

**2023 Chairman's Report for and on behalf of the
95th Bomb Group Heritage Association**

What a year this has been! So much has been done behind the scenes; with many visual changes.

Over the winter of 2022-2023, plans were made for a reunion to be held at the RFC and an itinerary was drawn up with the aim to "blow the mind"; which I think we succeeded doing!

With this in mind, big preparations were made. This involved the ever-important team of volunteers for whom we are always thankful; undertaking behind the scenes tasks such as emails, phone calls, design work on new stock for the PX and reordering for a shop (which would be fit to burst!) and many other essential tasks assigned to the itinerary.

An endless job started the year before which involved cataloguing and organising the Archive Room, this was continued and has neared completion although there is always more to complete.

Within the grounds we have converted a blast shelter to a memorial bunker, which will stand as lasting memorial for people to pay respect to those who have left the formation. This has also seen the addition of access paths to the new bunker and MP Guard Hut.

There has been a change of tin on the McKnight building which was undertaken due to faulty products. There has also been a continued amount of general maintenance which has been conducted. Internally we have seen the addition of the POW Wall, which mirrors the missing man wall and honours all those who were prisoners. There has also been a continued change of layout for the museum and the addition of purchased and donated artefacts; for which we are most grateful.

The events this year have been regular and successful. We have held several sell out dances and hosted a 96th BG dance, where funds were split to help both museums. At the end of last year, we saw the RFC transformed for the annual Carol service (said by locals to be the real start of Christmas) and a once again amazing 1940's Christmas Party.

Our open days have seen new visitors from worldwide locations and continue to receive good feedback. Americana Day was once again very well received, and we saw a variety of vehicles new and old.

So on to the main event! The reunion of 50+ American family, widows and one veteran of the 95th for a 6-day packed itinerary. This was not without its issues along the way; but all was dealt with by the amazing Committee and volunteer team!

As well as our events we have had an increased number of visits from family members to active service groups. We have also seen an increase in tour groups from the US and many more are planned and already on the calendar.

We always endeavour to be available when requests are made, but this takes a great deal of volunteer's time.

As always, this past year would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers, from help with our many events to general maintenance and just help where needed; for this I and the Committee are very grateful, and we thank you all.

Scott Bradley
Chairman

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Balance Sheet as at	31/12/2021	31/12/2022
Savings Account	34.01	34.01
Current Account - 95th BG	75,350.93	51,687.60
Petty Cash	94.51	457.26
PX Float	0.00	0.00
	<u>75,479.45</u>	<u>52,178.87</u>
Group Reserves B/fwd	69,622.42	75,479.45
Net Income / (Expenditure)	5,857.03	(23,300.58)
	<u>75,479.45</u>	<u>52,178.87</u>

To The Trustees of the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association

I certify that the attached Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the 95th Bomb Group Heritage Association for the year ended 31st Dec 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the books, vouchers and records presented. There are no issues to which I wish to draw attention.

Signed D B Jos

Date 24/10/2023

Mr D Winters

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Income & Expenditure as at

31/12/2022

Full Year 2021

Full Year 2022

Income**Main Activities**

Subscriptions	2,163.69	1,840.00
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Donations

Donations - General	928.34	1,864.40
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Donations - Specific	0.00	1,597.50
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Gift Aid	1,219.77	0.00
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Sales

Bar Receipts	1,675.71	5,728.16
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Dance Tickets	702.52	7,171.60
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PX Sales	605.00	878.31
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Raffles	0.00	0.00
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Tea & Coffee Sales	475.71	3,064.79
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Entrance Fees	75.00	2,150.00
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Other Income	56.35	2,657.65
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Reunion Income

Transfer from US	12,648.59	0.00
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Reunion Events	0.00	0.00
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20,550.68	26,952.41
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Expenditure

Reunion Costs	0.00	0.00
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Red Feather Running Costs:

Maintenance	472.79	3,414.61
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Health & Safety	854.53	773.68
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Heating Oil	0.00	0.00
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Electricity	351.23	507.00
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Fund Raising Costs

PX Purchases	0.00	0.00
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Catering Costs	571.94	2,359.33
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Fund Raising Costs	84.30	5,550.00
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Bar Stock Purchases	2,273.66	2,351.66
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Museum Costs

Museum Exhibits	235.72	2,016.69
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Small Projects	2,101.18	0.00
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Display Costs	3,364.71	754.36
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Admin / Other Costs

Insurance	941.35	909.85
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Bank Fees	263.90	42.00
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Postage	315.00	475.58
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Web Site & Broadband	1,209.48	1,440.28
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Equipment	260.00	19,825.55
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Sundry	836.06	1,770.95
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Stationery & Printing	557.80	8,061.45
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14,693.65	50,252.99
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Net Income / (Expenditure)**5,857.03****(23,300.58)**

D. B. Jones 23/10/2023
24/10/2023