

95th Bomb Group Heritage Association - Chairman's report 2024.

What a remarkable year this has been on so many levels!

Our buildings have undergone significant changes and updates. The exterior has received a fresh coat of paint from a contracted company, complete with a guarantee. The toilets have been renovated, with traditional designs for both the ladies' and gents' facilities, while the accessible has been brought up to regulation. Other areas have also benefited from decoration, improvements, and maintenance. We've added beech hedging along the boundary and a yew hedge behind the memorial bunker.

The museum has experienced a thorough deep clean and reorganisation, now featuring superb new lighting. We've also welcomed new collections, thanks to generous donations, with more additions planned. To enhance air circulation, we have installed fans in the built-in cabinets.

The bar has thrived throughout the year, hosting numerous dances and open days, keeping Brads Bar lively with a steady flow of beer! Over the winter, the PX underwent a significant revamp, introducing new stock, including our own branded glasses and beer sets, which have been very well received.

The Committee has welcomed many visitors over the past year. In June, we hosted a large group as part of the D-Day anniversary cruise, with over 200 guests attending over the weekend. We provided dancing, live music, military vehicle displays, and, as always, a warm welcome from our dedicated Committee and volunteers, for which we are extremely grateful. We've also had numerous visitors from the US, including family members coming to see where their relatives served, as well as tours featuring the cast from "Masters of the Air." Another successful Americana Day and our regular open days have contributed to a fantastic year.

Looking ahead, we are planning a reunion for 2025, which will be announced soon, along with exciting new additions to the museum. We are also working on plans for a new building to house the Dodge Weapons Carrier, alongside ongoing essential maintenance and further developments for the museum.

Financially, this year has been quite expensive; however, through the success of our events and visits, we have worked hard to raise funds to reinvest in the Heritage Association for future projects.

The loss of two key members of our association has deeply affected our Committee and organisation, but we will strive to remember and honour them in the best way possible.

None of this progress would have been achievable without the support of our members, volunteers, and Committee. Their efforts are clearly reflected in the transformation of the RFC.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and supported us over the past year. Here's to a successful 2025!

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Balance Sheet as at	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Savings Account	34.01	34.01
Current Account - 95th BG	62,616.54	51,687.60
Petty Cash	343.81	457.26
	<u>62,994.36</u>	<u>52,178.87</u>
Group Reserves B/fwd	52,178.87	75,479.45
Net Income / (Expenditure)	10,815.49	(23,300.58)
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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 2023 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. Winters

Date 20/10/2024

Mr D Winters

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Income & Expenditure as at 31st December 2023

	Full Year 2023	Diff to PY	:	Full Year 2022	:
Income			:		:
Main Activities			:		:
Subscriptions	2,001.00	8.8%	:	1,840.00	:
Donations			:		:
Donations - General	2,996.60		:	1,864.40	:
Donations - Specific	1,177.80	4,174.40 20.6%	:	1,597.50	3,461.90 :
Sales			:		:
Paypal receipts pending info	6,889.80		:		:
Bar Receipts	7,108.53		:	5,728.16	:
PX Sales	4,943.66	18,941.99 186.7%	:	878.31	6,606.47 :
Other Trading			:		:
Dance Tickets	3,881.64		:	7,171.60	:
Dance Classes	1,463.00		:	0.00	:
Tour Visits	6,305.00		:	2,150.00	:
Tea & Coffee Sales	1,787.80		:	3,064.79	:
Entrance Fees	160.00		:	0.00	:
Other Income	2,701.00	16,298.44 8.3%	:	2,657.65	15,044.04 :
Reunion Income			:		:
Transfer from US	39,571.44		:		:
Total Income	80,987.27	200.5%	:	26,952.41	:
Expenditure			:		:
Reunion Costs	9,671.36		:	0.00	:
Red Feather Running Costs:			:		:
Maintenance	2,453.36		:	3,414.61	:
Vehicle Maintenance	827.39		:	0.00	:
Health & Safety	758.72		:	773.68	:
Heating Oil	945.38		:	0.00	:
Electricity	1,527.11	6,511.96 38.7%	:	507.00	4,695.29 :
Fund Raising Costs			:		:
PX Purchases	9,851.93		:	0.00	:
Catering Costs	1,537.23		:	2,359.33	:
Fund Raising Costs	6,153.49		:	5,550.00	:
Bar Stock Purchases	5,524.65	23,067.30 124.8%	:	2,351.66	10,260.99 :
Museum Costs			:		:
Museum Exhibits	4,189.52		:	2,016.69	:
Small Projects	11,318.46		:	0.00	:
Display Costs	4,015.13	19,523.11 604.5%	:	754.36	2,771.05 :
Admin / Other Costs			:		:
Insurance	1,055.05		:	909.85	:
Bank Fees	0.00		:	42.00	:
Postage	1,771.08		:	475.58	:
Web Site & Broadband	1,377.09		:	1,440.28	:
Equipment	1,468.66		:	19,825.55	:
Sundry	1,881.41		:	1,770.95	:
Stationery & Printing	3,844.76	11,398.05 -65.0%	:	8,061.45	32,525.66 :
Total Expenditure	70,171.78	39.6%	:	50,252.99	:
Total income less total expenditure	10,815.49	-146.4%	:	(23,300.58)	:

D.L. Jones
20/10/2024