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*The latest news from the Branch,
our local RAF Air Cadet Squadrons and
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Image: Cadets from 1143 Sqn at Edinburgh's Armed Forces Day celebrations

The Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders branch of the RAF Association seeks to provide comradeship, help and support to past and present members of the air forces and their dependants, particularly in the area from Bathgate to Dunbar, Edinburgh to Berwick-upon-Tweed and all points in between.

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Branch Chair Report

Susan Kidston

Dear Members,

We held our Annual General Meeting on 16th March 2025 in the RAF Air Cadet premises of 870 (Dreghorn) Squadron. We were well looked after and enjoyed, teas, coffees and biscuits and thank you to the personnel of 870 Squadron who supported our AGM throughout.

It is a great honour to be voted for as your Branch Chair for the year ahead and I take this opportunity to introduce you to Nick Pattinson, our new Treasurer and Hugh Hetherington, our new Secretary. George Prentice continues as our Honorary Welfare Officer. In addition, your Branch Trustees are Graeme Lyall, Derek Read and Bobbie Prentice. Our non Trustee Members are Sue Gillott our Wings Appeal Officer and Bob Bertram, our Branch Life Vice President. Of course, we are supported by many other volunteers, Emma, our Newsletter Editor, Ross, our Facebook Admin and Julie, our website Editor to name just a few.

I should like to say a huge Thank You to all our Branch volunteers above, together our small group of volunteers make everything we do much more special and I appreciate their ongoing commitment and hard work, their contributions and dedication in support of our Branch!

Our monthly meetings continue on the last Thursday of every month via Zoom excepting July and December. Please do join our meetings if you are able.

Throughout 2024, we arranged several Days Out and Lunches for our Members in many different areas within our boundaries and it was lovely to meet many Members. Throughout 2025, please look out for forthcoming events, including our Members Days Out. Our most recent Members Day Out was on 29th June 2025, where we arranged to visit the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum and one of our Members was on hand as our Guide for the afternoon! Our forthcoming events and meetings dates will be found under the Dates for your Diary section.

We are delighted that Members in attendance at National Conference in October voted for the Voice for All proposals. This followed a huge amount of briefings and discussions and I thank all who were involved in the process. This gives you as individuals the chance to really shape the RAF Association of the future.

Area Conference was held in Glasgow on 31st May. Graeme who attended as our Branch Delegate will include a brief report in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Finally, my thanks go to all on our Branch Committee for their time, passion and hard work that we contribute into our Association.

Best wishes,

Susan



From Your New Membership Secretary

Sue Gillott

First, very many thanks to Dave Prior for tracking the Branch Membership for many years and for keeping contact with us all through emails, the post and by distributing our newsletter. The latter is a big job, and I think thanks are probably due to the whole Prior family. My grasp of the digital world is much

less than Dave's and I am trying to get my head around IT in general and contact lists in particular. Bear with me.

Our list of current members is provided by the RAFA HQ Membership Department but sometimes updates take a while to filter down. I will always welcome comments from yourselves if you notice something wrong with our level of communication.

I would also very much welcome dialogue with you, our readers. This is your newsletter and is for you to share news and views with each other. If you have something to share, please email our editor, Emma, at editor@edinburghrafa.org.uk or by telephone to me and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Gillott

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A Guide to Annual Conference Voting 2025

Annual Conference 2025 will be held from 18-19 October at Wyboston Lakes in Bedfordshire.

Background

2025 is the first year in which all members of the Association have the opportunity to vote on elections and resolutions proposed at Annual Conference.

To facilitate this change, the RAF Association has introduced a new voting system that will be operated by a specialist election services provider called Mi-Voice. Mi-Voice are experienced in providing independent election services for a range of membership organisations including the Royal British Legion, the Scouts and the Camping and Caravanning Club.

As a member of the Association, you will soon be invited to submit your vote on elections and resolutions for 2025. To help you prepare for that process,

this document has been created to provide more information on the new system and the key dates you need to be aware of.

The voting process

All voting instructions and associated communications will be distributed directly by Mi-Voice. This is to ensure the process is independent and democratic. An overview of the process can be found below.

