



XXIV SQUADRON ASSOCIATION ROYAL AIR FORCE

President: Air Commodore Richard Gould CBE MA BSc FRAeS
Chairman: Group Captain Keith Chapman MPhil BA

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN SERGEANTS MESS, RAF BRIZE NORTON - 4 OCTOBER 2014

Members attending: Messrs K Chapman (Chairman), S Wright (Deputy Chair), R Hale (Treasurer), D R Burgin (Secretary)

R Bates, R Brawn, C Carrington, Mrs L Carter, N Cooper, M Davis, T Gosling, C Harley, G Harradine, J Harris, B Ilett, W Lowe, T Norcross, T Paterson, R Payne, L Warrington, C Whitaker, P Whitworth, A Wilson. (23 in total)

The Chairman opened the AGM by extending a warm welcoming to all Members who had made the journey to this year's Reunion, which coincides with the Squadron's 99th Anniversary. With many items on the Agenda, the meeting started at 11:05.

Item 1.1/2014 Apologies for Absence

The Secretary had received around 20 apologies for absence, unfortunately including a few last minute calls from Members who had planned to attend but forced to cancel at very short notice due to ill health or driving conditions. Only one donation to the Association Fund was received.

As in previous years, a list of regrets for absence and letters received were available for all attending to read. A full list of apologies is as follows:

S Batchelor, M Coumbe, B Cowin, C Eames, G Gair, D Goodman, R Gould, P Griggs, K Groves, R Ironside (+ donation), T Johnson, C Joyner, M Lythgoe, P Mansbridge, J Martin, J McArthur, J Mitchel, A Pickering, K Rayner, M Sawbridge, B Spurway, P Tootal. (21 in total)

Item 1.2/2014 In Memoriam

It was with regret that the Association had learned that two Members and two non members who had served on XXIV Sqn, had passed away since the 2013 Reunion:

Members: **Jeff Berryman**, ex Flt Lt Navigator, RAF Colerne, 1966–1968, Hastings aircraft. **Ivan Burns**, ex MALM, RAF Lyneham, 1982–85, Hercules.
Non Members: **Air Marshal Sir Richard Bolt (RNZAF)**, ex OC XXIV, RAF Colerne, 1955–57, Hastings. **Alan Smith**, ex AQM, RAF Lyneham, 1969–1972, Hercules.

Further details can be found on the Association Blog and in our Newsletter. Members stood for a period of reflection and spared a thought for those colleagues or partners who could not

be present due to illness.

Item 2/2014 Minutes of previous AGM

With no observations or comments, the 2013 Minutes were duly accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Clive Harley; Seconded by Bill Lowe; carried unanimously.

Item 3/2014 Matters Arising

The following actions remained outstanding from the 2013 AGM for the Committee to address:

- Item 4/2012. Volunteers for Talks or Speeches. At short notice, Bill Lowe had kindly agreed to speak at the 2014 Ladies Guest Night and Brian Cowin had offered to give an after-dinner speech at a future Reunion. However, more volunteers are still sought.

REMAINS OPEN for future events.

- Item 7.1/2012. All Members to promote Membership - Application forms and details available on line.
<http://the24sec.files.wordpress.com/2011/08/3fold24v2009.pdf>

Ongoing for future years.

- Item 7.3/2012. Articles for publication in the annual Newsletter/Magazine are urgently required. A volunteer to take over as Editor is also urgently required, a need which will become critical after Issue 22 (Summer 2015), since this will be the last edition of the Newsletter to be published by the current Editor.

Action Still Outstanding

- Item 6/2013. Treasurer to confirm donation of £98 to XXIV Squadron's nominated charity CALM

Complete

- Item 11b/2013. Organise 2014 Reunion, including venue, coach, music, security, seating and Squadron liaison.

Complete

- Item 12/2013 – Centenary Project Officer – Committee to appoint project officer to liaise with Squadron and obtain costings of memorial stones for possible Centenary gift.

