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The Ninety Third turned out to be quite special. We had the 80th anniversary of two historic periods in the Squadron's history. In his thoughtful toast to the Squadron, Keith Chapman reminded us of the bravery and ingenuity of 46 Squadron during the Norwegian campaign and the magnificent but eventually tragic landing on HMS Glorious. We were delighted to have as our guest of honour, Mark Andrew, whose brother, Stanley fought in Norway with the Squadron and also during the Battle of Britain where he was killed in September 1940. Mark's short speech was extremely moving.

Sixty Members and guests and 8 Ladies, attended. The number for Dinner has remained remarkably constant for the last 3 years although the number of Ladies attending varied widely. This year two faces from the distant past re-emerged. It was a personal delight to see my OCU co-pilot Geoff "Bones" Dryland after 40 years and the debonair Ian Dow after a slightly shorter interval. Both guys said they enjoyed the evening tremendously, proving you do not need to be a regular to enjoy yourself.

This was our last Reunion at RAF Lyneham as the Station is due to close next year. It was with great sadness we left the Mess which has hosted us for 30 years. Bill Turnbull and Karen Hufton as Mess Managers during that time were real friends to the Squadron and the Staff were always wonderfully skilled and patient. I'm looking for a new venue, Brize, Benson and Odiham are all potential candidates – I'll keep you informed but put the date- 4 June 2011 in your diary now.

Dinner:

The following members took dinner:

Andy ADAMS	David ADAMS	John AUSTIN	Dougie BARR	John BARTRAM
John BOYD	Dave BRAY	Mike BROOKES	Chris CARRINGTON	Keith CHAPMAN
Andy CLARK	John CLEMENTS	David Crwys-Williams	Ian DOW	Geoff DRYLAND
Vic FAULKNER	Pete HOOD	Derek LIDDELL	Derek LONG	Eric MARSH
Peter MILES	Denny O'BRIAN	Alan PARKER	Laurie POULTER	Stuart PRIEST
Bob RICHARDSON	Steve ROBSON	Terry ROURKE	Jeff SAUNDERS	Keith SAUNDERS
John SCAMBLER	Mac SIBBALD	Paul SNOOK	Rusty Steele-Morgan	Steve STEVENSON
Ken TEAL	Mike TOM	John TRITTON	Bill TURNBULL	Des WHITE
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The following guests took dinner:

Neil BARTRAM	Paul BARTRAM	<i>Guest of</i>	John BARTRAM
Nick BROOKES		<i>Guest of</i>	Mike BROOKES
Ian SALVAGE		<i>Guest of</i>	Eric MARSH
Mark BARNETT		<i>Guest of</i>	Ken TEAL
Stuart TURNBULL		<i>Guest of</i>	Bill TURNBULL
Timothy WILSON	Robert HUBER	<i>Guest of</i>	Russell WILSON
Paul WARNER		<i>Guest of</i>	Keith WILSON
Col Jacques BEKS RNLA		<i>Guest of</i>	Keith CHAPMAN

Supper:

The following Ladies took supper:

Judy BARTRAM	Liz BROOKES	Olga SAUNDERS	Edit SCAMBLER	Maggie SIBBALD
Angela TAYLOR	Sarah BROOKES	Sylvia TEAL		

Benefactors:

The following members kindly made donations:

David ADAMS	Andy ADAMS	Chris ALCOCK	Dougie BARR	John BOYD
Chris CARRINGTON	David CARTER	Andy CLARK	Dennis CONSTABLE	Geoff DRYLAND
Colin EDWARDS	Alan EVANS	Colin GOWER	Alan GREEN	Pete HOOD
Eric KING	George KIRK	Ian LASCHKE	Tim LILES	Tony MALLETT
Eric MARSH	Don MASON	Ian MASON	Brian MERRITT	Paul MINDNER
Dougie MORGAN	Alan PARKER	Stuart PRIEST	Bob RICHARDSON	Leslie ROBINS
Les ROCKEL	Mac SIBBALD	Graeme SMITH	Rusty STEELE-	Tony STEPHENS
Ken TEAL	John TRITTON	Bill TURNBULL	Roger UNWIN	Jim WHITE
Russell WILLIAMS	Russell WILSON	Keith WILSON	Lefty WRIGHT	

Regrets:

The following members were unable to attend:

