

The Newsletter of No 46 Squadron

LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN TEN YEARS

There was a fantastic turnout for the eighty sixth. Twenty one ladies took supper which is an all time high. Those sitting down for dinner numbered 81, the fourth highest number since I started keeping records 20 years ago. The Mess continues to excel itself with an outstandingly understanding staff serving an excellent meal in wonderful surroundings. However, I may have just about exhausted the goodwill bank with the Mess Manager, who had to deal with 6 late requests 4 days before the off. Please try and return your forms in good time; it's a lot easier to cancel and return your money than grovel to Karen.

Photographs of the night's debauchery are at www.46reunion03.fotopic.net

Dinner:

The following members took dinner :

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| Horst ABROMEIT | Andy ADAMS | Chris ALCOCK | Gus APPELYARD | Harry ARCHER |
| John AUSTIN | Dougie BARR | John BARTRAM | Derek BENDALL | Peter BOLEY |
| Sam BOOKER | Trevor BOOTH | Mike BROOKES | Victor BUNTING | Vic BURT |
| Barrie CHEVERTON | Andy CLARK | John CLEMENTS | Peter CROUCH | John DANIELS |
| Bernie DONDERS | Dave DRAKE | Dick EASTMENT | Colin EDWARDS | Vic FAULKNER |
| Mark GILSON | Colin GOWER | John GREEDY | Chris | Graham LAURIE |
| Derek LIDDELL | Derek LONG | Tony MALLETT | Ian MASON | Peter MILES |
| Chas MORGAN | Dougie MORGAN | Alan PARKER | Laurie POULTER | Stuart PRIEST |
| Mike RAYSON | Bob RICHARDSON | Steve ROBSON | Terry ROURKE | Jeff SAUNDERS |
| Keith SAUNDERS | Mac SIBBALD | Chris SIERWALD | Freddie SOWREY | Rusty STEELE-MORGAN |
| Steve STEVENSON | Chris TAYLOR | Ken TEAL | Mike THATCHER | Mike TOM |
| John TRITTON | Bill TURNBULL | Roger UNWIN | Pete WALSH | Gus WEEDON |
| Tony WELLER | Russell WILSON | Keith WILSON | Peter WOODHAM | Lefty WRIGHT |

The following guests took dinner :

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| Jiles Alcock | <i>Guest of</i> | Chris ALCOCK |
| Charlie Appleyard | <i>Guest of</i> | Gus APPELYARD |
| Dennis Chapman | <i>Guest of</i> | John AUSTIN |
| John Hackett | <i>Guest of</i> | Victor BUNTING |
| WgCdr M Young | <i>Guest of</i> | Barrie CHEVERTON |

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| Andy Hunt | | <i>Guest of</i> | Bernie DONDERS |
| Cary Sand | | <i>Guest of</i> | Ian MASON |
| Paul Morgan | Barry Usell | <i>Guest of</i> | Chas MORGAN |
| Marcus Saunders (son) | | <i>Guest of</i> | Keith SAUNDERS |
| Mark Barnett | | <i>Guest of</i> | Ken TEAL |
| Andrew Unwin | Richard Unwin | <i>Guest of</i> | Roger UNWIN |
| Jamie Wilson | | <i>Guest of</i> | Russell WILSON |
| Christopher Woodham | Jeremy Woodham | <i>Guest of</i> | Peter WOODHAM |

Supper:

The following Ladies took supper :

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| Ursula Abromeit | Liz Brookes | Caroline Cheverton | Mary Crouch | Julia Gower |
| Sheila Greedy <i>Sarah Greedy</i> | Jo Laurie | Judy Mason <i>Terri Sand</i> | Muriel Morgan <i>Audrey Usell</i> | Chris Morgan |
| Rosemary Rayson | Olga Saunders | Maggie Sibbald | Julia Steele-Morgan | Sylvia Teal <i>Melanie Barnett</i> |
| Valerie Thatcher | Brenda Weedon | | | |

Benefactors:

The following members kindly made donations:

