

ROYAL AIR FORCE 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND RECEPTION

TIME-TABLE OF EVENTS

HOURS

2000

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- 1905 Members of the Air Council arrive.
- 1910- Air Council guests arrive and are received by the Right Honourable
1940 George Ward, Secretary of State for Air, and Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle, Chief of the Air Staff. The Right Honourable Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, the Right Honourable The Earl of Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, the Right Honourable Christopher Soames, Secretary of State for War, Admiral of the Fleet the Right Honourable the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, First Sea Lord, General Sir Charles Loewen, Adjutant-General, and Marshals of the Royal Air Force will proceed to the Rotunda; other guests will proceed to the Main Ante-Room.
- 1946 H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent and H.R.H. The Princess Alexandra arrive and are received by the Secretary of State for Air and the Chief of the Air Staff. They will be escorted to the Rotunda by Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Pike, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command.
- 1949 H.R.H. The Princess Royal arrives and is received by the Secretary of State for Air and the Chief of the Air Staff. She will be escorted to the Rotunda by Air Marshal Sir Edmund Huddleston, Vice-Chief of the Air Staff.
- 1952 H.R.H. The Duke and H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester arrive and are received by the Secretary of State for Air and the Chief of the Air Staff. They will be escorted to the Rotunda by Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Dawson, Air Member for Supply and Organisation and Sir Maurice Dean, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air.
- 1955 H.M. The Queen Mother and H.R.H. The Princess Margaret arrive and are received by the Secretary of State for Air and the Chief of the Air Staff. They will be escorted to the Rotunda by Mr. C. I. Orr-Ewing, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Air and Air Marshal Sir John Whitley, Air Member for Personnel.

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2000 H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, arrive and are received by the Secretary of State for Air and the Chief of the Air Staff who will conduct them to the Rotunda. After the other members of the Royal Family have greeted Her Majesty and His Royal Highness, the following guests will be presented to Her Majesty by the Secretary of State for Air and to His Royal Highness by the Chief of the Air Staff:-

- (i) Members of the Air Council
- (ii) Marshals of the Royal Air Force
- (iii) Minister of Defence, First Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, First Sea Lord, Adjutant-General.
- (iv) The Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command.

Note:- There will be no smoking in the Rotunda.

2015 Guests in the Main Ante-Room proceed to the Dining Room.

2017 Guests in the Rotunda who are not in the Royal Procession will be escorted in to dinner.

2023 The President of the Mess will ask the Secretary of State for Air to invite The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to go in to dinner.

The Royal Procession will form up in the Rotunda as follows:-

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| The Right Honourable George Ward | o | o | H.M. THE QUEEN |
| M.R.A.F. Sir Dermot Boyle | o | o | H.R.H. DUKE OF EDINBURGH |
| M.R.A.F. Sir John Salmond | o | o | H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER |
| M.R.A.F. Lord Newall | o | o | H.R.H. PRINCESS MARGARET |
| M.R.A.F. Lord Tedder | o | o | H.R.H. DUKE OF GLOUCESTER |
| M.R.A.F. Lord Douglas | o | o | H.R.H. DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER |
| M.R.A.F. Sir Arthur Harris | o | o | H.R.H. PRINCESS ROYAL |
| M.R.A.F. Sir John Slessor | o | o | H.R.H. DUCHESS OF KENT |
| M.R.A.F. Sir William Dickson | o | o | H.R.H. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA |
| Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Pike | o | | |
| Mr. C. I. Orr-Ewing | o | o | Mary, Duchess of Devonshire |
| Air Marshal Sir John Whitley | o | o | Sir Michael Adeane |
| Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Dawson | o | o | Sir Maurice Dean |
| Air Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston | o | o | Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle |

HOURS

- Not later than 2025 Television and Newsreel go live in main corridor.
- 2025 A fanfare is sounded by the trumpeters on the stairs. The Royal Procession leaves the Rotunda and proceeds via the inner hall and the main entrance hall to the Dining Room.
- 2027 The Royal Procession appears in the Dining Room. The Company face the Procession and bow as Her Majesty passes. (A seating plan of The Queen's Table is attached).
- 2029 When all are present, T.V. and Newsreel fade out.
The Chaplain-in-Chief will say Grace.
When all are seated, still photographs will be taken of The Queen's Table by an Air Ministry official photographer.
T.V. lighting fades.
- 2030 Dinner Commences.
- 2135 The Port is passed.
- 2145 The Secretary of State rises and the Company stand with him.
The Secretary of State proposes the Loyal Toast.
Orchestra plays the National Anthem.
The Toast is drunk. The Company sits.
- 2147 Coffee and liqueurs are served.
- 2150 The Port is passed for the second time.
- 2155 Orderlies place microphones in position.
- 2200 Television and Newsreel go live.
- 2202 The Secretary of State rises and makes a short speech of welcome to Her Majesty.
- About 2208 The Secretary of State sits down.
- About 2209 Her Majesty rises - The Company remain seated.
Her Majesty replies to speech of welcome and proposes a toast to "The Royal Air Force". The Company stand and drink the toast.
- About 2219 T.V. and Newsreel fade out after the toast is drunk.
- About 2220 Cigars and cigarettes are passed.

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Her Majesty rises.

The Company rises.

The Royal Procession leaves the Hall. The Company faces the Procession and bow as Her Majesty passes.

The Royal Procession will be followed immediately by the Minister of Defence, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the First Sea Lord, the Adjutant-General, those members of the Royal Households who are not in the Royal Procession, Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief of home Commands, Matron-in-Chief and D.W.R.A.F.

The Royal Family and members of the Households will proceed to their retiring rooms and then to the Rotunda (at about 2245 - see timetable for the Reception).

After retiring, the Members of the Air Council, the Minister of Defence, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the First Sea Lord, the Adjutant-General and the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Fighter Command, will reassemble in the Rotunda at 2240; Marshals of the Royal Air Force will go to the C.-in-C's office; Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief of home Commands will go to the Main Ante-Room; Matron-in-Chief and D.W.R.A.F. will go to No.2 Ante-Room.

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2250

Other dinner guests will remain in the dining room until about 2250 hours (i.e. until Her Majesty has left the Rotunda and gone into the Main Ante-Room) and then, after retiring, proceed to the Bar or to the C.-in-C's office as directed in individual instructions.

RECEPTION

2145

Guests for the Reception (who will comprise one hundred officers of the rank of Group Captain and below from the Air Ministry and all Commands at home and overseas) arrive at the bar entrance by bus and are received by guides. They proceed to the Bar and Ladies Room where they will be briefed and drinks and snacks will be served.

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Guests will assemble in the Main Ante-Room.

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The Royal Party will arrive in the Main Ante-Room from the Rotunda.

The Royal Party will comprise:-

- (i) Members of the Royal Family, escorted by the Member of the Air Council or by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, who escorted them on their arrival at Bentley Priory.
- (ii) The Minister of Defence, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War, the First Sea Lord and the Adjutant-General.
- (iii) Members of the Royal Households.

Settees and chairs will be provided for members of the Royal Family if required.

Selected officers will be presented to Her Majesty by the Secretary of State for Air and to The Duke of Edinburgh by the Chief of the Air Staff.

Other members of the Royal Family will be escorted as follows:-

- (a) Her Majesty The Queen Mother will be escorted by the Under-Secretary of State to Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Bomber Command.
- (b) Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret will be escorted by the Air Member for Personnel to Air Marshal Sir Bryan Reynolds, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Coastal Command.
- (c) His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester will be escorted by the Air Member for Supply and Organisation to Air Marshal Sir Andrew McKee, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Transport Command.
- (d) Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester will be escorted by the Permanent Under-Secretary of State to Air Marshal Sir Douglas Macfadyen, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Home Command.
- (e) Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal will be escorted by the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff to Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Technical Training Command.
- (f) Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent will be escorted by the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff to Air Marshal Sir Richard Jordan, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command.
- (g) Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra will be escorted by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, to Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command.

Members of Council and the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, will present the appropriate Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief who will in turn present certain officers.

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Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh depart followed by other members of the Royal Family. Wraps and coats will be brought to the Rotunda by duty officers: the Secretary of State and the Chief of the Air Staff will accompany The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh to the main entrance. The Secretary of State and the Chief of the Air Staff will remain in the entrance hall for the other members of the Royal Family who will be escorted there by Members of the Air Council.

Other guests will then leave.

