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Air/Sea Rescue & Marine Craft Sections Club

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The Club was formed in 1951 to perpetuate the many friendships and the great spirit that was peculiar to, and so much part of the A/S.R service of the R.A.F that operated the launches that rescued over 10,000 lives at sea during the war. In carrying out this work quite a few crew members lost their lives, and all taking part in today's ceremony will be remembering particular friends.

Newhaven was a Base that during the war lost more than most, and it seems most fitting that today we sail from this Base

The A/SR & MCS Club has at the moment 810 Members and is continually growing as more of our comrades hear of it's existence. Each year in October we hold a Reunion Dinner at the Royal Festival Hall at which there are between 300 and 400 present. At the last Reunion our Vice-President, Uffa Fox summed up by saying that the rescue of lives at sea is one of the greatest things in this world. We think he was quite right and we all are extremely proud to have belonged to this branch of the R.A.F.

The members of the Goldfish Club who will be with us are now our friends and the two Clubs carry out much of their 'doings' in close co-operation, although in the past they were at opposite ends of a boathook!

Any further information can be obtained from the Hon Sec.
.. Address and telephone number above.

Sunday November 6th 1955..

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Wreath laying in the Channel November 6th 1955

The following will be present...

- J.B Perks.. Chairman
- A.R. Bruce.. Hon Secretary
- K.R. Kinner .Hon Treasurer
- G. Gunn.....Committee
- G.A. Steer... "
- J. Taverner... "
- S. Morgan.... "
- P. Roberts... "
- L. Goulden... "
- F. Keelley.... "
- L. Wrate..... "
- S. Glass..... "
- G. Shelton... "
- K. Bell..... "
- F. Willenbrock "

- D. Lawler.... Member
- T. Lavender.. "
- P. Craddock.. "
- W. Sworn..... "
- J. Knight.... "
- J.G. Perkin.. "
- F.J. Rowe.... "
- G.E.R. Daggett "
- B. Berg..... "
- E. Hawthorne.. "
- Catchpole.. "
- D.G. Boxall.. "
- P.J. Hayes... "
- S.G. Simmons.. "

- F.C. Standen.. Member
- A. Morgan..... "
- B.A. Remington "
- M.J. Butler... "
- C.G. Spratt... "
- C. Monks..... "
- D.R. Reed... "
- G.G. Tuckerman "
- P. Carter..... "
- R.S. Gilbert.. "
- C.E.H. Murless "
- F.T. Fitt..... "
- B. Adams..... "
- K. Derham..... "
- T. Lloyd..... "
- H. Newport-Guilt "
- E.A. Bargate.. "
- Fortune-Fowler "
- G.F. Stratton "
- C. Bond..... "

Goldfish Club

- F. Stovin-Bradford... Chairman
- C. Lock..... Hon Sec.
- H. Friend... Hon Tres
- W. Walters ... Committee
- L. Norris..... "
- Robertson.. Member
- H. Barker.

Unable to attend but with us in thoughts.....
 Air/Coms Lewis Croke... President
 Uffa Fox.... Vice President

..... And all Club Members throughout the world.

MIDDLE CHANNEL SIDE
RAAF BASE
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6-11-55

MIDDLE CHANNEL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR
WARTIME AIR SEA RESCUE CREWS

As in the previous three years, representatives of the Air Sea Rescue and Marine Craft Sections Club will lay a wreath in the English Channel from a R.A.F. rescue launch off Newhaven on Remembrance Sunday, November 6, this year.

The wreath will be dedicated "To those who gave their lives in saving others" in memory of the crews of Air Sea Rescue launches who lost their lives during the war.

The Reverend D.M. Rowlands, Assistant Principal Chaplain, R.A.F. Fighter Command, will conduct the service for the ceremony as in previous years.

The launch will be a Rescue/Target Towing Launch of No. 1107 Marine Craft Unit based at Newhaven, Sussex.

The Air Sea Rescue Marine Craft Sections Club is a club for past and serving members of the air sea rescue service of the R.A.F. who, on this occasion, will be honouring the memory of fallen comrades.

Some places on the launch will be reserved for representatives of the Goldfish Club - the club for airmen who were saved after "ditching" in the sea.

The launch will sail from Newhaven at approximately 10.15 a.m. in time to be in position out in the Channel and to stop engines five minutes before the Two Minutes Silence at 11.0 a.m. After listening for the B.B.C. signal of the Two Minutes Silence and observing the Silence, those on the launch will then take part in a 15 minutes' service for the lost Air Sea Rescue crews. The wreath will then be dedicated and cast on the sea. After this the launch will start engines again, circle the wreath, and return to Newhaven at noon.

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November, 1955.

Hold
this wreath
built into our
Remembrance Day
D.M.R.

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