The Committee subsequently agreed that a project officer was not required, but agreed to examine the question of a Centenary gift in slower time. Subsequent contacts with 30 Squadron indicated that a memorial stone, bearing the Squadron crest and placed in the National Arboretum, would cost around £10,000, a figure which could not be afforded by the Association. An approach to the Flight Engineers

Association indicated that a more modest memorial would cost around £3,000, but this would still be far more than the Association could afford. Informal discussions with OC XXIV confirmed that the Squadron already had a surfeit of paintings and would not wish to receive another as a Centenary gift.

Complete

- Item 15.1/2013 Secretary to supply email address book to Deputy Chairman and Treasurer.

Complete

Item 4/2014 Chairman's Report

The Chairman warmly thanked his fellow Committee members for all their hard work behind the scenes during the past year, especially in organising the Reunion. At fairly late notice, OC XXIV had asked if today's Reunion could be postponed by a week or two because the Sqn was forced to hold its own annual Ladies Guest Night on Fri 3 Oct., the day before the Association Reunion. When a change of date proved impossible, the Sqn graciously accepted the Committee's decision and assured us that, despite being short of manpower on 4 Oct, they would still do their very best to support us. However, this raised the question of whether our proposed Reunion dates should be positively cleared with the Sqn before being set in concrete. The President had discussed this issue with OC XXIV, who said he was perfectly happy with the existing arrangements (whereby the Deputy Chairman clears the date with the Sqn's liaison officer immediately after the AGM). Nevertheless, the President and Chairman, supported by the Committee, felt we should not *assume* that our preferred date (normally the first Saturday of October) would invariably be acceptable to the Sqn. Hence, from 2016 onwards, the deputy chairman will ensure that our preferred date is formally approved by the Sqn before it is promulgated in the Minutes and on our website.

Action - Deputy Chairman to obtain formal approval from OC XXIV for planned Reunion dates from 2016.

Lastly, the Chairman said this was an opportune moment to remind the AGM that a group of about 15 Members and partners would be attending a ceremony at Lanoe Hawker's Memorial in France on 11 November 2014. This informal visit, which has now become a regular fixture in the calendar, will be coordinated by Chas Whitaker and all Members are welcome to join the group. Details are broadly the same as in November 2013.

Item 5/2014 Treasurer's Report

Having now settled into his post for more than a full financial year, the Treasurer was able to present a much simplified balance sheet, comparing previous and current accounting years. The headline figure is that the Association now has £2,270.53 in the Bank, up from £1,515.78 at the same time last year.

The Treasurer said this significant improvement was mainly due to the large savings achieved by switching to electronic distribution of all Association correspondence to Members, thus avoiding printing and postage charges, which have typically cost around £600 per annum.

The Treasurer also confirmed that, with only one more year to run before the Sqn celebrates its 100th Anniversary, the Centenary Fund is on course to meet its target of raising £1,000 to be spent on a suitable gift from the Association to the Sqn.

The Treasurer said he had received a letter from “CALM” expressing thanks for the annual donation made on behalf of the Association to this worthy XXIV Sqn designated charity. (See also Item 6/2014)

On behalf of the President, Committee and Members, the Chairman thanked the Treasurer for having produced such a clear and meticulous Statement of Accounts.

A motion to approve the Statement of Accounts (**attached at Annex A**) was proposed by Tom Norcross, seconded by Roger Payne and carried unanimously.

Item 6/2014 Donation of £99 to XXIV Sqn’s designated charity (CALM)

The AGM approved a donation of £99 to the Children’s Cancer & Leukaemia Movement (CALM), <http://www.calmcharity.org/> XXIV Squadron’s nominated charity. Proposed by Chris Carrington, Seconded by Trevor Paterson, Passed unanimously.

