

# HALTON REUNION 1992



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No. 1 SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL  
TRAINING  
RAF HALTON

**Reunion of Aircraft Apprentices**

SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 1992

## ROYAL AIR FORCE HALTON AIRCRAFT APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION

Thoughts for the future from the  
Chairman

This is the fifth Reunion to be held at Halton, starting with the Diamond Jubilee Reunion in 1980 that launched the RAF Halton Aircraft Apprentices Association. The Association now has a membership of 3600 and funds invested to provide income to enable us to maintain contact between Apprentices of all ages, to preserve the traditions of No. 1 S of TT, and to relieve hardship experienced by past and present Halton Apprentices.

With the end of the Apprentice Scheme, the relevance of the Association may be questioned. However, I believe that the Association has to keep the spirit of Halton alive until, in a more enlightened time, the Royal Air Force recognises the contribution that Apprentices have made, and would make again, to the Service.

Accordingly, I ask all those who have come today, and are NOT members of the Association, to JOIN NOW. Only with the vigorous support of ALL those who enjoy these occasions can we hope to continue our Reunions at Halton when No 1 S of TT moves to Cosford.

I offer the thanks of you all to the stalwarts of the Association based at Halton, to the Station Commander, Group Captain Rod Brumpton, to all the staff, and to the last two entries of Apprentices, without whose work this reunion could not happen.

My good wishes to you all. Come again in 1995!

Mike Evans (70th Entry)

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

I would like to welcome back to Halton all those who have trained here as Aircraft Apprentices, and I am delighted that the Reunion falls during my time as Station Commander. This is both a special and I have to say in some respects a sad occasion as this will be the last gathering at Halton when Aircraft Apprentices are still under training. The last entry, No. 155, are due to graduate in June next year. The first stage of the new training scheme is now well established, and will, undoubtedly, at the end of the day produce mechanics and technicians capable of meeting the demands of the modern high-tech Air Force, but I am in no doubt that the special ingredient which has been very much part of the 'Apprentice Scheme' will be a great loss to the Royal Air Force.

In addition, the future of Halton itself has also been very much in question. Although, as I put pen to paper, the final decision on the way ahead still has to be made, I can say, on a positive note, that all the indications are that Halton is likely to be part of the RAF's long term plans; on the other hand, it would appear that technical training, in the form of No. 1 S of TT, will eventually move to Cosford, leaving Halton to take on recruit training and various other forms of specialist administrative training.

Therefore, we are without doubt moving into a period of great change - A new technical training scheme eventually remote from its roots at Halton. I ask you to bear this in mind when today you visit old haunts, be it workshops, schools or the Wings.

I hope that you have a marvellous day and have the opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones.

**PROGRAMME**

- 10.00 Car parks open
- 10.30 Arrival at Airfield No 4 Hangar
- 11.00 Bars open in 2 & 3 Hangar
- 12.00 Distribution of packed lunches
- 13.45 Voluntary Pipe Band Display
- 14.15 BBMF Fly-past (Provisional)
- 14.30 Bars close
- 14.30 Workshops and Kermode Hall open to visitors
- 15.00 Interdenominational Service at St George's Church
- 16.30 Henderson/Groves gates to be opened
- 16.45 Assemble in Swann Rd for March Up
- 17.00 March Up to Henderson/Groves Square
- 17.30 Sunset Ceremony
- 17.45 Groves Mess bar open
- 19.30 Groves Mess bar closed
- 20.00 Dispersal
- 20.30 Armoury gates to be closed

**Bus Shuttle Services**

- 10.00/12.15 BR Wendover to Airfield (Rail Travellers)
- 14.30 Airfield to St. George's Church (Impaired Walkers)
- 17.00 St. George's Church to Henderson Square ( " " )
- 18.00 to 20.00 Groves Mess to BR Wendover via Car Parks

# RAFHAAA COUNCIL

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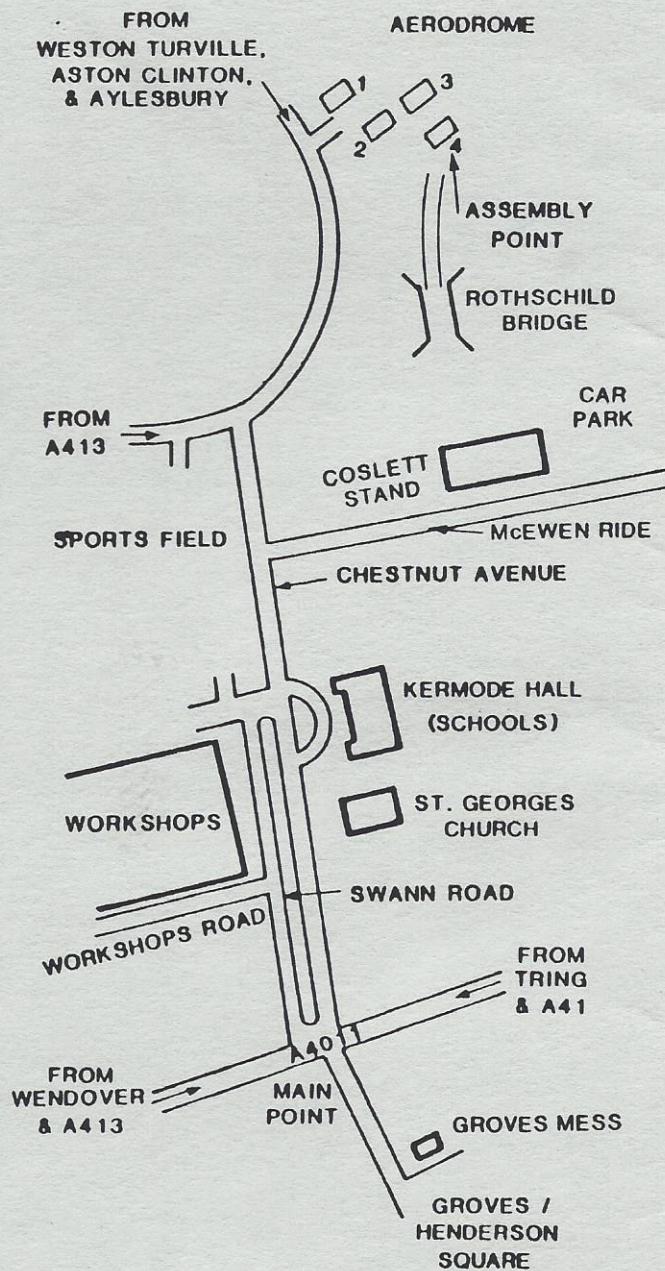
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N.B. ENTRY TO THE AIRFIELD FROM THE CAR PARK  
IS VIA THE ROTHSCHILD BRIDGE