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Colin Hinson

In the village of Blunham, Bedfordshire.



AIRWAVES

ROYAL AIR FORCE LOCKING

MAY 1991



*Princess Diana
Visits
RAF Locking*

Editorial

Well Spring is here (I can tell because it's rained nearly every day for a month), the time when young mens' thoughts turn to flowers and fancy (honest, that's what my class keeps telling me!) As for Locking a lot seems to be coming up, see the page with forthcoming events. The deputy editor job has been filled, sorry to all those unlucky applicants who applied, but our returning hero Cpl Dave Medway has been promoted into the job. Congrats!

Until next month then,
take it easy.....

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ST MICHAEL'S **CHESHIRE HOME**

Could you spare 2 hours a month to visit St Michael's and help serve drinks to the residents? Wives from Locking can, at the moment, only visit once a fortnight. We hope to involve more ladies so that we can visit weekly. Come along one week, without commitment, to see what is involved.

***Ring Sheila Berry on:
636438
for further information***

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ROUNDEL CLUB

- 22 May Comedy Night with "The Mimics"
5 June Rock/Pop Group "Squadron"
18 June Pub night with the duo "Double Inspiration"
3 July Rock/Pop Group "Wild Men Do"

SGTS' MESS

- 30 May Pub Night
15 June Summer Ball featuring "Alan Reed", "First Priority", "Karen Noble"
 and the "Countdown Roadshow"
27 June Pub Night

OFFICERS MESS

- 25 May Murder Mystery Night **NOTE Change of date**
31 May Ladies' Happy Hour
12 June Meet & Greet
14 June Dining-in Night
28 June Caribbean Night
5 July Ladies' Happy Hour
12 July Summer Ball

BRISTOL SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT



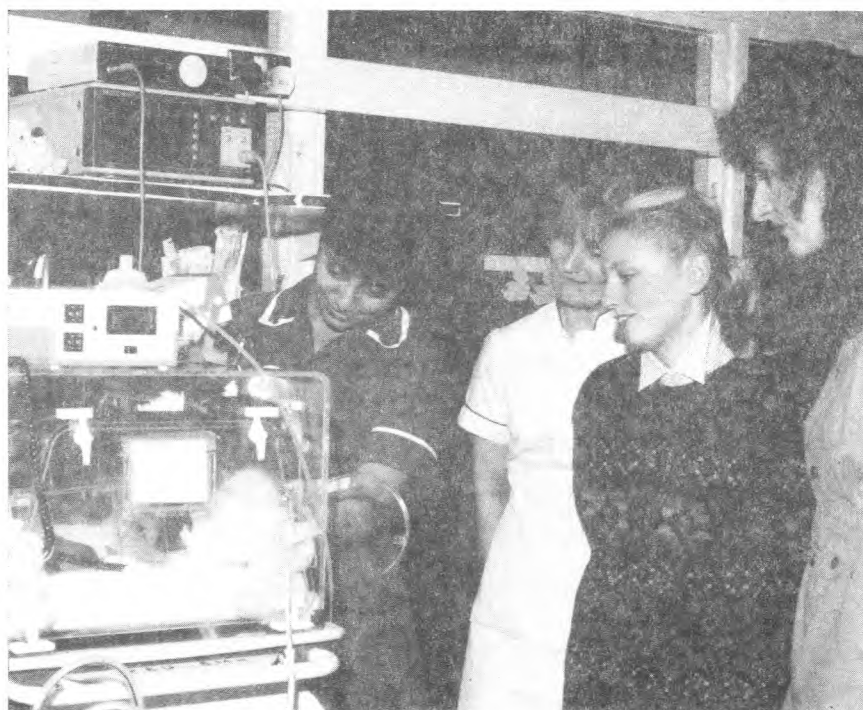
In 1989-1990 The WRAF of Locking raised £1,000 to donate a lifesaving blood pressure machine to the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Bristol. Personnel of RAF Locking have been involved with SCBU for a number of years and this was not the first piece of equipment which has been provided by the station.

The SCBU provides care for premature and sick babies from all over the South West, from Gloucester to Cornwall. Several babies from the Station and Locking Village have been cared for at the hospital and their incubators and wards are always full. Sadly, the wards are all too frequently oversubscribed and babies have to be turned away from the much needed medical treatment. It is hard to imagine

but sometimes the babies received by the Unit weigh less than 1lb.

As previously mentioned, the Station has already provided some equipment for the SCBU. This

time however the WRAF thought that they would "THINK BIG", and go for trying to raise enough money to provide the SCBU with a much needed incubator. We will have our work cut out to reach the £7,000 target which