Chris ALCOCK	Dick ARSCOTT	Graham BAIRSTOW	Derek BENDALL	Jeff BETHRAY
Peter BOLEY	Mike BOLTON	John BRANSBURY	Adrian BROWN	David CARTER
Harry CHAMBERS	Dudley CLARKE	Tom CONLON	Dennis CONSTABLE	Bernie DONDERS
Dave DRAKE	Colin EDWARDS	Bob EVANS	Alan EVANS	Mark GILSON
John GREEDY	Alan GREEN	Peter GRIMSHAW	Ian HAMPTON	Chris Hooper-Smith
Terry JOHNSON	Mike KEMP	Eric KING	George KIRK	Ian LASCHKE
Graham LAURIE	Tim LILES	Tony MALLETT	Ian MASON	Don MASON
Matt MATHIAS	Brian MERRITT	Paul MINDNER	Chas MORGAN	Kenneth NICHOLS
Adrian OBERTELLI	Bob PETERS	Mike RAYSON	Don ROBERTS	Leslie ROBINS
Les ROCKEL	Chris SIERWALD	Graeme SMITH	Tony STEPHENS	Darrol STINTON
Chris TAYLOR	Pat THOMAS	Roger UNWIN	Pete WALLINGTON	Pete WALSH
Bob WARD	Dick WARD	Tony WARNER	Jim WHITE	Russell WILLIAMS
Lefty WRIGHT				

Obituaries:

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

Iris GIFKINS	Adrienne HOWE	Douglas STACEY 42-44
<i>Hon Member</i>	<i>Andover</i>	<i>Beaufighter</i>

Special mention must be made to recognise the tremendous efforts that Iris Gifkins made to Squadron Reunions. She supported Peter magnificently during his 24 years tenure as Secretary. Their daughter Jenny sent a very generous donation and we drank to the memory of both her parents.

We also had a special word of thanks for the life of Adrienne Howe who was such a stalwart attendee since our NCO aircrew were able to attend. Her death, so soon after Mick's, was a devastating blow to their sons but I know they took great comfort from the number of Squadron members and their Ladies who attended her funeral.

News, Gossip and Scandal:

Members report:

- John AUSTIN** John has recently retired and joined the ranks of the "Active OAPs" and is looking for a Stud Farm which would suit his particular gift!
- John BARTRAM** John is back living in Wiltshire.
- Derek BENDALL** Derek has taken voluntary redundancy from Netjets last August - now retired.
- David BENNETT** Dai cannot be with us as he is sailing across the Atlantic!! Liz writes: Click on <http://www.worldcruising.com/arceurope/> to find out what David is up to. He is on Rafiki and is referred to as Dai in the yacht's blog as there is another David on board who served in Singapore. If you click on Rafiki on the list of yachts it will show their progress.
- Adrian BROWN** Adrian sends best wishes to all.
- David CARTER** Dave is unable to attend this year as they are hosting family from Tasmania. He sends best wishes to all.
- Andy CLARK** Andy is still tanking with 101 Sqn VC10s at Brize Norton. Further extension to age 60 - him not the VC10!
- George KIRK** George is unable to attend as he will be in hospital having a knee operation and so will be out of action.
- Dennis CONSTABLE** Dennis sends his apologies. He is still enjoying the sea and Marne mountains. Best wishes to all.
- Terry JOHNSON** Terry sends apologies and best wishes to all.
- David CRWYS- WILLIAMS** David is gradually shedding trusteeships and managing to travel more as a result. Being on the RAF Museum and British Forces Foundation Boards means, He has enjoyable links to the Service still.
- Dave DRAKE** Dave is unable to attend this year and hopes to make it next year. Best wishes to all.
- Colin EDWARDS** Colin is unable to attend as he has just had a hip replacement. Have a good one!
- Mark GILSON** Arthritis, etc! you name it I'm getting it. Love to the boys.
- Colin GOWER** Colin emails: By now you will have received my cheque and intention of attending this year's 'shindig'. Sadly I have just received a date for the start of radiotherapy at the Leeds Oncology Unit and the first 'zapping' of my prostate, as an outpatient, has been brought forward by the hospital to 4th June. Since initial side effects are not entirely predictable I've been advised to rest that week-end. Clearly I am 'pissed off' but realistically have no choice in the matter. In the church notices you may wish to tell the gang that I am having hormonal treatment and so may soon need to purchase a new little black cocktail frock and thus in future years join the ladies at supper. All of this is frustrating since I have always viewed myself as basically 'a stud'. If all goes according to plan I should be back with you next year.

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Meanwhile have a good one and best wishes to all. Getting old is not much fun.

Ian HAMPTON

Ian writes: I now go back into hospital in a fortnight for my (hopefully) final surgery. It is a 'tidying-up job' rather than anything more urgent, so should only be in for 4-5 days. But, I have been warned to take things extra gently for about 8 weeks afterwards, which puts the kybosh on this year's reunion. I appreciate that's three years on the trot that health issues have interfered but please do keep me on the list. Also pass on my regards to all the Andover stalwarts - I saw the photos from last year and it was clearly a super event.