Action on Treasurer

Item 7/2014 Secretary’s Report & Update on Membership

Item7.1 Membership

Despite an even higher profile on the Internet and regular advertising in the usual aerospace and veterans outlets, the Secretary reported that the Association had gained only two new members during the past year. Unfortunately this very modest increase was cancelled out by the loss of two members who had passed away. The Secretary felt little more could be done to raise the Association’s profile since all the requisite information was already available via the Web for any ex-XXIV Sqn aircrew or ground crew wishing to join the Association. However, the Secretary suggested that a more robust process could be put in place to encourage serving personnel to join the Association when retiring from the Service or leaving the Squadron.

Action on Secretary to contact XXIV Sqn Adj to explore options.

The Secretary also reminded the AGM that Membership Application Forms are available for download from the Association Website:

<http://www.24sqnassociation.royalairforce.net/joinus.htm>

Item 7.2 Attendance

The figures for this year's Reunion were down on 2013, i.e. 44 for lunch in 2014 vis-à-vis 57 in 2013, and 36 for the Ladies Guest Night vis-à-vis 47 last year. No specific reason could be attributed to these reductions other than the possibility that some Members were giving this year a miss in favour of attending 2015's historic Centenary event.

Item 7.3 Newsletter/Magazine

Issue 21 (Summer 2014 edition) was a 24-page version, available in its original format of colour and black & white on the Web to read or download.

Copy materialised - fortunately before publication date - in the form of quite a few articles recycled from WWI material due to the Centenary of the outbreak of WW1 and also due to the C-130J and A-400M respectively making headlines during operations and the production progress. Response to the "[Picture Post](#)" idea had been disappointing, especially as the four articles received all proved a good read. The Editor suggested that the Membership should have another 'soul search' on this one.

The Editor confirmed that, as mentioned in the Treasurer's report (Item 5/2014) large savings in postage and printing had continued to accrue. Only four Members still required a hard copy of the latest edition of the Newsletter/Magazine. (The £5 per annum subscription option).

Action Becoming Critical on Membership for Volunteer Editor & Submission of Articles

The Secretary/Editor again reminded Members that Newsletter Issues 5-21 are available for reference on the Website in **Portable Document File (PDF)** format for viewing and printing.

<http://www.24sqnassociation.royalairforce.net/newsltr.htm>

Item 7.4 Website/Internet

The Secretary said that the Association's main website needs only occasional updates as the more dynamic Blog keeps Members informed as and when news comes in. Our Internet presence allows researchers and historians access to quite a large amount of Squadron History, as proven by the number of queries that arrive in the Association email inbox.

www.24sqnassociation.royalairforce.net

The Association Blog (see link <http://the24sec.wordpress.com/>) is regularly up-dated and allows Members and non-members to receive automatic updates of news and events as they are posted. We now have nearly 60 followers as our reputation as a good news source grows. Since last year, we are now linked to a "Twitter" account which has been a rich source of Aviation-related news items deemed to be of interest to Members. (see link <https://twitter.com/24SqnAssocSec>). The link between the two has definitely

increased traffic to the Association.

Greater reliance on email for all membership contact is working well, allowing the Secretary to confirm Reunion bookings and receipt of cheques, along with the ability to send bulk reminders. **Note to Members:** it is now more important than ever to notify the Secretary of any changes to your email address, to ensure that you remain in touch.

Item 7.5 – 2014 Summer Social

The 2014 event took place on 4 June. The programme began with an extremely interesting visit to the historic No.11 Group Bunker (of Battle of Britain & Fighter Command fame) at Uxbridge, followed by an excellent lunch in the equally historic Officers Mess at RAF Northolt. The attendance of well over 50 Members and guests was the biggest we have ever had for a summer social and our Deputy Chairman took full advantage by running one of his most lucrative money-raising raffles. The Chairman said that much of the credit for such a memorable day out was due to our Treasurer, Roger Hale, whose organisation was first-class. On behalf of all who attended, he expressed thanks to Roger and his wife Anthea for generously providing the pre-lunch drinks in the Mess.