Votes can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Online, in advance
- By post, in advance
- Online during the AGM by virtual attendees
- Online during the AGM by in-person attendees

Stage 1 – Introduction to process email.

Mi-Voice will issue an ‘introduction to process’ email to all members for whom the RAF Association has a valid email address. This ‘introduction to process’ communication will summarise the key dates, the process outlined in this document and the details you will need to be able to submit your vote, once you have received your voting instructions. Please be aware that if you receive communications from Mi-Voice, it will be related to the RAF Association’s voting process.

Stage 2 – Voting instructions distributed.

Mi-Voice will distribute voting instructions to all members. These will be sent by email to all members for whom the RAF Association has a valid email address, and by post to members for whom the RAF Association does not have a valid email address, and those members whose email failed to deliver when the introduction to process email was sent. Contact information for Mi-Voice will be included in the email and postal pack.

The voting instructions will include details on how to submit your vote in advance and on the day.

Stage 3 – Voting in advance.

Advanced votes can be submitted online or by completing a postal ballot.

Voting online:

To submit your vote online you will need to enter your full name and your membership number as your unique voting ID. A link to the online voting system will be included in the voting instructions. Once you have entered your full name and membership number, you will be able to submit your votes.

Voting by post:

To submit your vote by post you will need to use your full name and your membership number as your unique voting ID. Instructions on how to request a postal ballot paper will be included in the voting instructions. Postal ballot papers will be available on request only.

Please note: Once your votes have been submitted you will not be able to change your response. Members are permitted to vote once, using one method of voting only.

Stage 4 – Reminder emails.

Mi-Voice will issue a reminder email prior to the closing date for advanced votes. This will be sent to all members who have not yet voted.

Stage 5 – Advance voting closes.

Once the advance voting window closes, the online voting system will no longer be available until the day of the AGM. Any postal votes received after the advanced voting deadline will not be counted.

Stage 6 – Voting during the AGM.

Members who are attending Conference in person or online will be able to submit their votes via the online voting system during the

AGM. Voting will open and close in accordance with the AGM agenda, therefore it will only be possible to submit your votes on the day of Annual Conference if you are attending the AGM. A link to the online voting system and guidance on how to vote during the AGM will be included in the Conference pack.

Stage 7 – Voting closes.

Voting for individual resolutions and elections will close during the AGM. The Chair of Conference will announce when voting is to open and close. The results of each resolution and election, including both the advanced votes and the on the day votes, will be announced during the AGM. Voting figures and percentages will be provided after the event in the Report of Annual Conference.

Key dates

w/c 18 August – Mi-Voice introduction to process email distributed

1 September – Voting instructions distributed

11 September – Registration window for Annual Conference closes

11 October – Advanced voting closes

18 October – AGM

FAQs

1. What are the eligibility criteria for voting?

Individuals must have been a member of the Association for 30 consecutive weeks prior to the date of Conference. Anyone who has joined the RAF Association after 22 March 2025 will not be eligible to vote on resolutions and elections this year.

2. When will the resolutions be circulated?

The deadline for branches to submit resolutions for consideration by the Annual Conference Committee (ACC) is 27 June. ACC will meet on 3 July to approve the final resolutions. These will be distributed to branches and members on 24 July to allow ample time to consider the resolutions ahead of

the voting window and for branches and RMGs to facilitate opportunities for discussion.

3. If I am not a member of a branch or RMG, what opportunities are there for me to participate in discussions about the resolutions before Conference?

The RAF Association will be hosting online sessions to provide members with an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions and ask questions about the resolutions. These sessions will be open to any member who is eligible to vote in 2025. An invitation to these sessions, which will take place in August, will be sent via email.

4. Do I need to have access to the internet in order to vote?

Paper ballot packs will be available on request to those who are unable to submit their vote online. Information will be sent by post to all members for whom the Association does not have a valid email address and to those whose introductory email from Mi-Voice failed to deliver. Those individuals will then have the option of requesting a paper pack or submitting their vote online. Where possible, members are encouraged to submit their votes online to help reduce the costs of printing, posting and processing paper packs.

5. Can I change my vote once submitted?

Once your votes have been submitted you will not be able to change your response. Members are permitted to vote once, using one method of voting only.

6. Can I submit some votes in advance and some on the day of the AGM to enable me to consider the points made during the discussions?

