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Welcome to the first edition of 2012 and a Happy New Year to our readers.

2012 looks set to be a very busy year for the country with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the London Olympic Games. In a year when much of the nation’s focus will be on sport and sporting achievements, we celebrate three RAF Marham athletes who have achieved a huge amount of success in their sporting fields. Power Lifter Sgt Ann Thomas is at the top of her sport and has won every competition she has entered and is the holder of World Records in her sport, read about her latest event on page 7. Cpl Jonny Snelling and SAC (T) Ross Brown began bobsleighing for the first time in January 2011 and the pair have already amassed a stack of medals. We hope to follow all three athletes progress through 2012 and wish them all the very best in their forthcoming competitions. We also have coverage of the ‘Millies’ (The Military Awards 2011) which took place prior to Christmas at the Imperial War Museum. RAF Marham were nominated in the ‘Best Unit’ category and represented by personnel from the station. These annual awards are hosted by The Sun newspaper and recognise and award the bravery and achievements of Navy, Royal Marines, Army and RAF. We look forward to hearing your news and stories, please keep them coming in!
My arrival in late November gave me the privilege of representing the Station at a number of very enjoyable and memorable Christmas events at which Lorna and I were made extremely welcome. We were honoured to meet members of the local civic community, the emergency services, and business men and women.

Last week we were hosted by Commanders from Mildenhall and Alconbury. The support that Royal Air Force Marham enjoys from the local and regional community is terrific, but should be no surprise. We are a large employer, the 10,000 or so Station personnel and families contribute to the local economy, and our military activity will always create a generous degree of interest. This support has been with us for many years and it is entwined into much of our daily activity. We all have a huge part to play in this relationship and I would encourage you to take every opportunity to play it well. To some this will be volunteering to support local activities, welfare networks or initiatives. To others this will be playing sport in local teams, taking part in charity events, or perhaps leading youth groups. To us all, most importantly, it means being well-behaved and considerate neighbours, be that on Camp or further afield.

Most of the local leaders that I have met have asked how they can serve Royal Air Force Marham better. Do you have any ideas? You should feed them up to me through the Community Support Officer, OC CSS. Of course, this works two ways. I would also like to hear about how we ourselves could support the region better. The Station has a large number of active and motivated people and families; together, we can achieve a great deal.

I have been delighted with local support in my first few weeks at Royal Air Force Marham. Please would you join me in maintaining the local relationships that our predecessors worked hard to forge. I hope that you have an enjoyable February.

Gp Capt David Cooper

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After an incredible year of bobsleigh adventures, Senior Aircraftsman (Tech) Ross Brown and Corporal Jonny Snelling from C4I (the IT support section) RAF Marham headed out in early December to a rather cold and chilly Olympic bobsleigh run, located in Innsbruck, Austria for the RAF BLSA (Bobsleigh, Luge, Skeleton Association) Championships.

The pair gained a silver medal and Ross won the British Novice Title. Spurred on by this success the guys had been lucky enough to work outside of work together and so have been able to train outside of work and the competition was as fierce as ever. Ross and Jonny were fully aware of the need to prove themselves on the day. The race is spread over two days and results are taken from both days.

After an exciting year with some intense competition Ross and Jonny succeeded in winning the championships and Jonny won the ‘fastest brakeman’ trophy!

A fabulous achievement for the RAF, and of course Marham. The pair are looking forward to 2012 and the new sliding year and hope to bring some intense competition and Ross and Jonny can put their best efforts to the Inter services in February back in England. The pair are looking forward to 2012 and the new sliding year and hope to bring some intense competition and Ross and Jonny can put their best efforts to the Inter services in February back in England.
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Issue 1

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MT SECTION BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER

MT (Mechanical Transport) Section brought a little bit of Christmas cheer to the children at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital just before Christmas, with a donation of some new toys for their playroom.