Item 7.6 Sqn Support & Reunion Administration

Finally, the Secretary said he was extremely grateful to the Squadron's liaison team headed by Flt Lt Dave Staples who had worked hard to ensure that the Reunion programme ran without a hitch, despite operational pressures on the unit arising from the current situation in the Middle East.

Item 8/2014 Annual Election of Officers

The Chairman said that this year's election or re-election of the Committee would not be straightforward due to the decision of our President, Dick Gould, to step down after ten years in post. The Chairman said that the Association had been extremely fortunate to have had Dick as its President for the previous decade. His commitment to – and support for – the Association had been outstanding and his good humour and approachability had made him ideal for the role. Both the Committee and the membership had benefited enormously from Dick's steady hand on the tiller and he would be an extremely difficult act to follow.

At this point, the Chairman handed over the chair to the Deputy Chairman, for reasons that became apparent as the Secretary read out a prepared speech sent in by the President. ([Attached in full as Annex B](#))

In his letter, Dick proposed that our current Chairman, Keith Chapman, take over as President at a date still to be agreed, subject to the approval of the Membership and to finding someone to take on the role of Chairman.

An open and useful discussion took place concerning the pros and cons of whether a President was actually needed according to the terms of our

Constitution and whether an existing member of the Committee could serve in a dual capacity. In reply to the first of these points, it was pointed out that the Association's Constitution *does* call for the appointment of a President. Several Members expressed the view that it would be highly desirable to have continuity in the role of President over the next three years during the various Centenary celebrations that are due to occur within that period.

After a lengthy discussion, Sam Wright (Deputy Chairman) summed up by suggesting that Keith Chapman be nominated to take over as Association President on a date to be agreed with the outgoing President and that when this handover took place, he (Sam Wright) would temporarily act as both Chairman and Deputy/Chairman until such time as a new Chairman could be appointed. Keith Chapman said he would be honoured to take over the Presidency, albeit for a strictly limited period not exceeding three years.

A motion to accept the Deputy Chairman's suggested way forward was proposed by Chas Whitaker, seconded by Trevor Paterson and carried unanimously.

**Action on President & Chairman to agree date for handover of
Presidency and inform Committee.**

Action on membership to identify a volunteer for the role of Chairman.

Finally, all members of the existing Committee confirmed that they were willing to serve another term. However, the Secretary gave notice to the AGM that, having served in the combined roles of Secretary and Editor of the Association Newsletter for 21 years, he would definitely be stepping down from both posts after the 2015 AGM. He called for volunteers to take over each of these roles.

The AGM unanimously agreed that the Committee structure for 2014/15 would be:

Chairman: Keith Chapman [until he takes over from Dick Gould]

Temporary Chairman: Sam Wright [from date agreed for handover of Presidency]

Deputy Chairman: Sam Wright

Treasurer: Roger Hale

Secretary: David Burgin [until 12 September 2015]

President: Dick Gould [until he hands over to Keith Chapman on date TBA]

Item 9/2014 Future Association Events

Item 9a – 2015 Reunion & AGM

The Chairman said that, although dates of the Squadron's Centenary celebrations had still to be announced, the Committee had agreed that the 2015 AGM and Reunion should take place during the same weekend as the main Centenary events. (See also Item 10/2014 below)

Item 9b - 2015 Summer Social

As recorded at Item 7.5 above, Members who attended this year's summer

social on 4 June were extremely grateful to Roger and Anthea Hale for organising such a successful day at Uxbridge and RAF Northolt. The event attracted a record turnout and a record sum of money was raised for our funds by the Deputy Chairman's pre-lunch raffle. Importantly, this event also provided an opportunity for Members from a different catchment area to attend - a point much appreciated by some of the more senior Membership.

The Chairman informed the AGM that OC XXIV had asked whether the Association would consider moving future summer socials from the first Wed of June - when these events have traditionally but not always been held - to either the second or third Wed of June. This was because the first Wed in June is also the date on which RAF Brize Norton holds its Annual Reception. As OC XXIV and his flight commanders are required to be 'on duty' at this official Reception, they find it difficult to attend our summer social earlier in the day.