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| Andy ADAMS | David ADAMS | Chris ALCOCK | Gus APPELYARD | Harry ARCHER |
| Dick ARSCOTT | Dougie BARR | Derek BENDALL | Sam BOOKER | John BRANSBURY |
| Dave BRAY | Walter BRIGINSHAW | Mike BROOKES | Vic BURT | Chris CARRINGTON |
| David CARTER | Harry CHAMBERS | Keith CHAPMAN | Barrie CHEVERTON | Andy CLARK |
| Dennis CONSTABLE | John COOK | Peter CROUCH | David CRWYS-WILLIAMS | John DANIELS |
| John DUCKERS | Bob EVANS | Tony FEATHERSTONE | Jeff FORRESTER | Geoff GANDER |
| Mike GREENLAND | Ron HOBBS | Pete HOOD | Frank HUDDLESTON | Eric KING |
| George KIRK | Ian LASCHKE | Graham LAURIE | Tim LILES | Joe LYONS |
| Tony MALLETT | Brian MERRITT | Peter MILES | Paul MINDNER | Dougie MORGAN |
| Alan PARKER | Alan PARSONS | Arthur PORTER | Stuart PRIEST | Bob RICHARDSON |
| Don ROBERTS | Robbie ROBERTSON | Leslie ROBINS | Jock SHAW | Mac SIBBALD |
| Paul SNOOK | Rusty | Tony STEPHENS | Steve STEVENSON | Chris TAYLOR |
| Ken TEAL | John TRITTON | Bill TURNBULL | Bob WARD | Dick WARD |
| Bert WEBSTER | Jim WHITE | Bill WHITER | Russell WILLIAMS | Russell WILSON |
| Keith WILSON | Adam WISE | | | |

Regrets:

The following members were unable to attend :

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| David ADAMS | Dick ARSCOTT | Graham BAIRSTOW | Chris BLAKE | Mike BOLTON |
| John BOYD | John BRANSBURY | Dave BRAY | Walter BRIGINSHAW | Adrian BROWN |
| Dennis BUCK | Cyril BURTON | Chuck BUTLER | Chris CARRINGTON | David CARTER |
| Harry CHAMBERS | Don CHAPMAN | Keith CHAPMAN | Dennis CONSTABLE | John COOK |
| David CRWYS-WILLIAMS | John DUCKERS | Bob DUNCAN | Bob EVANS | Tony FEATHERSTONE |
| Jeff FORRESTER | Geoff GANDER | Iris GIFKINS | Peter GOODMAN | Alan GREEN |
| Mike GREENLAND | Peter GRIMSHAW | John HANRAHAN | Dave HIGGS | Ron HOBBS |
| Pete HOOD | Chris HOSEA | Frank HUDDLESTON | Terry JOHNSON | Mike KEMP |
| Brian KING | Eric KING | George KIRK | Ian LASCHKE | Tim LILES |
| Brian LOVE | Joe LYONS | Eric MARSH | Brian MERRITT | Paul MINDNER |
| Ian MUIR | Kenneth NICHOLS | Adrian OBERTELLI | Dave OCTON | Alan PARKER |
| Anthony PARKER | Alan PARSONS | Jon PLUMLEY | Arthur PORTER | Don ROBERTS |
| Robbie ROBERTSON | Leslie ROBINS | Les ROCKEL | Jock SHAW | Graeme SMITH |
| Paul SNOOK | Douglas STACEY | Tony STEPHENS | Dougie TEW | Neil TREDRAY |
| David TURNER | Pete WALLINGTON | Bob WARD | Dick WARD | Tony WARNER |
| Bert WEBSTER | John WELLS | Jim WHITE | Bill WHITER | Russell WILLIAMS |
| Adam WISE | Sandy WOOD | | | |

Obituaries :

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of :

Cameron COX 59-60
Met Jav

Sir Kenneth CROSS
Hurricane

Ted JAWORSKI 72-73
Andover

News, Gossip and Scandal :

Members report :

