



THE FIRST OF MANY

Well this is the first of many newsletters—I hope. My apologies for being a bit slack recently but I have been a little pre-occupied finding work! I am now, however, gainfully employed designing the customer experience offering for Hinchingsbrooke hospital and as a consequence, I am again able to ‘put a bit of effort in’ to 360. And, as a bonus, we can always now jump the A&E queue if our next night out gets heavy.

I recently took a look at the gallery and was amazed to see the viewings some pictures had received, especially the last reunion.. Most pictures have been viewed over 150 times each which I believe shows the interest there is in the

squadron.

So spurred on by the support there is, here goes the newsletter.

Please read on to find details of our first committee

meeting, our plans to have bigger and better events plus other ideas we have for the future
Cheers

Mick B



Sunday afternoon, pubs shut, and an impromptu BBQ at G block with a dustbin lid! H&S non-existent

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

We now have almost 70 registered members and details are available by emailing me

ask@360sqn.co.uk

Members go back to the very beginning of the sqn (both 360 & 361) in 1966 through to disbandment in

1994.

With the numbers growing to these levels its critical to ensure that we have a committee and a way to fund our activities.

We also need to consider how we store and supply member details. I am sure

some people want to be contacted and some would rather hide following a chequered past. Some have even taken to some extreme disguises!

These issues are discussed inside.

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COMMITTEE MEMEBERS

- **CHAIRMAN** — Mick Birch (mick@lime-ds.com)
- **SECRETARY**— Gaz Ingerson (garyingerson627@virginmedia.com)
- **TREASURER**— Gary 'Umbo' Reed (garyreed802@sky.com)
- **MEMBERS**
Ryan Feeney
Phil 'Ploppy' Burman

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2010 - MARRIOT HOTEL HUNTINGDON

In attendance were

- Mick Birch—Chairman
- Gary Ingerson—Secretary
- Gary Reed—Treasurer

The purpose of this meeting was to put in place a structured way for ex 360

Groundcrew to keep in contact and for us to organise better and regular reunions.

FUNDING

The association needs funding to cover maintenance costs and to be able to book venues/services for future reunions. As such we have set a membership

cost of just £10 per year, running from 1st Jan. We have opened a community bank account in the name of 360 SQN Ground Crew Association.

There are no bank charges associated with his type of account and the committee will publish account statements to all members on a bi-annual basis.

MEMBERS CONTACT DETAILS

PRIVATE OR SHARED?

From time to time I am asked by members to provide contact details for another member. At the moment I do not give out contact details. Instead I send an email to the member letting them know that someone is trying to contact them. I believe this might be best especially if you still owe twenty quid from

the Thursday night bop!

Please note: No contact details are ever published on the www.360sqn.co.uk website

Would members prefer their details were kept private or are you happy for me to give them out to any member that

asks for them?

I will ask this question on future membership forms, however for existing members I will keep contact details private unless you tell me different.

REUNIONS

LADS NIGHT—
26th March 2011—St Ives



We are going to kick off with a Lads night out in St Ives as we did this year. We feel it best to play it safe for the first one!

We will publish hotels and rates on the website. Gary has negotiated a good price at Sleep Hall, email him on

garyingerson627@virginmedia.com

Check the blog for who's coming
www.360sqn.co.uk/360blog/index.php

CANBERRA REUNION—
Newark Air Museum, May 2011

The Air Museum is going to arrange a reunion type Canberra gathering. Dates are preliminary set as Saturday 21st and



Sunday 22nd May, as this is the weekend that they have applied for BBMF flypasts.

They are keen for us to be involved and would perhaps be centred on the Canberra T17 cockpit that they have on display

I think a return of the Ferret for one day would be in order with potentially an evening arranged by the museum. More details will follow or please take a look at the Museums website

www.newarkairmuseum.org

SUMMER BBQ—
August-ish 2011 St Ives

This will be an afternoon/evening event for families and kids included. We are looking for a venue where we can set up a gazebo and BBQ and also somewhere we can have a disco running.

Early days at the moment but please feel free to send me any suggestions you might have.

LES SOURCES GUEST HOUSE

TAFF MORGAN'S 'RETREAT'

Les Sources Guest House is a B&B run by ex 360 Groundcrew member Taff Morgan (definitely nothing to do with fluid produced by lesbians—I think).



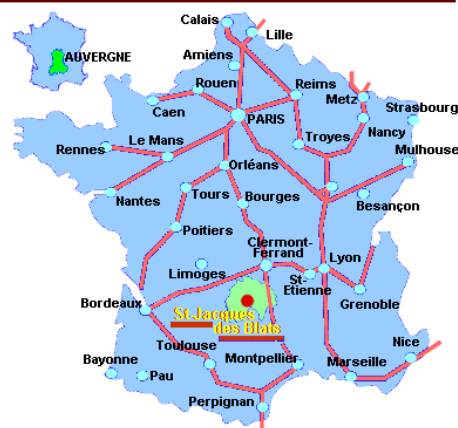
It looks a beautiful place set in France and perfectly positioned for all manner of activities from mountain biking to skiing. Please feel free to visit the website where you find all the info plus a

great room rate.

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Maybe the next reunion venue?



2011 MEMBERSHIP DUE

Membership for 2011 is now due. The cost for 12 months is just £10 and this is vital for us to maintain and build on what we already have put in motion.

Membership allows us to maintain the website, produce and issue newsletters, purchase memorabilia and also to book venues and services for future reunions. A small price to pay.

In addition, we can add an advertisement/link to your own website or business on the 360 sqn website that can also tie into your face book page

To make the payment please;

Make an internet banking transfer to

acc no: 33068803

sort code: 20-67-37

Or

visit your bank to make a payment to the account details above.

Or

pay by cheque made payable to

360 Groundcrew Association

Please email Umbo
garyreed802@sky.com

For his address

A bi-annual summary of the accounts will be produced (that's twice a year) and issued as part of the newsletter.

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions please send them, in the first instance, to

ask@360sqn.co.uk

If its really desperate please call me on

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Many thanks


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