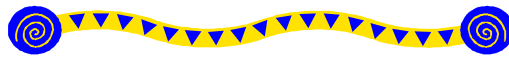




RAMSGATE & BROADSTAIRS ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Hello and welcome to the new look newsletter!

The reason for the new look is my fault.

My name is Christopher (Chris) East and I have just taken on the job as Secretary for your Branch.

I thought I would send this newsletter out introducing myself and explaining the changes and how the newsletter is going to work.

Firstly, about myself, as a lot of you have not met me, and Norman leaving was probably a shock after 15 devoted years.

I am 23 years old and I work at Kent International Airport as a Security Officer. However, don't let that put you off!

RAFA is not the only "charity" work I do. I have been a Civilian Instructor for the Air Training Corps for 6 years. I started at

2433 (Ramsgate) Squadron as I lived in Ramsgate all my life.

I then moved to Farnborough Village and went to 2427 (Biggin Hill)

Squadron. I recently moved back to

Ramsgate with my partner and I am currently with 2235 (Deal) Squadron. Within my time with these I have been: admin officer, supply officer, civilian committee, public relations and general



dogsbody.

So as you can see im not new to this, and I can easily say when I start something like this I put my heart and sole into it and I hope I can get the same back from my fellow members, as the RAFA is a great organisation and will continue to be with the support of you, the 219 members. In addition, of course I have taken on the job of Wings Appeal Coordinator. Thus, I have my work cut out but im willing and eager to get going.

Anyway enough about me more about the important stuff.



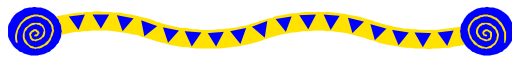
I will be sending out a new look newsletter every quarter, so every March, June, Sept and December you will receive an up to date version informing you what is happening within your Branch and Club.

In the new newsletter, you can expect to see:

- ✚ A section for the club
- ✚ A section for the branch
- ✚ A section on what has happened
- ✚ A section on what is going to happen
- ✚ In addition, most importantly a section on what YOU think.

Of course without you people we would not be here, so what you think should happen and what should be done is most important to me. You all like the branch/club this is why you are members but you must have your say! I am not easily offended so if you don't like things then say.

However, unfortunately due to the circumstances with everyone having less disposable income we will have to change things to keep us going. This is especially important for our club as even though we made a profit this year (well done Club!) we need to all help it out or it will go the same way as Sandwich and Margate. And that can not happen!



A few issues that have been brought up already.

✚ “The wings appeal was poorly organised last year and people didn't know what was going on.”

Good point! I took over the job of wings appeal at the end of collection last year and ever since I have been racking my brains in how to make it better organised and easier for everyone involved. This is where the newsletter will come in. Simply read the current issue, which will be sent to every member and some, will be kept in the club and you will be up to date on this year's goings on.

✚ “Why don't we do more things within the branch/club”

Ok also another good point. We will be doing more from now on but for us to do more we need your participation. Also this brings me onto I want to know what your thinking. Please let me know what you want to do and we will see if we can do it. When it comes to the Club then wherever the branch can help we will, and in my eyes any events we do we will hold them there. I don't see the point on us spending out on renting hall's when our own club can benefit from us holding functions there.

So as you can see I am waiting on your thoughts. And anything you want to see or put in the newsletter then please feel free to send me information and im sure I can find a space.

Well thank you for bearing with me and hopefully I will hear from you soon.

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