

103rd Entry Association Newsletter

No. 1 July 1990.

We hope this Newsletter whets your appetite for more of what's to come. The idea is to send out news and information about members, together with a few resumes, on a quarterly basis.

This first Newsletter is for every 103rd member who is (currently) on our records. However, further editions may have to be limited to those who have joined the Association so, for your own interest, to keep abreast of what's happening to fellow 103rd's why not join now, and help make it a great success. Its only £5 per year, so complete and send off the attached application form if you are not already a member.

At present we have about 36 paid-up members. Thank you to the 36 for helping us get off the ground. Our first 50 members will be considered founder members, (and noted in despatches!).

The inauguration day of the Association was on June 16th 1990 when it was established there should be a total of ten Committee members and we voted ourselves into the various roles as follows:-

Chairman	Les Shardlow
Vice Chairman	Chris Wales
Secretary	Les Garden
Treasurer	Nick Smith
Committee member	Ken Bannister
Committee member	Malcolm Watts
Committee member	not filled

Other posts we established were:

Membership Secretary	Nick Smith
Newsletter	Chris Wales

We are still looking for volunteers to fill the vacant positions as ordinary committee members. Any takers please?

At present the Committee meetings are held regularly on a monthly basis. We still have a long way to go to fully establish the Association as a charitable organisation. The constitution still has to be written so I hope you will all bear with us while this is ongoing.

We have established an Association bank account and our financial position will be reported in our next newsletter.

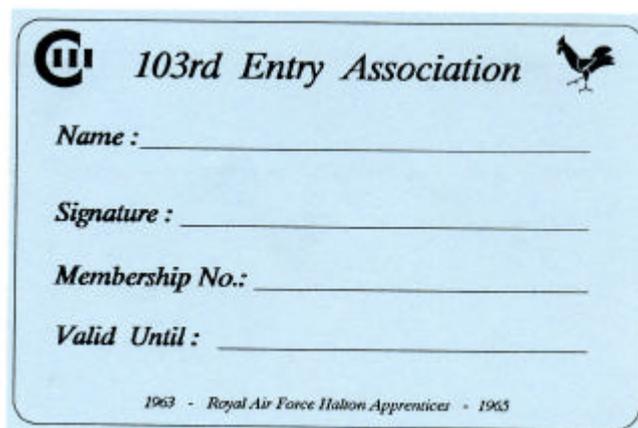
Reunion Dinner

The reunion dinner is planned for 3rd November 1990 at the Forte Hotel, Aston Clinton Road, (A41) Aylesbury, Bucks. More information and a request for deposits will be sent to everyone by the end of July 1990. Please put this date in your diaries **now** so that it is booked.

Membership Cards

We have at last produced our own membership cards (courtesy CJW) which paid up members will be receiving in due course. Hope you all like them. (Note: they will be light blue in colour representing No. 2 Wing!)

Sample



103rd Entry Association

Name : _____

Signature : _____

Membership No.: _____

Valid Until : _____

1963 - Royal Air Force Halton Apprentices - 1965

Association Tie

We are looking into having an Association tie. It will be on a similar design to the Entry tie. (Who still has one?) The main motif will be the laurel wreath and Cockerel both inset between two diagonal lines. A dark blue material and light blue motif. They will cost £4.50 (inc P & P). Please complete the attached form if you would like one. We need to place an order with the manufacture for a minimum of 40 to get them at this price. Please support the Association. If we place the order by the end of July 1990 we are expecting a 1 month delivery.

Halton Show

The committee went to the show and met one other 103rd - Chris Fair. We were hoping to see many more of you. Where were you all hiding? Anyway, it was a great day of side shows and flying displays and of course the usual 'right-arm-weight-lifting!!!', that went down a treat. Especially on such a great sunny day.

Resumes

A number of resumes are attached. Thanks to those who have sent them along. There will be more in the next issue.

Editor's notes

Remember that the Newsletter requires a little information from you all, especially your resumes. This gives the other readers an insight into what we have all been doing since our Halton days, so please put pen to paper.

Also if any of you have any pre-printed matter that you might think will be of interest to the others then send it along.

If there are any topics or features that you think may be useful for the Newsletter then give you ideas to the Ed:-

Chris Wales, 230 Runnymede Ave, Bearwood, Bournemouth, BH11 9SP.

