



**ROYAL  
AIR FORCES  
Association**

The charity that supports the RAF family

**Grimsby, Cleethorpes  
& District Branch**

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**Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District RAFA Newsletter**  
**'The Lightning Strike'**  
**May/June 2022**



**CLUB OPENING TIMES**

Thursday	1900 - 2300
Friday	1900 – 2300
Saturday	1200 - 1500 and 1900 – 0000
Sunday	1200 – 1400 (1800 - 2100 Bingo nights)



Hi Folks,

We have some great stuff to look forward to over the next couple of months so have a look at the events page below and pick what you fancy or all of it hopefully! We try extremely hard to cover all of our bases in terms of the entertainment we provide and attendances would suggest we get it pretty right most of the time, but we are always open to suggestions, I can't promise they will all come to fruition as we have had some bizarre requests in the past but we will try. There has been some comment about having to pay for events and some people would like all events to be free to members. However, everything has to be paid for one way or another, the club gets nothing from your membership of RAFA, but it does get you access to all RAFA clubs. There is a 20% re-bate of your membership fee but that is returned to the Branch which is charity money and therefore cannot be spent on the club. So, that leaves 3 options, pay for attendance at each event (which is what the committee chose to do), pay a club membership fee per year on top of RAFA membership or increase the bar prices to hopefully sell enough alcohol to cover the costs. There are pro's and con's to each option but I think we chose the one best suited to the situation, if you think differently please say. The club has to make a profit, its purpose is to make money for the charity and also to provide a welfare facility for our members, I think we achieve this but only due to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers who man the bar and work for free, without them the club would be a very different animal as we would have to cover staffing costs. It's critical that everyone working behind the bar enjoys doing so and is involved in the decision making process. This is why we need to be careful with access to the club (members & guests) and numbers attending as stressed and overworked bar staff who don't get paid will not hang around too long. Having said all that, I'm afraid to say the bar prices have had to be increased due to rising costs suppliers and energy etc. and there is not much, unfortunately, we can do about it

Finally, as we rapidly head to probably the highlight of the year, which is Armed Forces Weekend at the end of June, a reminder that access during the weekend will be for members only, so renew, get signed up, get your family members/friends signed up if you want them to join you in our wonderful club.

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## WHAT'S ON!

All members can attend all events, you can still come into the club on event nights as the Pegasus Bar will be available. Club events usually start at about 8:00pm. Tickets can be reserved by contacting myself (details on back page) or by request at the club. If there is something that you would like to see on at the Club, please contact anyone on the Committee with your ideas.



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**Falklands War  
40th Anniversary**

**Saturday 30th April**

The poster features a blue sky background with a white and grey fighter jet flying across it. In the top left corner is the Falkland Islands coat of arms. In the bottom left corner is a small circular logo with a ship and a lighthouse. In the bottom right corner is a small map of the Falkland Islands.



**Saturday 7th May**

**'Full On'**  
Rock and Pop Duo

Members £5/ Guests £10

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The poster shows a man and a woman. The man is wearing a white shirt, a dark vest, and a tie, and is playing an electric guitar. The woman is wearing a black top and is leaning towards him. The background is blue with white bokeh lights.



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**Meet & Greet Nights:**  
**Saturday 19th March**  
**Saturday 16th April**  
**Saturday 14th May**



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**Friday  
May 13th**

**Hudson  
Lewis**

Members Free/Guests £5  
Please book you seats as usual  
This event is kindly sponsored by  
Chaz, Dave & Byron from the  
Friday Night Crew

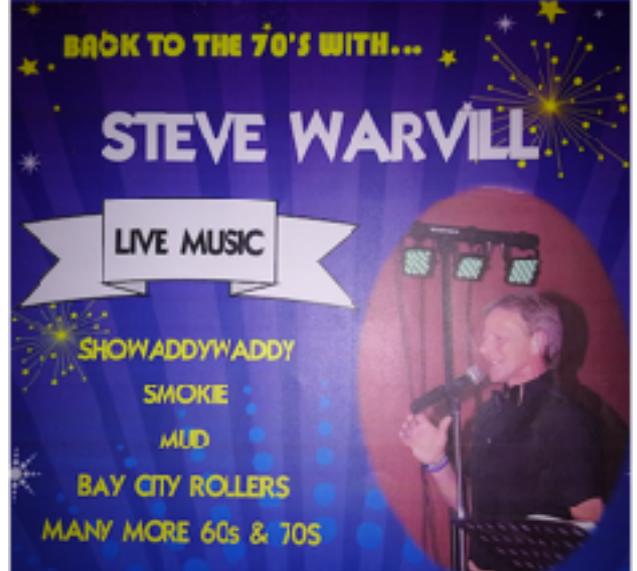
The poster features a black and white photograph of a man, Hudson Lewis, performing on stage. He is wearing a dark suit and is singing into a microphone. The background is dark.