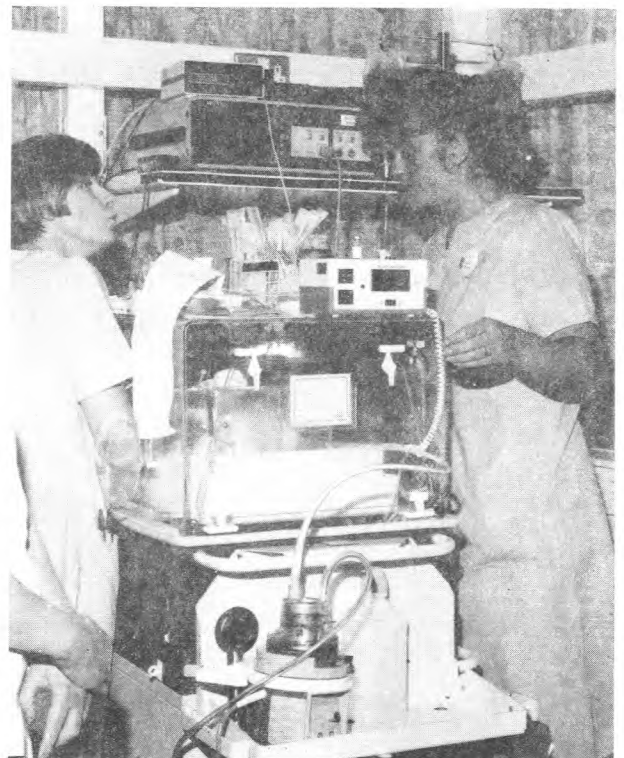


OUR INVOLVEMENT

we have set ourselves, none-the-less we are very determined. Sgt. Drake and the generous folk of 1T have already set the fund off to a cracking start with the £1,000 raised at their sponsored badminton event. So keep your eyes peeled for notices around the Station announcing our fund raising activities.

Watch out for :

Karaoke Night Special, It's a Knock Out, and Clothes Swapping Parties !! - it's your money that the girls are after!!



One final quote from Senior Nurse Mary Colbeck at SCBU, "As I know you will be aware, incubators are extremely useful and important machines. Although we have an annual allocated

hospital budget, this is normally sufficient only to replace a worn out 15 year old incubator, with a very basic model and not with a really up to date Intensive Care Model, which would benefit

the babies considerably. We are so grateful for the marvellous and continued support from everyone at RAF Locking.

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THANK YOU RAF LOCKING

Now that the Western Band of the Royal Air Force have returned from our "Gulf Tour", all the members of the Band would like to express their sincere thanks to all who helped with the Gulf Support Group. The knowledge that our wives, families and friends were being looked after so well was a considerable source of comfort to us all and made a significant contribution to our morale.

Our special thanks go to Wg Cdr Hunt, Sqn Ldr Williams, and Flt Lt Kev Smith, who were largely instrumental in getting the Group going and about whom the Band wives and girlfriends have many stories to tell!! These mainly concern broken washing machines, central heating systems and wives locking themselves out at the dead of night, (what were they doing out then??). Its a good job we were back before the Spring, otherwise they may well have been doing the gardening. Fg Off Dale Ford quickly became a very popular figure and his NBC demonstrations, particularly with a piece of re-usable toilet paper have been much talked about! (Dale, have you ever thought about doing it to music?).

Our own Cpl Skellon and his good wife Pauline also deserve a mention as they both put in a considerable amount of time and effort in dealing with all manner of problems.

Our special thanks to you.

The Band is now off on a spot of leave before we resume normal service so it will be a little while before our refined strains are heard pouring forth from our own corner of the Camp, though once back in action we will be louder than ever!

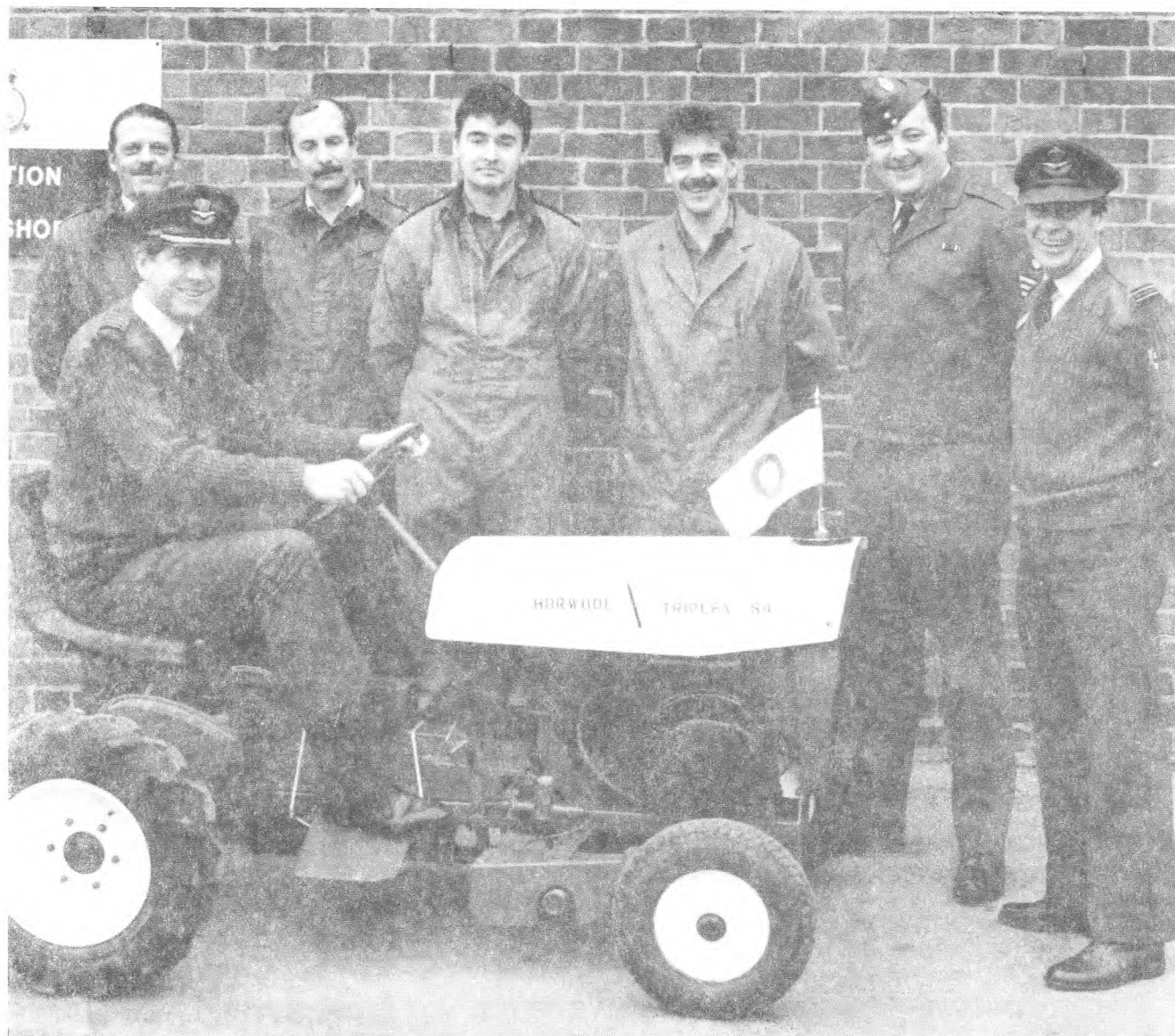
Once again thanks to all.