After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that next year's Summer Social would take place on **Wednesday 17 June**. As to venue, the AGM provisionally agreed the Treasurer's suggestion that the 2015 Summer Social should take place at the [Brooklands Aviation and Motor Museum](#) in Surrey. The Treasurer agreed to investigate further and report back to the Committee with an outline programme. In response to suggestions from other Members, it was agreed there would be merit in holding future summer socials at one of the RAF Museums, either at Cosford or Hendon. When a programme for Wed 17 June 2015 has been agreed by the Committee, full details (including location, timings and costs) will be posted on the Association Blog & Website.

Action on Secretary to post details on Blog and Website in due course and to email a reminder to all Members prior to the event.

SUMMER SOCIAL INVITATION

The Committee cordially invites Members and Guests of XXIV Squadron Association to join them on **Wednesday 17 June 2015** at [Brooklands Museum](#), Brooklands Road, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0QN. <http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com/>

Travel Directions

By Road – The Museum is between Weybridge and Byfleet, just a few minutes from Junction 10 of the M25 and the A3 London-Portsmouth trunk road.

By Public Transport – the nearest railway station is Weybridge (less than a mile away) which is on the Woking to Waterloo and Staines to Weybridge lines.

Parking – as directed on site. Anyone with mobility problems - please advise Roger Hale well in advance.

Contact – Roger Hale on 07805 677607

Timings: To be advised. **Programme:** To be confirmed but will probably include lunch and viewing various exhibitions. **Costs:** To be advised.

Item 9c – Future Ladies Guest Nights (from 2016)

The Chairman said that, from 2016, the preferred date of our Reunion & Ladies Guest Night would revert to the first Saturday in October, subject to the agreement of the Sqn. As for venues, he noted that it had been suggested that

future dinners might be held at a nearby hotel rather than on base at Brize Norton. The Treasurer had discussed such alternative arrangements with a member of 30 Sqn Association and was able to cite the following example of a function held by 30 Sqn Association at the Hilton Hotel near Swindon in 2012, when a formal “Service style” 4 course dinner, with Sqn Standard and silver on display, had cost £45 per head including wines and service. A special discount rate for rooms (inclusive of breakfast) was also secured, enabling attendees to stay overnight at a reasonable price. Because the dinner was held at the same location where many attendees were staying, there was no need to hire a coach to ferry people to and from the Mess at Brize Norton and hence no requirement to arrange ‘control of entry’ for access to the Station in the evening.

During the ensuing discussion, support emerged for trialling a similar arrangement for our Ladies Guest Night in 2016. If this suggestion was adopted, the Reunion format would still incorporate the customary, informal meet-up for drinks on the Friday evening (either at the selected hotel or elsewhere) followed next day by the usual programme at RAF Brize Norton (AGM, briefing by OC XXIV, informal lunch, Sqn visit etc) before holding the Ladies Guest Night at the selected hotel.

The Secretary agreed to canvas the opinion of the wider membership in early 2015. However, since a decision is not required until the 2015 AGM, this issue is Minuted as remaining open for further comment and feedback from Members.

ACTION on Secretary to send out a voting referendum (YES or NO) by email to all Members early in the New Year to gauge support.

Item 10/2014 Squadron Centenary - 1 September 2015

The Chairman said no details of the Sqn’s Centenary Programme were yet available. In particular, the Association was still awaiting confirmation of the date and venue of the Centenary Ladies Guest Night.

The Chairman then raised the question of the Association’s Centenary gift to the Sqn. He said he’d discussed the matter privately with OC XXIV who had told him that the Sqn already had a surfeit of paintings and would not be keen on receiving yet another. On the other hand, OC XXIV had said later that a piece of silver would be much appreciated. Meanwhile, the Committee had considered other ways of using the £1000 Centenary Fund but some ideas (such as placing an enduring Sqn crest carved in granite in the National Arboretum) had proved to be well beyond our means. The ensuing discussion was inconclusive, so the Chairman said the President and Committee would continue to explore this matter in the coming weeks.