Pat Thomas

Pat has just been diagnosed with cancer and is now undergoing extensive treatment.

Chris HOOPER-SMITH

Chris and his wife last year sailed from Cagliari, round Sardinia, down to Tunisia, then to Gozo and Malta. Boat was hauled out for July and August, then in September their travels resumed to Sicily and Corfu. This year they are sailing around Greece in June and therefore unable to attend the reunion.

Chris HOSEA

Chris writes: Greatest regrets again for this year as it appears that every man and his dog are visiting us. To leave Anne whilst I gained memories and a hangover would end in divorce. I suppose this is the probs with a house in France. However, we have just put this house on the market with the view that we will move further south and down size. If this happens, both Anne and I will be attending next year. This is a promise we have both given each other.

Mike KEMP

Mike sends best wishes.

Eric KING

Eric writes: I am really sorry not to make the Reunion again this year. There are all sorts of reasons none of which is a show stopper but cumulatively they tell me that it's not on for this year. Ian and I had planned to come but, sadly, as I write, he is back in hospital for a hernia op. Poor chap has had a hell of a time, and was only just getting back to his usual self. Hopefully, we shall make it together next year. Young Eric has now been back from his exchange tour to New Zealand for a year. He is on the foundation team for the new Nimrod. The situation is absolutely disgraceful; 15 crews at Kinloss awaiting an aeroplane which is now 6 years late, and its predecessor is already out of service. Meanwhile, our Fiona has just had a year out from the NHS to pursue her horse hobby; she has 12 with which she runs a trailriding business. (WWW.templestonetrails.com). Doctors are paid so much, few now work full-time, so we are short and have to use foreign locums at vast expense. No. I'm not bitter

Ian LASCHKE

Ian had hoped to make this year but too much going on at present. Best wishes to all.

Graham LAURIE

Graham writes: Sorry not to be with you tomorrow, hope all have a great time. Jo and our son are at Cambridge, Ian is taking part in the 2012 'Race to the Pole' (SOUTH) and tomorrow is a 'Family Reunion' for all those on Scott's Expedition. It turns out Miss Ramsplendidly was related to Lt 'Birdie' Bowers, so as 2012 is the centenary it is fitting Ian is taking part. I am thus chauffeur/general dogsbody for the day. Horst and Gnome plus wives are joining Jo and I at a cottage in Cornwall in mid June once Abromeit has finished his stint at the Berlin Air Show. He threatens to fly over for next year – will Lyneham still be open?

Tim LILES

Tim is still enjoying Budleigh Salterton. He has a few health issues, but now he is on his own there are new skills to be satisfactorily mastered!

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- Tony MALLETT** Tony is unable to attend this year as he will be messing about in boats in the Ile de Re. He will try harder to attend in 2011.
- Ian MASON** Ian is still alive! Got double-booked this year but hopes to see you all in 2011.
- Don MASON** Don writes: unfortunately am in no condition to attend much as I would desire to, hope all goes well and your Stirling!! efforts rewarded, hail to all, Lest we Forget. Would love to have been able to visit Lyneham again as it was our leaving base for India before a passenger and freight section was built at Stoney Cross, 46 1945/6.
- Peter MILES** Peter is now fully retired but is fighting off Gwen's attempts to get him to do part-time work. Sight much improved in left eye but no vision in right eye.
- Paul MINDNER** No news is good news comes with getting older. Have fun reminiscing (and drinking?) Regards to everyone present, all the very best.
- Kenneth NICHOLS** Kenneth regrets he is unable to attend but will be there in spirit. He is semi-retired now having sold his business on to younger whipper snappers. He continues to enjoy the beauty of North Yorkshire - only 20 miles from RAF Leeming. Those were the days!
- Adrian OBERTELLI** Adrian writes: I took voluntary severance from Thomson Airlines last year and now teach flight instructor skills at Goodwood. I spend a lot of time over Thorney Island and often think of the good times we had there. I've even landed there a few times (they open it on special occasions).
- Bob PETERS** Bob had hoped to attend this year but it clashes with a key family birthday. He will raise a glass to one and all.
- Steve ROBSON** Steve has moved to the seaside at Bournemouth to a 1920's gentleman's residence (but in need of major renovation)
- Les ROCKEL** Les and Pam are still very happy down under and Les continues with his duties at the Coastguard Air Patrol. He sends very best regards to all 46 crowd and wishes all another great reunion. Invitation to get in touch if anyone is down his way.
- Keith SAUNDERS** Keith completed 9th charity trek since 2000 in Nov 09 - Grand Canyon, bringing total raised for VSO, Mencap and Scope to more than £20,000. Contact with Mark Andrew has been inspirational - he's done so much to perpetuate the memory of those who gave their lives in the BoB and elsewhere.
- Tony STEPHENS** Tony sends best wishes to all. He and Ronnie remain in good spirits, but find their 1.5 acres increasingly demanding, so may well be moving on to somewhere more manageable.
- Darrol STINTON** Darrol sends his regrets. Disabled: over-stressed spinal cord years ago at Farnborough, but mis-spent youth was worth it.
- Chris TAYLOR** Chris is still recovering from spinal work and hopes to appear next year. Regards to all.
- Roger UNWIN** Roger is unable to attend as Heather has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is coping well and has finished her Chemotherapy. She begins Radiotherapy next Monday up at the