The idea to raise money originally came from MT’s SAC Neeka Caplan who had raised money for a local hospital at a previous Station he was based at. He contacted MandyFrench, a Hospital Play specialist from Queen Elizabeth Hospital for a ‘wish list’ of items they would like and then set about raising the money to buy them. Enlisting the help of his wife and colleagues a grand total of £106.40 was raised by a weekly cake sale and donations from personnel.

The Early Learning Centre, in King’s Lynn gave a very generous 20% discount on the toys and the Swaffham Florist wrapped the presents free of charge.

SAC Caplan and SAC Steve Parnell took the gifts to the hospital where they presented them to Mandy French and some of the children staying at Rudham Ward.

While November and indeed Mo’vember seems a while back now, the efforts of Tornado Maintenance School (TMS) are worthy of a mention.

Those that agreed to take on this noble challenge put their images on hold, as they were required to grow a moustache for the month of November. By the very act of growing a “Mo” the participants were highlighting the important issue of men’s health, in particular prostate and testicular cancer.

Not all of the participants had the stamina or fortitude to see out the month with a ‘Mo’, such was the magnitude of task involved and a few floundered along the way. The initial aim to raise £200 for the Movember Charity, was surpassed and good old fashioned team work and dedication saw a final sum of £1,200 being collected - an outstanding effort by all those that took part.

In the spirit of the occasion, a ‘winner’ of the finest moustache was nominated, “The TMS team have enjoyed supporting this very worthy cause during the month of November. There was good competition in the “best in show” award but above all everybody should be proud of their efforts in raising the £1,200 pounds for the charity.” Phil Blakely.

Those involved in the event felt that the month was a fantastic success and that the participants had all enjoyed the experience and learnt about the cause during the month of November.

Marham Infant School are celebrating after receiving a ‘Good’ grade in their recent Ofsted inspection.

The inspection mentions the excellent partnership between the school and the parents/carers, which means that they are extremely well informed about their children’s progress and take a full part in school life.

The good teaching means that pupils achieve well, making a good start in the Early Years Foundation Stage developing their early writing and number skills particularly well. Mathematics was identified as a particular strength as teachers gave pupils many opportunities to calculate quickly in their head and solve number problems.

The full report can be found on the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk.

*VOICE IN A MILLION*

On 25th February 43 pupils from Marham Infant School and Marham Junior School will be travelling to London to participate in the ‘Voice in A Million’ concert at Wembley Arena.

This event will be a once in a lifetime experience for the children as they join a choir of 7,000 people performing to a sell-out audience. The concert also helps to make to the world aware of the millions of orphaned or abandoned children that need a loving and secure family for life.

A THANK YOU LETTER ON BEHALF OF FLORENCE GREEN

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Florence, to thank you for the lovely things you sent her. She is thrilled with them, especially the beautiful cake, it really is lovely, thankyou so much.

Yours Sincerely

M Green
Bearing in mind that forces members often have to move around due to work and don’t know where they are heading, the reluctance to buy property is understandable. It often leaves people looking to buy their first home later in life, which can be limiting when it comes to obtaining finance because the term of a mortgage is reduced according to the number of earning years left.

I often hear the comment that the property market is not very good right now. But if you have enough money to put down a deposit, it is the best time to buy a property. You can get great deals on properties that would otherwise have been out of your price range five years ago. You have to view it as a longer-term investment, you can then choose when to sell to give the best return or hold onto it for income into your retirement.

If you are thinking of buying or selling a property or have any other legal issues, come along and see me, Gemma Leman-Bunkall, on alternate Tuesday from 9 to 12 at the Marham Hub. Alternatively call me 01760 721 992.
At the end of 2011 a team of personnel from General Systems Flight (GSF) participated in ‘The Cambrian Challenge’ for the second year running, raising £295 for the RAF Benevolent Fund in the process.

The Cambrian Challenge is a three-day expedition comprising of a 17km Hill Walk, a 14km Canoe on a grade 1-2 river, a 33km Mountain Bike and two Rock Climbs with the teams spending four nights under canvas living off ration packs. 14 teams of six personnel from Stations across the country took part in the event with teams from GSF and Combined Maintenance Unit (CMU) representing RAF Marham. Both teams successfully completed all tasks presented before them with a “can do” attitude and represented RAF Marham with distinction.

