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Colin Hinson

In the village of Blunham, Bedfordshire.



AIRWAVES

ROYAL AIR FORCE LOCKING

DECEMBER 1992



Merry Christmas!
... hope you pull a Cracker (or two)!!

**ISSUE DEADLINES FOR
1993**

If you would like to contribute an article to Airwaves next year please note the following issue deadlines:

- 29 January
- 5 March
- 16 April
- 21 May
- 25 June
- 30 July
- 10 September
- 15 October
- 19 November

EDITORIAL

Christmas Again!

must take the opportunity of thanking everyone who had contributed to Airwaves during this year. As a result we have been able to publish a wide variety of interesting articles concerning Station life here at Locking.

Should you be interested in writing to the magazine next year please note that a list of issue deadlines for 1993 are published on the left.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Brian Plenderleith, Editor*

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A Christmas Message from the Station Commander

The year end is traditionally a time for reflection, whether to look back with satisfaction on great achievements and joyous events or simply to be glad the year is over and to hope that the next twelve months bring better luck. 1992 has certainly been a busy year for Locking, and I think we can reflect with satisfaction and, yes, pride on what has been achieved.

Re-organization may still seem to some a dirty word, but there is no doubt in my mind that we are already seeing the benefits and in the years to come the principles will be increasingly justified. I have been very impressed with the attitude of all the staff to a major change in the way we do business; change is notoriously difficult to manage in any organization, and seven months on we can feel justifiably proud of the result. My thanks to everyone for making it work.

But change is now almost the norm, for wherever we look the old order is being overthrown. The rationalization of Trade Group 3 is nearly upon us. In 18 months time we will have two new Commands and, for all practical purposes at our level of activity, no MOD. One batch of redundancy has been decided and another is on its way. Career opportunities have been severely restricted, although we have had some notable successes on the Station. The spectre of contractorization hangs over many support activities in all three Services. Perhaps of greatest direct significance is the slimming down of the RAF ground training organization, and relief that Locking survives in the medium term at least; do not believe everything you read in the newspapers! All this uncertainty causes stresses and strains, and not just for those in uniform. Our long-suffering families also bear all the pleasures and pains of Service life, and my good wishes go particularly to those who are separated from their loved ones this Christmas by the various operational commitments we currently face.

There have been many memorable moments in 1992, and in an indifferent summer we were lucky to have good weather for those events where it mattered. The Flowerdown Fair weekend was magnificent and showed the Station at its very best, the Freedom Parade could hardly have been better, the Fun Run was - well - fun and the Wheelchair Marathon another great success. There were many other activities, often in support of good causes, and the fund-raising efforts of the Roundel Club deserve particular mention. The willing and enthusiastic involvement of so many people is evidence to me of a happy and well-motivated Station and contributes in no small way to the reputation we enjoy in the local community.

1993 promises to be equally busy. It is the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force, and the 50th Anniversaries of No 1 Radio School and the RAF Association. Our tribute to all three will be a bumper Flowerdown Fair weekend on 18 - 20 June. We are also mindful of the 50th Anniversary of the Dambusters raid, and secret negotiations are currently under way for a special event on the Station. I am conscious that our declining trainee population will limit the labour force at our disposal, but I know I can count on your support to make these occasions both memorable and enjoyable.

Judy and I would like to thank you all for your help and friendship in making RAF Locking a super place to live and work.

Have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and New Year.

On Sunday 20th September 1992, the tenth British Sports Association for the Disabled (BSAD) Armed Forces Wheelchair Marathon took place at RAF Locking. Teams of runners from many military units in the South West took turns to push a wheelchair and its occupant for 10 laps of a 2.6 mile course, making a marathon distance.

BSAD MARATHON '92

The BSAD Wheelchair Marathon '92





EDUCATION FUNDING

A Feature by M.D. Macpherson and Partners



A Child's Future : The Longterm View

Britain's deepest recession since the 1930's has not reduced the demand for places at independent schools, reports the latest ISIS Census of over 600,00 children now in the independent sector, the proportion of the school population being educated privately is now 7.5%, as compared with 6% ten years ago. Confusion and concern over the future of the state of education system are set to continue following the government's White Paper proposals for the transformation of the state system.

Considering the Costs

The cost of sending a child to an independent school for one year, let alone five or ten years, is substantial. Fees for day pupils average £3,000 per year for pre-prep schools, rising to £4,000 for prep schools and £5,000 for senior places. With fees continuing to rise well beyond the rate of inflation - ISIS reported an increase of some 12% between 1991 and 1992 - the trend upwards is set to continue.

Planning a primary or secondary education is, however, only part of the story.

Most parents or grandparents would like to give their child the opportunity to go on to higher education, should he or she have the talent or inclination. A factor that many may not be aware of, however, is that prospective students in higher education whose parents' residual income is more than £13,360, will receive no state assistance except for course fees.

Although the subject of the deficiencies of the student grant and the pros and cons of student loans are topics of constant debate, the underlying problems of funding remain. The hard facts are that a full student grant currently stands at £2,265, with top up student loans of up to £715. Those parents whose child does not qualify for a grant, and who may be against

the principle of a student loan therefore, face a bill of at least £3,000 per year to fund higher education.

Planning for the Future

For some, the ability to support a child's education may not be a financial burden. For others, the prospect of finding £3,000 per year (let alone, £10,000, the cost of some of the top boarding schools), is prohibitive.

If you are considering the possibility of a private or higher education for your child/children in the future, the options open to you will be affected by the amount of time remaining before funds may be required.

School Fees Savings Plans offer a flexible solution to worries over funding. You should discuss your options with your financial adviser at the earliest opportunity. Should a parent be saving for a university education some twelve or fifteen years away, which, ultimately is not needed, the accumulated funds can be utilized for other purposes - that dream holiday, perhaps, or a new car.

Time is of the Essence

One of the main criticisms of the School Fees Savings Plan is that the figures prove to be "too much, too late". Many parents do not consider the alternatives to the state system until, perhaps, one or two years before their child will need them. Nevertheless, many will be planning a higher education far in advance of the time at which it will be required.

With the costs of private education continuing to rise and a student grant which has remained frozen since 1990, there has never been a better time to discuss School Fees Planning. The important thing to remember is: **if your child is under one year old, it is not too early to consider funding future education. A few Pounds per month will be easier to find than hundreds or thousands in a few years time.**

The value of investments may fluctuate and cannot be guaranteed. A copy of the standard plan conditions is available on request.

GOURMET'S PAGE

The Airwaves Guide to Good Eating . . .

In this, the first of what it is hoped will be a number of articles in the Airwaves magazine on quality restaurants in the local area, our guide takes us to an establishment with an oriental flavour.



Martin's Hill Farmhouse

offers specialist Malaysian cuisine of excellent quality and at moderate prices. The restaurant though simply furnished in an English style, places great emphasis on an informal and friendly hospitality in very pleasant surroundings.

Your Malaysian hostess is Meg Edgar who will gladly assist if required in your selections from the menu; she also serves ice-cold Tiger beer - an ad-

ditional incentive for those with fond memories of Singapore and Hong Kong.

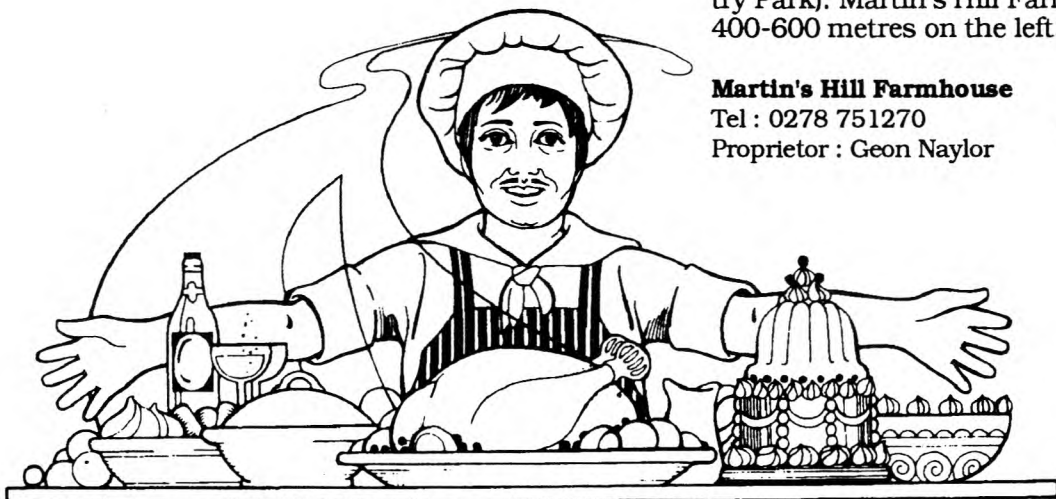
Despite its rural location, the restaurant is well supported and advance booking is recommended; weekends would appear to be exceptionally busy.