Duncan Stubbs

Director of Music

Western Band of the Royal Air Force

LOCKING HELPS OUT AGAIN



The above photograph shows the Stn Cdr with members of the Station Workshops staff, with a tractor which was recently overhauled for one of the station's adopted charities.

From left to right :- Sgt Abbot, Stn Cdr, Cpl Sage, Jnr Tech Wainwright, Cpl Fuchs, Flt Sgt Foukes and OC ESF, Flt Lt Gordon.

The tractor belongs to Barton Camp, which is part of the Bristol Childrens' Help Society. The camp is a holiday home for underprivileged

children and the tractor is used to cut the grass on the playing fields etc.

The tractor arrived at Station Workshops in a very poor condition and had not been running for some years. The gearbox casing had disintegrated, it had no brakes and a host of other damaged components. The tractor was completely stripped, a new gearbox casing was fabricated, new brake pipes fitted and many other repairs carried out. The tractor has now been returned to Barton Camp fully restored, painted and ready for action.

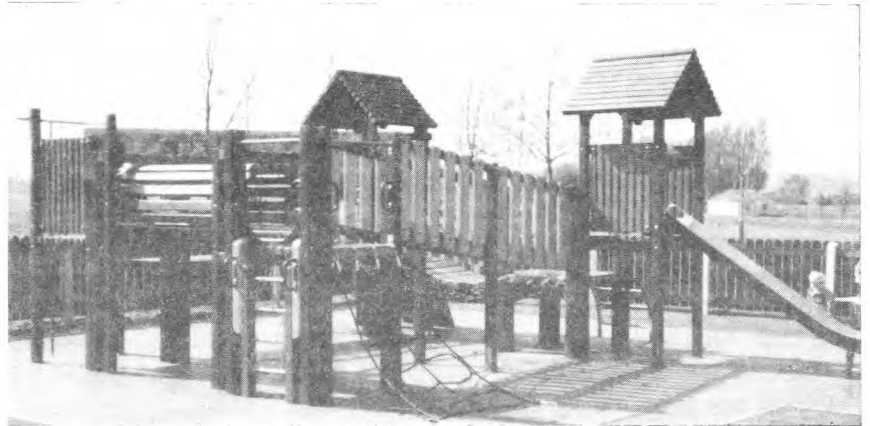
INSIGHT

NEW PLAYGROUND BEHIND SANDES

If you live in the region of the Officers' Married Quarters then you won't have failed to notice the new brightly coloured playground going up behind Sandes.

The new playground, which was started in mid February, is part of the Married Quarter Improvement Scheme funded by the MOD (Directorate of Quartering).

