

THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION

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1 Overseas Membership

	<u>1 Feb 2011</u>	<u>1 Apr 2011</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Annual	1580	1208	- 372
Life	1757	1688	- 69
Hon Life	44	43	- 1
<u>Current Total</u>	<u>3381</u>	<u>2939</u>	<u>- 442</u>
Associate	974	715	- 259
Lapsed Annual(2010)	-	367	+ 367
Lapsed Associates (2010)	-	281	+ 281
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>4355</u>	<u>4302</u>	<u>- 53</u>
Number deceased (Ann/Assoc) (from 1 Jan 2011)	24	61	+ 37
New Ordinary Members (from 1 Jan 2011)	7	41	+ 34
New Full Associates (from 1 Jan 2011)	10	37	+ 27

The lapsing of Ordinary and Associate members as at 31 December 2010 has now taken place, as well as the archiving of Life Members who have been lost for more than 5 years. You will note from the above figures that there are **648** lapsed members in the Overseas Area. Please make every effort to recover these valuable members. To this end, I will forward lists of lapsed members to Branches, as appropriate, by the end of April 2011.

- 2 Comparison of Membership Statistics. Please find below membership figures comparing, for 2010 and 2011, the number of new members and the number of members who have passed away:

<u>1 April 2010</u>		<u>1 April 2011</u>	
New Ord Mem	33	New Ord Mem	41
New full Assoc Mem	49	New full Assoc Mem	37
Total New Mem	82	Total New Mem	78
Deceased	56	Deceased	61

We are therefore just a little behind (4) with our recruitment of new members this year, so could I please encourage that we all do our best to surpass last year's total of 217 new members. **But**, we have **648** lapsed members to recover also.

- 3 Secretary General's Membership Challenge. The Secretary General has thrown down the following challenge to each member:

“ In 2011, if every member was to recruit just ONE person to the Association – either a former RAF friend or colleague, or someone locally who is supportive of our work and would like to be an Associate Member – just think of the difference that would make! There will be membership initiatives and plenty of support from Area offices and CHQ, but members have the power **locally** to support the long-term future of the RAF Association. Membership recruitment and succession planning within Branches will help to maintain the welfare network and our ability to fundraise for the Wings Appeal. We owe it to those who have gone before, and to those who will need our support in the future, to work hard at this. Thank you all for your ongoing efforts.”

- 4 National Annual Conference - Eastbourne, 13-15 May 11. On the Saturday morning (14 May 11) of Annual Conference in Eastbourne, free refreshments will again be provided for everyone this year. These refreshments will be available in the Conference Centre from 0900-0940 hours. To make it easier for VIPs to circulate, arrangements will be open-plan.

- 5 RAF Records Office. Just a reminder, the RAF Records Office remains at RAF Cranwell. Known as 'RAF Disclosures', the section address is as follows:

RAF Disclosures  
Room 221b  
Trenchard Hall  
RAF Cranwell  
Sleaford  
Lincolnshire  
NG34 8HB

Tel No: 0044-1400-261201 ext 8161 or 8159(Officers);  
Ext 8163, 8168 or 8170 (Other Ranks).

6 European Area Matters

- a European Area Autumn Conference – Cyprus , 7-9 October 2011.

Would Branches please let David Falla, Chairman of the Apollo Branch, know as soon as possible the numbers of people who are likely to attend the subject Conference in Cyprus over the weekend of 7-9 October 2011. This information was asked for by 31 March, so please do respond to David within the next couple of weeks. His e-mail address is: [finkle@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:finkle@cytanet.com.cy)

- b 'Ile de France' Branch Please note that with effect from 1 April 2011, the Paris Branch (0431) and the St Germain & District Branch (1110) have amalgamated to form the 'Ile de France' Branch retaining the Branch number 0431. We wish the 'new' Branch all the very best of fortune in the future.

c Membership Statistics.

	<u>1 Feb 2011</u>	<u>1 Apr 2011</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Annual	1107	881	- 226
Life	1097	1051	- 46
Hon Life	40	39	- 1
<u>Current Total</u>	<u>2244</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>- 273</u>
Associate	832	647	- 185
Lapsed Annual (2010)	-	213	+ 213
Lapsed Associate (2010)	-	198	+ 198
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>3076</u>	<u>3029</u>	<u>- 47</u>
Number deceased (Ann/Assoc) (from 1 Jan 2011)	17	43	+ 26
New Ordinary Members (from 1 Jan 2011)	6	17	+ 11
New Full Associates (from 1 Jan 2011)	8	27	+ 19

d European Area Annual Conference - Eastbourne, 13 May 2011

- (1) Agenda The final agenda will be issued by e-mail on 15 April 2011 in accordance with Standing Orders.
  - (2) European Area Friendship Trophy Nominations for the Wally Marriott Friendship Trophy should be forwarded to me by 15 April 2011.
  - (3) European Area Presidential Certificates Branches were encouraged to nominate candidates for the award of a European Area Presidential Certificate. Nominations, supported with a citation, should have been forwarded to me by 7 March 2011.
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- (4) Branch Reports Any European Area Branch that would like their report to the European Area Annual Conference copied by me and

distributed at the Conference, should forward their 1-page (2 sides) of A4 report to me by 2 May 2011. Branches wishing to table their own reports are reminded that they should arrange to bring at least 40 copies of their reports.

- (5) Parading of Standards Branches are encouraged that as many Standards as possible should be positioned in the European Area Conference room.
  
- (6) Venue Options for the Autumn Conference 2012 There are two bids on the table from the Amsterdam and Benalmadena Branches to host the 2012 Autumn Conference. As an agenda item at the Eastbourne European Area Annual Conference, delegates will be invited to vote on the subject of the venue for the Autumn Conference 2012.

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