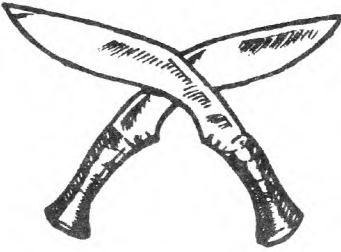
Martin's Hill Farmhouse is located at Red Road, Berrow near Burnham-on-Sea. For those travelling from Weston, drive towards Brean and take a left turn along Red Road (follow the signposts towards the Animal Farm Country Park). Martin's Hill Farmhouse is 400-600 metres on the left.

Martin's Hill Farmhouse

Tel : 0278 751270

Proprietor : Geon Naylor





ABSOLUTELY GOOD, SAHIB!!

Locking Caving Club hosts the Gurkhas

In response to Flt Lt Dave Tosh's invitation to try caving, Gurkha students from the English Language Wing of the Defence School of Languages at Beaconsfield decided to give it a go. This article outlines how they got on.

Dave Tosh making some final adjustments; here he checks for space between the ears

The annoying thing about Gurkhas is that they are always so blasted cheerful, even at 7 o'clock on Saturday mornings. That's when we had to get up to go caving in Burrington Combe in order to beat the tourist cavers (which we weren't of course!). The party of eight Gurkhas arrived on the night of 23rd October and were booked into the Barker Block Hilton for the weekend, group leader was Lt Rick Clarke RN. All were virgins, in that they hadn't done it before. So it was into the Locking Caving Club (not to be confused with the Locking Curry Club) to introduce them to the unique delights of speleology (caving, in lay terms).

Sahib since the Battle of Poona in 1815, that immediately six Gurkhas heaved the thing up and stuck it in the minibus. Mortified, I explained pathetically that I was only joking really, we didn't actually need it and could they put it back. They did, giving me that "just wait until it is kukri sharpening time Sahib and we will show you a Gurkha joke" type smile, which had me edging to the minibus clutching my throat.

We piled ourselves, our kit and our packed lunches into the minibus and went to Burrington Combe, passing the Rock of Ages, its significance was explained to the Gurkhas who, to



First down to the caving clubhouse to be kitted out. Unlike most British Junior Ranks, Gurkhas actually take note and listen, so they are au fait with the karabiners and other technical kit such as knee and elbow pads needed to cave safely. I jokingly pointed to the sub aqua club's air compressor, a bulky item weighing nearly as much as the late Robert Maxwell's conscience and replied to Sapper Tirthabhadur Gurung's question that, as there is little air down caves, we would have to take the compressor with us, ha ha. Such is the absolute trust and faith that Gurkhas have been placing in the white officer

a man, were totally underwhelmed by its story. We arrived before the hordes of other weekend cavers had descended onto the place. Dave Tosh RAF took Rick Clarke RN and three Gurkhas down Goatchurch, which in caving terms is rather like "doing London" is if you are an American visitor. Kerry Hutchinson, late Royal Anglians, took the other Gurkhas to Rod's Pot, who didn't mind. Rod's Pot was discovered in 1944 and geologically is interesting. At the bottom of the cave is a grotto with stalactite formations which vandals have left alone. That fact alone makes the trip worthwhile.

**The Locking Four about
to enter Rod's Pot**



However, the icing on the cake was the Sunday morning event which took them all the way back to the oriental splendour of Hong Kong and had the Gurkhas enthralled for a whole hour. It was difficult for Rick Clarke RN and Kerry Hutchinson RAF to drag them away, back to the caves. I refer of course, to Weston FC's Sunday Car Boot Sale!

Although some Gurkhas have seen the odd cave in their country, Nepal, they are nothing in comparison to the cathedral like dimensions and splendour of the caves in the Mendips. So in order not to insult them we kept our programme to modest caves with the odd tight squeeze. Lunch was taken in Aveline's Hole, and thus the Gurkhas were genuinely impressed. The more so because they were the first from the entire Brigade of Gurkhas to have gone caving in the UK or Hong Kong. Packed lunches were provided by Brian Whitton and Barry Mitchell, who had again come up with That Different Flavour of crisps. Now, most retail outlets can only offer such mundane flavours as Cheese & Onion, Salt & Vinegar, Beef, etc. But these are never to be found in Cat Flt. No! It's always something like Prawn Cocktail, Chicken or Spam flavour. Never mind, the flask of Cofteacocoa was good.

So popular is caving that we had to give up the afternoon sessions because the well known caves were heaving with Scout parties fifteen strong, all busy getting their speleology badges. Instead, the Gurkhas sampled the delights of Weston, which they thought was wonderful (well, you would wouldn't you, if your country is land locked). As far as caving was concerned the weekend was a great success, particularly as we finished off with the show caves at Cheddar.

Thanks to Dave Tosh and Perry Shears, the Gurkhas had a thor-

oughly good time. They were particularly impressed with the skill of the RAF, one of whose pilots managed to land the Gnat with such precision onto that concrete plinth. The caterers made up for the Hedgehog flavour crisps by laying on a curry for the Gurkhas in the Airmen's Mess which was most appreciated. However, the icing on the cake was the Sunday morning event which took them all the way back to the oriental splendour of Hong Kong and had the Gurkhas enthralled for a whole hour. It was difficult for Rick Clarke RN and Kerry Hutchinson RAF to drag them away, back to the caves. I refer of course, to Weston FC's Sunday Car Boot Sale!

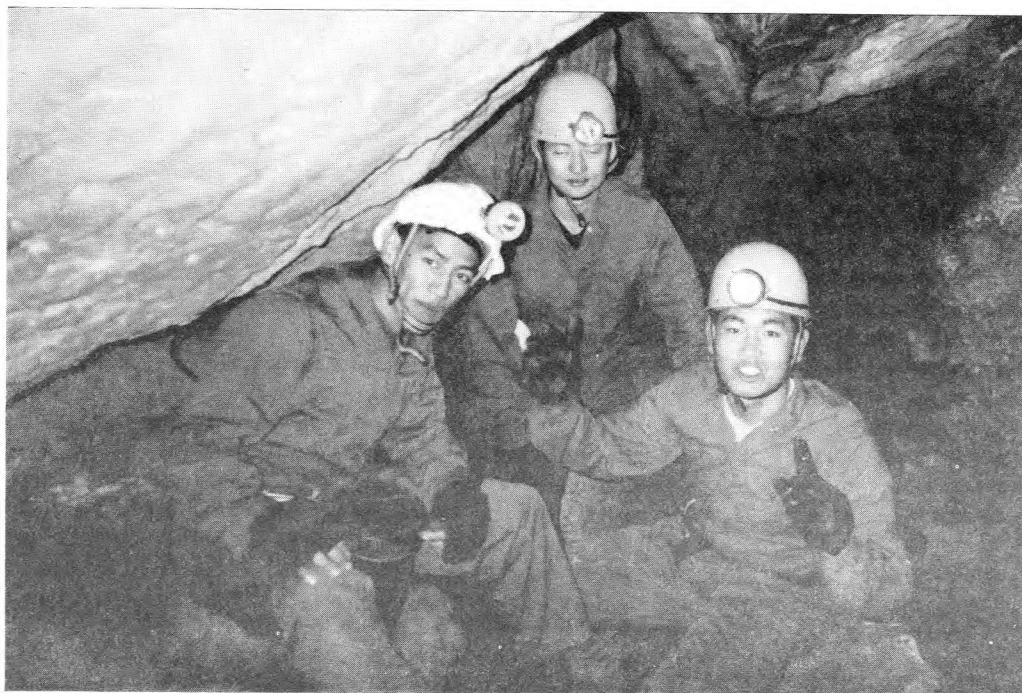
It's hoped to organise regular caving visits to Locking for the Gurkhas who are keen to do it again. L/Cpl Yambahadur Limbu summed up their feelings by describing the caving experience as "Absolutely good, Sahib!"

Flt Lt Kerry Hutchinson

SOME NOTES ON GURKHAS

By 1812 the British East India Company had swallowed up territory after territory until they were finally fought to a halt, by men who came from the district of Goorkha. The local king united all adjacent tribes against the invader under Goorkha leadership and the first Gurkha War started in 1813. Incensed by its mighty Army being seen off by local tribes, the Empire

L/Cpl Jithra Limbu, Bdr
Yambahadur Gurung and
Pte Tekbahadur Tamang
enjoy a song halfway down
Rod's Pot



sent reinforcements, thus beginning the Second Gurkha War. Again, the Gurkhas, although vastly outnumbered, thrashed the British making the score two-nil to the home teams. The Battle of Poona in 1815 was a draw and, impressed by the Gurkha fighting spirit, the Crown asked them to join our team. Gurkhas have fought for the Sovereign at Lucknow, Delhi, the Somme, Mesopotamia, the Far East and the Withdrawal from Empire. Indeed, the Argentine withdrawal from their positions opposite the Gurkhas in the Falklands when they knew the

Gurkhas were about to attack, was their wisest move. (The Argies tuned in daily to the BBC World Service for an update on British attack plans.) The Brigade of Gurkhas is some 8000 strong, to be cut by 4000 by 1997. Their main UK base is Church Crookham, near Odiham, they chew khaini (a sort of semi-legal tobacco plug), drink sometimes, and kill goats to make curry. Their issue weapon is the Kukri, which they say is more reliable than the SA80; the kukri was last used in anger in 1989.