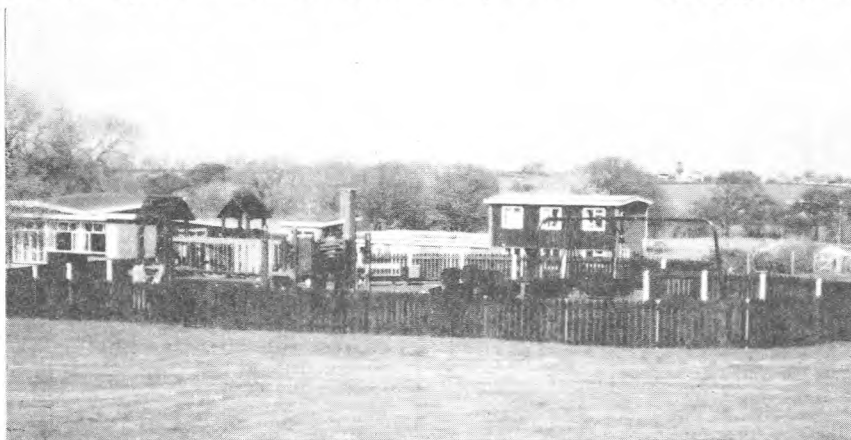
Similar in design to the Anson Road playground, the new playground will consist of a Double Arch Swing, Swingabout (several tyres



suspended from a central point on a frame), and Activator Sigma (a series of platforms, ladders, nets, a crawl tunnel, slide, bridge and firemans pole), all on a special safety surface with safety rails.

The playground, which is aimed at 4 to 12 year olds, is due completion at the end of March/beginning of April.

And the cost of the new playground? - £60,000.



Hair Tech

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FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Carol & Sarah welcome all Customers and continue to provide a complete professional hairstyling service.

LOCKING'S STRAY CATS

The trapping now finished at Meals on Wheels, I moved on to the Electrical Section, where I caught one wild cat and two pet cats (the latter were of course released immediately). At the Contractors' Compound there were four cats, all of which were extremely hard to trap. One in particular was very cunning and just would not take the bait. The other three had been caught, taken for their operations, had their period of convalescence at my house and released again, during which time I still had not managed to catch the fourth cat. Only

when one of the workmen told me that this cat didn't like fish was I able to rectify the procedure using dog food, which was much more to this cat's liking, and I then managed to catch it.

The week before Christmas one of the cats was very ill with flu, so I retrapped it and took it to the vet, but he did not think it would live. However, he treated it for a week and amazingly it pulled through. I then kept it at my home for a week to ensure it's full recovery. It was then released just before the New Year.

Twice a week I see all the cats whilst feeding them. The cats at Meals on Wheels are very shy and run and hide when they see me, but the others at the compound, although very wary of me, stay around and watch me from a distance. Maybe in time they will gain more confidence and trust in me and come a little closer.

Some people on the unit are of the opinion that the cats should have been left alone and not spayed or neutered. I believe that is a very naive attitude and it is because of such attitudes that the cat and dog homes throughout the country are full to capacity. The Cat Protection League tell me that one unspayed female can be responsible for 20,000 offspring in 5 years. Out of the twenty wild cats I found on Locking twelve of them were females; it is not hard to calculate how many cats there could possibly have been living wild on the unit!!

It is obvious that the only solution to this problem is spaying and neutering, which could also help to stop the suffering experienced by some cats when humans become fed up with them and perhaps dump them along with numerous kittens. The Cat Protection League would be only too pleased to give advice on the above mentioned as would any local vet or animal charity.

I would like to say to Service Personnel, if you are thinking of having a cat or dog, are you prepared to take your animal overseas with you and just as prepared to pay for six months quarantine when you return? If the answer is no, then please can I appeal to you NOT to have an animal.

Next month I will give you some information on the operation of the Cat Protection League.

*Anne Daniell
RPC*

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday during school term time from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in Scarf Block.

Books, toys, clothes and bric-a-brac.

ALL BARGAINS

Come in and browse, then visit Mary's Coffee Shop - snacks available.

THE HIVE BABYSITTING CIRCLE

A new Babysitting Circle has been started on the Station. If you would be interested in cutting the cost of an evening or day out, please contact Sue Halstead for further details. Telephone either The Hive - 822131, ext 239 or Sue on 820839

THE BEST TRAINEE AT RAF LOCKING



The award for the "Best Trainee of 1990" at RAF Locking has been won by Junior Technician Yasmin Parson. The prize was £100 and a Certificate of Merit, both donated by the Institution of Electronics and Electrical Incorporated Engineers.

The presentation was made by Mr. Kenward, on the left in the photograph, while Group Captain Holt the Station Commander, on the right, looked on.

Yasmin joined the Royal Air Force as an Air Defence Radar Mechanic (MAD 27) in 1988, with no formal qualifications at all. During her initial training she achieved such outstanding results that she was transferred to a Technicians course (DAF 80). She completed this course with 15 out of

possible 17 distinctions in her BTEC award. To win the prize she beat over 800 fellow trainees, setting an example of what can be achieved despite the lack of formal qualifications. She is keen on swimming, netball and general fitness training and is also an accomplished musician on the oboe (Grade 5) and piano (Grade 7).

Yasmin is now based at RAF Honington where she works in Communications and Information Systems Engineering Flight. She has already put most of her new-found knowledge to good use and has become famous for her nervous driving of the flight's Landrover. She has also just got engaged to an Air Traffic Control Assistant at Honington. We wish her all the best for her future.

FREE SEATS AT CHURCH!

Been along to church lately? Perhaps not. Even though 70% of the population still believe in God less than 10% get along to talk to Him regularly.

