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A NEW OFFICER COMMANDING XV SQUADRON

Wing Commander Iain 'Jock' Chalmers' tenure of XV Squadron has come to an end and as he takes his leave of the Air Force, Wing Commander Mike Saunders takes his place at the helm of XV. Wing Commander Saunders will be attending this year's Annual Reunion Dinner at RAF Cottesmore on Friday 11 May where he will give the guests an update of XV Squadrons activities for the past year.

CORRECTION TO THE 2006 NEWSLETTER

I stated in the 'We Remember Them' section of the 2006 Newsletter that Len Miller DFC was a POW. This was incorrect and I wish to apologise to anyone I may have offended including Len himself. In fact Len was an 'Evader' not a 'PoW'. In brief, he was blown out of his aircraft, stole a German bicycle, was interned in Switzerland, escaped and joined the French Resistance before being picked up by an RAF aircraft and flown back to England. For more information, please see www.lostbomber.co.uk.

ANNUAL DINNER REUNION 2007

Thank you to all of those who have replied and are attending the Annual Reunion Dinner on Friday 11 May. The dinner is black tie with medals and will start at 1900 for 1930. For those of you who have replied, I have included in this letter, a receipt for your cheque, which you can take as confirmation of your booking. Rooms, if you have booked them, will be available from 1300 and breakfast is included in the price. We will be flying a jet down from RAF Lossiemouth to arrive at Cottesmore at approximately 1500. If you wish to view the jet, transport will be available from the Officers' Mess at 1500 to take you to and from the Visiting Aircraft Section where the jet will be. On a different note, this year's dinner was scheduled earlier in the year than last years due to the commitments of the Cottesmore Officers' Mess. We are looking to return it to the more usual time of June next year.

2007 TORNADO GR4 DISPLAY

Air Command has cancelled this year's Tornado GR4 display, along with the Harrier and 100 Sqn Hawk displays.

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