Rod's Pot : The Rift., 260
feet down. Flt Lt Dave
Tosh OIC Caving on the
right, looks on



The Gospel According to Sparky

Chapter 2 : Verses 11 - 19 "The Waiting"

SYNOPSIS: *In the first chapter, Joe, of the family of Soap, of the tribe of Engineerites, overslept the Stn callout. He was reported by Flighty to the King's Overseer and was placed before the door of the Chamber of the King to await judgement. But as they hadn't "followed the proper procedure" he was taken away from the entrance to the Chamber of the King and replaced outside the door of a Senior Accolite, where we now find him.*

CHAPTER TWO

11. **A**nd so was the Engineerite summoned unto the Office of the Elder of the PMS-ites, yea, even unto He Who Keepeth Blue Files on Tribesmen. And the Elder did speak at the Engineerite, saying "Ho, Ho and again, Ho! Verily art thou for the High Jump. Supplicate thyself, Boy, thy funeral awaiteth!" At this did the eyes of the Engineerite fill with water, and his lower lip did wobble. And the Elder did beam and summon his Prefectors to bind the Engineerite and place him before the Porch of Lamentation.

12. **T**herein did sit the Chief Scribe, a kindly seer, who took pity on the engineerite, who was ashen, saying "Take succour, O Bewildered One. Yea, though the Closing Hour of thy existence is nigh, yet shall I guide thee through thy Final Moment."

13. **A**nd the Chief Scribe did give the Engineerite a slice of lemon, saying "Give this to the elder of the PMS-ites, as you pass him, and bid him suck upon it". And the Engineerite became of good cheer and asked whether this would reduce the Elder of the PMS-ites' wrath. "Nay, me old mucker, but it shall surely remove the smile from his fizzog. Now go, and may Jahweh be with thee."

14. **A**nd Lo and Behold, did the Prefectors again seize the Engineerite, burbling muchly. This made the Engineerite pull a face, for they had supped the night before, with the Locking Curry Club, and their breath did stinketh. And the Prefectors did place him before the Arch of Confusion, at the entrance to the Temple of the King of the Engineerites, then did they make themselves scarce. At this did the Engineerite wail with fear, lifting his voice

upwards, crying "O Jahweh, is there no comfort for the Widow's son?"

15. **A**nd Behold, a Celestial Voice spaketh unto the Engineerite, saying "The name thou has called is engaged. Please try later."

16. **A**t this was the Engineerite downcast. He did gaze however, in awe at the splendour and costliness of the Temple of the King of the Engineerites, which had become an object of incredulity to the surrounding tribes. It was built upon the foundations of the Great April Re-org, from which did the King gain much profit. Two great pillars were placed at the Porchway or Entrance. That on the left was called CERT and that on the right, UNIX, which when conjoined, spelt EXICUTNR.

17. **A**nd the height of those pillars was seventeen cubits and a half each, their circumference twelve, their diameter four. They were formed hollow, better to serve as Archives to Engineering and to store boxes of laser printer paper. They were made of discs and were cast on the Plain of Hutton, in the caves of Banwell, where the King of the Engineerites ordered these and all other of his Holy

Vessels to be cast.

18. **T**hese pillars were adorned with two laser printers, each five cubits high, the laser printers were enriched with wallpaper, tippex and buckets. Wallpaper to denote papering over, tippex to denote whitewash, and buckets to denote plenty of it. There were two rows of photocopying paper on each chapter, one hundred reams in each row. Those pillars were further adorned with two spherical balls on which were delineated maps of the celestial and terrestrial globes, pointing out Engineering Universal. There was a third globe of the World, but was crushed to a round disc, thus explaining the true Engineering view, that the Earth Is Flat.

19. **A**nd Lo and Behold, the Portal, fashioned of surplus "T" blocks, did open, and a Black Lightness did shine therefrom, bathing the trembling Engineerite in darkness visible. And a terrible whisper did emanate from within, saying "Come Hither, Sinner in my sight, and receive thy Judgement." And the engineerite did struggle forward, his limbs as lead, and he did enter, still holding, between his trembling fingers, the slice of lemon

To be continued.

WHAT'S ON IN THE WEST

DECEMBER

- 7th-12th **Moscow City Ballet - 'Sleeping Beauty'** Bristol Hippodrome 7.30 p.m. + Matinee Sat £25-£5
- 7th-12th **Natural Causes** (with George Cole) Theatre Royal, Bath £19-£7
- 11th **Chris Barber's Jazz & Blues Band** Colston Hall, Bristol 7.30 p.m. £8.50-£7.00
- 11th **Wedding Present** Bristol University
- 12th **Flea Market** Winter Gardens, Weston-s-Mare 10.00a.m. - 4.30 p.m. 50p
- 12th **Bristol Choral Society - 'Handel's Messiah'** Colston Hall, Bristol 7.30 p.m. £10-£5.00
- 13th **Carter's Unstoppable Sex Machine** Newport Centre 8.00 p.m. £8.00 in advance
- 13th **Savoy Operatic Society - Christmas Show** Bristol Hippodrome 7.30 p.m. £6.00
- 13th **The Ramones** The Rainbow, Bristol
- 16th **Status Quo** Cardiff National Ice Rink (0222 224488)
- 17th-31st Jan **'Cinderella'** (with Rolf Harris) Theatre Royal, Bath £14.00 - £7.00 (Group Discounts)
- 18th **Madness** Cardiff International Ice Rink (0222 224488)
- 18th **Extreme** Cardiff National Ice Rink
- 18th **Morrissey** Colston Hall 7.30 p.m. £12.50
- 18th - 31st Jan **'Jack & The Beanstalk'** (with John Inman & The Crowd from TV's "Rainbow") £12 - £8
- 18th - 23rd Jan **'Snow White & The Seven Dwarves'** (with Ted Rogers) Playhouse, Weston-s-Mare
£8.50 - £6.50 (Party Rates available). Sundays all seats £6.50. Family special : 4 seats for the price of 3.
- 19th **Bristol Choral Society - 'Handel's Messiah'** (See 12th Dec)
- 20th **Brian Blessed** Theatre Royal, Bristol 7.30 p.m. £10.00 - £6.00
- 21st **Bournemouth Sinfonietta & Bath Camerata - 'Handel's Messiah'**
Winter Gardens, W-s-M 8.00 p.m. £11.00 - £9.50

JANUARY

- 6th **National Youth Orchestra - Rachmaninov & Brahms** Colston Hall 7.30 p.m.
- 10th **Miles & Milner** Theatre Royal, Bristol £7.00

FEBRUARY

- 2nd **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - Brahms** Colston Hall 7.30 p.m.
- 3rd - 27th **Me & My Girl** (with Gary Wilmot & Jessica Martin) Bristol Hippodrome 7.30 p.m. + Matinees
£21.50 - £5.50
- 6th **Richard Clayderman** Colston Hall 8.00 p.m. £17.50 - £15.00
- 21st **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra - Rachmaninov & Schubert** Colston Hall 7.30 pm

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Natural and local history. Iron Age finds from the Worlebury Hill Fort. Next door is Clara's cottage, furnished in 1901 style.

HUTTON MOOR SWIMMING POOL, HUTTON MOOR LEISURE CENTRE.

MAIN POOL

Monday	0630 - 2130	2130 - 2230 Adults only
Tuesday	0730 - 1930	
Wednesday	0730 - 2030	2030 - 2230 Adults only
Thursday	0730 - 1930	2130 - 2230 Adults only
Friday	0630 - 2130	
Saturday	0800 - 1800	
Sunday	0800 - 1700	1800 - 2230

SMALL POOL

Monday - Friday	0730 - 1600	1800 - 1900
Saturday	1030 - 1600	
Sunday	0730 - 1900	

Adult: £1.75, Child: 0.95p. Family Ticket (2 + 2): £4.70.

THE TRUE TALE OF TJNA'S CAT

Oh woe to thee,
Tiger is stuck up a tree
He's been there all night.
Oh what a sight

People gathered around
To hear the sound
A mournful little cry.
Believe me, I wouldn't lie.

They tried in vain,
In the pouring rain
To coax poor Tiger out,
But all he gave was another shout.

