

Always Get A Second Opinion!

The doctor said, 'Don, the good news is I can cure your headaches. The bad news is that it will require castration. You have a very rare condition, which causes your testicles to press on your spine and the pressure creates one hell of a headache. The only way to relieve the pressure is to remove the testicles.'

Don was shocked and depressed. He wondered if he had anything to live for. He had no choice but to go under the knife. When he left the hospital, he was without a headache for the first time in 20 years, but he felt like he was missing an important part of himself. As he walked down the street, he realized that he felt like a different person. He could make a new beginning and live a new life.

He saw a men's clothing store and thought, 'That's what I need... A new suit...' He entered the shop and told the salesman, 'I'd like a new suit..'

The elderly tailor eyed him briefly and said, 'Let's see... Size 44 long.' Don laughed, 'That's right, how did you know?' 'Been in the business 60 years!' the tailor said. Don tried on the suit it fit perfectly.

As Don admired himself in the mirror, the salesman asked, 'How about a new shirt?' Don thought for a moment and then said, 'Sure.' The salesman eyed Don and said, 'Let's see, 34 sleeves and 16-1/2 neck.'

Don was surprised, 'That's right, how did you know?' 'Been in the business 60 years.' Don tried on the shirt and it fit perfectly.

Don walked comfortably around the shop and the salesman asked, 'How about some new underwear?' Don thought for a moment and said, 'Sure.' The salesman said, 'Let's see... Size 36.' Don laughed, 'Ah ha! I got you! I've worn a size 34 since I was 18 years old.'

The salesman shook his head, 'You can't wear a size 34. A size 34 would press your testicles up against the base of your spine and give you one hell of a headache.'

New suit - \$400

New shirt - \$36

New underwear - \$10

Second Opinion - PRICELESS

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The Albatross

RAFA 1066 Branch & Club Charity No. 263248

A warm welcome from your Editor! This is my first Magazine since taking over from John Leahy I hope you all enjoy it. A huge Thank you to John who has carried out this task for many years, time for a well deserved break!

December brings us into our Festive Season & the Annual **Carol Service** with **Grand Christmas Draw**. This will be held on 14th December starting at 7.00pm. Any donations for Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. Come along and enjoy! **New Years Eve Spectacular!** This year we thought maybe a Grand Evening of Entertainment and food to Welcome in a New Year! The event will be free but we would love to see Black Ties on you lovely Gents and Beautiful Dresses on our Ladies! This isn't compulsory but would really add some glamour! The Bring & Share Supper idea would be wonderful with each of you bringing and sharing culinary delights. There will be music & dancing. I am currently attempting to seek further entertainment for part of the evening!

As many of you know we now have a new Standard Bearer - James Clark—Thankyou for taking on this position for us! Your first Events were well received by those present, there were compliments all round! Thankyou also to Stewart Apps for the many years carrying out this role! We would like to wish you both the very best for the future!

There will be no Coffee Morning in January as the first Wednesday is the 2nd and we'll all still be recovering from a Wonderful New Years Eve!

Wishing All our members a very Merry Christmas

& a Healthy Happy 2019

Tina

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Club Opening Times

Mon-Wed	Lunch 11-14.30 Eve. 19.00-23.00
Thursday	Lunch 11.00-14.30 Eve. 17.00 -23.00
Friday	11.00-23.00
Saturday	Lunch 11.00-14.30 Eve. 19.00 -23.00
Sunday	12.00-17.00

The Club remains Closed Sunday Evening

Lunches are served Tuesday to Friday between 12.00-13.30 with a Roast every Wednesday.

A Meat Raffle is held every Friday lunchtime & a Bottle Raffle & 180 Club Draw every Sunday lunchtime with all proceeds going to the Maintenance Fund.

Regular Events

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	Air Crew Ass.	10.30
1st Friday	Quiz Night	20.00
2nd Friday	Vinyl Night	20.00

Bingo on Wednesdays—See Notice Board

Please check Notice Board for other activities

Whats Been Happening?