The GSF team of six were, SAC Green (team leader), Cpl Salway, A/Cpl Main, SAC Caddy, SAC Booth and SAC Peach. The cheque was presented to RAF Marham’s Station Commander, Group Captain Cooper, who accepted the cheque on behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Once again this event was well supported (although always room for more!) and saw personnel sporting fancy dress and ‘running’ or rather trotting around the Station to raise money for charity. As well as enjoying the fresh air and getting some pre-Christmas exercise the event raised £50 for the Station SIF (service institute funds) Fund! Thank you to everyone who took part and ‘see you next year!’

Written by Cpl James Hodgson

RAF MARHAM ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Although December and Christmas festivities seem like a long time ago, we must give a mention to the Annual Marham Turkey Trot which took place the week before Christmas. Once again this event was well supported (although always room for more!) and saw personnel sporting fancy dress and ‘running’ or rather trotting around the Station to raise money for charity. As well as enjoying the fresh air and getting some pre-Christmas exercise the event raised £50 for the Station SIF (service institute funds) Fund! Thank you to everyone who took part and ‘see you next year!'
Here is a selection of some of the upcoming events for 2012, look out for more information and other events over the coming months. Contact the CS Hub for more information.

14TH FEBRUARY
Valentine’s Day

6TH MARCH
Occupancy Consultancy Group, St Andrews Church at 1600 hrs

14TH MARCH
Tough Talk Station Well Being Day

18TH MARCH
Deployed Mothers Day Lunch

30TH MARCH
Marham Big Bake Off
Think you can bake? Birthday cakes to Cheese Straws and anything in between, then this event is for you. Individuals, Squadrons, groups or Sections produce a cake (themed entries welcome), £1 per entry and all monies go to Marham Charities. If you’re interested, give us a call in the CS Hub.

23RD MAY
Antiques Road Show visit RAF Marham

26TH MAY
Deployed Families Lunch

1ST JUNE
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at Rainbow Centre

4TH TO 10TH JUNE
National Families Week

17TH JUNE
Fathers Day Hog Roast

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Summer Activity Programme and Community Support Summer Trips

11TH SEPTEMBER
Deployed Families Trip

15TH DECEMBER
Winter Wonderland Trip to London

8TH DECEMBER
Deployed Christmas Lunch

13TH FEBRUARY
Fun at High Lodge, 6 years upwards (Parents welcome). £3 per child/adult.

14TH FEBRUARY
Afternoon at the Movies, 6 years upwards. Popcorn and a Drink £3 per child.

15TH FEBRUARY
Treasure Trail in Stamford, 6 years upwards (Parents welcome). £3 per child/adult.

16TH FEBRUARY
Rock School, 10 years upwards. £5 per child.

17TH FEBRUARY
Day at Splash! 6 years upwards. £4 per child, £6 per adult.

Booking open now in the Youth Centre Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1600 until 1800 and 1900 until 2100. Last booking taken 3rd February. If your child is not already a member of the Youth Centre then you will have to register at the Centre prior to booking.

For further information please contact Erica on 07931 997797.
CHILDMEN IN NEED FUNDRAISER

The Fire Section would like to thank everyone who supported their charity Children in Need car wash fundraiser. The total monies raised was £530.55. Sgt Alsopp would like send a massive thanks to all the guys who helped on the day. Also a massive thanks to “Babs” from B & B’s who donated the car washing materials (great breakfast bap by the way). Finally, to the ladies and gents of RAF Marham for donating so generously on the day. Thank you so much.

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOVED ONES WHILE THEY ARE OUT OF AREA

If you currently have loved ones Out of Area you may interested to hear that the British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS) has launched ‘Boost for the Boys’.

Broadcasting Service that the British Forces may interested to hear ones Out of Area you can listen again to your message if you miss it where they are in the Forces world, and in the UK on DAB Digital Radio. The messages are also uploaded onto the ‘Boost for the Boys’ webpage on Audioboo, meaning you can listen again to your message if you miss it on BFBS.