"Here puss come on then",
Almost time to give up,
when He took the chance,
Jumped down to join his owner's
jubilant dance.






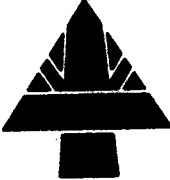
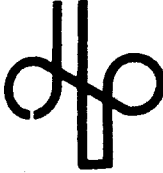









By Jaqueline Davies

PUZZLE PAGE

By John Buckley

Below are shown 16 Logos and Trademarks. Can you identify them all?

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COCKTAIL CABINET

Rumtopf for Christmas!

The Germans often make a Rumtopf for Christmas. Although it may be too late for this year's festivities, readers may wish to try making it for Christmas 1993.

A Rumtopf is a subtle blending of fresh fruits and rum nurtured through long lonely months to be eaten/drunk/played with at Christmas. There are many recipes, this is just one, and although it should be made in a Rumtopf, a large glass or ceramic vessel will do; just make sure it is large enough. Timing is important, after all you may miss putting in more Rum, so work out what fruit you are going to use and count backwards from Christmas to an estimated start date.

Stage 1 : Sometime in May or June, wash, hull and dry 8 oz strawberries and combine with 4 oz granulated sugar - leave to soak for 1 hour. Place strawberries and sugar into pot and pour in 1 pint of rum (or brandy). Stir, place inverted plate onto fruit to make sure it remains under the rum - cover and store in a cool place.

Stage 2 : After two weeks, wash and dry 8 oz raspberries, combine with 4 oz sugar, leave to stand for 1 hour and then add to Rumtopf, top with rum to a finger's width above fruit. In fact the mixture should be checked periodically to ensure rum is always above level of fruit.

Stage 3 : Every two weeks add:
(when you add fruit - stir gently)
8 oz black stoned cherries
8 oz gooseberries
8 oz apricots, stoned and chopped

(large dice)
8 oz peaches, stoned and chopped
(large dice)
8 oz greengages, stoned and chopped
(large dice)
8 oz stoned, halve plums.

Stage 4 : 4 weeks later, add 8 oz peeled, cored pears (large dice)

Stage 5 : In November (or when fruit is available) add:
8 oz pineapple chunks
8 oz melon (large dice)
8 oz seeded grapes (skinned if you want)

Stage 6 : 4 weeks before Christmas, check sweetness - add more sugar if you desire and top up with 1/2 pint brandy and leave to soak until Christmas eve.

Stage 7: Serving suggestions:
a. On it's own
b. With champagne
c. With Ice Cream or cream

GAMES TO PLAY WITH RUMTOPF

After two glasses - rub fruit into your belly button.

After three glasses - rub fruit into someone else's belly button.

After fore glasshes - washtywoops glooper clambrt oomph!



STATION SAILEX

With a few crew members only too happy for dry land and food at a stationary table, the hunt was on. Two teams had differing success with only one group returning after devouring local pancakes from the creperie.

An Account of the Station Sailex, held from 12th - 18th October, sailing a JSASTC Nicholson 55 from Gosport

Day 1

Through various means of transport the crew assembled at HMS Hornet on the morning of 12 October. With bags in hand we were directed to Lord Trenchard, which was to be the cramped home for twelve people over the next seven days. The crew varied from complete novice to skilled and qualified sailors. The reservations held by the newcomers were soon settled when introduced to the skipper Simon Salter.

With the primary aim of sail training at all levels, the education was to start at the beginning so as to thoroughly ensure the safety and well being of everybody.

The first task was to prepare the boat with essential kit and food in readiness for a sea going passage. Once completed, a quick lunch and time for stowage of personal kit was followed by the skipper's brief. For those new to sailing there seemed a lot of information but during the week it was all to become clear as practical skills were sharpened.

With the evening closing in, there was time for a quick sail exercise within Portsmouth harbour, to go through some basics. That done, it was time to retreat to the Yacht Club for less formal introductions.

Day 2

Time to set sail and impress the skipper with the skills already achieved after only a few hours training. A pleasant trip across the Solent to Cowes for mooring practice and lunch. Then west towards the Needles making the most of the glorious sunshine. With such favourable conditions the skipper chose to pass into the Channel and turn south towards the Channel Islands. With the watch system in full effect we sailed through the night passing the Casquettes in darkness.

Day 3

By first light St Peter Port was in sight off the starboard bow. With such good progress it was decided to carry on past Guernsey and onto France. The small town of Paimpol was only accessible at high tide via a sea lock. With time spare before high water we anchored off Il De Brehat. Inflated the dinghy and headed for a sightseeing trip around the quaint French island. With a few crew members only too happy for dry land and food at a stationary table, the hunt was on. Two teams had differing success with only one group returning after devouring local pancakes from the creperie.

On returning to the boat, we continued through spectacular scen-



The Happy Crew aboard 'Lord Trenchard'

A member of the crew takes advantage of the optional 'cold shower'



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ery toward Paimpol. Rocks seemed to appear all around us and only the knowledge of our skipper took us safely through the dangerous passage.

On arrival at the lock, 34 hours after leaving England, we were all ready for the curry provided by the day's mother watch. Then a quick tour of the local pubs before a much needed nights sleep.

Day 4

An early rise to catch the next high tide and pass through the lock back out to sea. With the winds still north westerly the journey back towards the Channel Islands was always going to be different. We were steering a course best to windward with a force 6 on the nose. The sea in that area was notorious for being very disturbed due to the rocky outfall under the surface. With strong winds and tide, a wet day was in store for any one venturing onto the foredeck. Guernsey was the sanctuary after a very hard day's sail. A chance to freshen up and relax with a leisurely walk around the town of St Peter Port. Pleasures such as Marks and Spencer and English speaking barmen were soon to be sought out. Without the use of the outboard engine the dinghy seemed to circle endlessly around the harbour as successive crew attempted the noble art of rowing. Following the lessons in boatmanship we sat down for a great 'spagbol' and stories of numerous soakings whilst changing sails. The opportunity of an English pint in pleasant surroundings was grasped

as the crew returned to the delights of St Peter Port.

Day 5

Another early start to use the best of the tide to speed us on towards Cherbourg. A calmer passage on this occasion with the off deck watch taking the opportunity for a much needed sleep. Unfortunately the working watch used the settled weather for a swift outbreak of morale. Starboard watch choir were only too happy to entertain with endless songs from the past. It's funny how you always vaguely remember the classics but don't seem to get past the chorus! Port watch returned the compliment with similar renditions whilst starboard retired to the bunks.

On arrival at Cherbourg, a suitable French restaurant was targeted for the evening whilst the all important duty free lorry was offloaded onto the boat.

With smart civvies the order of the evening headed for our French cuisine. The food was ordered in the usual pidgin French of the British sailor and received in much the same manner, "Murky buckets" being a poor attempt at thanks to the waitress. An excellent meal with entertaining speeches and even an ode to Lord Trenchard to brighten up the proceedings.

Day 6

The last early start in hope of reaching England that night. The winds again came from the north so another hard

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slog was in order. The joviality of the previous day continued all the way home with little sleep available to anyone. However the early start was not to give the results we hoped for. It was already dark before we sighted the southern end of the Isle of Wight, so it was going to be a very long day.

To add some excitement in the darkness a coastal steamer came very close about our bows. Even with our sails proclaiming right of way, a swift change of course was required to avoid any possible danger.

We arrived back in Gosport too late for time to shower and change so a hungry crew descended on the local

Chinese restaurant donned with oilskins and sea boots.

Day 7

A complete strip down of the boat and its contents ensured a full wash out before handing over for the next crew. With the essential duty free unloaded it was time for crew photos before transport arrived.

After thanking Simon the skipper and Colin, who was 1st mate, for their excellence through the duration of the trip, we headed back to Locking, after a brilliant week of sailing enjoyed by all. Hard work but a great adventure to experience.

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Married quarter residents may be surprised to learn that their homes are now in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, registered with Weston-super-Mare Civilian Police. Although access to RAF Locking is strictly controlled with the advantage of a security fence, intensively patrolled more than any civilian housing estate ever would or could be; the Police still can't be everywhere.

There is a danger we may become victims of our own success. The patrols are regularly seen and this high profile can enhance a feeling of safety and "it won't happen to me" attitude. Unfortunately some householders have discovered that leaving unsecured property outside their MQs only causes heartache when it's stolen. For them the crime rate at RAF Locking is all too real.

As a neighbour of Neighbourhood Watch, you can actually save money. Yes save money, as most insurance companies will give you a discount in premiums of 10%.

So just by taking an interest in situation that may be tempting to criminals (thieves) in your neighbourhood, you could be in pocket as well as not being caught out yourself. If you require any information on marking your valuables please contact the following:

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Sgt Chris Northy-Baker Ext 7304

Deputy Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator :

Cpl Mark Sims Ext 7343

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THE 3T STAGE RETURNS!



