



## Welcome to February's Edition:

We start this month with a couple of items that have been lost in cyber land. Roger Hyde sent in the following items for the January edition but unfortunately they became lost between him & I.

### ***Les Green – Deceased***

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November Roger Hyde and branch members Malcolm and Sonia Sutton attended the Cremation Service of RAFA Rutland Branch member Les Green at Boston Crematorium. Les moved from Rutland in 2007; prior to that he had been a very active branch member and was the editor of The Flying Horseshoe for a number of years. He was also the Social Secretary organising a number of events each year and just to keep his hand in during the winter period, organised the Branch Christmas Dinner.

**Roger Hyde**

### ***Branch Christmas Dinner***

On the 4<sup>th</sup> December the Branch held its annual Christmas Dinner at Greetham Valley Golf Club attended by sixty four members including fourteen Air Training Corp Cadets together with members of staff. Following the dedication and before we sat down to an excellent three course meal, we had a fund raising event arranged by Di Toy, based loosely on a version of 'human bingo', the prize being a heated tray.

Between courses we were entertained by our Chairman with RAF type jokes! The raffle was very well supported with lots of prizes and our thanks go to Jo Tibbott and Val Bury and for taking charge and distributing the prizes.

It was a most enjoyable evening and it was good to see so many ATC Cadets at the function who were a credit to their Squadron.

**Roger Hyde**

## Prior Notice



### The Central Band of the Royal Air Force

**Saturday 18 October, 7.30pm  
Memorial Hall, Uppingham School,  
Uppingham, Rutland**

To launch the  
Royal British Legion  
2014 (Oakham Branch) Poppy Appeal  
And Support the  
RAF Music Charitable Trust

### **Message from the Chairman of Central Council:**

Jane Easton, Secretary General, is to leave the RAF Association at the end of February 2014, to take up the post of Director General of the English-Speaking Union, an international educational charity based in London. Since her appointment to the RAF Association in 2010, Jane has made a major contribution to a significant period of change for the Association. This has included a successful restructuring. The Association has also promoted further its welfare capabilities and developed membership to strengthen the charity for the future. Chairman of the Trustees, AVM Nigel Bairsto, said "In thanking Jane for her work with the Association, I am delighted to say that the charity is now well-positioned to address the increasingly complex needs of our welfare beneficiaries, and to support our members and volunteers into the future." President, Air Marshal Sir Dusty Miller, said "Jane Easton has made a real difference at the Association over the last 3½ years and leaves the charity strengthened to continue the important work in Friendship, Help and Support for the whole RAF family. We wish her well for her future and thank her for her time with us."



## THE RUTLAND FLYING HORSESHOE

### Flying Scholarship Scheme 2014

#### Annual Service St Clement Danes Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014

The Annual Service to commemorate formation of the Royal Air Force will be held at St Clement Danes Church the Strand London on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Royal Air Forces Association Standard Bearers have been invited to attend the Service.

The format is the same as last year with Standard Bearers marching from Lincoln's Inn Field to St Clement Danes Church headed by the RAF Halton Pipe Band.

Any Standard Bearers wishing to attend should contact Naz Angha in the **South East Office**, Tel: 020 8286 6667 or by e-mail to [naz.angha@rafa.org.uk](mailto:naz.angha@rafa.org.uk) no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

Ticket allocation for the Service as in previous years is on a first come first served basis but unfortunately, only invited guests will be allowed to attend the reception after the Service.

Any members wishing to obtain tickets for the Service should contact Naz no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

The Service will commence at 11.00 hrs.

The scheme is open to members of the ATC, CCF(RAF) and GVCAC. The five Scholarships provide the overall winning cadet with a course of 35 hours flying training, plus 12 hours each for four runners-up. They are provided as a thank you to the cadets for their tremendous support each year, especially fundraising for the Wings Appeal and to encourage their continued interest in aviation.

