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## Royal Air Forces Association, Gloucester Branch

### Out of the Blue

## RAF 100 in Gloucester

On Sunday 15th April branch member Clive Farr, 74 completed a RAF 100 sponsored walk from Gloucester Quays to the RAFA Club in Cheltenham in support of our branch Wings Appeal raising over £300. Well done Clive.



The RAF 100 "token" was received by the branch at the Area Conference on the 25th March and moved on to the RAFA Dursley and South Gloucestershire branch at the Portivo Lounge on 30th March.



Next public viewing of the RAFA Gloucestershire RAF 100 Commemorative tapestry at the Jet Age Museum on 30 June 2018.

## RAF 100 in Gloucester 8 July 2018

Your RAF 100 Events Committee have been busy organising a number of activities to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Air Force in the City of Gloucester. These activities will take place at three locations within the city:

**Kings Square.** The RAFA Wings Appeal trailer, the ATC Glider Flight Simulator, 501 Sqn vehicle and recruitment stand, and RAF recruitment stand. Your chance to fly a glider and join the auxiliaries!

**Eastgate Shopping Centre.** Lorraine with our Wings Appeal table also giving out entry forms for the "data sheet" trail, an RFC re-enactment group and the Innsworth Military Wives Choir.

**Gloucester Cathedral.** The RAFA Concert Band will be playing in the Cathedral grounds to coincide with the parade arrival at the Cathedral and again after the service. The RAFA Gloucestershire RAF 100 Commemorative Tapestry will be displayed in the Cloisters. A booklet providing a pocket history of each station depicted in the tapestry will be available through donation.

The veterans March lead by 501 Sqn followed by the ATC and finally the RAF Veterans of Gloucestershire. You could say the current, the future and the past. The parade will start at Quenns Walk, Eastgate Street, (near Boots) and proceed down Westgate Street to the Cathedral for a short service. The parade will set off at 11.30hrs sharp and will take approximately 15 minutes. The parade will be open to all RAF Veterans regardless of RAFA membership so please invite your RAF Veteran friends.

Please display the poster in your local area.





## **Welfare**

In the first 6 months of 2018 80 welfare and tea and chat visits and 84 telephone/email contacts have been made too serving members, veterans and families of Gloucester. The team travelled a distance of 796 miles.

There is a continuing need for "tea and chat" volunteers. In some instances a lonely veteran may be living just a couple of doors down from you. If you can spare a couple of hours a month your branch Welfare Officer would like to hear from you. See page 4 for contact details.

## **Trips Out 2018**



**Concorde  
15 March 18**

**SS Great Britain  
18 April 18**



## **Your Committee**

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## **Flowerdown House**



Would you like a Wings Break at the beautiful Flowerdown House in Weston-Super-Mare?  
Need Financial help then contact your HWO.

## **Tapestry Display Locations**

30 June and 1 July, Armed Forces Day at the Jet Age Museum.  
Please display the poster in your local area.

7/8 July, Gloucester Cathedral.

21 July. Pre War Prescott, Gotherington.

1 to 23 Sept, RAF Defford Museum. Display will include a restored Gloster Meteor.

10/11 Nov, Jet Age Museum.

## **2342 ATC Sqn**

On 1 April 2018, 2342 Sqn attended the launch of the RAFA Gloucestershire RAF 100 Commemorative Tapestry conducted by Air Marshal Sir Dusty Miller.

