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A married couple were in a terrible accident in which the woman's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from her body as she was too thin. The husband offered to donate some of his own skin. However the only skin the doctor felt was suitable was from his buttocks. The husband and wife agreed they would tell no one where the skin came from, and requested that the doctor also honour their secret. After the surgery was done every one was astounded at the woman's new beauty. She looked more beautiful than she had ever looked before!. All her friends and relatives went on & on about her youthful beauty, One day, she was alone with her husband, she was overcome with emotion at his sacrifice. She said " Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. There is no way that I could ever repay you." " My Darling" he replied. "Think nothing of it. I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

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Club Chairman's Thoughts February 2017

Where has all the time gone? It is now March and the Annual General Meeting is soon to be upon us. It is on the 14th March at 7.30pm in the Ops room. This is the time when you, the members, can propose candidates for the various posts on both the Branch & Club Committees: question the stewardship of both committees, and most important of all you can share your thoughts on the way ahead for both Branch & Club. You see, without the participation of the membership at large it is the committees that decide the path which they feel is necessary to travel for the continuance of both. All the Committee members do their best to conduct the business of both Branch & Club, but they do need your input to reflect the overall views of all. Ideally we need assistance for all officers of the committees, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising, Welfare and general assistance at events. There will be nomination forms available for both Branch and Club, these must be returned to our secretary Jackie Clifford by 6th March. Please do not be put off from offering to help because you feel you do not have the relevant skills—believe me that's not important because we can help you gain those abilities. So please step up and give your help to keep RAFA 1066 active. Best wishes to all, *John Leahy*

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**Regular Events**

2nd Wednesday Air Crew	11.00
Every Monday Keep Fit	13.30
Tuesday & Friday Table Tennis	11.00
4th Tuesday Creole Jazz Night	20.00
1st Wednesday Coffee Morning	10.30
2nd Wednesday Speakers Corner	10.30
4th Thursday Monthly Walk	10 00
Meet at Club, then drive to start of walk.	
1st Friday Quiz Night	20.00
Bingo Wed see notice board	20.00

Check notice board for variations and details of other activities.

Club Opening Times**Mon –Sat Morning & Lunch Time**

	11.00 to 14.30
“ “ Evenings	19.00 to 23.00 #
Thursday “ “	17.00 to 23.00
Sunday PM	12.00 to 14.30.

Closed Sunday Evenings.

Lunch is served Tuesday to Friday between 12.00 & 1.30. Wednesday is a Roast Lunch. See Menu for choices.

Sunday Draw is now done by raffle tickets which are on sale on the day. You can put money in an envelope with your name, and place that in the box by the Jubilee room for tickets if you are not going to be there for the draw.

Forth Coming Activities

St Patrick's Day will be celebrated on the evening of 18th March, with Irish Stew and Apple Meringue. Cost £5.00 per head. **Music's not Dead event** on Sunday evening 26th March Tickets £8.00 from shop in Devonshire Road We will be open all day on Good Friday 14th April, on Easter Monday 18th April we will open from noon till 9.00 pm **St Georges Day** will be on 22nd April Roast Beef and all the trimmings Plus pudding. Cost £5.00 per head. Tickets at the bar.

There will be a Bar-b-que on 13th May tickets will be £5.00 available from bar. On Bank Holiday 29th May the bar will be open from noon till 9.00pm

We are thinking of running a coach for the Kent and Sussex Railway Real Ale Train Trip. This runs from Tenterton to Bodium and is in August. Date not known at the moment, but we would like to find out whether there is enough interest to go ahead and book the coach. On Sussex Day 16th June coincide with Sussex day we will have a mini beer festival.

**Beer Festival information for 2017**

We have had two beer festivals in the past, but they take a great deal of organizing and hard work for the beer festival committee and for the bar staff. So this year we are only having one in October. We will have a mini beer festival to coincide with Sussex Day and that will be over Thursday Friday & Saturday, or until the beer runs out. The stillage will be set up in the Jubilee Room and so there will only be about 6 or 7 barrels. There will of course be our four pumps in the main bar as well as cider. We have again been awarded CAMRA Club of the year for the Surrey and Sussex Region. Also nominated for the National Club of the year, and are in the top four places. We will not know our position until the middle of March. Well done Karen, Peter and crew. Thanks to Steve Land for all his hard work in the cellar.

Keep Fit / Table Tennis

The keep fit section is continuing to keep fit and their contribution to funds is very welcome. Table tennis players are increasing and all seem to enjoy the exercise. The money they give us is going into the refurbishment fund for the upgrade of the main bar when we have sufficient funds.

Meat Raffle / Sunday

The Meat raffles and Sunday draws make a lot of money for the club and we would like to thank all of the members who work so hard to make them so successful, on the whole we are fortunate that we have members who make the Club a place which is good to come to.

Jubilee & Ops Room Hire

It is now possible to hire the Jubilee Room and Ops Room for functions i.e: Birthday parties, Wedding Anniversaries, Christenings, Engagement parties etc. Members get a special rate and the prices are on the notice board. If the bar in the Ops Room is used it will be more expensive as staff have to be paid. Any enquiries to be made via Dorothy Ashwood our room hire Manager She will make all the arrangement so that there are no double fixtures.