Many Branches have links with Air Cadet Squadrons/Units and it would be appreciated if Branch members could make as many Cadets and ACO staff as possible aware of the Flying Scholarships. Applicants can, of course, also be nominated by a RAF Association Branch.

Application Forms and Terms & Conditions are available for downloading from the Association's website [www.rafa.org.uk](http://www.rafa.org.uk) following the Air Cadet link, or by post from Stuart Haigh (Membership Support Officer) at the RAF Association, CHQ, 1171/2 Loughborough Road, Leicester, LE4 5ND, by calling 0116 268 8762, or by email to [stuart.haigh@rafa.org](mailto:stuart.haigh@rafa.org)

The closing date for applications is no later than 31st January, 2014.

# 50 Years of The Red Arrows



# 1964

# To

# 2014

As our January speaker was to be Phil Marston I thought it may be of interest to members to have a little bit of background information on Phil's activities.

I found the following piece in "Uppingham First" a local community magazine catering for the town. **Peter**

**Uppingham Couple Recognised**



The wide range of voluntary work undertaken by an Uppingham couple has been recognised by the international Rotary movement. Phil and Joyce Marston have been awarded prestigious Paul Harris Fellowships in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Rutland community. Both are members of the Rotary Club of Uppingham which met on Monday January 6th to witness the couple being presented with the awards by Club President, Keith Edwards of Oakham (pictured on the right).

Both Phil and Joyce are active members of the Uppingham Neighbourhood Forum and the Rutland Consortium. Joyce is also an Age UK volunteer and an Executive member of the Uppingham Bowls Club. In addition she organises the schools' public speaking competition 'Youth Speaks' at a county and district level and has been nominated as a Rotary Club President for 2015/16.

Phil Marston MBE, a retired Air Force Officer, is RAFA Rutland Branch Secretary, Chair of the Rutland Consortium, Secretary and a past President of the Rotary Club of Uppingham and a retired Trustee of the Rutland Railway Museum.

**Photograph by Shane James.**

**Lets hear your story, what you did during your service or even your view of the world.**

I'm sure you must have interesting stories to tell. Why not share them with others please contact me at my Email address on page 4. I look forward to hearing from YOU.

**Peter**

**THE RUTLAND**



**MOBILISATION**

**Arts for Rutland event  
at  
Kendrew Barracks, June 15th 2014  
Launch event for participants -  
Monday February 3rd 2014,  
7.00 pm Oakham Castle**

As you are aware, part of the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland's events to commemorate of World War I, by kind permission of 49 (East) Brigade Commander and The Head of Establishment for Kendrew Barracks, Arts for Rutland plan a large scale community event at Kendrew Barracks on Sunday 15th June 2014.

If you have already registered to take part, "thank you".

Planning is now well advanced. We are fortunate to have secured support from Arts Council England and the Army Community Covenant. This will enable us to make entry free of charge. We are therefore expecting a large number of visitors.

We would like to invite you to a launch event for participants at Oakham Castle at 7.00 pm on Monday February 3rd 2014.

- The agenda will include:**
- The structure and layout of the event
  - Main programme
  - Set up and take down and other logistics
  - Marketing plan
  - Question and Answer session

We do hope you will attend.

**Peter Lawson,**



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# The Gazette



## Dates For Your Diary

5th February	Alan Stevens (ex CO of the ATC)	Talking about being a senior SOCO.
5th March	AGM	
2nd April	Rob Abell	Will Planning Solutions to talk about lasting powers of attorney.
7th May	TBA	
4th June	Sandy Saunders	Being a member of the Guinea Pig Club

## What's on Forthcoming Events

### Membership Secretary

### Branch Meeting

Branch Meetings are First Wednesday every month  
Venue: Cottesmore Sports & Social Club 7.00 for 7.30pm

## Branch Committee Members

**President:** Air Marshal Sir John M D Sutton KCB (Retd)

**Chairman:** Duncan Manderson, Pickwell Grange, Whissendine, LE15 7ER, 01664 474274

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