**Saturday 21st May**



**Members £5/Guests £10**

**Saturday 4th June**



**Members £5/ Guests £10**  
**Get your tickets now**

3RD AND CHURCH  
 Acoustic Americana covers  
 www.3rdandchurch.com  
**Saturday July 16th**  
**Members £5/ Guests £10**  
 The Eagles - Willie Nelson - C.S.N.Y. - Johnny Cash  
 Everly Bros - Jimmy Buffet - Darius Rucker

**Tally Ho!**  
 Don't forget Quiz Night every Thursday night from 8:15  
 Alternates week by week proper stuff then Music  
**All jolly good fun!**



## Buffet**BINGO**

Great fun bingo with line prizes and cash full-house, bring food.

Bingo will be back Sunday 1st May starting at 7pm then every other Sunday.



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the club will be open on Thursday 2nd of June for a social night and to watch the lighting of the Beacon. We shall also have a Platinum Party with Steve Warvill on Saturday 4th June

## Parachute Regiment Association

The men and women in maroon and their friends meet every Friday night in the Pegasus Bar to discuss, among other things, the insane practice of jumping out of perfectly serviceable aeroplanes, entrusting your life to a sheet of silk and also generally have a good time. A warm welcome, some great stories from some top people awaits. A great view from the new windows and a refurbished room!

## Welfare Services

Do you need help? The RAFA is there to help serving and ex-serving RAF personnel and their dependents, providing friendship, advice and support, respite care, general welfare and signposting. Let us know if you or anyone in the RAF family needs help and we will pass the information on to the superb RAFA Welfare Team.

## **RAFA Membership**

**Our Branch membership is currently 792**

**We currently have 70 lapsed members**

Let's see if we can reach 850 by the end of the year. Encourage your friends and relatives to join or renew. We put a huge amount of effort, as volunteers, into running our Branch & Club and the Association does great work supporting the RAF family, you can help by simply joining the RAF Association.

There are many benefits to belonging to the RAF Association which includes entry to our local Club here in Cleethorpes. Please contact the Membership Secretary, Steve Flint or see him at the Club for more details (or speak to any committee member). Membership forms are available in the club, so come in, find out what it's all about and sign up.

You can also become a member or renew your membership by ringing HQ at Leicester on 0800 0182 361 and pay by credit or debit card, or do it online through the RAFA website <https://rafa.org.uk> . Don't forget to join the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Branch.

A warm welcome to all our new faces. We regularly hold a 'Meet & Greet' night in the club to welcome our new members and allow us to get introduced, this includes free food!

### **Do you have your membership card?**

**We have a number of members who have renewed but not received their membership cards. If you have not received yours then ring the membership office at HQ on**

**0116 268 8783** or if any issues let me know and I'll chase it up.

**WE ALWAYS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS:**

**\*BAR STAFF\***

**FUNDRAISING TEAM**

**BEFRIENDERS**

**Can you help, come and talk, you can do as much or as little as you want.**

# [RAFA Cleethorpes on Facebook](#)



## [Our FaceBook page](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rafacleethorpes/>  
[is the best place for up to the minute information](#)

### Club Information

All guests should pay a £2.00 entrance fee when being signed into the club, please pay this at the bar. On top of this, if we have entertainment on there may be a further charge. All members can sign in a guest and if you do please read the instructions on the signing in book which states that you are responsible for and must accompany your guests at all times when in the club and they must leave the premises when you do.

Members of the RAF Association can be assured that we treat their personal information with care and confidentiality. We will keep it safe and always take every effort to protect their privacy, we will never share it and only contact you with relevant RAFA information.

## **Area News**

We have moved from South Eastern and Eastern Area to Central Area and the Central Area newsletter can be downloaded from [www.rafa.org.uk/areas-central.asp](http://www.rafa.org.uk/areas-central.asp) or there are some copies in the Club for you to look at.

The association has published its code of conduct policy and it can be found here: <https://www.rafa.org.uk/conduct/> or a copy is on the Branch notice board.

### **RAF ASSOCIATION WEBSITE MEMBERS AREA**

The RAFA website has been updated and the member's only section of the website is open! We've integrated your RAF Comrade Contact website tools into the main [www.rafa.org.uk](http://www.rafa.org.uk) site giving you a unique level of access to both the tools that you used to have but also to bring you nearer to the RAF Association Liaison Officers (RAFALOs)

Due to the higher security on our new site, you must set a new user-name and password. All you need to do is visit [www.rafa.org.uk/register](http://www.rafa.org.uk/register) and register with the website. Once registered you will be able to login and access member and branch fundraising tools and resources, branch contacts, an online gallery and forum where you can share imagery and mingle with other members plus a unique notice board to advertise for assistance or offer help.

If you are unable to fill in any of the details requested by the site, then please get in touch with RAFA HQ on 0116 268 8752 and they can update your details accordingly.

### **Want to do something wonderful - Join the Team**

**Want to earn pots of money by doing very little? No, I knew you would be above all that sort of thing and would much rather volunteer to work behind our bar. You won't earn any money apart from tips, but you will earn the respect and adoration of your fellow members. It really is a rather good thing to do, there's no pressure and it will boost your confidence no end and we'll train you. Come and have a chat if you are up for it. We are also looking for people to join our Welfare Team, both welfare officers and befrienders, speak to us if you would like to help out with this wonderful work.**