BFBS is available on DAB Digital Radio in the UK, on FM across the Forces world, on Sky Guide 2011, Freesat Channel 786, www.bfbs.com, and via the BFBS smartphone app. The BFBS app can be downloaded for free. All of the recorded messages are then played via the BFBS smartphone app. The BFBS app can be downloaded from iTunes or the Android Market for free. It contains a host of features to help you get more out of your Forces station wherever you are.

STRIKES BOWLING

Strikes Bowling are offering a 15% discount to the uniformed services of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk.

They are also offering the chance to bowl three games for only £5.50 instead of £6.50 and children have the opportunity to play in Planet Zoom for a reduced price too. Please take ID to show you are a member of the uniformed services.

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DEPLOYED CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Around 80 senior citizens from the local villages were treated to Christmas Lunch, provided by the Officers’ Mess, with music provided by the Wyton Volunteer Band. Help was provided by station volunteers from across all areas and all ranks.

Everyone had a brilliant time and enjoyed the carol singing which was provided by children from both the infants and junior schools at Marham, a big thanks to both schools, there were some lovely angelic voices which brought a tear or two to the eye. A BIG thank you to all involved, the volunteers for looking after the Senior Citizens on the transport, the Officers for their entertainment and all the Sections on Station who made the day such a success.

As this is the first edition of Marham Matters since Christmas we wanted to cover some events which took place at the close of last year, involving the local community and schools.

This year’s Christmas Fair was located at Marham Infant School and a big thank you is offered to Head Teacher Michaela Webb. Mrs Webb, her staff team and helpers worked tirelessly in helping prepare the school for the event and then restoring it back again ready for school on Monday morning.

The day dawned cold and very frosty, very fitting weather for the ice rink which proved hugely popular. The success of 30 exhibitors were welcomed to the event with only ranging from pocket money toys, books and sweets to colourful pastries and handling. The children from Marham Infant School worked tirelessly all day long on an enterprise which involved selling teas, cakes and crafts. The young people from Marham Youth Centre provided the delicious hog roast and ice rink decorating biscuits workshop, both a great success. The music group from Marham Youth Centre kept the crowds entertained at intervals throughout the day.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to making the day the huge success that it was, and a special thank you to Lou Goodier who helped to organise the whole event.
FILM GUIDE FOR FEBRUARY 2012

THE SMURFS 102MINS U

SUNDAY 5TH

When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world and into ours. Stuck in the Big Apple, the Smurfs must find a way to get back to their village before Gargamel tracks them down.

COWBOYS & ALIENS 119MINS 12A

MONDAY 13TH

A spaceship arrives in Arizona, 1873, to take over the Earth, starting with the Wild West region. A posse of cowboys and natives are all that stand in their way.

JOHNNY ENGLISH: REBORN 101MINS PG

SUNDAY 19TH

In his latest adventure, the most unlikely intelligence officer in Her Majesty’s Secret Service must stop a group of international assassins before they eliminate a world leader and cause global chaos.

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS 109MINS 15

MONDAY 20TH

Dylan and Jamie soon discover that adding the act of sex to their friendship does lead to complications.

DOLPHIN TALE 113MINS U

SUNDAY 25TH

Whether you wish to walk, run, trek, cycle, swim or jump out of a plane, there is an event out there for you. Will you challenge yourself for SSAFA? Whether you are seeking a charity place in an event, you have secured your own place in an event or you have organised your own challenge, we are proud to support you from start to finish. We’ll send you a teamSSAFA pack with t-shirt and running vest, training guide and fundraising guide. For national events such as London Marathon we organise designated cheering spots to support you along the course and invite you along the course and invite you along.

THREE MUSKETEERS 110MINS 12A

MONDAY 27TH

In his latest adventure, the most unlikely intelligence officer in Her Majesty’s Secret Service must stop a group of international assassins before they eliminate a world leader and cause global chaos.

