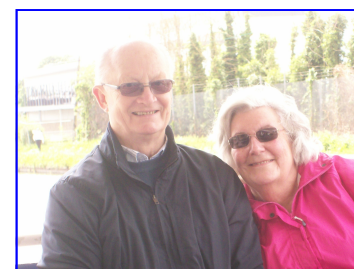
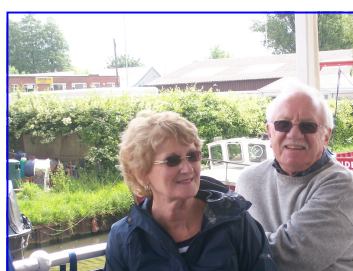


National Arboretum Visit, 25 April 2017



Branch members and St John's Church congregation visit to the National Arboretum.

Queen Boadicea Boat Trip 23 May 2017



Blue jobs take to the water. Branch members enjoying a boat trip along the Gloucester/Sharpness Canal.

Project Propeller 2017



Don Say DFC and Allan Farr DFM meeting Air Chief Marshall Sir John Cheshire at Project Propeller 2017.

Wings Appeal 2017



The year has got off to a flying start with 5 collections raising £1479.04. Lorraine has done a sterling job but I feel branch members should do more to support Lorraine and our Wings Appeal.

The next Wings Appeal will be at Pre-War Prescott when we have the Wings trailer available. Four branch members plus cadets from 2342 and 181 ATC Squadrons will be attending.

Please contact Lorraine to offer your support for future collections.

Welfare

2016 was a busy year with 120 welfare visits undertaken by Sally and Ray travelling a distance of 869 miles. 74 visits were carried out by our team of Tea and Chat volunteers, namely, Eric, Eve, Peter, Ruth and David. Worthy of note is the that the Tea and Chat team travelled a distance of 787 miles for which they do not claim travel expenses saving your branch £354.

603 contacts were made by telephone, email and/or text.

The total financial welfare support to Gloucestershire RAF personnel and veterans in 2016 was £17,707.86.

If you are interested in becoming one of our Tea and Chat volunteers or if you prefer, volunteering for the more formal role as a "befriender" please contact your branch Welfare Officer.



181 (City of Gloucester) Air Training Squadron



This year 181 (City of Gloucester) ATC Squadron become the first squadron to be adopted by our branch. Adoption certificates are given to those ATC squadrons that work in partnership with RAF Association branches providing mutual support and assistance when needed.



Adoption Certificate presented by our Branch Chairman.



Three of the cadets presented with Wings collection appreciation certificates

Your Committee

President: **Eric Ede**

Chairman: **Ian Beaton**

Deputy Chairman: **Noel Phillips**

Honorary Treasurer: **Chris Hill**

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Flowerdown House



Would you like a Wings Break at
Flowerdown House in
Weston-Super-Mare?

Need Financial help then contact your
HWO.

Social Events 2017

August, Wednesday 16th. Birds of
Prey Centre, near Newent.

September, Tuesday 19th. Croome
Court and Gardens.

October, Tuesday 17th. Lunch with the
Dursley and South Glos. Branch.
Enquiries to Ray please.

October, Wednesday 25th. Westonbirt
Arboretum.

November, Sunday 12th.
Remembrance Sunday.

November, Sunday 26th. International
Tattoo in Birmingham.

December, Tuesday 5th. Christmas
Lunch.

Portivo Lounge Coffee Mornings.

August, Tuesday 1st

September, Tuesday 5th

October, Tuesday 3rd

November, Tuesday 7th

RAF 100 Commemoration

Details of our plans to commemorate
the centenary of the Royal Air Force in
Gloucestershire will be included in the
next edition of the newsletter. The main
events will take place on 8 July 2018
and will include a Veterans Parade.
Please put this date in your diary.