Post-Meeting Notes: Later in the day, OC XXIV confirmed that the Squadron Centenary Dinner would be held in the Officers Mess at RAF Brize Norton on **Friday 11 September 2015**. Full details will be published as soon as possible.

On **Saturday 12 September**, the Squadron plans to host a “**Friends and**

Family” open day at RAF Brize Norton. Accordingly, the 2015 AGM and Day Reunion Programme will take place on Saturday 12 September at Brize Norton (precise location TBC) in conjunction with the Sqn Open Day.

Secretary to publicise information when available.

Item 11/2014 Somme & Hawker Centenary 2016

The Chairman said it wasn't too soon to be giving some thought to planning a ceremony in Ligny-Thillois to mark the centenary of the death of Major Hawker VC DSO. As the village of Ligny-Thillois will be holding its own annual ceremony of remembrance on Fri 11 Nov 2016, 12 days before the centenary of Hawker's death, which occurs on Wed 23 Nov 2016, he said it would probably make sense to combine the two events on Fri 11 Nov 2016. This would have several advantages: it would ease the burden on the Mayor and villagers who might otherwise feel obliged to attend a second ceremony only 12 days after their own traditional remembrance ceremony; it would ensure a good turn-out from the village; and it would allow Association Members and partners to make a long weekend of it. No firm decisions on dates or other details were needed at this stage, but the Chairman was able to confirm that Chas Whitaker had kindly agreed to act as project officer for the Hawker centenary and to continue in his role as the Association's liaison officer with the Mayor of Ligny-Thillois.

The Chairman said that, as anticipated, the Association has assumed tacit responsibility for keeping an eye on the Hawker Memorial in Ligny-Thillois and providing a presence at the annual remembrance ceremony on 11 Nov. However, he stressed that the Association was not solely responsible for maintaining the memorial in good condition. On the contrary, he had sought and obtained an assurance from OC XXIV Sqn that the Sqn would at least share any maintenance costs that arose in the future. He said that time might already be fast approaching because some of the lettering on the memorial was becoming eroded and would probably have to be restored in some way before the centenary of Hawker's death. The chairman said he would seek the advice of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The AGM took note.

Action on Chairman to approach Commonwealth War Graves Commission and report back at next AGM.

Item 12/2014 RAF Centenary 1 April 2018

Having had much to discuss, time was at a premium when Chas Whitaker took the floor at 12.05 to outline the progress, or rather lack of it, that has taken place so far in planning for the RAF's Centenary.

Chas represented the Association at a Service-wide initial consultation and planning meeting (organised by the RAF) that took place at RAF Northolt on 28 Feb 2014. He reminded the AGM that this historic event is only 42 months away but, as yet, is woefully under-resourced both in terms of staff and budget. The fact that the RAF Centenary would occur on Easter Sunday 2018 was also

causing concern, in case objections were raised to holding a major fly-past in London on the same day as an important religious festival.

Chas had suggested to the meeting (chaired by an AVM) that a Royal Patron (for example, Prince William, who had recently served in the RAF) be sought to help raise the profile of such an important milestone in the history of the world's oldest Air Force. This suggestion had attracted considerable support.

In view of the lack of manpower so far dedicated to this project, Chas said it was expected that volunteers would be sought in due course to take on some of the organisational tasks. Any Association Member wishing to become involved in helping to plan and run this prestigious event should contact either the Secretary or Chas (chaslwhitaker@hotmail.co.uk).

Note - some of the material used by Chas in his excellent presentation will be posted on the Association Blog in due course.

Item 13/2014 President's Remarks

As well as his letter read out under Item 8, the President asked the Chairman to say on his behalf that he would like the AGM to record a vote of thanks for another year of excellent work by the Committee. The AGM concurred.