- (a) Her Majesty the Queen Mother will be escorted by the Under-Secretary of State for Air and the Duke of Edinburgh by the Chief of the Air Staff.
 - (b) Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret will be escorted by the Air Member for Supply and Organisation to Air Marshal Sir Andrew Jackson, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Transport Command.
 - (c) Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester will be escorted by the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Air Marshal Sir Douglas MacLyster, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Home Command.
 - (d) Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal will be escorted by the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff to Air Marshal Sir Arthur Kilduff, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Technical Training Command.
 - (e) Her Royal Highness The Princess of Kent will be escorted by the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff to Air Marshal Sir Richard Jordan, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command.
 - (f) Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra will be escorted by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, to Air Marshal Sir Richard Astorley, the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command.
- Members of Council and the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, will present the appropriate Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief who will in turn present certain officers.

ROYAL AIR FORCE 40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER,
HEADQUARTERS, FIGHTER COMMAND, BENTLEY PRIORY, STANMORE
TUESDAY, 1ST. APRIL 1958

GUEST LIST

Members of the Royal Family

Her Majesty The Queen
His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother
Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret
His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester
Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent

Members of the Royal Households and Captain of The Queen's Flight

Lt.Col. The Rt.Hon. Sir Michael Adeane	Private Secretary to H.M. The Queen
Mary, Duchess of Devonshire	Mistress of the Robes
Captain R.M.H. Vickers	Equerry to H.M. The Queen
Major Sir Arthur Penn	Treasurer to H.M. Queen
Dowager Viscountess Hambleden	Elizabeth The Queen Mother Lady-in-Waiting to H.M. Queen
Major Nigel Macdonald	Elizabeth The Queen Mother Equerry to H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester
Mrs. Cedric Holland	Lady-in-Waiting to H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester
Mrs. Cuthbert	Lady-in-Waiting to H.R.H. The Princess Royal
Lady Constance Milnes-Gaskell	Lady-in-Waiting to H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent
Air Commodore Sir Edward Fielden	Captain of The Queen's Flight

Members of the Air Council

The Rt.Hon. George Ward	Secretary of State <i>Jan</i>
C.I. Orr-Ewing Esq.	Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Dermot A. Boyle	Chief of the Air Staff
Air Marshal Sir John R. Whitley	Air Member for Personnel
Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter L. Dawson	Air Member for Supply and Organisation
Sir Maurice J. Dean	Permanent Under-Secretary of State
Air Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston	Vice-Chief of the Air Staff
Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

Marshals

Marshals of the Royal Air Force

Sir John M. Salmond

The Lord Newall

The Lord Douglas of Kirtleside

The Lord Tedder

Sir Arthur T. Harris

Sir John C. Slessor

Sir William Dickson

Service Ministers and Senior Members of the other Services

The Rt.Hon. Duncan Sandys

Minister of Defence

The Rt.Hon. The Earl of Selkirk

First Lord of the Admiralty

The Rt.Hon. Christopher Soames

Secretary of State for War

Admiral of the Fleet The Rt.Hon. The Earl
Mountbatten of Burma

First Sea Lord

General Sir Charles F. Loewen

Adjutant-General, *Haarlem*

Air Officers Commanding-in-Chief at home, and Commanders-in-Chief abroad, etc.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst

Bomber Command

Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas G. Pike

Fighter Command

Air Marshal Sir Bryan V. Reynolds

Coastal Command

Air Marshal Sir Andrew McKee

Transport Command

Air Marshal Sir Richard L.R. Atcherley

Flying Training Command

Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald

Technical Training Command

Air Marshal Sir Richard B. Jordan

Maintenance Command

Air Marshal Sir Douglas Macfadyen

Home Command

Air Vice-Marshal L. Dalton-Morris

No. 90 Group

Air Chief Marshal Sir George H. Mills

Commander, Allied Air Forces
Central Europe

Air Marshal Sir Humphrey Edwardes Jones

2nd Tactical Air Force

Air Marshal Sir Hubert Patch

Middle East Air Force

Air Marshal C.E. Chilton

Actg Malta

Air Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine

Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe
Deputy Chief of Staff, *S.H.A.F.E.*

Air Marshal Sir Theodore McEvoy

Chief of Staff, Allied Air
Forces Central Europe

Air Chief Marshal Lord *Bombing Bentley*

Former Air Officer Commanding-in-
Chief, Fighter Command.

