

Winter 1995 edition

## Auction Countdown

### Ski & Sail on December 12th...

Starts at 7pm, viewing from 2pm

On Tuesday 28th November 1995 Michael Shrimpton flew to RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire to present the first print of *Watermead Remembers* to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The aircraft was crewed by Watermead resident and ex V-bomber pilot Ted Tootell and son Steve, a British Airways 737 Captain. The original plan called for them to use Ted's beautiful 1946-vintage Auster AOMk6 single engined light aircraft, much of it restored by Ted himself. Bad weather forced a hurried change to a modern twin-engined Aztec, fully equipped for blind flying, which Lakeside Director Philip Toler (there to see them off, thanks Philip) saw disappear into the murk soon after take-off! The Watermead team were delighted to find themselves behind a Tornado in the Coningsby circuit and were treated as honoured guests at BBMF Headquarters. Ted was surprised to spot a calendar on sale in the BBMF museum picturing him flying a Vulcan V-Bomber over Niagara Falls thirty years ago (they now have a copy signed by the pilot!). The original of this impressive photograph is on Watermead by the way.



## Carol Concert

The annual Carol Concert will take place on Saturday 16th, starting this year at 6.30 pm, until 7.30, in the piazza. Once again the Chinnor Silver Brass Band will provide the music. There will be mince pies and mulled wine and the new Vicar of Bierton, Revd. Faulkner will attend and read the Christmas Lesson. Come and join the community in singing all the old favourites. Father Christmas will again be making his appearance.

*Chairman of Residents and Lakeside Land Michael Shrimpton presents the first signed print of **Watermead Remembers** on behalf of the people of Watermead to Gulf War Tornado veteran Squadron Leader Rick Groombridge, Officer Commanding Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby.*

Details inside...

# CHARITY AUCTION

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## 'WATERMEAD REMEMBERS'

**Date: Tuesday 12th December**  
**Time : 1900 viewing from 1400**  
**Venue : Ski and Sail**

Auctioneer : Graham Severn

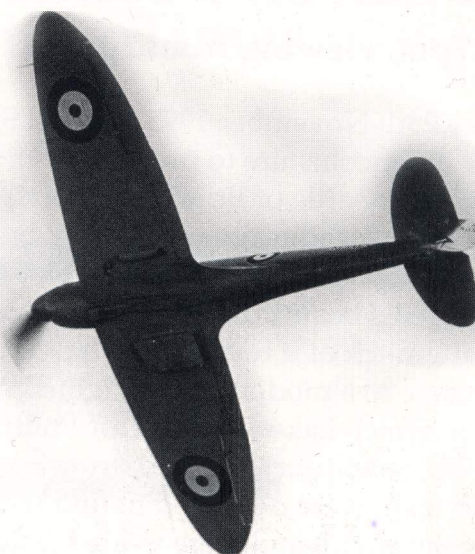
Auction will be of original, plus prints numbered 2-10 (no 1 has been presented to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight)

Ricky Dyson GM will autograph copies of *Looking into Hell*, a whole chapter of which details his incredible wartime career. 'Tiny' Cooling will sign copies of *Wingspan* magazine, which features an operational mission he flew in the Mediterranean.



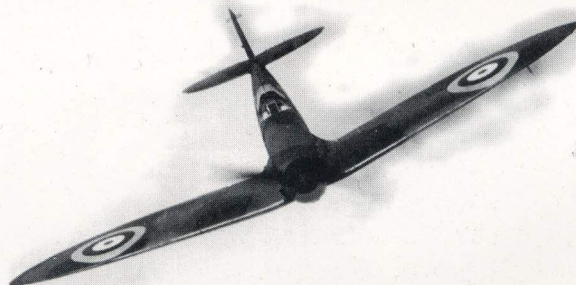
Airfix kits of the **Lancaster**, **Spitfire** and **Hurricane** aircraft will also be on sale, priced from £2.99, along with aircraft such as the **Blenheim**, **Wellington** and **Mosquito** which served with Bomber Command and which were flown by the aircrew there on the night.

Signed limited edition prints on sale at £29.50, with a choice of two framed prints at £ 72.50, one with a double border at £107.50 and a hand-lined version at £129.50.



### Guests of Honour

Marie-France Macarthy of the French Resistance, Ricky Dyson GM (Lancaster tail-gunner) Tiny Cooling (Lancaster and Wellington pilot), Harry Le Marchant (Lancaster pilot) and Harry Purver (Halifax navigator).



