



Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June saw members of the CHQ fundraising team; Barry Hartevelde and Branch Support Officer Steve Webb attend the show with their RAFA Marquee and merchandise. The pitch was organised by Dave Craven through the Rutland Agricultural Society. Also in attendance were RAF Wittering RAFALO, FS Steve Haywood and our chairman Duncan Manderson. The weather on the day was the best it had been for a number of years and brought out the crowds, setting us on course to raise a grand total of £444, which will again go towards the branches Wings 2013 total. As you can see from the photo the branch tablecloth was again on view letting people know we exist locally. This show was to be the last on the current site as from 2014 the show will be held at its new location opposite Lands' End Way just off the Oakham bypass"

**National Conference  
RAFALO Raffle**

National Conference 2013 again saw Dave Craven and the attending serving RAFALO'S put on their, what has become the annual 'RAFALO's Raffle'. As always RAFALO's brought with them an abundance of raffle prizes which enabled us to hold raffles at both the Friday and Saturday evening events. As usual the response was outstanding as the RAFALO's circulated and sold their tickets. Those attending the events once again showed an amazing level of support which resulted in just short of £1000 being raised, which has been added to the branch Wings total. I now look forward to Conference 2014 in Blackpool and hopefully we can better this year's amount.

**Dave Craven**

**RICHARD PECK HOUSE, LYTHAM  
ST. ANNES, LANCASHIRE**

I have recently returned from a week's stay at this wonderful facility which is available to us as members of RAFWA.

Following the death of my dad last spring, I mentioned to my mum that RAFA/RAFBF has three homes around the country which she, as the widow of a WW 2 veteran, and I were entitled to use. We decided on Lytham as it on the coast and not too far from County Durham or Rutland.



We had a large twin room on the corner of the house, in winter, when the trees are bare, it would be possible to see the sea which is 100 yards away. Each room has a TV, drink making facilities, en-suite, ours was a walk in shower which suited my mum very well.

For the less able, there is a lift to all floors; a RAFA mini bus is available to take residents out each morning and afternoon to local places of interest, entertainment was arranged for each evening, plus a well stocked bar at Amport House prices.

The food was excellent, breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus mid morning and afternoon snacks with everything cooked on the premises. It was possible to opt for a snack lunch or sandwiches to take out if required.

Mum and I did not require any assistance, but for those who did, nothing seemed to be too much trouble. Fellow guests were a mix of Service backgrounds and all ages, both men and women, as in all walks of life, some were chattier than others with lots of tales to tell.

As it was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dambusters raid, a special afternoon was laid on and local BLESMA clubs attended; we missed this as we had

been invited to friends' home that afternoon. A local member, Janet, whom Liz Carter and I had met whilst in Blackpool for the RAFA Conference in 2012 joined us for an evening meal and enjoyed the camaraderie of the guests present at our table and afterwards in the conservatory.

Fees are variable depending on circumstances, my week was arranged via Patrick Rendall, Welfare Manager at RAFA HQ in Leicester.

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History of Richard Peck House; RPH, was the first home bought by RAFA in 1957 and cost around £8000/ £9000, it was opened by HRH the Duchess of Gloucester in February 1960. Many of the furnishings and appliances have been provided by various branches of RAFA in keeping with the ethos of Royal Air Forces Association 'Friendship and Service, one to another'.

**Jackie Towl**

**Wings Appeal 2013  
Tesco Collection**

"Friday & Saturday April 12/13 saw members of the branch take part in a store collection at Tesco in Oakham as part of the Association's Annual Wings Appeal. As the Wings Appeal organiser for the Rutland branch I would like to offer my sincere thanks to volunteers for giving up their time to stand on the stall over the 2 days. A magnificent total of £619 was raised over the two days, which will go towards the branches Wings Appeal. Thank you all again for your continued support.

**Dave Craven**



RAFA Collection at Tesco's in Oakham



## THE RUTLAND FLYING HORSESHOE

### Editorial

#### Do We Understand The Army

I was recently given the following document by John Day which is designed to help one understand the Army. I understand that this document originated in the Australian military. During my time with the British Services I can only recall ever serving with an Army unit once. Some may say that was one time enough but however it brought a story to mind that I will share with you. Editors can do this.

I was serving on an airfield controlled by the army and as we know they have different rules to the Royal Air Force, enough said but the only time you were allowed in the domestic area of the camp you were required to be dressed correctly. Unfortunately the main supply outlet on this unit was situated in this domestic area.

