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### CELEBRATE RAF CENTENARY IN MALESBURY

We have made a booking for the Town Hall [391-1146] with Mr Roach to celebrate the Royal Air Force's [RAF] Centenary on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. I am writing to you to ask for the approval and financial assistance for this community event - that will be all from Malmesbury and the surrounding Parishes with a desire to entice any current and ex RAF who lived or are currently living in the area as well as those with an avid interest in the RAF!

The celebration<sup>1</sup> will take place on the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> March starting at 6pm until 1am with a Dinner dance in the entire top floor of the Town Hall. There will be a full 3 course dinner and a Brass swing band plus a small RAF History display in the Hobbes Room<sup>2</sup>.

We are envisaging that this event will be celebrated by the complete spectrum of ages throughout the years from all corners of Malmesbury and the surrounding Parishes, with a particular emphasis to reaching out to isolated and senior individuals (for whom an event in Town Hall is rare and the RAF 100 will be a special event). It is likely that these guests will need assistance from younger attendees - hence a true community spirit event!

I am hoping that a large number of the attendees will be long-retired with the younger attendees escorting and I am seeking some financial assistance to make the event affordable for all.

More details can follow and we would welcome any input or thoughts the Town Council would have for this event.

Best Regards



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<sup>1</sup> In addition, there is also an aspiration to hold Tea & sandwiches on the 1<sup>st</sup> April as an RAF 'get together' but there is some current thought that this may be conflicting with many Easter Sunday plans.

<sup>2</sup> There was an aspiration to have the RAF History in the John Bowen Galley but it may be better in the Hobbes Room.