WELCOME TO MARHAM! 100MINS 12A

MONDAY 13TH

The hot-headed young D’Artagnan along with three former legendary but now down-headed young D’Artagnan along with three former legendary but now down

POWERFUL MAGIC CAST BY ALFRED BYERLY TROPHY

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THE INBETWEENERS 97MINS 15

MONDAY 6TH

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WIZARDS OF WAVERLEY PLACE: THE MOVIE 94MINS U

SUNDAY 12TH

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Tony McGlone joined the RAF in November 1985 following a childhood ambition to fly. When he had a careers interview at school aged 15, he told them he didn’t want any advice as he had his life mapped out – “join the RAF and fly fast jets.” After joining the ATC in his teens Tony even managed to fly solo and gain a PPL before he could drive! After IOT at Cranwell Tony initially went to Pilot Training and flew solo at RAF Church Fenton, before being reselected as a Navigator in 1987. Alongside his passion for flying he was the life and soul of any party, enjoying the life after hours, and his friendships with colleagues nearly as much as the flying. He made many friends along the way and lived his life in the vain of “work hard – play hard.” Many have commented on the fact that Tony may have partied hard but when it came to operational flying he was always a professional in the air.

Squadron life was something Tony relished and managed to avoid a ground tour on many postings! During his time flying on the Tornado Tony managed to be posted to most of the Germany and Marham squadrons notching up seven consecutive flying tours:

- XV Sqn RAF Laarbruch
- IX (B) Sqn RAF Bruggen
- 195 Sqn IAF Gioia Del Colle
- 173(F) Sqn RAF Bruggen
- 59 Sqn - LLTS RAFC Cranwell
- IX (B) Sqn RAF Marham
- 31 Sqn RAF Marham
- RAF Marham STANEVAL S.

Joining his first Sqn in 1990 and at aged 25, Tony was the most junior XV Sqn Navigator who went to Muharraq in the November. He subsequently became one of the youngest officers to fly in Gulf War 1, flying 19 missions; something he was proud and privileged to have been part of.

Tony and I loved being in Germany, the camaraderie was fantastic, good times and many parties remain memories of the time we had abroad. Travelling to Italy was a true experience, both of us learning the language – not always very well. While we were posted to Gioia with the IAF it coincided with the RAF detachment of F16s and Jaguars also based at Gioia. There was always an open door for RAF personnel in our very small flat and many a Friday night we had a curry and beers for the squadron who were away from home and even helped them organise their Christmas dinner in the hotel, trying to explain in Italian what Turkey with stuffing was all about!

Operations took Tony away from home on many occasions; he returned to the Gulf many times, but he particularly loved Red Flag for the flying. We learnt not to depend on return dates from detachments – especially after a trail back from Red Flag one year when the jet Tony was flying in was diverted to the Azores with an engine problem. This resulted in him and his pilot being stranded in the Azores for a month with only what they could pack in the jet with them! Dates and plans became known between us as “set in custard”.

To Tony the RAF was his life, something that was cruelly snatched from him. When he was informed he could no longer fly, after he had been told the Cancer he had thought he had conquered had returned and had spread to his lungs, he was devastated. This is the man who on a two week holiday was itching to get back into the cockpit again. He could have become very bitter, but instead Tony wanted to remain close to the Tornado force and threw himself into using his expertise and knowledge to support those men and women who did the job he loved.
RESERVIST GUNNERS COMPLETE EXERCISE OMEGA IN CYPRUS

Seven was the number of Reservists who completed a gruelling two week exercise OMEGA this November, but luck certainly didn’t play any part in their success, that was purely down to the hard work and efforts of each individual.

The trainees travelled from all over Britain to take part in the Reservist Gunner qualification course that, for the first time, took place in the Western Sovereign Base Area of Cyprus. Occupying a small training camp on the hills just West of Episkopi Garrison, the course formed part of a larger combined exercise run by 2602 (County of Norfolk) Squadron and 603 (City of Edinburgh) Squadron.

