



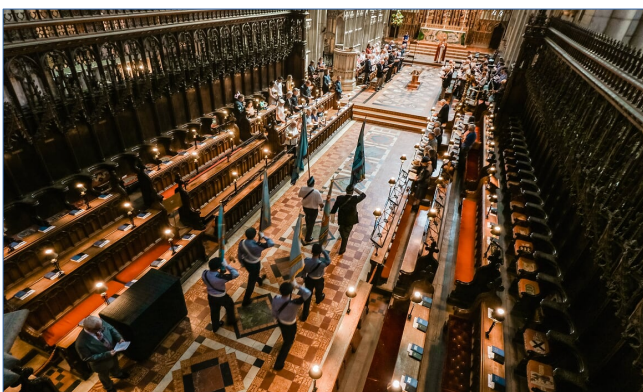
The charity that supports the RAF family

Royal Air Forces Association, Gloucester Branch

Out of the Blue

RAF 100 in Gloucester

On 8 July 2018 Gloucester commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Royal Air Force with a parade, a service in Gloucester Cathedral and various activities including the Innsworth Military Wives Choir and the RAFA Concert Band.



Social Events for 2019

Below are some of the events we are planning for 2019 and hope they will be of interest to you. Please contact either Pam or Ruth to reserve a place on any of the trips:

April – Cadbury’s World or the Royal Mint.

May – Afternoon Tea – location to be confirmed.

June – Boat trip from Gloucester with lunch.

July – Three Choirs Vineyard, Newent, (wine tasting).

August – Highgrove Gardens.

Ruth is also looking to arrange a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire with an overnight stay. This will be for approximately 8 people so let Ruth know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Payments can be made at the Portivo coffee morning or by our bank transfer or cheque.

Contact numbers for Pam are 07758309971 or 01242 862685 and for Ruth 07810428073 or 01453 836439 or via email at ledgemoor@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all again this year and hope our excursions are of interest. Please let us know of any places of interest you know that we can add to our calendar. Suggestions are always welcome.

Our best wishes to you all. Ruth and Pam.



Christmas Lunch
2018

Welfare

In 2018, 118 welfare/tea and chat visits and 191 telephone/email contacts were made to Royal Air Force serving members, veterans and families of Gloucester. The team travelled a distance of 1,034 miles.

Wings Appeal 2018



This has been our best Wings Appeal collection in recent times. In addition to our normal Wings collections in the city organised by Lorraine that raised £2183.95 other activities have raised funds including:

Social events attended by Chris - £1314.00.

A sponsored walk by branch member Clive Farr - £358.00.

The RAF 100 event in Gloucester - £601.90.

The RAFA Gloucester RAF 100 Commemorative Tapestry - £1131.75.

Raffles/sale of donated items -148.00

Pre War Prescott - £222.43.

Donations - £100.00

Newent Battle of Britain Church Service collection - £94.65

St Johns Church - £102.00

Total raised for 2018 was £6283.68 (subject to final verification).

Once again the branch appreciates the support from 181 and 2342 ATC Squadrons.

Branch Standard Bearer



John is our new Branch Standard Bearer and has attended 29 events since taking up the post in September 2018 representing the branch both here in Gloucestershire and other events around the country. No doubt John will be out and about raising the profile of the branch in 2019.

Your Committee

President: Eric Ede

Chairman: Ian Beaton

Deputy Chairman: Ken Newman

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Social Events Coordinators

Pam Blackhall

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Committee member: Noel Philips

Flowerdown House



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

RAF 100 Tapestry

The RAFA Gloucester RAF 100 Commemorative Tapestry will be displayed in the Gloucester City Museum from 2 January 2019 until 3 June 2019. Ray will give a talk to visiting groups at the request of the museum and Wings Appeal collections will be made. The tapestry will move to the Jet Age Museum in June until the end of October after which it will return to the City Museum. It will return to the Jet Age Museum when the new education wing has been built to both educate and inspire students attending the education facility.

The tapestry has been displayed for 16 days at 10 locations in 2018 and raised £1193.75 for our Wings Appeal through the sale of booklets that provide details of how the tapestry was made, information of the Royal Flying Corps aerodromes and a short history of the eight Royal Air Force stations included in the display. More importantly the tapestry has inspired and educated the general public of the important role that Gloucestershire played throughout the history of the Royal Air Force and has raised the profile of the Gloucester Branch of the RAF Association.

