

**NATIONAL SERVICE (ROYAL AIR FORCE) ASSOCIATION
BERKSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE BRANCH**

Patron: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, KCB, CBE

Dear BBO Branch
Member*,

July 2022

As the years go by, I am sure we have all wondered just how long this marvellous Branch of ours can keep going. Next year is the 60th anniversary of the last National Serviceman being demobbed. Gosh, that long ago. Well our demise is not yet on the cards. However, we do need more recruits, more speakers and more opportunities to talk in the ranks.

Your committee are determined to 'by the Centre, quick march' and to stimulate interest for a long while yet, but we can only do that with your support. Our numbers have been waning of late so we need a bigger turnout. Not only to meet our running costs and those of the New Chub, our hosts at Wheatley, but to be able to enlist new speakers and to justify our existence as a branch.

If you are a regular attender, thank you, but do you remember someone you met here but who is not coming nowadays. Assuming they are still healthy and get can to our parade, why not have a word. They may need a lift, reassurance or reminding how good it is to meet up and blether. If you have family or friends Aged 18+, male or female, tall or short (bless 'em all), who like the look of our programme, why not invite them on a trial visit. A uniform is not essential nor even knowledge of the forces (HM or others). Okay we do like to show off our badges so tell them to humour us but come and talk. They could learn a lot – maybe us too.

We have an excellent website, a regular Newsletter and whilst we do not have a NAAFI we do have refreshments close at hand.

So Action Stations, Per Ardua Ad Astra!

Mike

Footnote, * you know who you are and there are too many for me to name individually.