

I have a little Satnav it sits here in my car.  
 A Satnav is a Drivers friend, It tells you where you are.  
 I have a little Satnav I have had it all my life.  
 It's better than the normal ones, the Satnav is my Wife.  
 It gives me full instructions,.... especially how I drive  
 "It's 60 miles an hour here, you're doing 65!"  
 It Tells me when to stop and start, And when to use my brakes,  
 It tells me that it's Never, Ever, safe to overtake.  
 It tells me when the lights are Red, Then when it goes to Green.  
 It seems to know instinctively when to intervene.  
 It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those in the rear.  
 Takes all this into account then specifies what Gear  
 I'm sure no other Drivers has so helpful a device.  
 For when I leave and lock the car, it still gives me advice.  
 It fills me up with counselling,  
 Each Journey's pretty fraught.  
 So why do I not Change it.. and get a quieter sort?  
 Ah. Well you see.... It cleans the house. Makes sure I'm fed.  
 It washes all my shirts and ..things.  
 AND .. Keeps me warm in Bed!  
 Despite all these advantages... and my tendency to scoff.  
 I only wish that Now and Then...

I could turn the Bugger Off!

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The Albatross

RAFA 1066 Branch & Club Charity No. 263248

A very warm welcome to one and all, once again it is time for our Magazine and so much has happened since the last Edition.

Firstly, I'll begin by saying I did listen to your previous comments and a bigger bolder type it is! The biggest benefit is you won't have me waffling on for so long as I can't fit it in!!!!

Our AGM is fast approaching, Tuesday 12th March at 19.30hrs— please do try to attend this as your opinions really do matter. New ideas and a fresh perspective are greatly appreciated. Both Branch and Club can benefit significantly and move forward in a way which befits every individual!

There have been several successes in the last few months but sadly there have been some losses along the way. Maybe a moments reflection would be appropriate?

With spring around the corner, bringing longer warmer days I'm sure we are all ready to embrace the present and move forward. I love this time of year when everything seemingly springs back to life with buds bursting abundantly and a myriad of colour enhancing our world, its heart warming! On that note may I leave you with joy and peace in your hearts and the spirit to welcome the future and all it may hold!

Tina

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**Club Opening Times**

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

The Club remains Closed Sunday Evening

**Lunches** are served **Tuesday to Friday** from **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	13.00
1st Monday	Folk Music	20.00
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
3rd Wednesday	Busking the Blues	20.00
	(Please note Busking Blues every other Month)	
1st Friday	Quiz Night	20.00
2nd Friday	Ukulele Band	20.00
3rd Friday	Vinyl Night	20.00

Bingo on Wednesdays—See Notice Board

Upcoming dates for **Bingo** are 27th Feb, 6th & 27th March and 10th & 17th April  
Next dates for **Busking the Blues** are 20th March & 15th May

Please check Notice Board for other activities

**Successes and Thanks**

Its been a busy and successful 3 months firstly the Carole Service & Grand Xmas Raffle was very well attended and a delightful evening of song and joviality. There were, as always, many Raffle prizes, a BIG Thank you to everyone who donated and/or spent time collecting for this. The evening raised a staggering total of £515.00 for the Maintenance Fund.

Next was New Years Eve, which again was fairly successful, with everybody looking very dapper and glamorous! Maybe next year a bigger event could be organised?

The Race Night, held in January raised a whopping £443 for Dreams Come True Children's Charity!

Burns Night was a complete sell-out! I believe some people were unable to purchase tickets as they sold so quickly! This was an amazing event with huge Thanks to Dorothy and all those who helped! Special Thanks goes also to David Kerr for his humour and entertainment! The evening raised £313.00

**Upcoming Events**

**St. David's Day Quiz**, hosted by our very own Dick Diplock will take place on Friday March 1st at 8pm

**St Patricks Day Party**—Saturday 16th March from 7pm. An evening of Irish Joke telling & Irish Bingo to include Irish Stew (or Beef for those who would prefer) Food tickets are currently on sale at the Bar £5 per head

**St Georges Day Party**—Saturday 27th April from 7pm. Tickets £6 per head

The next date for the increasingly popular **Gin Tasting Evening** will be held on Saturday 12th June starting at 7pm. Tickets are limited and £12.50 per head again available from the Bar. Please see poster for more details.

Remember to keep a sharp eye on the Notice Board for any other Special Events in the near future!

**BEER FESTIVALS**

This years Albatross Club Beer Festivals will be held on June 14th—16th and November 15th—17th. The June Event will coincide with Sussex Day and Fathers Day. What better reason to celebrate? Come and join us for a fabulous Real Ale or two!  
At least 14 Ales will be available on stillage, plus a further 5 on hand pumps and at least 5 Ciders. There will be live music every day and food readily available. Both events are open to non-members and are free entry!  
Come along and enjoy what is fast becoming a hugely popular event at the Club, with visitors coming from far and wide!

Thoughts from our President **Pat O'Brien**—The **Welfare** Team once again implores you for **assistance**! Our area particularly requires both a Welfare Assistant and a Welfare Officer. There have already been some interested parties enquiring about this but with more people requiring assistance we really could use more **help**. Please contact Pat O'Brien via the Secretary for further information.

A couple of **requests** from our Membership Secretary—**Elizabeth Leahy**—Firstly could those members, recently renewed, please collect their membership cards from the letter rack. The poor thing is positively bursting at the seams and is in threat of falling off the wall. Secondly, can all members please ensure that when bringing in guests, they are **correctly signed in** and the **£1 donation** popped into the pot! These little £1 soon add up and are very beneficial for the Maintenance Fund. Many Thanks!

Also a quick note from **Evelyn Oliver**—a big shout out for the Creole Jazz Night, this is a very good evening of entertainment and well worth a trip out mid week! So remember on the 4th Tuesday of each month when there's little else to do—pop along and join us for a great evening!