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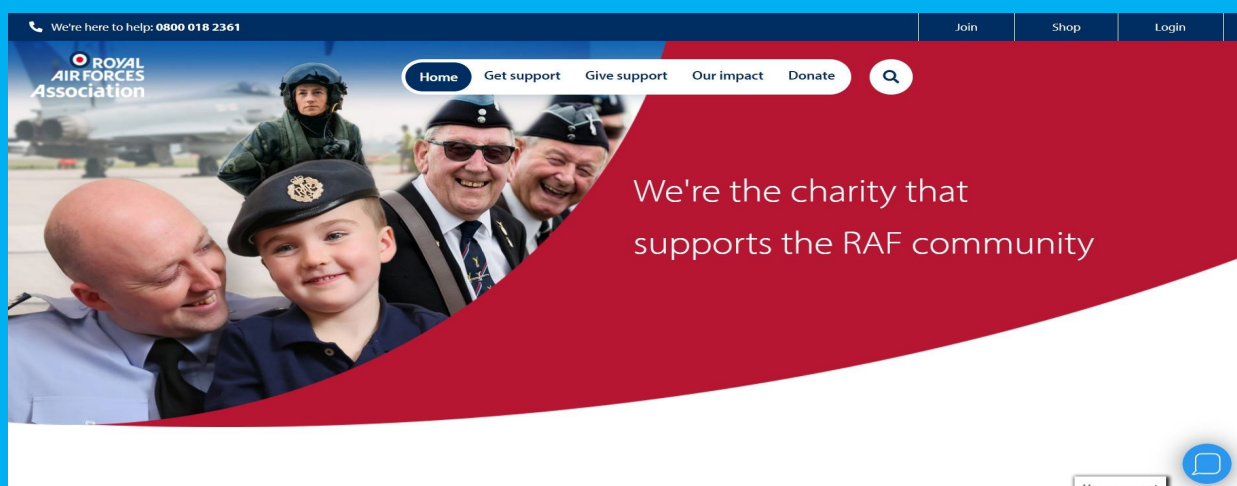
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Have YOU logged in yet?



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GLOBAL BRANCH AGM 2022



Saturday: 5th March 2022 @ 19.00hrs

Location: WO & Sgts Mess, RAF Valley

Accommodation suggestions, but the choice & the booking of is down to you. Early booking is advised as prices will almost certainly rise. BUT please make sure anything you book has FREE CANCELLATION, just in case!!!

Please email chair.rafaglobalbranch1370@gmail.com to confirm whether or not you will be attending the AGM plus whether flying solo or with guests. Please also confirm that you have booked accommodation and it's location.

Premier Inn, Parc Cybi, North Wales, LL65 2YQ

Website: <https://www.premierinn.com/>

Current Prices (08/08/2021) For 2 nights. Per Room:

£70 Advance. Pay now, fully refundable with free cancellation up to 28 days before arrival

£98 Flex. Pay now or on arrival, fully refundable with free cancellation up to 1pm on the day or arrival

Travelodge, Kingsland Road, Holyhead, Anglesey, LL65 2LB

Website: <https://www.travelodge.co.uk/>

£131.98 Flexible rate. Fully Refundable excluding WiFi. Free to amend or cancel up until noon on arrival date.

Booking.com

Website: <https://www.booking.com/>

Current lowest price (08/08/2021) in a B&B is £120 with free cancellation

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PROPOSED AGM WEEKEND ITINERARY

Friday 4th March 2022

15.00hrs +

Arrival time at accommodation

20.00hrs

Social Evening & meal at Premier Inn, Parc Cybi, North Wales, LL65 2YQ

Possibly joined by RAF Valley Stn Cdr, Execs, RAFA Anglesey Branch President & Chairman

Saturday 5th March 2022

10.00hrs – 12.00hrs approx.

Branch visit IV, XXV, 72 Sqdns plus Stn Ops

12.00hrs

WINGS APPEAL EVENT

Proposed 100 yd aircraft pull (Hawk T2) by 8-10 Branch members. Possibly a competitive pull against station or squadron personnel.

13.00approx – 14.00hrs

Possible Lunch on base

14.00—15.00hrs

Visit to RAF Valley History Room

18.00hrs

Transfer to WO & Sgts Mess for AGM

19.00hrs sharp.

Annual General Meeting

19.45hrs

Presentation by Sgt David Lawrence

Visual presentation by Sgt David "Dai" Lawrence on the subject of either "The Battle of Britain" or The Dambusters". Collection to be made after the presentation with the money raised going to **TRAED BACH TYWYN NURSERY**

20.45hrs approx.

Non-Formal meal ideally served in Bain Marie or similar.

Choice of two hot food dishes, and a vegetarian option. Cost still to be determined.

18.00hrs – 23.00hrs approx.

Use of bar.

Sunday 6th March 2022

08.00hrs – 12.00hrs

Breakfast & checkout of accommodation.

Numbers Quiz

1/ Which number links Jimi Hendrix, Brian Jones (Rolling Stones), Kurt Cobain, Amy Winehouse and Jade Goody?

2/ How many books in Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy trilogy?

3/ Which number Apollo mission was the spaceflight that landed the first two men on the Moon?

4/ How many squares on a Monopoly Board?

5/ How many Harry Potter books in the series?

6/ and, how many Harry Potter films?