All proceeds to be shared with Bomber Command Association



## Chairman's Brief

I have never felt such pride in this community as I did on VE Day afternoon and the highlight of that great day was surely the magnificent flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. Who can

forget the sight and sound of fifty year old aircraft roaring in low level formation over the Piazza and Lake? I still remember the looks I received back in mid-1994 when I said that I would like an RAF flypast for VE Day and a Lancaster would be nice!

I have spoken with both the pilot and navigator of that historic aircraft, so symbolic of the hopes of our nation in its gravest hour of crisis, and thanked them on behalf of you all. It was a great privilege to be able to fly to RAF Coningsby and see at first hand the superb operation of the BBMF. The OC, Sdn Ldr Groombridge, was pleased to receive the first signed copy of Denis Pannett's painting and expressed great interest in our plans for the auction on December 12th.

I hope to see you there in great numbers. As well as a further opportunity to repay part of a debt which can

never be repaid to the Royal Air Force and Bomber Command in particular this is Lakeside Land's first trading venture. As you know it was always intended that the company would trade, so that the amenity land can be maintained. I can assure you that there will be plenty of opportunities for the young company to invest in this community in the years to come. The village hall, starved of investment since it was built, is but one example. A children's playground, in my view a priority, is another.

I also hope to see most of you at the carol concert, which I am sure will become the traditional way for us to end the community year.

Looking ahead to 1996 we need to work out the relationship between WVRA and Lakeside, so that the two work together for the benefit of the village. I should like to hear your thoughts. One option is that publication of the View could be transferred to the company with a proper Editorial Board and regular publication dates, making financial administration easier. Is there a need for both organisations? How do we resolve the problem, apparent for several years, of a low level of active community involvement in WVRA, which tends to negate the advantage that every resident is a member of WVRA for free?

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# Forthcoming Events at Watermead

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## **Tuesday December 12th – 7.00 pm**

Auction of the original painting of the VE day flypast will take place at the Ski Lodge – Starts at 7.00 pm – Plenty of other items to buy for your Christmas Stockings

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## **Wednesday December 13th – 8.00 pm**

A.G.M. for Lakeside Land at the Village Hall – Starts at 8.00 pm – Refreshments – Inaugural Meeting

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## **Saturday December 16th – 6.30 pm**

Carol Concert at the Piazza with Chinnor Silver Band playing all your favourite carols plus mulled wine, mince pies. A great way to get into the Christmas mood.

Even a surprise visit from an old man with a red nose and white beard. I wonder Ho Ho Ho wHo that could be !!

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## **Sunday December 31st – 8.30 pm**

“Beachcombers” Watermead’s newest night spot grand opening just in time to celebrate the New Year. Only £4.00 per head for the best night of the year.

Please book early Phone Stuart on 01296 395390 for full details

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## **Thursday 4th January 1996 – 7.30 pm**

Watermead and Weedon Women’s Institute Cheese and Wine get together at the Village Hall

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# THE ULTIMATE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

We would like to welcome you to Watermead's newest night spot  
- **BEACHCOMBERS** -

It is a totally exclusive club, only available to clients who can stump up £4.00 and who dress funny.

The opening Night is New Year's Eve and membership is strictly limited to a first come first served basis with a maximum of 100 lucky partygoers.

We will have the best DJ we can lay our hands on with sounds that will melt your flip flops.

As Jack the barman has had to go into hospital after a nasty incident with a funnel and a bottle of vodka, we will have to ask you to bring you own booze and serve yourselves. But we can provide glasses, ice and a nut or two (perhaps even three !)

A strict dress code will be enforced and those not wearing the standard **BEACHCOMBER** kit of trendy beachwear - shorts or silly summer gear will have to come in DJs - Sorry folks, but you know it's the law on New Year's Eve and there is nothing we can do about it.

All you have to do to book your deck chair is phone Stuart on Aylesbury 01296 395390 but please be quick, many tickets have already been allocated -

## BEACHCOMBERS

*ITS THE ONLY BEACH PARTY IN TOWN WORTH GOING TO!*



## Le Club Français

Le Club Français is a national Fun French Club where children are taught French in small groups through games, songs, crafts and varied activities. It offers a structured Nursery and Primary French Course which has been developed by professionals over many years. Membership includes a Cassette, Songbook, Badges & Certificates

The Le Club Français organisers in your area are:

**KATE and DANIELLE 01296 747622**

Come and join us at the newly refurbished Village Hall, recently repainted and with central heating fitted.

### Little Perishers

playgroup is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.45. We have vacancies for children 3 years plus, and have a waiting list for children wishing to join us at 2 1/2 years.

If you would like an immediate playgroup place for a 3+ year old or if you would like to put your child on our waiting list please phone Karen on 26967.