Many of you will be aware that over the last few months things have been happening at the 3T stage.

Events date back to 1989 when the stage was closed, after having been declared unsafe on fire grounds. Since then the area has remained dormant, awaiting the day when, once more, the boards of the RAF Locking stage would be trodden by giants, dames and pantomime cows. But more of that later ...

The Phoenix Players, the RAF Locking Amateur Dramatic Club, arose from the ashes in the autumn of 1991, initially putting on three short "Course Acting" plays in the Flowerdown Centre. This proved successful and led to a somewhat more ambitious production, "Your Obedient Servant" in May of this year, which was also "staged" in the Flowerdown Centre. Although successful, the Club realized that a permanent stage was needed and meanwhile a valuable Station resource remained closed.

Prior to handing over to me as OIC Phoenix Players in January 1991, Sqn Ldr Dick Winterton had bid for a Nuffield Trust Major Grant so as to fund the refurbishment of the stage which was to include the complete renewal of the curtains and the provision of a complete lighting system. The Trust confirmed that the Station had secured these funds late in the spring of this year.

That was when the work really began in earnest! The stage floor covering was replaced and beams, which would support the new lighting system were strengthened. The Club undertook a number of self-help tasks over weekends and in the evenings, patching holes in walls, removing debris, repainting the rear surrounds of the stage and most obvious of all, repainting the proscenium arch, which alone, occupied six people for two complete evenings. At long last the stage was being reborn. In November of this year, orders were placed for the lighting equipment and the curtains. As I write this article work is just starting

on the electrical phase.

The deadlines are tight, since the work needs to be completed in time for the Station Pantomime "Jack and the Beanstalk" which has been written by Sgt Martin Boulton of Course Design Squadron. Performances take place at 8pm on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th January, with an extra matinee performance at 2pm on the Saturday.

See the publicity poster on the next page for further details and ticket availability.

The stage will be used not only by the Theatre Club, but also for passing out parades, presentations, briefings and lectures. If you or your club is interested in making use of this facility, please contact me on Ext 7281 for further details and to have a look around.

Finally I would like to thank all those who have supported this project in any way and without whom the stage would have remained in darkness.

Flt Lt John Buckley

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE PAGE

1. National Westminster Bank
2. Jaguar Cars
3. Habitat
4. The National Trust
5. Girobank
6. British Aerospace
7. John Lewis Partnership
8. British Steel
9. Midland Bank
10. House of Fraser
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STATION SPORTS

Lord Wakefield Boxing Tournament Results



On October 4th 1992, Cpl Pete Chadwick (RAF Police Ft) and SAC Colin Fullelove (ESF) took part in the Lord Wakefield Boxing Tournament at RAF St Athan.

Cpl Chadwick (light heavyweight) was unlucky to lose in the preliminary stages of the contest to a more experienced boxer. He boxed very well and only just lost on a majority points decision. He then went on to box in a special bout on finals night. Again Cpl Chadwick showed tremendous courage and despite a very hard and well fought bout, he was unlucky not to win.

SAC Colin Fullelove (light welter-weight) outclassed his first opponent and stopped him in the 3rd round. In the semi-finals it only took 22 seconds in the first round for his opponent to retire, because of Colins tremendous punching power. SAC Fullelove was the best boxer in his weight division and in the finals outboxed and out classed his opponent but to the dismay of the crowd, lost his bout on a points decision. Even his opponent thought he should have won.

Both boxers showed great courage and did extremely well. they both have a promising future in boxing for the RAF.

Action from one of the bouts



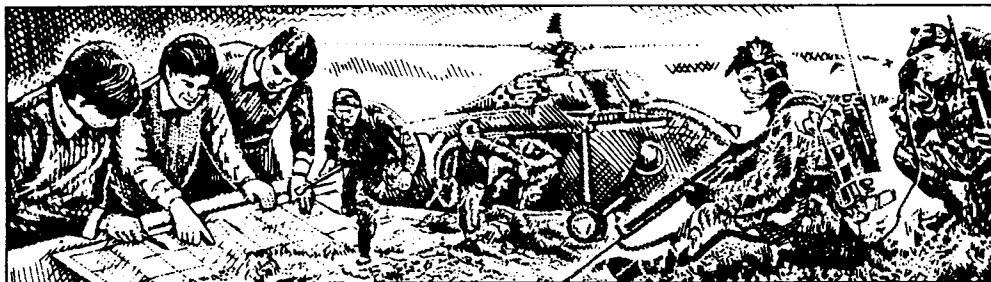
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Step Two :

Wait until the following morning, go to the lavatory, then weigh yourself again.

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"Recent findings of widespread innumeracy among adults make sorry reading. The survey, commissioned by the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, the BBC and the Employment Services Agency, showed that around half the adult population of Britain has difficulty with even the simplest calculations. Three-fifths of the sample group could not calculate 12 per cent of £6,000."

Couldn't agree more. Remember what troubles we had when we used to have our section do's off camp? How to split the bill 11 ways? It is of course, a well known principle that not even the most regular members of the LCC (Locking Curry Club) can split a bill 11 ways to each diner's satisfaction.

The process is subject to a series of non-Euclidean axioms; easily observable when your group next goes to the LCC's HQ, in a certain Indian restaurant in WSM.

They are:

Axiom The First :

No one ever overestimates their contribution when they chuck their dosh onto the pile in the middle of the table.

Axiom The Second :

Asking for separate bills doesn't help because the Beer Monsters can't agree on who drank how much.

Axiom The Third :

Only the gannet who has troughed the most will be willing to divide the bill equally.

Hence Axiom The Fourth :

The sucker who grabs the cash and foolishly volunteers to pay by credit card, always ends up out of pocket.

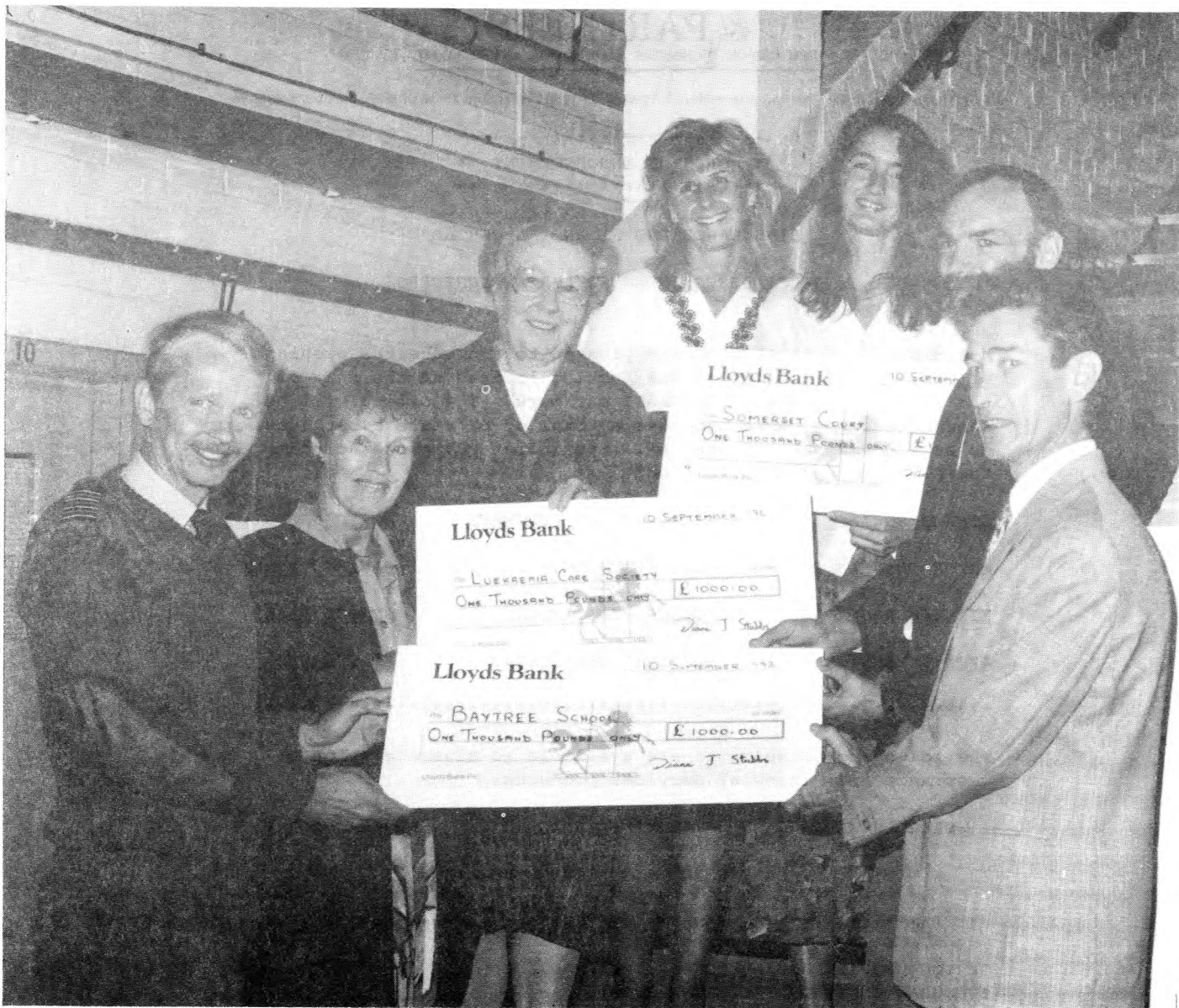
I read somewhere that Einstein searched for years for an equation to cover the multiple variables of restaurant bill settlement but gave up to develop the Unified Field Theory.