With a full programme, the first week was spent on training at the Ranges, with the students completing a series of rifle shoots in order to develop the skills needed to meet the requirements of the Annual Combat Marksmanship Test. Then, alongside classroom based lessons the tempo was raised a notch as they prepared for the demands of the field exercise with training covering Patrolling skills, Close Quarter exercise with training covering for the demands of the field.

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The final week was spent in the field and it felt great to in the field and it felt great to march back into camp knowing that we’d passed the course.

Housekeeper is moving to take a new challenge of working at The Hoste Arms in Burnham Market. Farewell speeches given by Warrant Officers Martin English & Robbie Ley had those gathered to any goodbye to Nancy in both laugher and tears with stories of some of the highlights of her career in The Officers\\’ Mess. Nancy started on a two hour shift to help with the evening meal in the days of ‘Service’ all meals, and through time progressed to Senior Housekeeper. Never forgetting her drive from skills Nancy has served The Queen nine times during her Majesty\\’s visits to Marham, and such is Nancy\\’s professionalism she was asked if she would like to become a member of the Royal Household staff. A winne convener she reached the regional finals of the Sommelier of the year competition and was a Quizzmate with Torres Wine. At RAF Marham she has organised the annual midnight walk and raised tens of thousands of pounds for Breakthrough.

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The ‘Millies’ (The Military Awards 2011) took place the week before Christmas at the Imperial War Museum. The ‘Millies’ (The Military Awards 2011) took place the week before Christmas at the Imperial War Museum.

RAF Marham were nominated in the ‘Best Unit’ category and represented by personnel from the station. These annual awards are hosted by The Sun newspaper and recognise and award the bravery and achievements of Navy, Royal Marine, Army and RAF.

RAF Marham was nominated for support given to Operation Ellamy. The base played a key role reacting at short notice in preparing and sending aircraft to assist in the evacuation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1973. As well as launching missions from Gaia Del Colle in Italy, the Tornado Force also flew historic missions from RAF Marham throughout the conflict. Crews flew round trips of over 3,000 miles before returning to RAF Marham nearly eight hours later.

From accounts provided by the representatives from RAF Marham, the evening was very emotional. Moving tales of immense bravery and personal sacrifice were heard, with extraordinary feats of courage abound. The ‘Best Unit’ category was deservedly won by 42 Commando Royal Marines who have been at the forefront of the action in Afghanistan, in particular Operation HERRICK 14. The Unit had endured extremely difficult times, particularly during testing circumstances, losing a number of brave men.
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ehe purpose of the visit was to thank the residents for their generous contributions towards the Support Our Soldiers (SOS) welfare parcels that servicemen and women enjoy whilst deployed to Afghanistan. The team consisted of: Flight Sergeant Kevin Doyle, Chief Tech Martin Evans, Corporal Jo Bevan, Senior Air Craftsman Ireland, Rose Kemp and Danny Bebbington. We were delayed slightly by the fog and so everyone was waiting for us and they broke into spontaneous applause as we walked in—which was totally unexpected and quite humbling. The projector, laptop and screen were duly set up.

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The official Olympic Torch Relay will also pass through west Norfolk, for more information please see: www.london2012.com.

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raf Marham personnel reading this may remember receiving these parcels and you know how much of a lift they provide. The forces are enjoying a lot of public support at the moment and I urge you in the future to take a few minutes to write a quick bluey or Email to thank them and to let them know that their efforts have not gone unnoticed."

We presented Daphne with an Afghanistan campaign plaque as a lasting token of our thanks on behalf of not only 39(S) EA Sqn, but RAF personnel everywhere who have benefitted from their generosity and kindness. The charities that support our troops do so willingly and in order to send out their standard 50 parcels per month, costs about £400 per month. This is a lot of fundraising. In fact, for the Colchester area co-ordinators, Alan & Judy Bishop, who were also in the audience, it was a full time job. They are both retired but Alan worked part time which he gave up because more time was needed to co-ordinate the effort. It seems that Judy bakes cakes morning noon and night to sell at coffee mornings to raise funds by holding auctions. The residents said they followed. The residents said they in the RAF today with a Q&A to presentation on the history and screen were duly set up.

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