Of course one doesn't need to go to church to pray but there is more to a visit to "God's House" than that. Also important is the help and support received from other believers. A lump of coal may be burning fiercely on the fire where it is surrounded by others, but if it falls into the hearth it quickly goes out and loses its heat. So those around us in the church help to keep our faith burning brightly so that we can go on shining for God in the darkness of this world.

Perhaps we need to advertise? Over Easter several churches tried this approach on the local radio. All we need is a good slogan. How about, "Get The Boss on your side, visit your local church"; "Seven days without prayer makes one weak"; or simply "God is good for you". Alternative suggestions on a postcard to the Padre please! Prizes of a copy of the New Testament to the ten best entries.

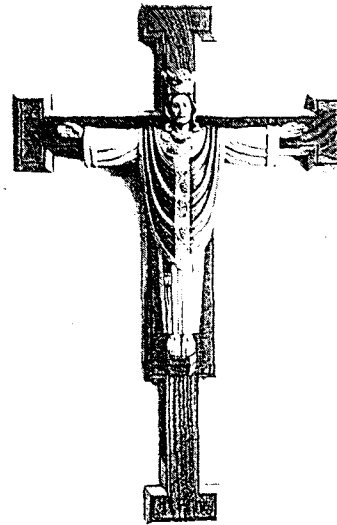
In the end you cannot sell what people do not want. If there is no felt need of God or church then no end of cajoling, updating or bribing is going to make any difference. Never mind, God will catch up with everyone in the end. "God is dead" said Nietzsche. "Nietzsche is dead" said God.

Of course it is a mistake to think that God and church are products to be advertised and sold. The Christian faith is about the news of God's free gift of His love in Jesus Christ to all people, irrespective of whether it is wanted or deserved. The trouble is that folk are suspicious of free gifts. Either they are pretty worthless or they are not really free, or there is some catch. None of these are true for the free gift God is giving away to all those who will receive it. But the only way to really see what this free gift is about is to try it.

Visit your local church for this free offer. Hurry, the offer is only open while stocks last!

Seriously, there is a welcome for you at Church wherever you stand with God. You may be a com-

Royal Air Force Locking Community Church of CHRIST THE KING



SERVICES:

10:30am Sunday - C of E Holy Communion with Sunday School.

6:00pm Monday - RC Mass (counts as Sunday obligation).

CHAPLAINS:

The Chaplaincy Centre is on the top floor of SCARF block.
The Chaplains may be contacted at any time on Ext 292.

mitted believer, you may be unsure about the whole thing. Everyone is welcome to any of the services at the RAF Locking Church of Christ the King. Children are welcome at all our services and there is a Sunday school at the same time as the C of E Communion service at 10.30am on Sunday morning.

If you would rather chat over a few things rather than come along to church then please get in touch with the Padre (ext 292).

If you already go to church off station but would like to have some contact and fellowship with other Christians at RAF Locking, the Padre runs a regular fellowship group for Bible study, prayer and worship. This group meets weekly in the Padre's home (Tel: 822893 for more details).

Padre Andy McMullon

DIARY OF DTC 130

Hello reader(s),

Well, one month left until we leave 3(T), then away to do some real work. We've still got a full house - only just! We had a guard at the beginning of April, over ANOTHER leave. Things went pretty smoothly (no incidents). Sorry PIRA, we're just too good for you!

R and I next month. Hmmmm, wonder if a certain member will wimp out before we get there, eh Chris?

Perhaps you would like to send your opinions about these Wednesday morning parades into the Editor. We think that they could start around 0730 ish (just cut out the standing

around on Cranwell Road bit).

As you've probably heard, AC Thomas, ex 130, has been back to his timeshare apartment at Innsworth, probably an inmates' reunion or something!

Well, that's about all folks
Cheers
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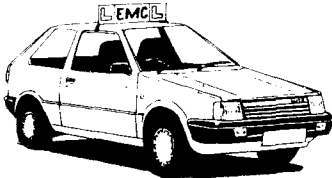
PS. Congratulations to Craig and Sara on their engagement from all on DTC 130 and DAD 117.

PPS. Stands for pulses per second!

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PRINCESS DIANA VISITS RAF LOCKING

VISIT TO RAF LOCKING GULF SUPPORT GROUP ON 15 MARCH 1991
BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

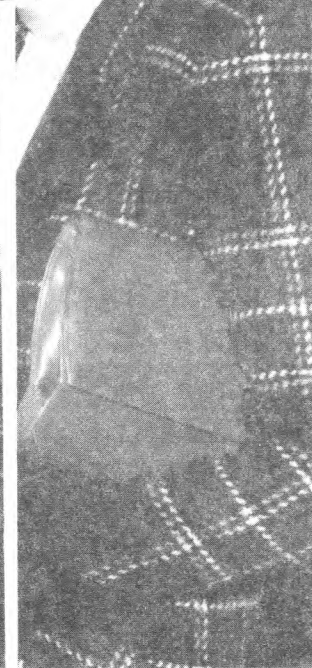
Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales visited RAF Locking on Friday 15 Mar 91 to meet many of the 86 families of the Gulf Support Group who had a relative serving in the Gulf.



The support group catered not only for families of RAF Locking personnel, but also families of Naval and Army personnel who reside in the local area.



