, Artillery pieces, Firefighting trailer, Trabant Estate car, Leopard Patrol vehicle, T34 Russian Tank and a piece of steel** from the World Trade Centre disaster in New York City.

For a fantastic view across the Quays take the lift from the **Air shard** to the viewing platform at the top of the building. The viewing platform is 29 metres from the ground, so not being one for heights, my stay was short and I opted to take the staircase back down.

Tailfin from a German Glider



Also in the main exhibition space throughout the day you can listen to the voices of those who have experienced war and conflict in the Big Pictures Shows, These shows cover the IWMs outstanding collection of photographs and sound. Subjects covered are: The War at Home, Weapons of War, Children and War. At specific times a re-enactment of events takes place by the staff.



Ah well! Not nearly enough time to see everything on the day, however

.....If you wish to explore the area further

Just across the bridge is **MediaCityUK** with its principal tenants the media organisations of the BBC and ITV. MediaCityUK is home to over 200 businesses. The BBC offers group tours of their facilities, and it now hosts many programmes which are transmitted from the Studios. As many of the shows require audience' participation you can get involved by booking a ticket on their website before going. Just a short walk away is **The Lowry Arts & Exhibition centre** within which is the Lowry gallery.



The Lowry opened in April 2000 and apart from being the home of a unique collection of Lowry's work it also houses a theatre, cafes, bars and a restaurant. From the outside, it has a ship-like appearance, especially when viewed from across the canal. Inside this maritime feeling is continued, with stairways and landings that look like ships' gangways.

All in all a fine day out, however ,we spent so much time in the **IWM – North** visiting in the morning and afternoon we were not able to appreciate the other amenities/attractions in the area. So I feel another visit is pending.

Derek



THE RUTLAND FLYING HORSESHOE

From The Secretary

I have received the following if anyone is interested in being part of a team for the quiz night below, please let me know.

Cheers **Phil**

Good Evening All,

I hope this email finds you and your branch members well.

As you are aware it is our turn to host the Annual Area Quiz Night. We have picked the date as 25th June 2015.

RAFA Yaxley Branch have kindly agreed to provide the location for the evening.

Address: - RAFA Lancaster Club, Yaxley

The Event will start at 1930hrs and we will be providing a buffet and a quick raffle.

I shall be requesting Area HQ to include details in future area newsletters.

We are asking for branches to provide teams of between 4-6 members however where this is not possible we shall make teams up on the night.

If anyone is interested please let me know over the next couple of months. Like wise if you cannot/will not be represented on the night then please let me know.

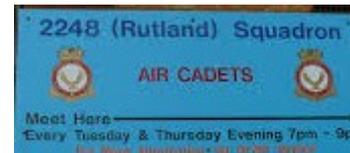
ON A SEPERATE NOTE

As you are aware we are also holding the Battle of Britain service at Peterborough Cathedral on the 27th September 2015. This will be a key event for RAFA (In our area) this year and we would like to see each branch represented. At the moment we are working with Area HQ regarding details and will be providing details to you all going forward. I can confirm at this stage that there will be food and drinks provided by the Cathedral after the service.

However if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Jennifer Clarke
Secretary
Peterborough RAFA Branch



This Month we are starting a regular series of articles on our local ATC. We start with an interesting article about George Kirk. Although I have known George for many years a few Christmas's ago I had the pleasure of sitting next to him at the Christmas Dinner and heard some of his stories highlighted below. A real eye opener. Ed.

VE Veteran returns to Air Cadet Squadron

Recently, local VE Veteran 94 year old Flt Lt George Kirk returned to his former Air Cadet Squadron to be interviewed by the cadets on his memories of VE Day in May 1945. This was part of a documentary being filmed by BBC's Quentin Rayner and being aired on TV at the beginning of May.



During WW2 George was a mosquito pilot, he also flew the Beau Fighter. After the war he went on to form the Rutland Air Cadets in May 1951, which is still a thriving squadron. Whilst being filmed for the documentary George surprised the current Commanding Officer Paul Bowden by presenting him with his promotion to Flight Lieutenant.

Flt Lt Paul Bowden said "We are lucky to be one of the few squadrons in Corp to still have their first Commanding Officer who is still a strong supporter of the Squadron. It's great to think that the opportunities that we are able to give to youngsters today stem from the foundations that George laid all those years ago."

During the evening cadets asked George a variety of questions about his flying days in the 'Wooden Wonder' this was the nickname given to the Mosquito, which was the fastest wooden aircraft during the war. One of the cadet Cpl Yasmin Makinde said "It's amazing that the squadron's first CO was a WW2 pilot and is still able to come back to talk to us about his experiences, he's truly inspirational."

Rutland Air Cadets meet every Tues and Thurs eve 1900-2130hrs at the Cadet Centre in Penn Street Oakham if you are between 13-17 yrs. please along to see what activities we partake in.

Jackie Lawrence

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Welfare Waffle

DO YOU KNOW A BLIND OR BADLY PARTIALLY SIGHTED VETERAN?

If so, Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstan's) will be happy to help. With the individual's permission, establish contact with the charity yourself or, if they can manage to do it themselves direct them to the following:

Telephone: 0800 389 7979 or email: information@blindveterans.org.uk

For more information, visit website www.noonealone.org.uk

Richard HWO



Many thanks to all of your contributions. Perhaps we can print your story next month.

Battle of Britain 75th Anniversary – Area Event

As part of the ceremonies to commemorate the 75th Anniversary to commemorate the Battle of Britain, the Area Council has agreed that a sunset ceremony will be held at North Weald airfield in the late afternoon of 12 July 2015. Whilst it is appreciated that some of our Branch Standard Bearers will be attending the ceremony at Capel le Ferne on that day, the Area Council would like as many as possible of those Branch Standards not attending Capel le Ferne to parade at North Weald. Further details on the event at North Weald will follow but in the meantime Branches should note the event and plan accordingly.

SIR JOHN SUTTON MEMORIAL SERVICE Friday 22 May 2015

A Service of thanksgiving for the Life of Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, will take place in St Michael's C of E Chapel at The Royal Air Force College Cranwell on Friday 22 May.

The Service will start at 13.00 and guests will depart at 16.00. If you would like to attend please contact me.

Further information from.

Richard Foster
Event Co-Ordinator



Wings Appeal Concert 17th April

The RAFA Cranwell Branch is organising a Concert, featuring the Royal Air Force Swing Wing, in the Whittle Hall RAF College Cranwell, on Friday 17th April 2015 at 7.30 pm in aid of Wings Appeal.

Tickets cost £6.00 and applications for tickets should be made to
Tony Crossman
RAFA Concert Organiser
Support Wing Headquarters
RAF College Cranwell





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Dates For Your Diary



1st April	Royal Army Veterinary Corps	Dog display
6th May	TBA	
3rd June		

Personal Notices.

This month again it is with great sadness we have to announce the sad death of Malcolm Sutton who was a long standing member of this Branch and of RAFA. after a recent heart attack our hearts go out to Sonia and the family. His funeral will take place at Cottesmore Parish Church on Wednesday 25th March. We also have to announce the death of WO Michael Carlile who retired as WO Engineering Operations at RAF Cottesmore. Mike never joined RAFA but will be know to many members, his funeral will take place on Tuesday 24th March.

Angie Humphreys Membership Secretary

Branch Meeting

Branch Meetings are First Wednesday every month Venue:
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