Members are only able to submit votes using one method of voting. Members who would like to wait to submit their vote until the day of the AGM should vote on all resolutions and elections on that day only.

7. Where can I find my membership number?

You can find your membership number on your membership card or by logging into the Community Hub. Alternatively, please contact the Customer

Engagement Team on 0800 018 2361 between 0900 and 1700 who will be able to assist you.

8. What if I don't receive anything from Mi-Voice?

If you have not received any communication from Mi-Voice via email or post by 02 September, please contact the Customer Engagement Team on 0800 018 2361 between 0900 and 1700.

9. How can I register for Conference?

You can register for Annual Conference by completing the online booking form found here: www.rafa.org.uk/conferences

10. Can I submit votes on behalf of my branch members?

No, the RAF Association does not permit proxy voting.

11. Can I submit my votes in advance and still attend the AGM and Conference?

Yes. Even if you plan to attend Conference in person, you can still submit your votes in advance using any of the methods outlined above.



Lothian's Sopwith Biplane

Derek Read

Well informed readers may already be aware of the work of the Aviation Preservation Society of Scotland (APSS), who for many years worked in a hangar at East Fortune airfield. They recently had to move location, due to the need of the National Museum of Flight to make use of the hangar they had occupied, but still have a workshop close by East Fortune, where they continue their labours, working to preserve the aviation heritage of Scotland, and indeed the whole United Kingdom.

The APSS work to preserve and restore aircraft and elements of aviation history, as well as passing on knowledge of Scotland's role in aviation history. This includes flight simulators and various aerial radar and radio equipment. Perhaps their most ambitious project was to build a First World War biplane from scratch. This project, to re-create a 1916 Sopwith 1½ Strutter, took almost 25 years to realise, with society members using their skills following the original Sopwith design to create a replica of this iconic aircraft.



Image credit: Derek Read

The Sopwith 1½ Strutter (named because of its short central struts) was designed in 1915 and entered service in both the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) and Royal Flying Corps (RFC) in early 1916. It was one of the first aircraft to have an interrupter gear, allowing a Vickers machine gun to be fired forward by the pilot, through the propeller, without shooting the propeller blades off! The Strutter was flown as both a bomber and fighter and during 1916, it was highly successful as a combat aircraft with the RFC. Such was the rate of technological evolution, however, that by early 1917, it was already outclassed as a fighter, although it continued to be operated as a bomber and reconnaissance aircraft for a time, as well as both a day and

night-fighter in the home defence role back in Britain. It continued in RAF service as a training aircraft, as well as being used by the French, Belgian, US and Russian air arms, among others. The RNAS also used it to operate from larger warships. It was flown from a short launch pad over the top of the guns of a gun-turret. Recovery was another matter; the pilot had to ditch the aircraft next to its mother ship and hope that the ship could recover the aircraft using a crane before it sank! The RNAS also used Strutters to fly onto and from HMS Argus, arguably the world's first true aircraft carrier, during sea trials in the Firth of Forth in late 1918, in what was a groundbreaking advance for naval aviation.

The APSS's Strutter, nicknamed 'Sophie', has been given the markings of one of the RNAS aircraft, used in these highly hazardous experimental trials. After almost a quarter of a century of work, it was flown for the first time in late 2024 at its current home, RAF Kirknewton. It has been the subject of a number of reports and TV programmes, such as Channel 4's, 'Warplane Workshop' (Series 3, Episode 4). Some of these reports can be accessed from the APSS website at www.apss.scot.

I recently visited RAF Kirknewton to meet 'Sophie', courtesy of Mike Harper, the Chairman of APSS. Mike gave an absorbing briefing on the society's



work in building the aircraft and on the history of the aircraft in military use. The Strutter is still configured to fly, so the cockpit is not open to visitors, but it was still an incredible experience to get so close to the aircraft and marvel at the skill of the society's members in recreating a fighting machine from almost the start of powered aviation. The contrast with modern military aircraft also provides an insight into the courage and daring of our early military aviators, flying into combat in open cockpits in a machine of wood, wire and canvas, with only their own skill to protect them from the bullets of the enemy! I found it a fascinating visit and a great reminder of our aviation heritage and the work of the APSS.