** P.S. For those who are interested: This newsletter was written on a portable PC GRiDCASE 1520, using MICROSOFT Word5.

RESUMES

No. 1 **John Hastings**

On leaving Halton I was posted to Scampton on Vulcan line servicing. A 4 ½ year tour on the Queen's Flight followed, during which I married a local Henley-on-Thames girl. On posting back to Scampton, this time on Hastings (what else with my name). I was promoted to Sgt and bought my first house. I was commissioned from Scampton and spent a year on engineering training at Cranwell. A tour on simulator servicing at Finingley followed before a full tour as J Eng O on the Sultan of Brunei's Air Wing on loan service. HQ Strike Command beckoned on my return to the UK and I was promoted to Sqn Ldr in the simulator role office. A tour as OC Elect Eng at Lyneham followed an inevitable spell in the Ministry of Defence. Promoted to Wg Cdr I did a tour at HQ RAF Support Command, Brampton. A course at the JSDC at Greenwich preceded my current study tasks before I go to RAF Fylingdales as OC Eng Wg. (Aug '90)

Still married, with 3 children, my home is in High Wycombe. Although I have played soccer throughout my career I have recently hung up my boots. I still play squash, even though I am past the dreaded 40 age (just), but my prime activity is walking.

I have developed an unhealthy appetite for classical music and still enjoy the practical side of beer and wine tasting.

No. 2 **Paul Collins**

1965 - Airframe fitter at Scampton working on the Blue Steel missile attached to the Vulcan A/C.

1968 - Training at Topcillfe as a Flight Engineer.

1969 - OCU at Thorney Island to operate on the C130 Hercules.

1970 - 36 Squadron at Lyneham on C130.

1974 - Training in the simulator at Lyneham C130 A/C.

1976 - Disillusioned, lack of flying etc. decided to leave RAF at 12 year point.

1976 - Joined British Airways as Flight Engineer on the 707.

1979 - Had enough after 3 years so decided to leave B.A.

1979 - Joined Cathay Pacific as F/E on the L1011 Tristar.

1985 - Transferred to B747 fleet with C.P.A.

Probably will not leave C.P.A unless the Chinese come rushing over the border, or some such disaster strikes.

No. 3 **Kevin Sheehan**

(Ed's translation from his letter)

On leaving Halton Kevin went to Scampton (what! another one) and spent 5 years there. A posting to Sharjah for 13 months was next. On his return he went to Finingley for a further 5 years. He would have stayed in, but his application to sign-on was turned down. (A story that many have to tell). Demobbed as Sergeant after his 12 years. He then went to work for British Rail in their workshops at Doncaster where he is still gainfully employed and lives.

No. 4 **Peter Slawson**

1971 - J Eng O 26 Sqn Wyton

1973 - Management Consultant RAF Management Services Unit.

1977 - Brize Norton F L Mgr VC 10's

1979 - HQ 38 Grp. DEA for parachutes, Role Equipment, Airborne Release Equipment and Mk X1 Kite Balloons.

1981 - HQ STC Eng Co-ord and Plans. (6 mths)

1981 - S Eng O 7 Sqn (UK Chinooks)

1984 - B Cal FLM, Programme Integrity Manager.

1985 - Managing Director, Ridsdale Plastics Ltd. (Joint owner)

1987 - Business and Computer Systems Implementer Field Aircraft at E. Midlands Airport.

Sep 88 to Present. Business and Financial (together with Insurance Underwriting). Consultant with the Confederation Group of Companies.

ADDENDUM

Association Tie

Since print there has been a correction to the price of the Association tie. The cost will now be only £4.50 (inc. P & P.) Its design will be as shown below.



It will be on a similar design to the Entry tie. It will be a dark blue material with a light blue motif of the laurel wreath and Cockerel both inset between two diagonal lines. We need to place an order with the manufacture for a minimum of 40 to get them at this price. Please support the Association. If we place the order by the end of July 1990 we are expecting a 1 month delivery.

103 Entry Association Application Form

I wish to join the 103rd Entry Association.

I enclose a cheque / P.0 to the value of £5

payable to: 103rd Entry Association.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

DO IT TODAY!

Return to : Nick Smith, 72, Pinnocks Way, Botley,
Oxford,
Oxon, OX2 9DQ.

103rd Entry Association Tie Application Form

I would like to purchase a 103rd Entry Association Tie.

I enclose a cheque / P.0 to the value of £4.50 (to cover
postage and package.)

payable to: 103rd Entry Association.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

DO IT TODAY!

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