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Sad to say Charles Spry passed
away in November one of our
oldest Air Crew Members from
the Second World War.

R.I.P

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In his wisdom God decreed that they become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. In his wisdom God made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things thus requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. God considered the function of the bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good. So if you find as you age, you are getting up & down more, remember it's Gods will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath. Some Important facts to remember. **Death is the number one killer in the world. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which you can die. Life is sexually transmitted. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospital, dying of nothing. Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.**

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by February 12th John Leahy

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A Merry Christmas to all our readers

The President & Chairmen of the Joint Committee of both the Branch and Club wish all our Members a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I am pleased that the Branch & Club continue to thrive when so many others in the country have fallen by the wayside; this success is due to the enthusiastic & constructive efforts of the Club committee & stalwart staff, so thank you for that. Of course changes have occurred and doubtless there will be more as time goes on, but that is a sign of a healthy organization and we should not be afraid of changes providing that they contribute to the survival of RAFA 1066 in Bexhill. Our programme for next year is; Annual General Meeting in March, Battle of Britain events in September and ongoing fundraising efforts for the Wings Appeal. We should like volunteers for the various collections at Tesco & Sainsbury for the Wings Appeal. So if you could spare an hour or two to help it would be appreciated. Contact Jean Snelgrove to volunteer.

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Regular monthly Events

2nd Wednesday Aircrew 10.30
 Every Monday Keep Fit 13.30
 First Monday Folk Group 20.00
 Tuesday - Table Tennis 11.00
 Friday - " " 11.00
 4th Tuesday Creole Jazz Night 20.00
 1st Wednesday Coffee Morning 10.30
 2nd Wednesday Speakers Corner 10.30
 4th Thursday Welcome Walk 09.30
 Meet at Club, then drive to start of walk.
 1st Friday Quiz Night 20.00
 Bingo Wednesdays see notice board
 20.00 **Check notice board for variations and details of other activities.**

Recent Events

Halloween Night was well attended and the decorations looked great, well done Karen & her team. A big thanks to Jan for organizing the games. Well worth the hard work. The Race Night with Chicken & Chips was a great success. Karen, Jan, Tina, and James did a wonderful job selling the tote tickets. Steve was our Master of Ceremonies, well done to you all. Dorothy Ashwoods food was as usual great. Thanks also to Yvonne and Carol for their help serving the meals at the tables, and Martyn for playing the music.

Bar Opening Times

Mon - Sat Morning & Lunch Time.
 11.00 to 14.30
 " Evenings 19.00 to 23.00
 Thursday " 17.00 to 23.00
 Friday 11.00 to 23.00
 Sunday PM 12.00 to 17.00*
 * Closed Sunday Evening
Meat raffles are held on Friday lunch times. Proceeds go to the Maintenance Fund
 Lunch is served Tuesday to Friday between 12.00 & 1.30. With a full roast dinner on Wednesdays. **Sunday** Draw is now done by raffle tickets which are on sale on the day.
180 Club is drawn on Sunday.
 New draw starts on 7th January 2018.

Forth coming Events

The Carol Concert will be held on Friday 15th December, at 7.30pm. It is going to be run by our retired Padre, Fr Steven Huggins. At 8.30pm there will also be a Christmas Mummers Play, which should be fun.
Christmas Opening times. Christmas Eve, 12pm to 9pm. **Christmas Day** 12pm to 2.30pm. **Boxing Day** 12pm to 5.00pm
New Year Eve 12 pm to 2.30pm & 7pm to 12.30am. **New Year Party** Bring a plate of food for an American Supper. **New Years Day** 12 pm to 5.00pm **Burns Night Meal** will be on the 27th January and Haggis and Neaps will be on the menu. Put your name on the list. See Notice Board..



Membership renewals and 180 Club

Once again I am in the process of sorting out membership renewal forms. Could you please return your subscriptions as soon as you can so I am able to process them. Thank you to our members who have been so loyal to RAFA 1066 Branch over many years, I would like to wish a warm welcome to all our recent new members. Thanks also to those members new and old who are supporting the 180 Club. This is now being run by Tina Besbeech. If you no longer wish to be a 180 member please let Tina know and your number will be re-allocated. At the moment, the excess monies, after prize money has been put aside, is going to the Maintenance Fund towards the refurbishment of the main Club Room. **Please note if a wife is not a member and comes into the Club she will have to sign in and pay the £1.00 entrance fee as a non member.** I wish all our members a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

New Club Opening Times

Folk Night and Blues Night

Due to suggestions from some of The Folk Music Night on the first our members, we are trying out Monday of the month has been extremely well attended by both Musicians and Club Members. The Blues 11.00am until 11.00pm Sunday Night on first Wednesday of the month, was also a success.. It has been said that if it were on a more regular basis, Members would know when to come. The first one of the year will be on 17th January. It was started on 17th November and hoped that it will not clash with