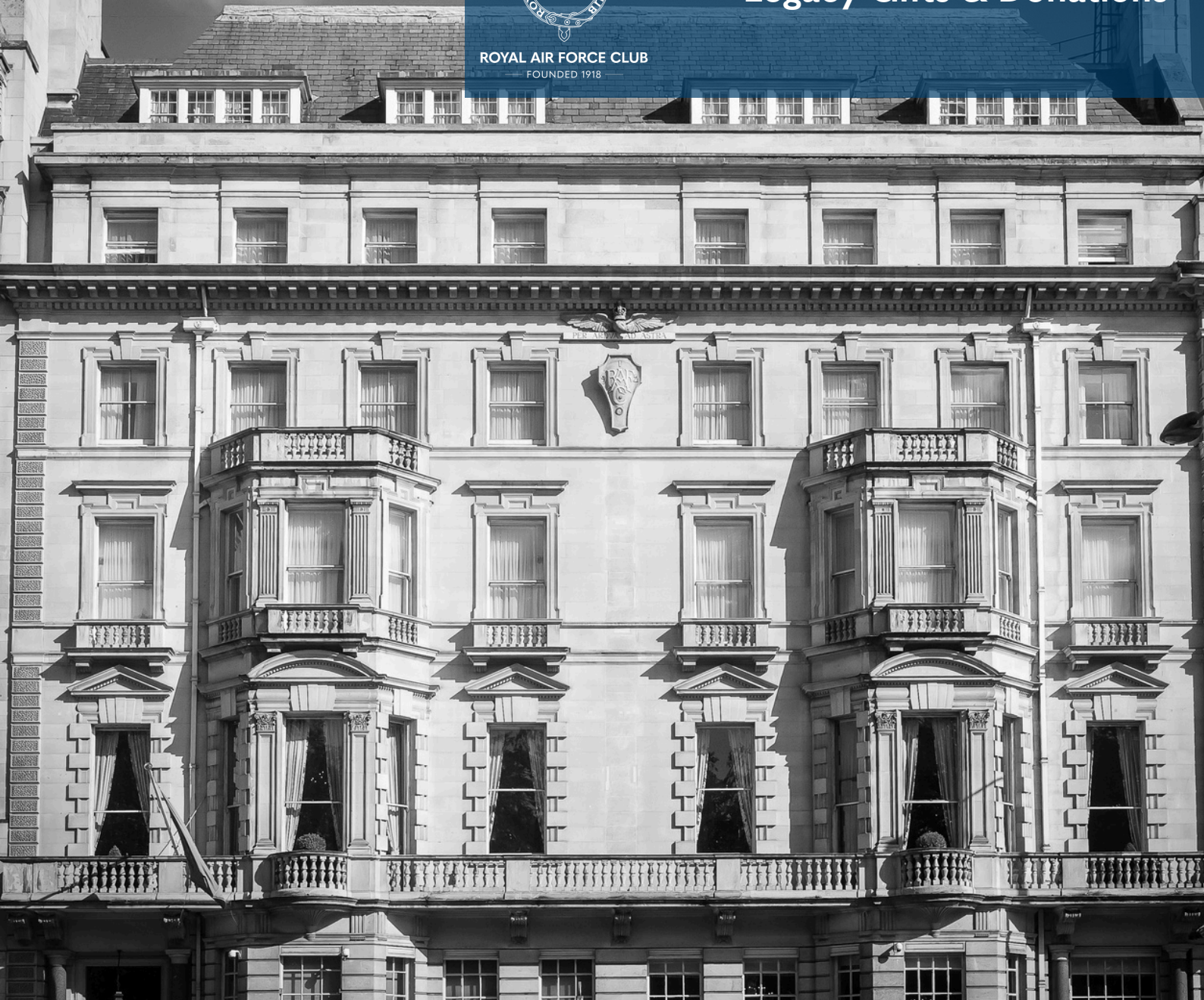




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The RAF Club is one of the finest Military Clubs in the world.

The Club's genesis is founded on philanthropy when, in 1918, Lord Cowdray wrote a cheque for £100,000 to "ensure a permanent Club Home worthy of the airmen and their brilliant and superlatively heroic work."

Today, this ethos continues with a mission to provide high-quality, affordable facilities and services for Club Members in order to preserve, promote and foster the traditions of the Royal Air Force.

Please consider supporting your "home from home" by becoming a Friend of the RAF Club, making a donation or leaving the Club a Gift in your Will.

I hope you are inspired to join us and make a difference to the future of The Royal Air Force Club for years to come.



Air Vice-Marshal Warren 'Bunny' James (retd),
Chair of the Board of Trustees
The Royal Air Force Club | Registered Charity: 1108295



WHY DONATE OR LEAVE A GIFT TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CLUB?

For over 100 years, the Club has had a responsibility to preserve and maintain our splendid Grade II listed building at 128 Piccadilly.

The Royal Air Force Club does not have a capital fund and while membership fees and operational income covers the day-to-day running of the Club, we want to ensure that this special place is financially secure for the future and ongoing improvements and refurbishments are always possible.

As the Royal Air Force Club is a registered charity, some Members choose to give to the Club during their lifetime, through one-off gifts or regular Friends donations. Others prefer to make their final legacy a tribute to the Royal Air Force Club.

