

Presentation of the Area Presidents Cup

At this years Area Conference our branch become the first recipient of the new Area Presidents Cup awarded to the most efficient branch in the Wales, Midlands and South Western Area.



Lorraine, our Branch delegate receiving the cup from Air Vice Marshal Martin Clark CB, Area President, Wales, Midlands and South Western Area.



Social Events for 2019

Coffee morning at the Portivo Lounge, Gloucester Quays first Tuesday of the month at 11am.

The following trips are being planned:

July. Boat trip on the Queen Boadicea followed by lunch in a local restaurant. Boat trip will cost £6.50.

August. Coughton Court House and Gardens. Entry cost is £12 for non National Trust members.

September. Steam train ride, Cheltenham to Broadway. Cost for an all day Rover ticket is £19 per person.

October. Visit to Dr Jenner's House.

November. Birmingham Military Tattoo.

December. Christmas lunch at the Queens Head.

Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible but if you are interested in any of the trips listed contact Ruth on 07810428073 or 01453 836439 or via email at ledgemoor@hotmail.com



Welfare

Over the period January to April 2019 the branch Welfare Officers and the Tea and Chat team made 52 visits and 93 contacts by telephone, email and written correspondence.

The RAF Association now operates a "befriender service". Recent research has found that isolation and loneliness is particularly acute within the ex-military community, with one in six individuals reporting relationship/isolation issues.

The service pairs volunteers with veterans and their families who suffer from loneliness and isolation.

If you think this service could be of benefit to you please contact your Branch Welfare Officer, contact details on page 4.

Wings Appeal 2019

PLEASE HELP THE RAF FAMILY
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ROYAL AIR FORCES Association
The charity that supports the RAF family

WINGS APPEAL

Wings collection for the first half of 2019 is £1152.73. Lorraine, our Wings Collection Organiser is always in need of support. If you can spare some time to help out please contact Lorraine on 01452 306005.

Email Address

Have you notified our branch secretary of your email address? You can save the branch money but receiving future copies of the newsletter by email. The newsletter is also available on our branch website.

ATC Liaison



Presentation of Wings Certificates.



Our Branch Chairman inspecting 2342 ATC Squadron cadets.

Your Committee

President: Eric Ede

Chairman: Ian Beaton

Deputy Chairman: Ken Newman

Honorary Treasurer: Chris Hill

Honorary Welfare Officer: Sally Dixon
Sally can be contacted on 01452 751296

Honorary Secretary: Lorraine Wilson
Lorraine can be contacted on 01452 306005
Email: lorrainecole@blueyonder.co.uk

Social Events Coordinator: Ruth Aldridge

Committee Member: Pam Blackhall

Active (non committee) branch members:

Deputy Honorary Welfare Officer:
Ray Bunnage. Contact 01452 415064.

Website/Newsletter/Social Media
Manager: Ray Bunnage

Branch Standard Bearer: John Walker

Join the Committee

Your branch needs volunteers to join the committee to stimulate new ideas and support the work currently being undertaken.

If you would like to get involved please contact our branch secretary who will answer any questions you may have.

Flowerdown House



Wings Break at Flowerdown House in Weston-Super-Mare?
Need Financial help then contact your Branch Welfare Officer.

RAFA Tapestry



**RAF 100
Commemorative Tapestry
plus details of all RFC/RAF
stations of Gloucestershire.**

**Royal Flying Corps
WW1 Aerodromes**

**Royal Air Force Stations
from WW2**



**1st June - 1st November 2019
Week-end dates**

inc. Wednesdays during School Holidays
and Bank Holidays

**Plus all the normal
attractions of Jet Age Museum**

**Museum open 10am - 4pm
Meteor Business Park,
Cheltenham Road East,
Gloucester GL2 9QL**



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