The society would be happy to host a visit by the Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders branch of RAFA. If branch members are interested, please notify the Secretary by email at secretary@edinburghrafa.org.uk. If there is sufficient interest, we will be very happy to arrange a visit.

Derek Read
Trustee



Join the Air Cadets in South East Scotland Wing: A Call to Former Service Members and their Families

Sqn Ldr Brooks, RAFAC

Are you a former service member or part of a military family looking to make a positive impact in your community? The Air Cadets in Scotland need you!

Our organisation aims to promote aviation interest, provide valuable training, foster a spirit of adventure, and develop citizenship among young people.

As a volunteer, you'll support activities, mentor cadets, and help with administrative tasks. No military background is required—just a commitment to guiding the next generation. We offer comprehensive training and flexible time commitments, typically around 12 hours a month.

Why We Need You: Former service members and their families bring invaluable experience, discipline, and a unique perspective that can greatly benefit our cadets. Your background in the military provides a wealth of knowledge and skills that can inspire and educate young people, helping them to develop into well-rounded individuals. Your leadership experience, problem-solving abilities, and understanding of teamwork are qualities that can significantly enhance our training programs and activities. Additionally, your stories and experiences can serve as powerful motivational tools, showing cadets the real-world applications of the skills they are learning.

Benefits for You: Volunteering with us is a rewarding way to share your skills and experiences while gaining new ones. It's a great way to stay active, meet new people, and make a meaningful contribution to your community in your spare time. Plus, the flexible commitment means you can balance volunteering with other personal and professional responsibilities.

Benefits for Young People: By volunteering, you will be directly contributing to the personal and professional growth of young people. Cadets gain valuable life skills, such as leadership, teamwork, and discipline, which are essential for their future success. Your mentorship can help them build confidence, set goals, and achieve their full potential. The positive influence of experienced volunteers like you can make a lasting impact on their lives, guiding them towards becoming responsible and capable adults.

Make a difference today & join us in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.

Interested? Just drop a note of interest to media.sescot@rafac.mod.gov.uk or find out more at www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets.



News from our Local Air Cadet Squadrons

142 (Trinity) Squadron

✈ In March, 142 Sqn began parading as a standalone squadron for the first time in over two years. Although they will continue to lodge with 1143 (Portobello) Sqn for one parade night per week, their move to their new HQ for their other parade night signals a great step forward for the Squadron.



✈ In April, Cadet Obruchnykov achieved 2nd place in the Legion Scotland RBL Area Standard Bearers Competition. Well done!!

✈ Cadets and staff from 142 Sqn among others represented South East Scotland Wing at the 80th VE Day Anniversary Concert at the Edinburgh Usher Hall. The cadets assisted with the distribution of brochures on the night and some were even lucky enough to be in a short video honouring the WW2 Veterans. Two cadets were selected to be a part of the Banner Party on the the main stage, one of them being Cadet Obruchnykov from 142 Sqn who carried the War Widows Banner.

✈ In June, 5 cadets represented 142 Sqn at the Wing Athletics Completion, and they all put in a great performance. Every Cadet from 142 Sqn who competed finished in a medal position. Congratulations to Cadets Obruchnykov and Borisov, and Cadet Flt Sgt Reyes, who all got Bronze in their events, Cadet Cpl Gora who won a Silver medal, and Cadet Darbo who won a Gold medal.

✈ Also in June, 10 cadets from 142 Sqn completed training and achieved their Emergency First Aid qualification, including one cadet who was attending her very first parade night!

439 (Linlithgow) Squadron

✈ In March, cadets from 439 Sqn participated in the South East Scotland Wing Multi Activity camp which was held at RM Condor. They enjoyed a range of activities including Shooting, First Aid, Drill and Radio and learned a range of new skills.

✈ 439 Sqn attended Linlithgow Gala Day as part of their community assistance (pictured below). They helped the committee to set up the stage & created seating areas for the VIP guests. The cadets also assisted with marshalling the crowds for the parade. In the run up to the Gala Day, they also carried out programme selling around Linlithgow to help raise funds for the committee.