Item 14/2014 Any Other Business

Only one item arose under AOB. The Deputy Chairman, who organises the coach and seating for the Ladies Guest Night, reiterated the need for Members, when completing their attendance forms, to enter their EXACT coach pick-up points and to enter names EXACTLY as they wish them to appear on the seating plan and table place-names at the Ladies Guest Night. The Secretary confirmed that adequate space is provided for such important information on the forms which are available for down-load from the Association website.

The meeting closed at 12:30 hrs and moved to an adjacent room where Members and Guests gathered for a most interesting briefing by Sqn Ldr Deano Bellman (A Flt Cdr, representing OC XXIV) on current Squadron operations and plans for the future.

PLEASE NOTE! DATE OF NEXT AGM & CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY REUNION:

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2015.

YOUR COMMITTEE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE FOR OUR FIFTH and LANDMARK REUNION AT RAF BRIZE NORTON. DO MAKE AN EXTRA SPECIAL EFFORT FOR THIS ONE.

OUR NEXT LADIES GUEST NIGHT WILL BE COMBINED WITH THE SQUADRON'S CENTENARY DINNER IN THE OFFICERS MESS ON FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2015.

PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

Secretary's Note: Any Member with an e-mail address who has not already notified me of that address or who has **changed address** please send a brief message to:-
the24secretary@royalairforce.net (also see website) to enable me to keep membership details up to date.

Bookmark this site; it's the Association Web Page on the Internet.

<http://www.24sqnassociation.royalairforce.net>

AND this site; it's the Association Blog Book <http://the24sec.wordpress.com/>

Annex A - Balance Sheet 1 Sep 2013 – 31 Aug 2014

24 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

Balance sheet 1 Sept 2013 - 31 Aug 2014

1 Apr 2012 - 31 August 2013

Income

Reunion Raffle	£ 220.00
Reunion - Lunch, Dinner, Coach, Music	£ 2,881.00
Donations	£ 580.24
Association Ties	£ 75.00
Interest C and G	£ 4.75
Deposit to C and G	£ 500.00
Summer social lunch	£ 736.00
Raffle at luncheon	£ 214.00
Deposit to TSB	£ 250.00
Total	£ 5,460.99

Income

£ 35.00	Refund of bank fees
£ 125.00	Raffle at luncheon
£ 150.00	Refund from Bibury Court
£ 175.00	Reunion Raffle
£ 3,320.00	Reunion - Lunch, Dinner, Coach, Music
£ 525.00	Donations
£ 375.00	Association Ties
£ 30.38	Total Interest C and G
£ 1,200.00	From C and G
£ 728.19	Centenary Fund
£ 915.00	Summer social lunch
£ 120.00	Raffle at luncheon
£ 300.00	From C and G
£ 7,998.57	Total

Expenditure

Centenary Fund 2013 transfer	£ 100.00
Reunion (Lunch ,Dinner,Coach, Music)	£ 2,812.87
Sec Expenses incl printing and post	£ 65.57
CALM	£ 98.00
Hawker Wreath	£ 37.60
Transferred to C and G	£ 500.00
Summer social RAF Northolt and Bunker Visit	£ 746.42
Transferred to TSB	£ 250.00
Total	£ 4,610.46

Expenditure

£ 60.00	Cheque accountants fees
£ 20.00	Flowers
£ 728.19	Centenary Fund
£ 100.00	Centenary Fund 2012 transfer
£ 2,838.24	Reunion (Lunch ,Dinner,Coach, Music)
£ 72.01	Sec Postage
£ 258.74	Sec Expenses
£ 359.00	Printing Association Magazine
£ 347.58	Association Ties
£ 97.00	CALM
£ 28.15	Hawker Wreath
£ 1,200.00	Transferred to new C & G
£ 915.00	Summer social lunch + refunds
£ 300.00	Transfer to C and G
£ 7,323.91	Total