The Princess heard that the Support Group organisers had received over 150 offers of help, ranging from nursing to babysitting. There were 2000 other telephone calls from local people wanting to write or send parcels to servicemen in the Gulf. The Princess was told that the Station had received gifts weighing 9 tons, worth about £22,000, which were airlifted and shipped out to the Gulf.



RAF LOCKING NURSERY & PLAYGROUP

*The Nursery is held every week day
morning 9.00am. to 12.00am. in the Scarf
Block.*

*Our Play Group for the younger ones is
held three afternoons a week 1.00pm. to
3.00pm.*

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The CO tries out the new Potato Baking Machine purchased for the Airmen's Mess from funds received as part of the efficiency rebate award.



ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

CANBERRA CRESCENT
 ANSON ROAD 1-7, 2-40
 ANSON ROAD 9-51, 42-68
 ANSON ROAD 53-71, 70-98
 LARKHILL ROAD
 WOOLVERS WAY
 OXFORD SQUARE 1-75 (Odd nos)
 OXFORD SQUARE (Even nos)
 VARSITY WAY
 PORTAL ROAD
 TRENCHARD ROAD 1-12
 TRENCHARD ROAD 13-27
 PINETREE ROAD 1-15
 FLOWERDOWN ROAD
 BROADWAY
 MENDIP ROAD 10, 12, 14, 16
 MENDIP ROAD 1-8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19
 ADASTRAL ROAD
 SPINNEY ROAD
 PINETREE ROAD 2,4
 TOWER HILL

Mrs Halstead (12 Canberra)
 Mrs Murphy (12 Anson)
 Mrs Suddaby (71 Anson)
 Mrs Rockett (86 Anson)
 Mrs Portlock (7 Larkhill)
 Mrs Fleming (6 Woolvers)
 Mrs Williams (26 Oxford)
 Mrs Muspratt (18 Anson)
 Mrs Squires (9 Varsity)
 Mrs Smith (2 Portal)
 Mrs Smith (2 Portal)
 Mrs Rolls (13 Trenchard)
 Mrs Rolls (13 Trenchard)
 Mrs Hunt (17 Flowerdown)
 Mrs Winterton (2 Broadway)
 Mrs Winterton (2 Broadway)
 Mrs Raison (6 Adastral)
 Mrs Raison (6 Adastral)
 Mrs Campbell (9 Tower Hill)
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**Locking school will be holding a
"Fashion Roadshow" on Wed 12th June
at 2000 hrs in the Junior Hall.
Entrance fee is £1.50 including a glass of wine
on entry.**

**Professional models will be displaying all
clothing on sale.**

Come along for a different night out.

**For tickets, see any member of the school staff or
contact Cpl Manning ext 407.**

RAF LOCKING BADMINTON CLUB

Since the departure of the civilian aspect in March 1990, the club has been built up as a facility for all those living and working at RAF Locking. Currently there are approximately 35 members, most of whom attend the Club nights on a regular basis.

Clubnights are a friendly meeting place for all who are interested in badminton and are well attended, and supported, by wives and dependants as well as service personnel.

The club is open to all Service personnel, dependants and civilians working at RAF Locking. So if you have considered playing badminton and would like some gentle exercise, the club always welcomes players of any standard with basic tuition available on request.

INTERESTED? Then come along to a Clubnight, they are held on Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 20:00 hours in the Station Gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you.

For further information, contact either Fg Off Clive Roscoe CES ext 391 or SAC John Anstee in the Guardroom ext 215.

THRIFT SHOP PRESENTS CHEQUE TO GLANDORE HOUSE



On Thursday 14th. February, Mrs. Anthea Hunt, Chairwoman of the RAF Locking Thrift Shop presented a cheque for the sum of £200 to Miss Lorraine Lee of the Day Care Centre for pre-school children.

The Day Care Centre in Weston-super-Mare is part of the George Miller Foundation which depends

entirely on charitable contributions for its existence.

The photograph shows Mrs. Anthea Hunt (far right), presenting the cheque to Miss Lorraine Lee.

This money will be used to buy equipment for the children.

BABYSITTING CIRCLE

Book your children into the Babysitting Service at the Flowerdown Centre, Friday's 9 am. to 12 pm. and give yourself a few hours for shopping or just relaxing. To book, ring Erica Grieve 820500. For children under 3 years of age, the charge is £2 per child.

PLANT CUTTINGS WANTED

I will take any unwanted plants for my plant stall at the FLOWERDOWN FAIR. Bring along to Erica Grieve, 8 Adastral Road, or leave them with Flt Lt. Dave Grieve at the Flowerdown Centre.

All plants, cuttings, unwanted pots welcome, or if you prefer to give me an hour of your time on the stall, that would be most appreciated. Thank you.

WILLIE'S CORNER

On January 1951, I left Southampton on the Union Castle Steamship, Carmarthen Castle, bound for Cape Town, having been posted as a Staff Officer to the Rhodesian Air Training Group at Bulawayo in Southern Rhodesia. On the seventh day out a fancy dress parade was held after dinner. I had dressed as "Little Red Riding Hood", and my wife had dressed as a girl from a harem. A doctor whom we had befriended on the voyage was dressed as an Arab, and he asked my wife if she would enter the competition as his partner, this she agreed to, and they went on to win first prize as the best couple, while I won first prize as the best male competitor.