# Watermead Remembers...

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, at Ski and Sail, starting at 7pm, with viewing from 2pm, Graham Severn will auction Denis Pannett's beautiful painting of the flypast *Watermead Remembers*, in the artist's presence. Ricky Dyson GM, 'Tiny' Cooling, Harry Le Marchant and Harry Purver, each of them veterans of Bomber Command who were with us on VE-Day, have signed the limited edition prints and will be there, along with highly decorated French Resistance heroine Marie-France MacCarthy, holder of the Croix de Guerre, who helped many of our airmen escape back to England. Prints numbered 2 to 10 have been signed by a Marshal of the Royal Air Force and will be auctioned after the painting. The prints are limited edition and the plates will be destroyed.

VE Day can never be commemorated in the same way again and this is a permanent record of a special event in the life of the nation and of our own community. The painting captures the spirit and high emotion of the flypast and the

prints would make an ideal Christmas present, showing our community at its best. There are four framing options and a discount bespoke framing service is available. You may reserve a copy with the order form inside.

Ricky Dyson, who won the George Medal in 1944 for getting his badly injured skipper out of a blazing Lancaster which crashed shortly after takeoff is featured in the new book *Looking Into Hell*, by Mel Rolfe. By arrangement with Cassell Ltd Lakeside Land will be offering copies of the book, autographed by Ricky, for sale at £16.99. Wellington pilot 'Tiny' Cooling is also featured in this month's *Wingspan* magazine and copies will be on sale at £2.20. With Christmas coming up Lakeside have arranged with the manufacturers to sell a range of Airfix aircraft kits, all on a VE Day theme. In no case will Lakeside Land market merchandise at a price above recommended retail. Major credit cards and Diners chargecard are accepted and all proceeds will be shared with Bomber Command Association.

## Lakeside AGM

All shareholders are invited to the inaugural AGM, formal notice of which has already been given, to take place in the newly refurbished village hall. Anyone wanting to know more

about the company - which is there to serve the community - or who feels he or she could contribute to its management should contact Michael Shrimpton on 397963 or any of the directors.

13th December 8 pm Village Hall  
Light refreshments

This is not a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Acts and is not an invitation to subscribe in the company.

## W.V.R.A.

In case you were not aware, the Minutes of the WVRA Committee Meetings are posted on our notice board in the "tunnel" of the Piazza. If you read these regularly they will keep you up to date with the work of the Committee.

We would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to participate in the work of the Committee and also anyone who uses the Nurserytyme nursery.

**Your committee wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the Auction on the 12th and the Carol Concert on the 16th of December.**

# Bonfire Night

This years bonfire night was the biggest yet on Watermead. A new feature of the arrangements was that the organisers did not dive into the lake and the 1995 event is unlikely to repeat the success (!) of 1993s in getting onto *Beadles About*. The fireworks were paid for entirely by the Watermead Inn, who worked closely with the Residents Association and the Police in order to try and minimise disruption to residents and maintain emergency access. Despite a record crowd of 6,000 and heavy traffic serious disruption was avoided. Many thanks to the Watermead Inn, the Police, St. John Ambulance, those residents who volunteered to steward the event, Bucks County Council Highways and James Campion, a resident from Whinchat, who supplied van (and labour) free of charge. Next years event has been set provisionally for Saturday November 2nd. Lakeside's land will again be used and joint planning will start in January. The night provided conclusive evidence of the importance of good stewarding and more comprehensive stewarding will be high on the agenda for 1996.

## The Watermead Village Residents Association

### Committee Members and contact numbers

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| Chairman  | Michael Shrimpton  | — | 397963 |
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## For sale

### Garage at Watermead Gardens

For further information contact  
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## The Watermead & Weedon Women's Institute

**A very easy New Year's Resolution !!**

I will go to the Watermead & Weedon's  
Women's Institute

### Cheese and Wine Party

at Watermead Village Hall  
on Thursday 4th of January at 7.30 pm

to meet new people and make some new friends



Now wasn't that easy !!

For more information call

Suzanne Staines on  
87954

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CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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## Christmas Opening Times

### *Christmas Eve*

Bar and Restaurant Open All Day

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### *Christmas Day*

Bar Open 12 noon - 3.00 pm  
(Restaurant Now Fully Booked)

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### *Boxing Day*

The Boxing Day Big Breakfast 8.30 - 10.30 am  
Give Mum the Morning Off !! - **Book Now**

Bar and Restaurant Open 12 noon - 3.00 pm  
Bar Only Open - 7.00 pm - 11.00 pm

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### *New Years Eve*

Last Bookings Now Been Taken For

### **New Years Eve Dinner**

9.00 pm Sitting  
Live Music From  
Tommy Cavanagu

For bookings please call in or phone

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