A Gift in your Will is one of the most significant ways in which you can do this.



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WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACT OF MY GIFT?

Your gift will directly support The Royal Air Force Club, whether you choose for it to be used where it is needed most or for a particular purpose or project. A donation or Gift in your Will can ensure this beautiful clubhouse, it's art and heritage will be enjoyed by generations to come. Examples of past projects that have had a long lasting impact are the building of the Club's Centenary extension, augmented by donations and legacies, and the installation of the iconic RAF Stained Glass Window, the now iconic, eye-catching focal point of the Club.

Your family and loved ones must always come first but please consider adding the Royal Air Force Club as an additional beneficiary. Even 1% can have an incredible impact.

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

If you have decided to leave a gift to The Royal Air Force Club, here is a quick summary of what you will need to do in conjunction with your solicitor.

1. Decide how you would like your legacy to benefit The Royal Air Force Club.
2. Decide what type of legacy you intend to leave: **Residuary Gift** - a percentage of your estate, **Pecuniary Gift** - a fixed sum, or a **Specific Gift** - a particular named item such as property or shares.
3. Contact your solicitor and inform them of your decision.
4. Please advise the Club of your intention.
This will enable us to thank you during your lifetime for the legacy you are planning to make.
5. If you have already made your Will and now want to make an alteration to it, your Solicitor will be able to assist you with the completion of a Codicil.



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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

SUPPORT THE CLUB WITH THE NATIONAL FREE WILLS NETWORK



The Club has partnered with the National Free Wills Network to enable Members to access a complimentary Will Writing service, available through a nationwide network of over 1,000 trusted local solicitors.

Free for Members, the Club pays a fee for each Will successfully completed. Whilst there is no obligation to give, a legacy gift costs nothing in your lifetime, makes a difference for years to come and enables the Club to plan for the future.



INHERITANCE TAX | DID YOU KNOW?

As a registered charity, any legacies made to The Royal Air Force Club are exempt from UK Inheritance Tax. Any donation will be taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated or, if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity your Inheritance Tax rate is reduced.

The Inheritance Tax threshold is usually reviewed in the UK Government Budget each year and information on the current level is always available from: www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax
We always recommend you seek professional advice regarding financial or legal matters.

HOW WE SUPPORT THE SERVING RAF COMMUNITY

A CENTRAL LONDON HOME FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



Photograph © Royal Air Force

Our new, fully accessible Running Horse Tavern and in previous years projects such as the sympathetic refurbishment of the main entrance, are a result of Members' and Friends' generosity enabling us to maintain our historic clubhouse at a level fitting for today's Royal Air Force.

CARE & COMPASSION RESPITE BREAKS

Fully funded Care & Compassion Breaks are an initiative designed to assist serving or recently retired Officers within our membership who have recently experienced or are currently facing welfare or health challenges. Feedback from families to date highlights the powerful impact some time away from it all can have on overall wellbeing.

We hope to be able grow the number of breaks moving forward and for Members, helping fund these breaks is also a way of supporting both the Club and Serving Officers and their families directly.

"Thank you so much for a lovely stay, it was hugely welcomed and appreciated. We really enjoyed the whole dining in experience of which we wouldn't have been able to afford had it not been for the break offered by the Club. We haven't stopped thinking and talking about it since we returned."

Care & Compassion Break recipient



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"It is a privilege to be a Member of The Royal Air Force Club and belonging to the Friends gives me an added opportunity to express my appreciation for the exceptional standards which are maintained for all Members.

By giving additional financial support to the Club, the Friends are enabling greater improvements to be made to the facilities of the Club for the benefit of everyone and to continue the legacy of excellence and service we all enjoy."

Gold Friend

HOW TO HELP NOW

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE RAF CLUB

In 2021, we launched the Friends of the RAF Club initiative to acknowledge Members who choose to make annual voluntary annual donations.

- Gold Friend - An annual donation of £2500+**
- Silver Friend - An annual donation of £500-£2499**
- Bronze Friend - An annual donation of £1200- £499**

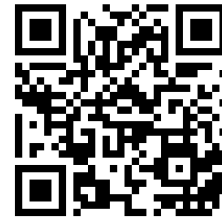
Friends of the Club receive a Club lapel pin and are acknowledged in appropriate Club publications along with invitations to special events and receptions.

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GET IN TOUCH

To make a one-off donation or for more information on how you can support us, including registering for Gift Aid, please scan the QR code to visit our website or email the team at fundraising@rafclub.org.uk

The Club adheres and abides to the Fundraising Regulator's guidance and Code of Fundraising Practice and is registered for Gift Aid.



A NOTE OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to the many Members and supporters whose donations, legacies and participation in the Friends programme ensure The Royal Air Force Club remains a welcoming and enduring home for the future.

Above all, we would like to thank you, our Members, for your continued commitment to the Club; your loyalty and ongoing engagement are fundamental to its strength and sense of community.

"The RAF Club is a truly special place. The building itself is magnificent, but what really makes it stand out is the warmth, professionalism and kindness of the team who look after us so well every time we visit.

In my view, it remains one of the very best clubs in London and I am honoured to play a small part in supporting its future."

Silver Friend

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