Net Surplus/Deficit £ 850.53

£ 674.66 Net Surplus/Deficit

31 Aug 2013 opening balance £ 1,879.49
 Surplus £ 850.53
 Total **£ 2,730.02**

1 Apr 2012 Opening Balance £ 1,204.83
 surplus £ 674.66
 Total **£ 1,879.49**

Cash in bank £ 459.49
 TSB £ 2,270.53
 Total £ 2,730.02

£ 363.71 Cash in bank
 £ 1,515.78 C and G
 £ 1,879.49 Total

Centenary Fund

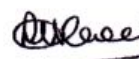
Balance at 31 Aug 13 £ 828.96
 Deposit £ 100.00
 Interest £ 3.21
Balance at 31 Aug 14 £ 932.17

Centenary Fund

£828.96 Balance at 31 Aug 13

Certified Correct
 Name
R H Gould

President - 24 Squadron Association
 Date
25/09/2014



Annex A - Balance Sheet 1 Sep 2013 – 31 Aug 2014 - Bank Account Summary

Cheltenham and Gloucester/TSB

Balance at 31 Aug 13
Transfer from Current Account
Interest Jan 2014
Transfer to TSB

TSB Account
Transfer from Current account
Balance at 31 Aug 14

£ 1,515.78
£ 500.00
£ 4.75
£ 2,020.53

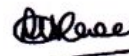
£ 2,020.53
£ 250.00

£ 2,270.53 **£1,515.78 Balance at 31 Aug 13**

Cheltenham and Gloucester

Certified Correct
Name
R H Gould

President - 24 Squadron Association
Date
25/09/2014



Annex B - President's Statement to AGM & All Members

"Lady and Gentlemen,

I am sorry not to be able to be with you today but you will have heard that I am engaged elsewhere on paid business – a priority I hope you will understand and appreciate. However, I look forward to joining you all for dinner this evening.

As you will have heard I have asked the Chairman to allow me to retire as your President. It has been a great honour to serve you in this role for the past 10 years and I have not taken this decision lightly. There are a number of reasons why I would like to hand over now but, primarily, I believe that it is time for someone with a fresh perspective to take on the role. We have made some significant strides in the past ten years and, through your generous help and support, we have consolidated our financial position and strengthened our links with the Squadron. As well as each one of you, we all owe much to our committee for the very satisfactory position we find ourselves in today. But the future will present new challenges and I feel that a fresh injection of enthusiasm and energy is needed at this point to deal with them.

While I would be prepared to serve for a little while longer, particularly as there doesn't seem to be another former air-officer on hand to take my place, I am also very conscious of the historical importance of the next few years. I have made no secret in the past of my very limited interest in history - to paraphrase Reichsmarschall Goering "When I hear the word history, I reach for my revolver!" I would find it difficult to approach the celebrations of the next two years with the enthusiasm and focus that they will undoubtedly demand and I also feel strongly that the honour of representing and leading the Association at these events should fall to a former squadron commander.

It is for these reasons that I have asked your chairman, Keith Chapman, if he would consider taking over from me, subject to finding someone else to step in as Chairman. I'm sure I don't need to tell you how much Keith has contributed already to the Association as our Chairman, and how suitable he would be to lead us through the Squadron and Hawker centenary events. I have absolutely no doubt that he would make an excellent President who would drive these events forward with a meticulous eye for detail and who would represent us with great distinction over the next few years. I'm delighted to say that Keith **would be willing** to take on the role of President, albeit for a strictly limited period.

So, subject to your approval of this appointment, the task now is to find a replacement Chairman for our Association, while I remain as your President until that is accomplished. What I would ask of you now is that you approve in principle the appointment of Keith as President, so that we can implement the change as soon as a new Chairman is found. The new Chairman could be appointed by the committee, subject to ratification at the next AGM, and I hope someone will soon put themselves forward for the role. Thank you. "

Best wishes,

Dick Gould