7/ How long is the M25 Motorway?

8/ What year did the racehorse Shergar go missing?

9/ Wedding Anniversaries, which anniversary is traditionally Crystal?

10/ How many pennies in a pre-decimal pound?

11/ What year was the Chernobyl Disaster?

12/ From wicket to wicket, how long is a cricket pitch?

13/ Which number Pennsylvania Avenue is the formal address of the White House?

14/ According to the bible how many people were at the last supper?

15/ How many feet in a fathom?

16/ How many seats in the Royal Albert Hall?

17/ How many different football teams have won the FA Premier League?

18/ How much is in a Baker's Dozen?

19/ How many sculpted lions by Sir Edwin Landseer sit at the base of Trafalgar Square?

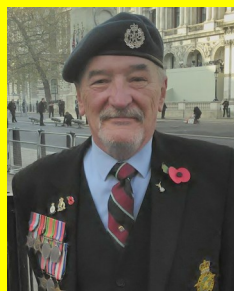
20/ According to Douglas Adams, what is the answer to Life, The Universe and Everything?

Quiz Master is Ken Herts, so don't blame me!!!

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Branch Demographics

Australia	23
Belize	1
Botswana	1
Bulgaria	1
Canada	6
Cyprus	7
Eire	3
England	442
Finland	1
France	5
Germany	2
Holland	1
Hong Kong	2
Kenya	1
Malta	3
N Ireland	2
New Zealand	6
Poland	1
Saudi Arabia	1
Scotland	17
South Africa	2
Spain	12
Thailand	2
Trinidad	1
UAE	2
USA	23
Wales	15

Chairman's Ramblings

Well, with the world slowly returning to some form of the new normal, it could be interesting to look back over the past 18 months to 2 years.

As an Association, RAFA, put together many different things for it's membership to assist them through the difficulties that the pandemic might throw up. As a branch, Global, adopted these measures, which were, and indeed still are, there for it's membership.

What surprised me, and indeed your committee, was the lack of requests for any assistance we received from you, the members. We must have the healthiest members of the Association or maybe our members don't comprehend what our welfare team can do for them.

One has to understand that RAFA, and therefore Global, are not allowed to go round asking if anyone needs our assistance at anytime. We have to be approached by the members. RAFA does not tout around to see where it can offer assistance.

Now I am going to do my begging bit. Please, please don't ever be too proud or stubborn to ask for help when you might need it. I cannot promise that every request is successful but if you don't ask you will never know. Most importantly it is all done confidentially. In the first instance all you need to do is email our Welfare Officer on welfare.rafaglobalbranch1370@gmail.com

Urgently Required

The Branch Committee is urgently looking for a person qualified to audit the end of year branch accounts. If you can do this please contact chair.rafaglobalbranch1370@gmail.com

Abingdon Air & Country Show 2021



Over the Years Branch Photos





Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for RAFA Global Branch 1370 with easyfundraising? There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rafaglobalbranch1370/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to RAFA Global Branch 1370 at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and RAFA Global Branch 1370 will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Remembrance Day 2021



Come Sunday 14th November 2021, 12 members of the Global branch, will hopefully be marching down Whitehall, London. They will be joining 10,000 other ex-members of the forces etc, who are there to help pay the respects of the nation to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in our name.

In 2020, Covid-19 restrictions meant that just 24 people were there to represent the nations charities etc. Your Chairman, Steve Mullis, was fortunate to be one of the chosen few.

This year our members will be marching, for the first time, under the auspices of the Global Branch, whilst still being within the main RAF Association's banner.

La Tumba del Piloto Ingles (The English pilot's grave)

Will return in the next edition

What EVERY member needs

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE FOR 2021 NOW IS THE TIME TO GET YOUR RAFA HOME COLLECTION BOX!!!!



Its so simple folks, just get one of these home collection boxes and just pop your odd change into it. Come Battle of Britain Week 2021, count it up and bank it for the Global Branch's Wing Appeal.

Remember it doesn't matter where you live in the world, money is money & it all adds up no matter what the currency!!!!

Contact the Chairman now to ask for one of the boxes and get collecting the easy way. Don't wait for it to come in post, have a look in your pocket today and see how much shrapnel you have in there now!!!

In 2020 we raised over £1,000 despite all the problems we have had with Covid 19, so I am hoping that in 2021 we can improve on that with more people having boxes!!!



Help raise FREE funds for RAFA Global Branch 1370 whenever you shop online!

We currently have just over 115 people raising over £1,418 since we started using it. Imagine how much we could raise if ALL our members were to join!!!

It doesn't cost you a penny more to use easyfundraising BUT it will raise money for the branch for FREE!!!

Use easyfundraising to shop with over 4,000 big name retailers including John Lewis, Very, Uswitch, GoCompare, Just Eat, Expedia, and ASOS – when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for RAFA Global Branch 1370 every time, it's that easy!

Please help support us:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rafaglobalbranch1370/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=fb5

LIMITED AVAILABILITY



A unique metal pin made for Global Branch members. Cost £3-50 to UK addresses
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42 /20
4 /19
13 /18
7 /17
5272 /16
6 /15
13 /14
0091 /13
22 /12
986 /11
240 /10
15 /9
1983 /8
117 miles (188km) /7
8 /6
7 /5
40 /4
11 /3
6 /2
27 (They all died aged 27) /1

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