The occasion was one where a group of engineers and aircrew were in this strange base with one aircraft. During any aircraft launch the whole team stood by to ensure a safe lift off. On a previous occasion we had been politely told when the aircraft return was a little delayed, what happens if the aircraft fails to return, you pack up and go home. I hasten to add it always did, if from time to time a little overdue. Anyway on this occasion the aircraft suffered a start up snag (fault); we've all had them. It was deemed that the crew would stay with the aircraft the defect box would be removed and I was sent over to supply to get another one. To save time I was cleared to take a short cut across the runway and I entered the holy ground of the Domestic Site no hat no shirt oh dear, oh dear. A few yards away from the supply squadron out popped this chap waving a big stick at me. I had no idea who he was but I could see he was an officer and with a bit of red around the rank I judged a pretty senior one. As he was waving his stick, I could tell he was pretty upset and he screamed that he was going to put me in jail, and did I understand what jail was. I tried to explain but he was having none of it. He calmed down a little and asked what Regiment I came from? When I explained that I was with the Royal Air Force his attitude changed and when I explained why I was there he became a different person even taking time to

ensure that I was sent back on way without delay. I can only surmise unlike me he knew what the aircraft was doing because I never heard another thing about it.

Johns article:-

#### It IS Quite Simple

"Dumb civilian, I said to myself, but openly I said, "The system is really quite simple". You see, all people in the Army are all soldiers, all privates are soldiers, but not all soldiers are privates. Some are officers who are commissioned, but some are officers who are not commissioned. Obviously if every private was called private it would be confusing, so some privates are called things like trooper, driver, gunner craftsmen, sapper or signaller. Not all of the drivers actually drive because some of them cook, but we don't call them cooks, for that matter, not all drivers are called drivers- some of them are privates or gunners. Gunners as I'm sure you know are the guys that fire the guns, unless of course they are drivers or signallers in which case we call them gunners rather than drivers or signallers just to make it clear. All gunners belong to the artillery, except that in the infantry we have gunners who are called privates because they fire a different sort of gun, for the same reason we call our drivers and signallers private as well.

A Lance Corporal is called Corporal; unless he is a Lance Bombardier then we call him Bombardier to distinguish him from a full Bombardier, who is just like a Corporal. All other ranks are called by their rank for the sake of simplicity except that Staff Sergeants are called Staff, but they are not on the staff, some Warrant Officers, who are not officers, are called Sergeant Major although they are not Sergeants or Majors. Some Warrant Officers are called Mister which is the same thing that we call some officers but they are not Warrant Officers. A Lieutenant is also called Mister because they are subalterns, but we always write their rank as Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant, and second comes before first.

When we talk about groups of soldiers there obviously has to be clear distinction. We call them Officers and Soldiers although we know that officers are soldiers too, sometimes we talk about officers and other ranks which is the same as calling them soldiers. I guess it is easiest when we talk about rank and file which is all the

troops on parade except the officers and some of the NCOs- and a few of the privates- and the term is used whether everyone is on parade or not. A large unit is called a battalion, unless it is a regiment but sometimes a regiment is much bigger than a battalion and then it has nothing to do with the other sort of regiment. Sub units are called companies unless they are squadrons or troops or batteries for that matter. That is not radio batteries and don't confuse this type of troop with the type who are soldiers but not officers.

Mostly the Army is divided into Corps as well as units, not the sort of Corps which is a couple of divisions but the sort which tells you straight away what trade each man performs, whether he is a tradesman or not. The Infantry Corps has all the infantrymen for example and the Artillery Corps has all the gunners. Both these Corps also has signallers and drivers except those who are in the Signals or Transport Corps. Both these Corps provides a special service and that's why the Transport Corps provide cooks. In fact the Signals Corps is not a service at all because it is an Arm.

Arms do all the fighting, although Signals don't have to fight too much, rather like the Engineers who are also an Arm but they don't fight much either."

I expect it's as clear as mud.

Original cartoon from 1943

Borrowed from RADAR



"Hey, half a minute, half a minute! 'Shooting a line', 'Putting up a black', 'Going for a burton', 'Taking a dim view' -- what kind of language is that?"

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## Enduring Powers of Attorney (EPA), Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA). What are they and what do they all mean?

These important documents are part of the Mental Capacity Act 2005, enacted 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007. If you are over 50, you should consider this, for similar reasons of setting up a Will.

An Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) document enables you to appoint a person(s) (called attorneys) to manage your financial (but not their personal or medical) affairs. This power can either be conferred immediately or in the event of either physical and/or mental incapacity of the donor.

Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) documents replaced EPAs from 01/10/2007, however if you have existing EPA's drafted under the 'old' legislation they are still valid under the new legislation. The only proviso is that the EPA must have been completed and signed prior to the changeover date. If an EPA is to be used after the onset of mental incapacity of the donor, it has to be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) before it can be used. The new 'Property & Financial Affairs' (PFA) LPA, replaces the EPA. Power can be conferred on the attorneys either immediately (like an ordinary POA), or in the event of physical and/or mental incapacity of the donor. There are 3 main advantages over the old EPA.

The PFA LPA has to be registered with the OPG before it can be used; this currently costs £130/document although fee remission/exemptions may be available to you. The advantage is that it can be used the very next day if the worst happens to the donor. If it is registered at the point of need, it can take up to 12 weeks to come back, meantime your chosen attorneys legally do not have access to your money but will probably have to contribute financially during this waiting period.

It must have a 'certificate' provided by an independent person who confirms that the donor understood the nature and scope of the power being given to the attorney(s). This must be someone who has known the donor for at least two years as more than just a passing acquaintance, and can also be a professional person who has the 'relevant skills and expertise to provide the certificate'. Most professionals will charge for this service however it is typical for most members of the

Institute of Professional Will writers (IPW) to do this as a matter of course without extra charge.

The donor can choose one or more people to be notified in the event the LPA is sent for registration. With the old EPA there were set rules dictating which family members were entitled to have notice. The donor therefore has the choice and can even decide not to notify anyone, and if this is the case two certificate providers will be needed.

The LPA has 12 pages but if you have more than 2 attorneys the page count will rise.

There is also a Personal Welfare (PW) (or Health & Welfare), but like a PFA LPA it must be registered with the OPG (along with the appropriate fee, of course!) before it can be used.

There is a specific part of the PW form where the donor can make a statement (or not) whether they authorise their attorney(s) to give or refuse consent to life-sustaining treatment and there are other areas of the form where the donor can restrict the powers of the attorney(s) or give them guidance. So the PW LPA can give your attorney(s) the power to override decisions made by the medical profession and social services – an important consideration that can be very helpful at the most stressful time of life.

Costs vary enormously from a few hundred pounds to over a thousand pounds each, so you need to be careful with the choice of provider. All members of the Institute of Professional Will writers (IPW) are trained and qualified to carry out this work for a fair fee.

A final word of caution, if it is too late to set up an LPA because the person has no mental capacity, your only route is an application to the Court of Protection to be the 'court's deputy' and this is a very expensive, arduous procedure that takes over 6 months. As the deputy you have to pay annually for a security bond (because their client's money is at risk) and you will have an annual questionnaire to show what you have spent their client's money on. So please do not leave it too late, get the job done, it is important.

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### Drummer Lee Rigby

Just out for a walk after an early stack  
Not looking for trouble, not watching  
my back  
Mothers with prams holding hands  
with their kids  
Not paying attention to the car as  
it skids  
Caught completely off guard  
not expecting what comes  
One man with a knife another with  
guns  
No chance of defence no chance to  
fight back  
Looking for help as the cowards attack  
An angel arrives as the light turns to  
grey  
A woman attempts to steer attackers  
away  
My last thought of 'Thank You' never  
strays from my brain  
As my body shuts down and I feel  
no more pain.  
I look to my left and I look to my right  
Thousands of squaddies are all that's  
in sight  
Uniforms are crisp and their  
faces are clean  
No sign of anger or hate to be seen  
As if by command they salute all as  
one  
The RSM smiles, says 'Welcome  
home son'.

Written by Ian Yates



# The Gazette



## Dates For Your Diary

7th August	Typhoon Force Commander	Air Commodore G M Waterfall OBE
2nd October	RAF High Wycombe, it's history as HQ Bomber Command,	Group Captain Mark D HEFFRON DACOS A1
6th November	Adrian Walker	LOROS
4th December	Christmas Dinner	Greetham Valley Golf Club

## What's on Forthcoming Events

### Membership Secretary

Welcome to new members to our Branch:  
Miss Georgia Clayton, who has become an Associate member and lives in Cottesmore.

### Branch Meeting

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

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