*Happy Christmas
from The Editor
and all the
Airwaves Staff*

STATION FUN RUN

The Final Word . . .



Last month, cheques to the value of £3000 were handed over to the representatives of the three charities supported by the Station Charity Fun Run held in August this year. The presentation took place in Coms Ops Sqn.

The photograph shows the Station Commander presenting the cheques to the charity representatives from

Baytree Road Special School, the Leukemia Care Society and Somerset Court Residential Society for the Autistic, with OC Comms Ops Sqn, Sqn Ldr MacPherson and students from Comms Ops Sqn looking on, also pictured is Mr David Kernaghan, the representative from the events sponsors M D MacPhersons of Weston-super-Mare.



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THE WESTERN BAND - AT WORK!!

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By JT M.H. Goodman

COMPETITION

How many miles will the Western Band travel between 18th October and 2nd November during the RAF Massed Bands UK Concert Tour, and how many hours will be spent on the coach?

This is the itinerary and route :

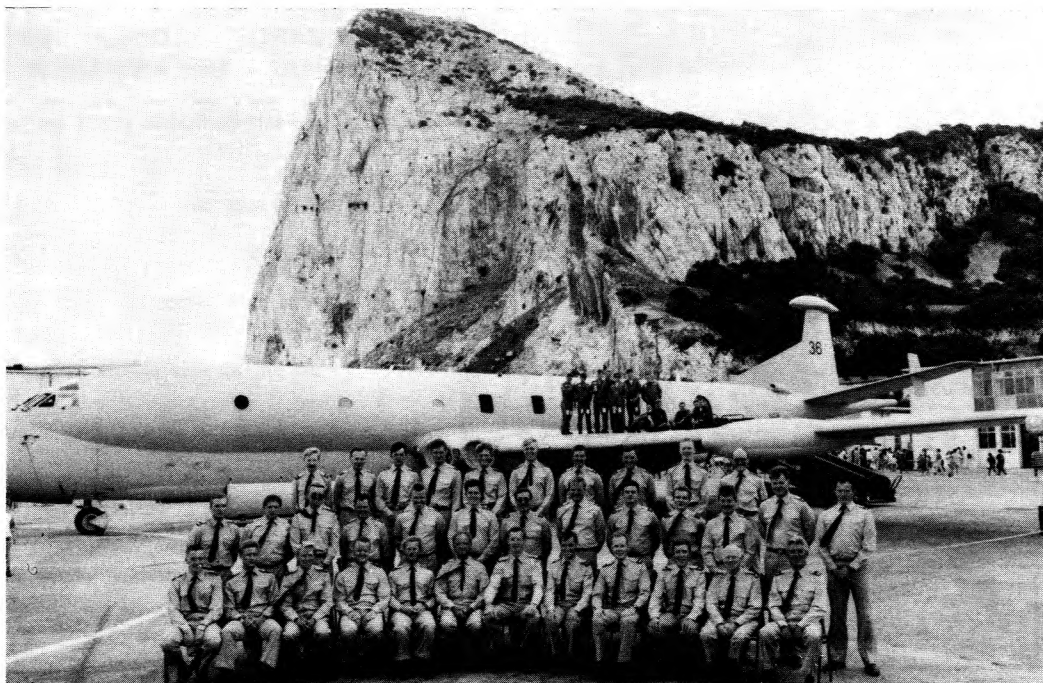
- 18th** - RAF Locking to RAF Uxbridge for three intensive days of rehearsals.
- 22nd** - RAF Uxbridge to Poole for concert, returning afterwards to RAF Uxbridge.
- 23rd** - RAF Uxbridge to Central London for concert in the Royal Albert Hall, returning to RAF Uxbridge.
- 24th** - RAF Uxbridge to Harrogate for concert at the International Conference Centre with overnight accommodation nearby.
- 25th** - Harrogate to Birmingham for concert in Symphony Hall, returning afterwards to RAF Locking.
- 28th** - RAF Locking to Bristol for concert at the Colston Hall retraining afterwards to RAF Locking.
- 29th** - RAF Locking to Nottingham for concert in the Royal Hall with over-

INTERESTING FACTS - The Band is "lodged" at RAF Locking which means that although we're based here, our engagements and work schedule is organised through our Headquarters Music Services at RAF Uxbridge. Along with the three other UK based bands we must cover the entire country to provide all musical support as required by RAF Bands. That's no easy task as the statistics show, and in 1992 we'll have spent about one night in every five away from home, and averaged 9 hours each week on a coach. Would you believe that nearly one quarter of our working year is spent sitting on a coach? No wonder we're such discerning coach passengers!

I'm not sure if I'd describe October as an exciting month each year, but if you enjoy coach travel, it's certainly the best month of the year. We could all write a book about motorway service stations in the UK - and the price of their sandwiches, but that's another story!

Welcome to the new Western Band page. We hope this will be a regular feature to let you know what we're doing and where we're doing it!

The Western Band and their transport beneath the Rock of Gibraltar



night accommodation near Long Eaton.

30th - Long Eaton to Sheffield for concert in the City Hall, with nearby overnight accommodation.

31st - Sheffield to Edinburgh for concert in the playhouse, with overnight accommodation afterwards in Glasgow.

1st - Local concert in the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow returning to the same overnight accommodation.

2nd - Travel from Glasgow back to RAF Locking. Send your answers to: JT Goodman, Band Competition, Western Band, RAF Locking. The entry with the nearest correct mileage/ hours travelled will receive a mystery gift from the band - so get the calculator and the map out now! Keep a look out for the next issue of Airwaves to learn more about the band and enter another interesting competition!

OPENING CEREMONY

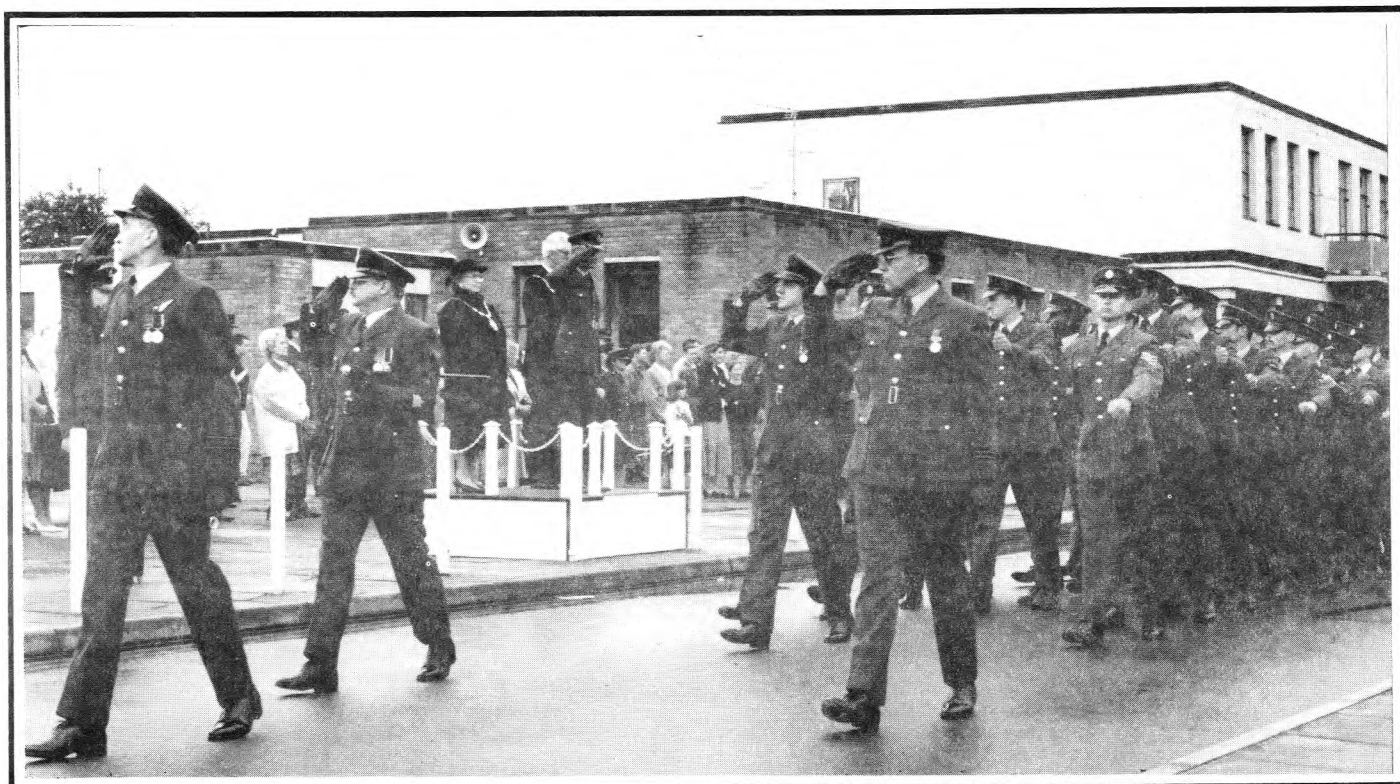
The Church Hall is opened by the Dean of Wells

