

Mildenhall Register AGM 15th May 2015 8pm

Held at The Galaxy Club USAAF Base, Mildenhall

- **Present:** Smiley & Cherry Mildwater, John & Jill Gentleman, Geoff & Debbie Reynolds, Dee Boneham, Alan & Yvonne Fraser, Martin & Valerie Ford-Jones plus veterans and guests.
- **Apologies:** Pat Young, Swifty Swallow, George Thompson, Roy Davey, John & Sheena Brookes, Arthur Edgley, Elizabeth Cox & Bill Hickling.
- **Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- **Review of last AGM minutes from 15th May 2014:** The minutes were agreed by all. It was proposed they should be accepted by Martin Ford-Jones and this was seconded by Terry Moore and agreed by all.
- **Matters arising:** none
- **Chairman's report:** John read out his chairman's report – see attached copy. John showed some slides about the museum and the future of the historians archives. John said it had been a good year. We lost several members including 75 Squadron President Jack Richards and also Jock Johnson. All were important and had been commemorated in the newsletter. John advised he is happy to carry on as Chairman. John thanked everyone for their newsletter stories and also thanked the committee and historians for all they do. There were no questions.
- **Secretary's report:** Geoff read out his report – see attached. Geoff thanked John, Jill, Smiley, Cherry, Dee & Debbie for their help.
- **Treasurer's report** – Smiley said he had received £2470 in donations so far this year. He received £1700 in donations last year plus £1000 from the Late Don Shallock. There will be £5k left in the bank accounts after the reunion expenses have been paid. Smiley does not think the reunion ticket prices should increase next year.
- **Election of officers:** John stepped down and Geoff took the chair. Geoff asked if it would be OK if all three officers be elected 'en bloc'. This was proposed by Tom Payne and seconded by Joanna Perry, all present agreed. Tom Payne also proposed that thanks should be recorded for all officers, committee and wives for all they do. Tom also said that many members were now too old to take on this responsibility and that the hard work was appreciated by all. Everyone agreed. John said if anyone wanted to join the committee, please let him know. There are only 2 committee meetings per year, so not too arduous.
- **Website update** – Alan Fraser said more info is needed on squadron histories as they are incomplete. There is an average of 2400 visits per month with 38000 pages downloaded – see Alan's full report attached.
- **The future:** John proposed that the committee and historians be left to sort out the museum project as there was more to discuss. The reunion will be the same format next year including the base tour. Martin said it would be good to have an itinerary for next year's base tour. John asked if everyone was happy to do the same next year, all present agreed. Next year's dates will be Friday 13th to Sunday 15th May.
- **AOB:**
 - The church at Beck Row now has a new path, so much better for wheelchairs.
 - The Mildenhall Register is sponsoring the flood lighting of the church this month.
 - The 75 Sqn Secretary from New Zealand, Glen Turner thanked the Register for allowing him to come this weekend.
- **Presentation by Roger Leivers:** Roger gave a talk about the Stirling that crashed in Godmanchester which included histories of the crew and what happened to them. Everyone enjoyed this very much.
- **Talk by John Magee** – John gave a short talk about the Nation Servicemen (RAF) Association, including a brief history. If anyone wants to join, they can contact John through the Register.

The evening ended at about 10pm