

# HALTON REUNION 1983



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No. 1 SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL TRAINING  
RAF HALTON

## Reunion of Aircraft Apprentices

SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1983

# ROYAL AIR FORCE HALTON AIRCRAFT APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Reunion of former aircraft apprentices at Halton in September 1980, it was agreed to form an association to foster the comradeship between all ex-RAF Halton aircraft apprentices, to maintain contacts and to organise reunions.

The Association was formed soon after and now flourishes, keeping members in touch by circulating twice yearly Newsletters and also the Haltonian Magazine if requested. In addition to organising this Triennial Reunion for all ex-Halton apprentices, the Association has area branches and individual entry organisers with regular local meetings and periodic entry 'get-togethers'.

Membership is open to all Royal Air Force Aircraft Apprentices, Royal Naval Artificer Apprentices (Air), Technician Apprentices and Craft Apprentices who underwent all or part of their technical training at Halton together with their predecessor Boy Mechanics. New members are invited to complete membership application forms which are available during the Reunion and, afterwards, may be obtained from:

The Secretary,  
Royal Air Force Halton  
Aircraft Apprentices Association,  
RAF Halton,  
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP22 5PG



WELCOME BY THE  
OFFICER COMMANDING  
No. 1 SCHOOL  
OF TECHNICAL TRAINING  
AND  
STATION COMMANDER

I am delighted to welcome back to Halton all those who trained here as Apprentices over the years. This is the first major reunion since the formation of the RAF Halton Aircraft Apprentices Association and it is, therefore, important that it should be a success and set a pattern for the future. I hope that I speak for all future Station Commanders when I say that there will always be a warm welcome for ex-Apprentices at Halton.

You will see, during your day, some of the current generation of Apprentices and they are as proud as we were of the 'wheel' that they wear on their sleeve. It is a symbol to them of the excellence that is expected of them and they are, I can assure you, conscious that they have a responsibility to all those who have gone before them to maintain the Halton traditions and standards. The Halton tradition is still going strong but it needs the support of each and every one of us and the Reunions are an important part of that support.

We have tried to ensure that you can see as much as possible of the places that you remember. Little has changed but we are soon coming to a time when some things must change. Many of our facilities are old fashioned and need major surgery to bring them up to present day standards. It won't happen quickly, but happen it must and I hope that you will understand if, over the next 10-15 years, the appearance of Halton changes in some ways.

I hope that you have a marvellous day with us and meet old friends and make some new ones.

PROGRAMME

- 1000 Arrivals at Assembly Point in No. 2 Hanger at the Aerodrome. Book in and collect Reunion Souvenirs.
- 1100 RAFHAAA Annual General Meeting 1983 in No. 3 Hanger (Members only allowed to speak and vote.)
- 1200 Bars open in No. 3 Hanger.
- 1230 Lunch boxes available for those who have ordered in advance. (Don't forget your lunch ticket!)
- 1400 Flying Display.
- 1415 Gymnastic display by Halton team.
- 1430 Bars close. Disperse from Airfield to 'Schools' area.
- 1500 Inter-denominational Service in St. George's Church. Please make an effort to attend and on time.
- 1545 Workshops open for walk-about.
- 1700 Assemble in Workshops for March-Up with Pipes and Drums to Groves/Henderson Square. No 'excused marching' chits but shoes may be worn!
- 1715 Drill display and Sunset Ceremony. On completion, Henderson Barracks will be 'open for inspection'.
- 1800 Bars open in Kermode Hall ('Schools') and the RAFA Club (old No. 2 Wing Sergeants Mess at rear of Groves/Henderson Square).
- 2000 Dispersal.

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, there will be no March-up or Sunset Ceremony.

*'The Haltonian' magazine is published twice yearly and copies of the current issue will be on sale (for those who have not paid advance postal subscriptions) in Kermode Hall and the RAFA Club during the evening.*



# RAFHA CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1982/83

## (Organisers for Reunion 1983)

Mike Evans (70th) President  
Douglas Henning (37th) Chairman  
Bill Marsland (24th) Vice-Chairman  
Don Dormer (41st) Secretary  
Eric Wright (85th) Auditor  
Bill Jackman (24th) Treasurer  
Alan Rainbow (60th) Member  
Barry Smith (50th) Member  
Hector Stallworthy (11th) Member  
Ed Stoner (54th) Member  
Alan Small (42nd) Member  
Ron Woolford (65th) Station Representative

### Branch Representatives:

Peter Haydon (34th) Bristol  
Douglas Keep (42nd) Chilterns  
David Alexander (58th) Huntingdon  
John Richardson (65th) Norfolk  
Cyril Large (67th) Peterborough  
Eddie Jones (36th) Cotswolds