clinic in Nicosia. So far the Medical Services here have been very good and she wants to finish her treatment here in Cyprus. On 2 June she had her fourth infusion of Herceptin, some UK Health Authorities will not supply it because of the cost, and will continue with that every three weeks until next April. Since we are Senior Citizens we get all treatment free without any questions asked which is very good. I am well and still enjoying Cyprus. Will be back in the UK last week in Sept first in Oct in order to meet up again with Des Skinner who is making his first visit back since he left for OZ many years ago. He is hoping to meet as many old comrades as possible.

Pete WALSH Pete regrets that present health plus family circumstances prevents him from attending this year but may come in for a late booking if things change for the better. Convey my best wishes to everyone at the Reunion. This is only the second time I have been unable to attend in the last 50 years or so and I hope to be with you all again next year, God willing. Extra special greetings to my Meteor and Javelin mates.

Jim WHITE Jim is now fully retired - very boring!

Russell WILLIAMS Russell sends best regards to all members and ex-colleagues and friends. He continues his association with local air cadets and as vice president of the Old Cranwellian Association.

Russell WILSON Russell's Royal Bay Care Homes Ltd continues to expand with the development of a new dementia unit at Kidderminster. Luxury UK spec villas being developed in Cyprus 3D stereoscopic company trialling new camera and medical products.

Lefty WRIGHT Lefty reports that the 46 Squadron standard is still safely gathering dust in Chichester Cathedral!

Squadron Funds:

As your Secretary, over the past 25 years I have slowly built up the Squadron Fund with the small excess from each Reunion. The Fund provides support for those Members who might not otherwise be able to attend; it also provides a subsidy on the charges for Dinner and Supper to compensate for the fact that fixed charges (band, admin) remain while membership numbers decline. This year the subsidy amounted to £25 per head for both Dinner and Supper. Over the last few years, the excess has turned to a deficit but is manageable. I still intend to keep the cost of future Reunions at roughly today's prices but would appeal to Members attending to consider (continue) making donations to the Fund in addition to the charges; this is particularly true if you are bringing guests. Our thanks as always go to our Benefactors whose generosity largely funds the subsidy.

Reunion Photographs:

To view pictures of this year's Reunion (and indeed previous Reunions- they all look the same!!) go to:

<http://no46.reunion.pictures.fotopic.net/c1865911.html>

Webpage and Wikipedia Page:

I have now scanned all the scrapbooks into our new draft website (first on list below); additionally, I've included new historical articles particularly on Norway and the Battle of Britain. I am gradually adding sections of the Squadron Record Book as they become available. At the moment, there are quite a few navigational problems (*no change there for you then Barr*) and some of buttons do not work but it is usable. Repair is beyond my capability and Steve Robson is soon to be on the case. Keep watching if you are that sad!

<http://www.smr46.co.uk/46sqn/index.htm>

www.46squadron.info

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No. 46 Squadron RAF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No._46_Squadron_RAF)



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The 93rd Reunion Dinner of No 46 Squadron, R.A.F. Lyneham, 5 June 2010

TOASTS

The Queen
The Squadron
Absent Friends
Our Guests



WINES

Moon River Pinot Grigio (Hungary)
Culpeo Cabernet Merlot (Chile)
Croft Distinction Port
Old Trinity House Madeira

MENU

Lasagne of Cornish Crab
with Gazpacho Dressing and Rocket Leaves



Loin of Lamb wrapped in Savoy Cabbage and Parma Ham
with Balsamic Blueberry Sauce

Dauphinoise Potatoes

Bouquetiere of Summer Vegetables



Sticky Toffee Pudding
with Clotted Cream and Butterscotch Sauce