Ten years later in 1961 I was stationed at Steamer Point in Aden when Iraq threatened Kuwait with invasion (Oh yes it happened before - or nearly). I and four other Officers were sent post haste to Kuwait City to form a Joint Administrating HQ, for the British Forces Arabian Peninsula. We duly

arrived some 24 hours later after a hectic journey via Oman and Bahrain to find that we had gone from the stifling humid heat of Aden to the scorching dry heat of Kuwait and to find that some Airmen had already arrived from the UK. Chaos reigned supreme. It was suddenly realised that the airmen no longer carried a knife fork and spoon and mug on their person, neither did they carry campbeds, (unlike the Army who were settling down nicely thank you very much). I went to see the British Consul in Kuwait City who gave me an authorization to purchase 300 knives, forks, spoons and mugs. The next job was to find some beds. I commandeered a couple of lorries and went to Mina Al Ahmadi oil field where Shell had their headquarters, they kindly loaned me 300 mattresses. These were duly deposited on the concrete floor of a hangar at Kuwait Airfield which became our billet. After I had been in Kuwait for about 14 days, sleeping rough and without a bath, I was invited to spend a night

at Mina Al Ahmadi where Shell had a luxurious air conditioned club with all amenities, not forgetting the beer! After 14 days on Compo rations and orange juice I was ready for it.

I duly arrived and was allocated a single room complete with fridge full of ice cold drinks. After a bath, change of clothing and a beer, I went across to the restaurant for dinner, and afterwards to the bar.

Imagine my surprise when on entering the bar a voice shouted "Good grief, it's Willie." Yes, believe it or not it was the doctor from paragraph one. He was Chief Medical Officer with Shell Mex at Mina Al Ahmadi. It's a small world.

PS. Iraq never did invade and in a matter of weeks, we all went back to where we came from. I never grumbled about Aden after that.

YOUTH CLUB AT BRISTOL ICE RINK

A party of Youth Club members had a most enjoyable evening out in Bristol, when we all went ice skating. At least that was the intention - some of us spent more time ice sliding than ice skating. The expressions on the faces in the photographs tells the story.



We are still short of volunteers (particularly ladies) to help in the running of the Youth Club. We meet every Friday evening from 7pm to 10pm in the Sandes. You need not commit yourself on a long term basis, if you feel unable to do so, but if you would like to help in any capacity then please get in touch.

G MORGAN
OIC Youth Club
Ext 320



CO's GOOD SHOW AWARD

MAY 1991



SGT STEVE DAVIES / CPL STEVE MALONE

At each End of Course Conference (ECC), when the students are asked "what was the high point of your training?" the answer is invariably "the Tac Comms/Ground Defence Exercise" (TCGDX). The undoubted success of this worthwhile exercise is in the main due to the efforts of two outstanding NCOs, Sgt Steve Davies and Cpl Steve Malone.

These exercises are held at Yoxter Military Training Area (YMTA) and take place throughout the year regardless of weather. Although the students only see the end result, a well run and most professional exercise, the prior planning and preparation, often outside normal working hours, is quite substantial.

Sgt Davies, a TG 11 specialist, has been on almost 40 exercises during his tour at RAF Locking, working in most cases 20 hours a day whilst at YMTA. Despite on one occasion getting the OIC lost, with the memorable words "Trust me, Sir, I know this place like the back of my hand", (it was foggy) he has shown outstanding dedication and professionalism. Over the past 3 years he has transformed the TCGDX into an excellent training vehicle that not only teaches tactical communications and military field skills, but assists in the overall development of the "whole airman". As recent events in the Gulf have shown, these skills remain highly relevant to service in

today's Royal Air Force.

Similarly, Cpl Malone, RAF Regt, although a relative newcomer compared to Sgt Davies, has left an indelible mark on the running of the exercises. His specialist trade knowledge and experience have been invaluable. Although the students may not have noticed his patience and good humour, these virtues have been like the rest of his work - outstanding. This patience and good humour has even been extended to "peace protesters" when on one memorable occasion a fairly vociferous female protester refused to leave the range area and hugged Cpl Malone whilst expressing sisterly love towards him. He later (using minimum force) ejected her from the area into what must have been the muddiest puddle in Somerset.

In all seriousness, it was Cpl Malone's commonsense and experience that minimised the effect of what otherwise might have been a serious incident. He certainly set the finest example possible to all the trainees on the exercise of self-restraint and professional conduct.

Both these NCOs epitomise all that is best in the Service. They exude an attitude of professionalism and dedication that is highly laudable and set an excellent example to be followed by others of all ranks.

YOUTH CLUB FOOTBALL TEAM

HERE WE GO ! HERE WE GO ! HERE WE GO

RAF Locking Youth Club's 5 a-side team did particularly well in this years Newspaper boys football competition. After a gruelling 3 qualifying matches, winning 2 and drawing 1, we won a place in the final against Banwell. We got off to a great start when Colin Dourish struck a fine volley from the half-way line giving the Banwell goalkeeper no chance. Despite brave defensive work from Danny Aldington and Lee Abbott and a brilliant goalkeeping display from Craig Rutland, Banwell managed to sneak in 5 very lucky goals.