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 Air Vice-Marshal J.L.F. Fuller-Good
 Air Vice-Marshal A.C. Kermode
 Air Vice-Marshal R. Scoggins
 Air Vice-Marshal R.B. Lees
 Air Vice-Marshal L.W. Cannon
 Air Vice-Marshal J.G. Franks
 Air Commodore W.I.G. Kerby
 Air Commodore M.W. Palmer
 Air Commandant A.M. Williamson
 Air Commandant M.H. Barnett

Deputy Under-Secretary of State
 Deputy Under-Secretary of State
 Director-General of Works.
 Director-General of the Meteorological Office
 Assistant Under-Secretary of State
 Scientific Adviser
 Controller of Aircraft (Ministry of Supply)
 Inspector-General
 Controller of Engineering and Equipment
 Director General of Medical Services
 Air Secretary
 Chaplain-in-Chief
 Commandant-General
 Director of Educational Services
 Director of Dental Services
 Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (*Operations*)
 Director-General of Organisation
 Vice-President of the Ordnance Board (Ministry of Supply)
 Provost Marshal

Director of Legal Services
Princess Mary Royal Air Force Nursing Services
 Matron-in-Chief
 Director *W.R.A.F. Home Royal Air Force*

Representatives from Commands

Air Vice-Marshal S.O. Bufton
 Air Vice-Marshal G.A. Walker
 Air Vice-Marshal H.P. Fraser
 Air Vice-Marshal G.I.L. Saye
 Air Vice-Marshal H.R. Graham
 Air Vice-Marshal G. Bearne
 Air Vice-Marshal W.A. Opie
 Air Vice-Marshal A.D. Gillmore

Bomber Command
 Bomber Command
 Fighter Command
 Coastal Command
 Flying Training Command
 Technical Training Command
 Maintenance Command
 Home Command

/Commandants

Commandants of R.A.F. Colleges, Schools, etc.

Air Vice-Marshal S.C. Elworthy
Air Commodore N.C. Hyde
Air Commodore T.U.C. Shirley
Air Commodore P.H. Dunn
Air Commodore J.H.T. Simpson

Staff College, Bracknell
Central Flying School *Little Rissington*
Technical College, Henlow
Flying College, Manby
Royal Observer Corps.

Commonwealth Representatives

Air Commodore R.F.M. Green
Air Vice-Marshal D.M. Smith
Group Captain V. Sri Hari
Wing Commander J.J. McDowell
(representing Air Commodore R.J. Cohen)
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Commandant A.J.M. Mossop

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QUEEN'S SPEECH AT R.A.F. HEADQUARTERS

"I THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME AND MY HUSBAND HERE TONIGHT AND FOR THE WAY IN WHICH YOU HAVE DRUNK MY HEALTH AND ~~WHY~~ FOR THE KIND REFERENCES YOU HAVE MADE TO MY FAMILY. I AM CERTAIN THAT ON YOUR 50th BIRTHDAY THOSE WHO ARE LEFT, ~~THOSE~~ OF THAT CHEERFUL BAND OF OFFICERS AND AIRMEN WHO REMEMBER THE SERVICE FROM ITS EARLIEST BEGININGS WILL LOOK WITH ADMIRATION FROM A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FLYING THE AIRCRAFT, CONTROLLING THE MISSILES AND WORKING THE MAGICALLY COMPLEXED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT OF THE ROYAL AIRFORCE WHICH WILL STILL BE YOUNG IN SPIRIT. AND IT IS TO THAT SPIRIT AND TO YOUR GREAT SERVICE THAT I NOW ASK YOU TO RISE AND TO DRINK A TOAST. SECRETARY OF STATE, MY LORDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I GIVE ~~TEXX~~ YOU ^{THE} A TOAST OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.2

EXTRACT OF TABLE PLAN
THE QUEEN'S TABLE

H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Douglas

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS MARGARET

Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Newall

H.R.H. THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Secretary of State for Air

H.M.
THE QUEEN

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle

H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Salmond

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Lord Tedder

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir John Slessor

H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF KENT

Air Chief Marshal
Sir Thomas Pike

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir Arthur Harris

H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

Marshal of the Royal Air Force
Sir William Dickson