

Royal Air Force Honington – Queen’s Colour Presentation



On the 20 July 2017, His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales presented a new Queen’s Colour to the RAF Regiment.

In view of the Company’s connections to the RAF Regiment, which include our current Master, who has been its Commandant General, the Company was invited to attend this memorable day.

The Master, three members of the Company, their families and three apprentices attended the presentation and the Family Day. Other members of the Company came for the Family Day held in the afternoon.

It was a busy day for the Station, not only did they have the Colour presentation, His Royal Highness also presented the Firmin Sword of Peace to the RAF Police, a trainee RAF Regiment Gunner Course graduated with their own parade and it was the Station Family Day. We are proud that both the RAF Regiment and the RAF Police are Military Affiliates of the Company.



Our members were greeted at the main gate and issued with their passes, prepared for them prior to arrival. There was allocated parking and a welcome in the RAF Regiment Heritage Centre with coffee and pastries and a host of displays and exhibits setting out the history of the RAF Regiment. Coaches transported us to the parade ground at the allotted time. Excellent seats were available in the main stand with a clear view of the presentation and parade. All went in accordance with the programme including a low pass by a C17 Globemaster III. The Colour was received by Flt Lt Tom Beddow. Once the parade was over, the buses transported us to the Officers’ Mess for a glass of champagne and ‘nibbles’.



Finally, we were transported back to the Heritage Centre from where we were free to see the stands set up for the Family Day. Unfortunately, the fly past set for the afternoon was somewhat truncated, but a full 20 minute display by the aircraft of the Battle Memorial Flight, Supermarine Spitfire, Hawker Hurricane and Avro Lancaster made up for all the other missing aircraft. If the reactions of myself, my wife and my daughter are anything to go by, visitors were treated to an excellent day, for which many thanks to the RAF Regiment and RAF Honington.

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