- David ADAMS** Dave is in Australia during June.
- Gus APPLEYARD** Gus is making excellent progress after his cancer surgery/chemotherapy and thanks all ex 46 Sqn members for their kind messages and telephone calls during the past 16 months.
- John AUSTIN** John would like to encourage all members and friends to fly MyTravel (Airtours) - it needs "bums on seats"!
- John BARTRAM** John has returned from Saudi Arabia and retired from the RAF and is currently job hunting.
- Derek BENDALL** Derek retires in August 03.
- Dave BRAY** Dave has retired from the civil service.
- Victor BUNTING** Vic is still working part-time as an HR consultant
- Chris CARRINGTON** Chris hopes to make it next year when he returns from Addis Ababa
- Dennis CONSTABLE** Dennis is still with Qinetiq at Boscombe Down.
- Dave DRAKE** David is now back in the Foreign Office in London 0207 008 2977
- Bob EVANS** Bob retires in October 2003 after 38 years. He hopes to join the RAuxAF.
- Tony FEATHERSTONE** Tony's health remains much the same - always pleased to see visitors.
- Chris HOOPER-SMITH** Chris stopped flying when Sabena ceased in December 2001 and has since retired.
- Graham LAURIE** Graham spent a week in Germany easing Horst into his retirement.
- Tim LILES** Tim and Jean are still enjoying Devon. They cruised around the Caribbean visiting islands previously visited on 46 Sqn. Beef Island/Tortola still idyllic.
- Tony MALLET** Tony is now enjoying his third and final retirement after 3 years as Commodore of West Mersea Yacht Club and plans to spend more time aboard his yacht on the Cote d'Azur at Antibes.
- Peter MILES** Peter is retiring in January 2004 after 39 years 1 month.
- Paul MINDNER** Paul is due to retire at the end of the year after nearly 40 years in the Service.
- Bob PETERS** Bob is now settled in Cheltenham and is working part-time for Sue Ryder at the local hospice.
- Stuart PRIEST** Stu is now working as a postman and wearing trousers he hasn't been able to get into for years!
- Steve ROBSON** Steve is still health monitoring jet engines concentrating on Avro RJs. His house in Spain is now ready for lets, see www.epropertytravel.info. The squadron owes Steve a big thank you for the outstanding website he has developed (at his own expense). Check it out on www.46squadron.info
- Les ROCKEL** Les retired from Monarch Airlines in 2002 and hopes eventually to relocate back to New Zealand.
- Terry ROURKE** Terry is able to get flights for "mates" at substantially reduced prices. Anyone interested call him on 01276 476036
- Keith SAUNDERS** Keith has just completed his 4th charity trek in 2.5 years raising in total £10,000 for VSO,
- Tony STEPHENS** Tony has recently moved to Dorset and would welcome visits from old friends. Second retirement imminent at end of June after 8 years in the Air Historical Branch.
- Mike THATCHER** Mike is recovering from cancer treatment. Although 7 stone lighter than last year, he does not recommend this particular diet.
- David TURNER** Dave retired from BA over 3 years ago and now is involved in training.
- Roger UNWIN** Roger's telephone number in Cyprus is: 00357 25 935615; give him a call if you are on the island.
- Adam WISE** Adam is working for the Officers' Association, 48 Pall Mall helping ex-officers find employment. He will be happy to see anyone needing this service.
- Mike TOM** Mike has now been retired for 2 years.
- Keith CHAPMAN** Keith is unable to make it this year as he is working in Qatar in the post-Iraq scenario as UN air liaison officer.

Requests for Information;

I receive many requests for information about people or events connected with the Squadron. Below are the current bunch and if anyone can help then please let me know (or reply direct to the enquirer).

Idku

Hello Dougie, I have been looking through 46 squadrons website, and was impressed with its new layout. My query is do you have any members who served at Idku, Tobruk or Abu Sueir between 1941 & 1943 who remember P/O Paul Sage DFC & F/Sgt Jack Cockburn DFM, and have any memories of them. My wifes uncle Jack was killed along with Paul whilst flying with 487 Squadron in February 1945, so if any of your members do recognize them it would be nice to hear from them. We can be reached by our Email address prestons_downunder@hotmail.com.

WWII aircraft

I am an individual interested in WWII aircraft and the potential location of ditched aircraft from which the pilot has escaped, etc..

Currently I have a particular interest in the Hurricane II of Sgt Steadman that was shot down by an Me109 on 10/02/41 and eventually crash landed on a sandbank. My notes state that Sgt Steadman swam ashore from the aircraft and I would dearly love to trace the location of this 'sandbank', etc...

Gareth.Newton@swedishmatch.co.uk

Are you able to help me at all?? I would appreciate a response from you either way, and even if you have information of other 'ditchings' that could be of interest to me.

Gareth Newton.

I am writing to you to see if you could possibly help me with a question on No 46 Squadrons Hurricane MK 1 Fighters that were sent to Norway in 1940 and returned onboard HMS Glorious. Aircraft Carrier. My interest is that I am attempting to build a model of A Hurricane MK1 Used by the Squadron in Norway, but I am unable to find out whether or not They had the early Mk1 Hurricanes with the Fabric wings.

I a Book I have on Hurricane it shows the aircraft in a camouflage scheme similar to the one used on the Fleet Air Arms Sea Gladiators, I.e. Green and Brown upper surfaces with a Medium Grey colour coming half way up the fuselage. this is a very unusual paint scheme for an RAF aircraft. I would like to also ask if you have any details of the Serial Numbers of the Squadrons Hurricanes at this time.

I have tried to read the Pages on the Norway history on your site, but have been unable to read the text, Is there any way I can obtain a clearer copy of the text, or a copy of t original Documents.

Ian Hanratty