Image credit: 439 Sqn Facebook

- Later in March, cadets from 439 Sqn represented the Royal Air Force Air Cadets in the national shooting competition for the Punch Trophy. The Royal Air Force Air Cadets managed to achieve 2nd place with the Army Cadet Force coming in 1st place.
- In April, 4 cadets were able to enjoy a morning of gliding with 661 Volunteer Gliding Squadron at RAF Kirknewton.
- 6 cadets from 439 Sqn attended the South East Scotland Wing inter-squadron athletics competition and brought back 7 medals. Well done!!
- In June, Cadet Sandford and Cadet Wright were both promoted to the rank of Cadet Corporal. Congratulations!!
- Later in June, 439 Sqn attended a STEM trip to DXC Technology based in Erskine. The cadets participated in robotics workshops and were given a tour of the facility, which included being shown some key areas. All cadets had a fantastic experience!



869 (Penicuik) Squadron

- In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Flying Officer Amos and Cadet Sgt Wood (both pictured left) were at West Linton Primary School for a school assembly, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the West Linton War Memorial - Cadet Sgt Wood attending in his capacity as Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for Tweeddale. Cadet Sgt Wood then assisted Lord Lieutenant Tweeddale at further wreath laying ceremonies in Peebles, Innerleithen, Walkerburn and Traquair.

870 (Dreghorn) Squadron

- ✈ In April, Treasurer and Squadron Trustee Stephen Hart raised £635 (well above his £300 target!) by taking on the 'Dirty Reiver' 200km gravel cycling event in Kielder Forest. This is further than he had ever ridden prior to taking part, with more climbing (3,000m) than he had ever attempted.
- ✈ Congratulations to 870 Sqn who won the South East Scotland Wing inter-squadron athletics competition overall in June.

1143 (Portobello) Squadron

- ✈ Cadets (pictured below) from 1143 Sqn received a Thank You coin from the Royal British Legion Scotland as a token of appreciation for taking part in the VE Day Flag Raising Parade.



✈ In April, CWO Barnard from 1143 Sqn achieved 1st place in the Legion Scotland RBL Standard Bearers Competition. Well done!!

✈ Cadets from 1143 Sqn among others in South East Scotland Wing supported the Edinburgh Marathon in May.

✈ In June, Cadet Flt Sgt Collie was awarded the Lord Lieutenant Cadet. A well deserved appointment for an outstanding cadet. Cadet Flt Sgt Collie received her Lord Lieutenant Certificate from the Lord Provost Robert Aldridge on Armed Forces Day (pictured right). She also had the honour of meeting Air Commodore Northover, Air Officer Scotland, and took part in the Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration.



1271 (Bathgate) Squadron

✈ Cadet Cpl Cicholewski, Cadet Cpl Forrest, Cadet Sgt Young and Cadet Christie of 1271 Sqn achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award recently. The Duke of Edinburgh Award from start to finish is a fantastic and fun adventure with lots of opportunities to try new experiences and activities which build skills and confidence.

✈ 12 cadets successfully passed their St John Ambulance Youth First Aid course in May. Cadet Cpl Cicholewski and Cadet Cpl Ferguson volunteered as 'Casualties' on the final day allowing the cadets to practice their skills before assessment.

1756 (Broxburn) Squadron

✈ Cadets from 1756 Sqn represented South East Scotland Wing at the Scotland & Northern Ireland Region Athletics Competition. Cadet Sgt Halinowski secured 3 gold medals in the 100m, 400m, and Long Jump, and earned the Best U17 Boy trophy. Very well done!!

✈ Cadets (pictured below) of 1756 Sqn stepped up to the challenge in an action-packed team-building night, expertly led by their Cadet Flight Sergeants. Through a series of interactive challenges and problem-solving tasks, they pushed their limits, sharpened their communication skills, and built trust. From fast-paced coordination exercises to critical thinking missions, every activity was designed to strengthen their ability to work as one unit - a skill that's invaluable in the air cadets and beyond!



2535 (Livingston) Squadron

✈ Cadet Sgt Martin took part in supporting the restoration project for the Livingston Village War Memorial in his free time in April. A great job completed by the team for a very worthy cause!