On Sunday 13th September 1992, The Dean of Wells, Reverend Richard Lewis MA, opened the new Church Centre.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN PARADE

The Parade took place on 13th September 1992 at RAF Locking.





A KRISSMUS KAROL



(wiv apologiz to Charlz Dikinz)



Picture the scene:- Santa Claus is exceedingly busy on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, and is beset with problems. The reindeer have flu, the dwarves want shorter working hours, Mrs Claus is in Birmingham, appearing on "Gladiators", the sleigh has failed its MOT, and the only Christmas spirit is 90% proof! Suddenly, there is a loud knock on the door.....

BANG-BANG!

"Hang on, I'm coming!" (The door creaks open) "Yes, what can I do for you?"

"Good afternoon, Mr Claus. I am from N.O.S.Y. -- the Neo-dynamic Organisation for Structuring Yuletide. Our letter, dated 5 Nov 92, reference NOSY/SC/007/OBE, file reference XMAS/1992/1/Pt 1/Cost Cutting informed you of my visit. You are, of course, aware of my intentions to audit, and restructure, your system?"

"Run that by me again -- who's got a big nose?"

"I am -- oh, never mind! I am here, with references in quintuplicate, to re-assess your needs. With most toys/gifts utilising surface mount technology, and failure rates below targeted values, my statistical calculations indicate that you are overstaffed with qualified personnel to meet the mundane task of simple production. After all, as a manager, you should be looking at ways of cost-cutting. Now, to business. Is it true, that you presently employ over 1000 gnomes, mostly of Swiss extraction, to act as assemblers and packers?"

"Yes, but -----"

"No buts! This is 40% above your predicted needs. As your workload peaks for December alone, there is no justification in keeping excess staff for the remaining 11 months. They can be re-deployed in the National Elf Service for work in garden centres, parks and other horticultural areas. All they require is a short pre-employment course."

"Hang on a moment -----"

"And there's a question of the reindeer. Finance does not allow for keeping pets. Costs for hay, personal CD players, electric blankets and NICAM colour TV's in each stall are prohibitive. Plus the fact that their hygiene standards are questionable, and they've got mange. Don't you know there's a recession on?"

"I really don't see -----"

"And this request for an environmentally-friendly sleigh. Annex A, to Enclosure B, of E21, XMAS/General/Pt II/90-95, shows no input to long-term costings requirements, so I cannot consider purchase of this item until 1997, at the earliest. You really should pay attention to your paperwork."

"Why are you -----?"

"Also, why do you require 300 elves to sort out the lists, letters and requests for presents? Are you not utilising the management computer you were allocated in 1980? Where is it?"

"It's an old ZX81, and it's kn-----"

"There is no reason why this number of elves is needed for such simple repetitive duty. They'll either be re-deployed or made redundant. Most of them have done over 22 years service, so they'll have to go. Costings make no allowance for excess staff at all, so you must maintain minimum requirements permanently."

"You're starting to get right up -----"

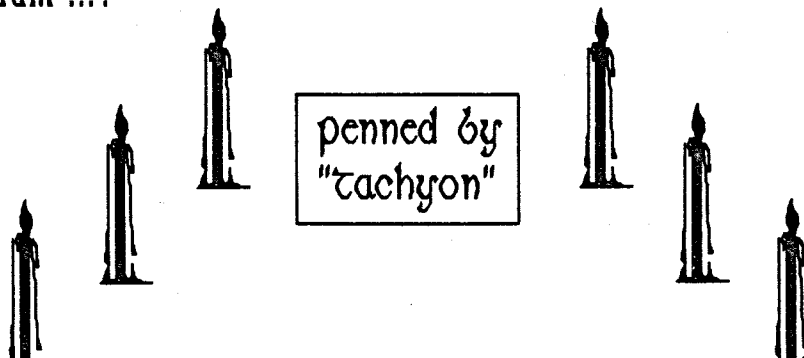
"There's also this question of elf-hour accounting. Do you realise that there are 168 hours in a week, and you are only working for 160 of them? What is happening during the remaining 8 hours, Mr Claus? Not taking prolonged tea-breaks or having a day off, are we?"

"Why don't you s-----"

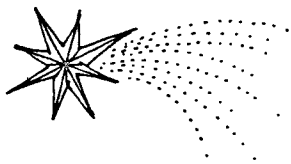
"And, you will have to take full responsibility for estimation of future supplies. All requests for materials, viz-a-viz wood, paint, reindeer spares, etc., will have to be submitted in accordance with mandate NPOLE/5000/1/4071, para 5(b), sub para 3(c)(iii), in triplicate, six months in advance, and I reserve the right to alter or refuse any item that may cause an adverse budget balance, ----- Mr Claus, are you unwell?"

"***?***!!%\$***!!!!!!!"

"Why is there smoke coming from under your hat, and why have you taken on such a dreadful purple coloration? And why are you wrestling with that pretty sitka spruce? It wasn't doing any harm in the corner. Really, such language is terrible and quite unnecessary. And at Christmas, too! Perhaps we can discuss these implications in the New Year. Please stop threatening me with that tree, and stop snorting like one of your rampant reindeer! Peace on earth, and goodwill to all men, you know. The new financial proposals will shortly be published as an Andrex paper, and then we may have a basis for negotiation. Whoo-ooooops!! I didn't realise that the view was so breathtaking from up here. Perhaps we could offset the cost of your personal appearances at all those stores, by the gains made after ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. How about a referendum ...?"



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SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR CHISTMAS

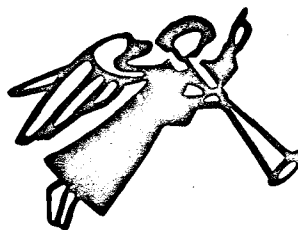
Sunday 13th December at 1845 hrs

Everybody is invited to a **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

Forget Songs of Praise : Come and raise our roof!

Favourite Carols and Readings.

Children will be welcome.



CAROL SINGING

Around the quarters, **Thursday 17th December**

Meet at the Station Church at 1830 hrs.

Bring a torch or lantern.

CHRISTMAS EVE 1600 hrs

Crib service (a simple devotional service with carols).

All welcome.

2330 hrs **Midnight Communion & Carols**



CHRISTMAS DAY 1030 hrs

Family Service

(followed by Holy Communion for those who wish to make their Communion on Christmas Day)

For the New Year

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

To Celebrate the Epiphany we will be holding a

Christingle Service at 1030 hrs.

This is an old Moravian Service where children are presented with a Christingle. Want to know more? See posters or details in Church or ring Padre Hesketh 7292/823071.

ROMAN CATHOLICS

The first Mass of Christmas will be held on Christmas Eve at 1800 hrs.

A Christmas Card with this and other information will be delivered to you in the weeks before the Festival.





FEAST OR FLOP . . .

"It was about 11.30pm on Christmas Eve : I had arrived at my local church to celebrate the first mass of Christmas at midnight as usual. But as I sat there I simply had to face the fact that my tired, aching body was in no state to celebrate anything. How incongruous that in order to celebrate the second greatest feast in the Christian calendar I had become so ensnared in the trap of what the world makes of Christmas that I was miserable - not joyful. I had done my worldly best wrapping presents, posting cards, preparing food: not a thing missed. But at that moment of self-revelation I realised I was simply too exhausted to celebrate this, the greatest birth in the history of mankind".

Delia Smith from "A Feast for Advent".

See yourself in this? I certainly do and I can be leading that Service! All the more important that we should all look again at how we prepare for Christmas. This is what the Church's season of Advent is all about.

Have you ever looked at your pre-Christmas diary or opened that Advent Calendar with the children and wondered if you shouldn't be experiencing something at more depth and with more excitement.