During the past 3 months we have seen several successful events take place. The Wings Appeal collected a vast £5187.30 A huge Well Done to all involved. Currently our Wings Appeal Coordinator, Jean Snelgrove, is trying to book Tesco's Ravenside as all other venues are currently fully booked.

We have seen The Battle of Britain Memorial Parade & Church Service well attended and enjoyed by all who came!

Remembrance Day was rather blustery but a beautiful Service none the less, attracting large crowds despite the weather! Particularly moving as we pass the Centenary of the end of World War I & the RAF reached its own Centenary year.

The events within the Club have raised Funds necessary for our next Phase of refurbishment. These include The Race Night, Halloween, The Cockney Night & an evening of entertainment from Elasticated Waste Band. All events have been well attended and a huge Thank you to all involved in making them happen so seamlessly.

The November Fest mini Beer Festival was anything but mini! A success as always, with a vast array of Ales & Ciders enjoyed by all. Well Done Everyone for making it happen.

Upcoming Events

14th Dec - Carole Service & Grand Xmas Raffle
31st Dec - News Years Eve Spectacular
12th Jan - Race Night - held in Ops Room - to be run by children's charity - cold food will be available
26th Jan - Burns Night -£6 per ticket Inc. Haggis, Neaps & Tatties,
6th Feb -First Coffee Morning/ Table Sale 2019

Publicity/Events—Richard Mann

As this is a new venture for me my first thought was to prepare a stunningly witty article which had everyone rolling in the aisles. REALLY?!
A factual account of recent happenings and developments is better.

As many of you know, the Club has been building up its reputation as a place of entertainment and the music scene, in particular, has really blossomed in recent years. It all began in 2013 when "The Exiles" played at the spring Beer Festival, and followed this with a series of indoor and outdoor gigs which invariably draw in the (paying) masses. No group is an island and, following amicable splits, The Exiles can claim parentage to "The Other Band" and "Blues Plus" and have some of the same genetic make up as the "Spinning Jenny Ceilidh Band" who will be giving a concert downstairs in January. There are, of course, other musical events deserving mention and needing your support - The Albatross Ukulele Band - which always welcomes new members, learners or accomplished players. Then there is the regular Vinyl Night record session when anyone can bring discs of a specific musical genre, and give them a dusted off airing at the Club. Any new ideas will be welcomed, and if YOU know of or belong to a band which needs somewhere to call home, let us know.

There is a lot more I could write, but as it will be "waffle" I'm ending here and wishing all readers a good listening time.

Building Maintenance—Phase 3

Unfortunately the architect we had engaged has let the Club down terribly & not complied to the schedule we required. This therefore means work will not be carried out in January as we had hoped. We have now found a new Architect who is busy arranging plans for submission to Companies for Quotes. We will keep you updated with progress in the upcoming months.

A Word from our President—Pat O'Brien

Thank you to John Leahy for doing a splendid job with the newsletter for so long. He has worked very hard to keep the newsletter alive and his dedication to the task can only be admired.

The welfare team needs help! We particularly need people to visit the elderly in their homes - in most cases just to see a friendly face would make a world of difference to them. There is also a need for help with the more formal welfare cases and for this purpose computer literacy is vital. The workload is not great but we as a big branch covering a large geographic area should be able to respond reasonably quickly to calls for help from people in need. RAFA takes the welfare task very seriously and therefore provides expert training for volunteers. Service in the RAF or other services is not necessary. **Don't be shy, give it a try and you will find that your efforts are well received and that the self satisfaction is immense.**

A Note from our Club Chairman—John Leahy

A brief note from our Club Chairman, John Leahy, sadly the Speakers Corner will no longer take place. There has been only limited interest for some time, therefore the decision has been made to discontinue, effective immediately. Also the Monthly Walk is currently taking a Winter Break! We hope to resume these in Spring when the weather is more amicable!

Thank you everyone who helped put this first Magazine together with me, your time and input is much appreciated! —Tina