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An elderly couple were celebrating their 60th anniversary, they were childhood sweet hearts and after they retired moved back to their old neighbourhood. Holding hands they walked to their old school, found their old desk where Jerry had carved 'I Love you Sally', On their way back home, a bag of money fell from a cash delivery vehicle, which was passing, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up, not knowing what to do they took it home. There she counted the money -£50,000. Jerry said " We have to give it back". Sally said "Finders Keepers" and putting it back in the bag, hid it in the attic. The next day two police officers were checking the area to see if anyone had found the money, they knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag of money yesterday?" Sally said "No". "She's lying" said Jerry "She hid it in the attic". "Don't believe him", she said, "He's getting senile". The policemen turned to Jerry and one said, "Tell us the story from the beginning." Jerry said. "Well when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday.....The first officer said to the other one. "We're out of here"!!!!.

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## **A Few Words from The Branch President**

By the time you get this, Spring will be almost upon us, and we shall be looking forward to the new Branch & Club year that starts with the **Annual General Meeting on 13th March at 7.30pm.**

This is the time when you the Members can: propose candidates for the various posts on the Branch & Club Committee: question the stewardship of The Committee, 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 Committee 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.

As I write this I am aware, we need assistance for all officers of the committee, Secretary, Treasurer, Fund-raising, Welfare and general assistance at events.

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. Remember a little help is worth a lot of sympathy. So please step up and give your help to keep RAFA 1066 Branch active. Best wishes to all,

*Pat O'Brien President/Welfare Officer*



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**Regular 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.**

**Forth Coming Events**

**Mon, 5th March Folk Night.**

**Sat, 10th March St Patrick's Day.**

**Irish stew etc: £5.00 per head.**

**Fri, 16th March Vinyl Night.**

**Wed, 21st March Blues Night.**

**Unfortunately The Speakers Corner event is still held in abeyance as our organizer has had problems. But we hope to have it starting again in the not too distant future.**

**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
Friday	11.00 to 23.00
Sunday PM	12.00 to 17.00*

\* Closed Sunday Evenings

**Meat raffles** are held on Friday lunch times, Proceeds go to the Maintenance Fund.

**Lunch** is served Tuesday to Friday 12.00 to 1.30. with a full roast on Wednesdays.

**Sunday Draw** is now done by raffle tickets which are on sale on the day.

**180 Club** is drawn on Sunday.

**Wings Report**

On the 25/26th January there was a Wings Collection at Tesco Raven-side. Stewart Apps raised on his own £525.15 and 4 others collected £157.65 a total of £682.20. This is a good start to the year. Well done Stewart and the other volunteers.

We are a RAFA Charity and would like our members to help with collections for the Wings Appeal when they are held. *Jean Snelgrove*

**Message from Membership Secretary**

May I thank all the Branch Associates who have become Full Associates. Some of you have received your branch Membership cards and badges already, but for those who have not, please be patient as there have been well over 300 to process. My special thanks to those who actually returned their RAFA Application (blue & red) with the white renewal letters. These Apps had to be sent to head office. It took me a whole week to place these in envelopes, along with the renewal letter and the Albatross magazine, however many were not returned, therefore I had to write up more, nearly half as many again. Still "Nil Desperandum". We got there in the end. The good news is next year it will be back to normal, and there will just be a renewal letter. *Elizabeth Leahy*

**Refurbishment Donations**

*We have had a marvelous response for the Phase 3 Refurbishment. The Meat Raffle, Sunday Draw, Club Social Events, Mary Moxam's Produce. Have raised £8,905.71. Table Tennis, Keep Fit, Treble Clefs Choir, Bingo, Morris Dancers, Alliance Club, Post Cards, Quiz Nights, and donations via Club Subs has netted a further £3678.01. Making a Grand Total of £12,583.72. This will be added to the Maintenance fund account. The RAFA Albatross Club & 1066 Branch Management Committee would like to thank all our Members for their generosity and ongoing support. We hope to be able to start the work in early 2019. This will mean that the Club would be closed for a few weeks as it will be like a building site, when the toilets are altered to allow for disabled facilities to be installed. We are trying to get grants from different sources. But we still need to top up the funds we have.*