



A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE!

Monday, 24 October: LAA 70 Members' Dinner, RAF Club, London

Have you booked your place for a piece of LAA history? Here's your chance with a very special commemorative dinner at one of British aviation's most prestigious locations: the RAF Club in Piccadilly, London. The date is set for Monday 24 October, as close as possible to the date of the first meeting of the ULAA 70 years ago, and the dinner will be held in the spectacular main ballroom.

Our guest of honour will be our patron, HRH Prince Michael of Kent. Other special guests include invited members and volunteers from the early days of the PFA, as well as a number of members, nominated by Struts and groups around the UK, who have through their voluntary service, made a special contribution to the Association. Have you, or your strut made their nomination yet? If not, please drop us a line to LAA HQ, office@laa.uk.net and we'll be placing names into a ballot.

If you haven't been to the RAF Club before, you're in for a treat. As well as being located in one of the most elegant terraces on Piccadilly in central London, the Club also houses one of Britain's premier collections of aviation art, which you can peruse in its many corridors and lobbies.

We'll meet in the Churchill Bar from 18:30 for the pre-dinner reception and drinks, with complementary sparkling wine or non-alcoholic drinks included as part of the overall charge.

We'll then move into the ballroom for the dinner itself, with a three-course meal accompanied by

(Above) The magnificent ballroom at the RAF Club where the LAA's 70 Members' Dinner will take place.



(Above) The RAF Club is filled with memorabilia and has a world-class collection of aviation art. It's also a splendid building!

red and white wines from the RAF Club's highly recommended cellar.

The traditional toasts – the loyal toast, founders and absent friends, and the future of the Association – will be followed by tea or coffee and petit fours, and a brief keynote speech from our Chairman to mark the event.

Our patron will also say a few words and make the inaugural first presentation of the Prince Michael of Kent Concours d'Elegance Trophy, that he has donated for the best aircraft at the 2016 LAA Rally.

It is anticipated that carriages will be called at 22:00, although for night owls, the Churchill Bar will remain open until 23:00. Some insiders too, may sneak down to the "Running Horse Tavern", a traditional English pub secreted away in the basement and named after the public house that stood on the site in the 18th century – it's open till midnight!

Dress code for the event, in accordance with RAF Club rules, is jackets and ties to be worn by the men, and smart dresses or similar for the ladies.

This event is first and foremost a dinner open to ALL members to celebrate the Association's 70th Anniversary. We have therefore agreed that members' tickets will be sponsored to keep the price for the three-course meal, including wines and the pre-dinner reception, at a very reasonable £50.

Guests and partners are invited too, but non-members will pay an unsubsidised rate of £70. As the event is limited to 140 guests, places will be settled if necessary by ballot.

It should be a night to remember. If you are interested in joining this memorable event, please drop us a line to office@laa.uk.com, or call us at 01280 846786, soonest please so we can gauge the extent of the demand. ■