Even so, coming runners up in this preliminary round was still sufficient to earn Locking a place in the regional competition, held in Bath. We arrived in Bath full of anticipation. The lads were determined to do well, after all a result in this competition would mean a place the National finals later in the year. You can image how we felt when the draw was made and our first match was against Banwell. We were sick as parrots!

Paul Owen gave a sterling captains performance and rallied his team to win 2 goals to 1. We were over the moon with our performance and our eyes were firmly fixed on winning the whole competition. We went from strength to strength winning our next 2 matches 2:1 and in the semi-final a crushing 8:1. We were unbeatable, or so we thought.

We were devastated when we heard the result of the other semi- final and found that once again we were to play....yes you guessed it...Banwell in the final. The match started fairly evenly until the deadlock was broken with a fine individual goal from Ryzard Lipinski. Despite fine goalkeeping from Nick Pulley, Banwell once again managed to snatch victory in the dying minutes with 6 well taken goals. Final score, 6:1 in Banwells favour - We Wuz Robbed!!

TEAM PHOTOGRAPH

Back Row : Lee Abbott, John Day, Danny Aldington, Chris Coumbs

Front Row : Paul Owen, Craig Rutland, Colin Dourish





Locking Golf

WES I OF ENGLAND GOLF LEAGUE

With four straight wins from four WOGL matches, RAF Locking could not have wished for a better start to the season. Home victories against Brize Norton (4-2) and Hereford (4.5-1.5), and an away win against Wroughton (3.5-2.5) have put Locking in third place behind last seasons top teams Lyneham and St Athan.

The next fixture against St Athan will be a "crunch" one as they are currently lying in 2nd place with maximum points and a games difference of 16 for and only 2 against!

LGS COMPETITIONS

The conclusion of the Winter competitions saw Jim Spence beat Rog Clarke in the final of the Singles Matchplay KO, and it was Jim Spence again with partner Steve Howard who won the Fourball Matchplay KO. The Winter Eclectic Nett was won by Geoff Rolls with a Woosnam like 63 and Steve Howard took the Gross prize with a very average 56!! For the results of the March Medal

and April Stableford see below.

LGS SPRING MEETING

This years LGS Spring meeting held at Tredegar Park GC was, by all accounts, a huge success with 17 golfers making the journey to Newport to compete in this alternative to the Masters! On the coach there, a well organised John Gill decided at 0730 hrs it was time for a shave whilst at the same time listening to a tape of "Play better golf with Jack Nicklaus" on his Walkman! John's careful preparation obviously paid off as he stormed to victory in the morning Stableford with 40 pts.

At the 3rd hole in the morning Bob Hunt and Charlie Hart decided it might make the course a bit easier if they teed off from the veterans' tee, and a confused field behind decided to follow their lead! After playing the 11th hole Bruce Thorpe, Rog Clarke and Dave Abbott also decided they were not happy with the layout of the course and proceeded to play the 15th, 14th, 12th and then 16, 17 and 18! This time however the rest of the field were not taken in.

Meanwhile at the 15th, Ian Longhorn pulled his drive into a tree to the left of the fairway and then, much to the surprise (and amusement) of everyone watching, shinned up the tree after it. Unfortunately the "Tree Doctor" could not find his ball on this occasion and had to go back and play another from the tee.

On the 18th hole in the morning Captain Geoff Rolls, after having had 3 shredded wheat for breakfast, proceeded to blast his tee shot over the wall behind the green with a 9 iron! Geoff made up for this error in the afternoon round by winning the medal gross with an excellent 6 over par 77.

The "Special Prize" for the day went to Simon Welstead who couldn't wait to get it home and show his wife! Simon's prize was a mug with "If you hit it left its a hook, if you hit it right its a slice and if you hit it straight its a bloody miracle" written on it.

Finally, congratulations to the inform Steve Howard on winning the overall competition with 37 Stableford pts and a Medal Nett score of 70.

COMPETITION RESULTS

March Medal	Nett	April Stableford	Pts
1 G Hall	71 (countback)	1 G Rolls	40
2 D Steer	71	2 J Spence	30
3 J Spence	71	3 D Steer	29
4 J Skinner	74	4 G Hall	29

Spring Meeting

	Stableford pts	Medal		TOTAL (Medal Nett - S/Ford pts)
		Gross	Nett	
1 S Howard	37	89	70	33
2 D Dixon	35	84	69	34
=3G Rolls	31	77	66	35
=3D Steer	33	80	68	35
4 B Thorpe	33	78	72	39

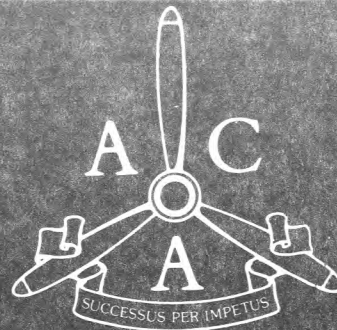
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