"It's coming up to your busy season Padre", I know what they mean. But so often this has a hidden significance. We are seen leading carol services and celebrating the Holy Communion. We are not seen talking to those for whom Christmas is a crisis. They look forward to it and then having the family all around brings to the surface all sorts of tensions which are buried, or alternatively being lonely becomes more poignant. Even for those many families who celebrate happily there is just a hint of something missing.

Whatever your situation, Christmas can be experienced anew. This doesn't mean you have to go all holy and pious on people! But I invite you to think again about what the Christian faith is all about and what it is saying to us as we approach Christmas.

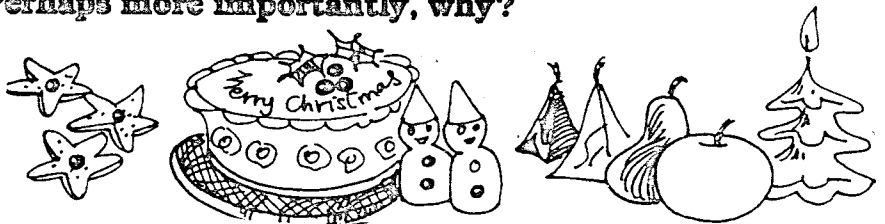
What can you do?

Well, why not start going to one of the Churches. You may feel a bit embarrassed about it at first. "I haven't been for such a long time. I won't know what to do or say." It really doesn't matter. What matters for you is that you care enough to start on a search for faith.

If you want to start this search or if you are a member of one of the Churches already, think again how you might prepare for this festival.

Is it to be Feast or Flop? Perhaps more importantly, why?

Padre Ron Hesketh



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The RAF Sports Lottery

What is the RAF Sports Lottery?

A weekly lottery based on Football League and FA Cup matches throughout the Winter and County Cricket Scores throughout the Summer.

What is the purpose of the lottery?

To raise additional funds to support all sports throughout the RAF.

What are the prizes?

Each week there will be 6 prizes totalling £4475 which MUST be won. The breakdown of prizes will be:

Soccer

1st Prize £2000	3 teams scoring the highest number of goals.
2nd Prize £1500	3 teams having the highest number of goals scored against.
3rd Prize £500	3 teams scoring earliest in the 1st half.
4th Prize £250	3 teams scoring latest in the 1st half.
5th Prize £150	3 teams scoring earliest in the 2nd half.
6th Prize	3 teams scoring latest in the 2nd half.

Cricket

1st Prize £2000	3 teams scoring the highest number of runs.
2nd Prize £1500	3 teams scoring the 2nd highest number of runs.
3rd Prize £500	3 teams scoring the 3rd highest number of runs.
4th Prize £250	3 teams scoring the 4th highest number of runs.
5th Prize £150	3 teams scoring the 5th highest number of runs.
6th Prize	3 teams scoring the 6th highest number of runs.

How does the lottery work?

Each ticket bears 3 numbers (eg, 01 02 03) which equate to 3 soccer teams or 3 batsmen printed on the ticket. The identity of the teams/batsmen change each week.

How will I know if I have won?

Prizes will be won by the member holding the ticket with the combination of 3 teams/batsmen who match the winning requirements.

Do I have to claim my winnings?

No. All winners will be notified during the week following each lottery. Prizes will be paid by sterling cheque sent to your nominated address.

Who is eligible to join?

Membership is open to all serving members of the RAF, WRAF and PMRAFNS.

How do I join?

By completing and submitting Form 7370 **NOW** to:

The Sports Lottery Manager
RAF Sports Board
Room 334
Aadal House
Theobalds Road
LONDON WC1X 8RU

Forms are available from your unit P Ed Staff or the Lottery Manager.

How much does it cost?

The cost will be 75p per week per ticket with a maximum of 3 tickets per member.

How do I pay?

Subscriptions will be deducted from your pay account, monthly in advance.

How do I leave?

By submitting Form 7370 to the Lottery Manager, giving one month's notice.

What happens when my ticket expires?

Tickets are valid for 52 weeks. Tickets for the new season will be sent to all existing members.

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Promotor: Gp Capt M Short MBE AFC RAF(Retd), RAF Sports Board, Ministry of Defence, Aadal House, Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8RU

MASCOT PROMOTION

Sparky gets three stripes . . .

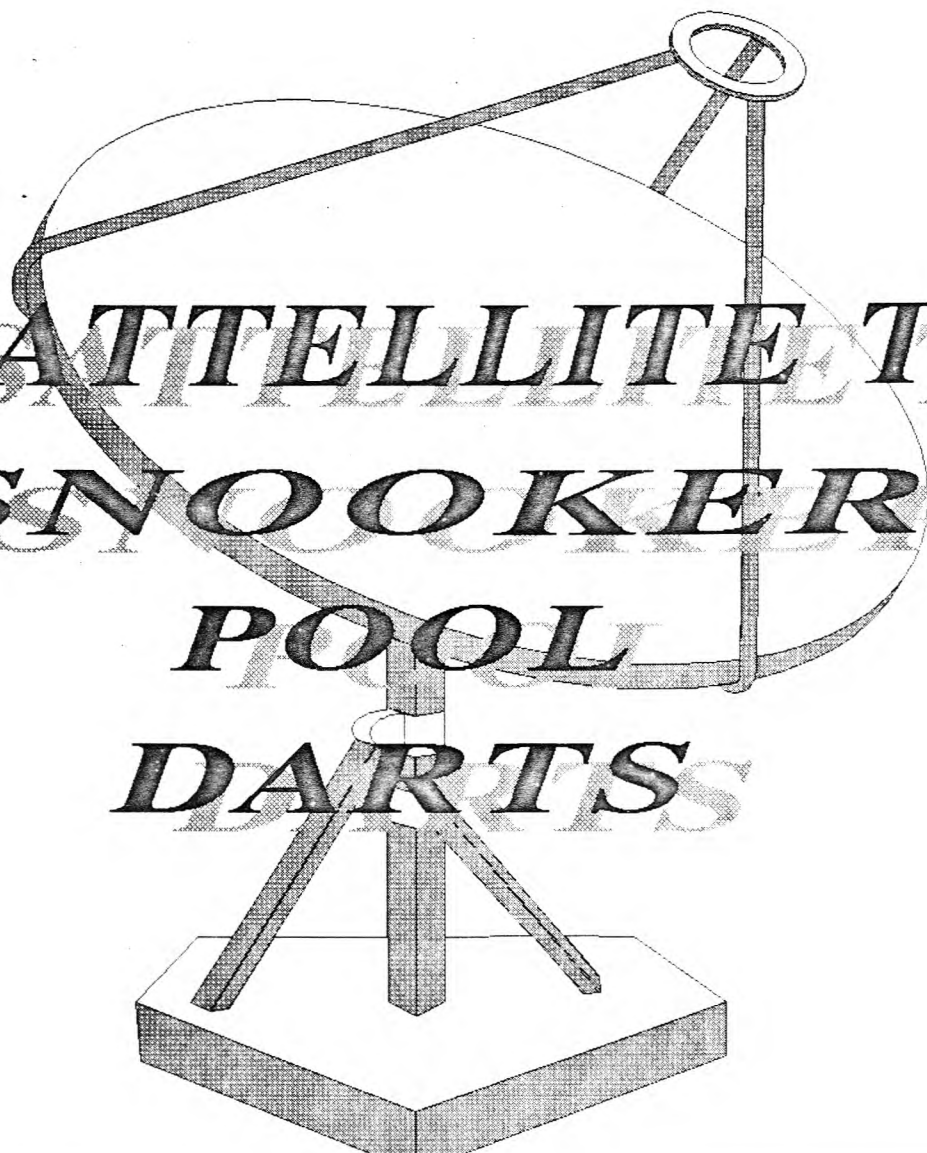
The Station Mascot at Royal Air Force Locking, a donkey called Sparky, was presented to the camp by Weston-super-Mare's Mayor and Charter Trustees on 23rd May 1980. Following the presentation Ceremony Sparky was promoted to the acting rank of Corporal and over the last 12 years has represented Royal Air Force Locking at all subsequent parades and local galas and events. After 12 years of loyal and dedicated service, the Station Commander at Locking, Group Captain Mike Davison, decided that Sparky deserved recognition of

his work and awarded him a field promotion to acting Sergeant. The promotion ceremony took place at Royal Air Force Locking on 18th September 1992 prior to the Sunset Ceremony which was held as part of the Officers' Mess Annual Reception. Many local dignitaries attended the event including the present Mayor of Weston-super-Mare, the Chairman of Woodspring together with a representative group of Woodspring councillors and Charter Trustees. When questioned on his promotion the new Sergeant Sparky refused to comment.

Sparky receives his promotion from Group Captain Mike Davison



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