✈ Cadets (pictured below) of 2535 Sqn were delighted to host a special visitor in April - Sqn Ldr Robert Sandison, who by day is an emergency SORT Paramedic. Sqn Ldr Sandison gave cadets and staff a super informative presentation, covering all aspects of his day job, showcasing the vast amount of equipment he has to carry and what it's used for! A particular highlight of the night was the opportunity to try on specialist equipment and experience being in the hot seat of the emergency ambulance car.

Image credit: 2535 Sqn Facebook



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News from Across the Royal Air Force

From RAF News / BFBS Forces News

- ✈ A new memorial called Trenchard's Legacy has been unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum. The memorial is for the apprentices who trained at RAF Halton and was designed by sculptor Timothy Potts. A ceremony was held and attended by hundreds of veterans, which included a flypast from an Atlas A400M.
- ✈ In May, a former RAF Blackburn Buccaneer S2 was transported through the streets of Lincolnshire to a museum, with the help of a police escort. The aircraft had been serving as the gate guardian for RAF Honington since 1983 and is now being given to the Binbrook Collection for restoration. The plane could be seen travelling aboard a heavy goods vehicle at no more than 25mph for the entirety of its journey.
- ✈ The skies over Buckingham Palace were filled with RAF aircraft in May to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. An Avro Lancaster bomber led the procession (one of only two left flying in the world!), followed by a Voyager, an A400M Atlas, a C-17 Globemaster, a P-8 Poseidon, two Typhoons, two F-35B Lightnings and the iconic Red Arrows.
- ✈ The Red Arrows made history in June by being the first national aerobatic team to use sustainable fuels during their London flypast for the King's Birthday. Later in the month, the team conducted a flypast over the popular Glastonbury Festival, sharing their unique view of the festival from above on their social media.
- ✈ In sport, the RAF polo team won the Duke of York's Cup at the 2025 Inter-Services competition, kicking off the competition with a 3-1 win over the Royal Navy after being beaten 5-3 by them in 2024.
- ✈ An RAF Reservist has been selected to as a supporting staff member for the British and Irish Lions rugby team on an upcoming tour of Australia. It is the first time since 1993 that the RAF has been represented in one of the team's tours.
- ✈ The RAF Football Cup was won by RAF Boulmer for a third time after beating RAF Lossiemouth in a 4-3 victory.

Royal Air Force 'In Concert'

The Royal Air Force Music Charitable Trust was founded by Malcolm Goodman MBE while he served at RAF Cranwell. Now based at Newark, the charity organises concerts by the various bands of the Royal Air Force to raise welfare funds in support of the Armed Forces community. Upcoming concerts include:

Band of the Royal Air Force College

Where: Palace Theatre, Newark

When: 7:30pm - 9:30pm on Friday 19th September

Band of the Royal Air Force College

Where: Cast, Doncaster

When: 3:00pm - 5:00pm on Sunday 21st September

Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment

Where: Epsom Playhouse, Surrey

When: 7:30pm - 9:30pm on Friday 3rd October

Royal Air Force 'Swing' Wing

Where: Terry O'Toole Theatre, Lincoln

When: 7:30pm - 9:30pm on Friday 17th October

For more information, tickets, and future concerts, visit the Royal Air Force Music Charitable Trust website at www.rafmct.org.uk.

New ID Card for Veterans

From BFBS Forces News

The new veteran ID card provides a memento of service and maintains a tangible link to the Armed Forces, while also allowing veterans to easily verify their service to the NHS, their local authority and charities, enabling them to access support and services where needed.

Thousands of Armed Forces veterans can apply for an ID card either online by visiting the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk/veteran-card or by making a paper-based application.

Veterans will be able to use their ID card to apply for a Defence Discount Service card and Veterans Railcard, and could be used as a form of voter identification in forthcoming elections.

Anyone interested in advice or details regarding the veteran ID card should contact Veterans UK, which is a 24-hour service that directs ex-forces personnel to a range of support available to them including housing, financial advice and career guidance.



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 28th Aug	Branch Meeting @ 1900hrs
Thurs 25th Sep	Branch Meeting @ 1900hrs
Sat 18th Oct	Annual Conference (see page 5)
Thurs 30th Oct	Branch Meeting @ 1900hrs
October (date tbc)	Members Day Out: Visit to 603 Sqn RAuxAF

