



# *Black Ants 51 Newsletter*

Welcome to the first newsletter for Black Ants 51. I do not know how many of these I will be able to produce in a 12 month period because it will depend on having enough news to fill a few pages and how much time it takes for each one.

Most news worthy items are on the website so I hope you will bear with me for reproducing stuff you have already seen on there. Unfortunately there are quite a few people who do not have access to computers so the old news will be aimed at them, and who knows it may be that there are bits that you have missed.

I have produced this in rather large type because many of us are getting a bit old in the tooth and have slightly poorer eyesight than we had 40 years ago.

Since the last reunion we have only had three new contacts. These are:  
Malcolm White (Sgt Chalky).  
Alastair Brownlie (Jock)  
Tony Mitchell (Scouse)

Their details can be sent to any one who would like to catch up with them.

Alan (Beef) Baker

## **Reunions 2008 and 2009**

Here is a picture of our first reunions for your scrap book.

2008



2009



I have not put the old pictures against the up to date ones on this so you will have to try to work it out for your self.

The next reunion should be the weekend of February 27-28 2010 so if you plan on going please make sure you book your Hotel rooms at the King Charles Hotel as early as possible. (I usually book in October) The hotel some times gets booked for other Reunions and events like weddings etc.

Hopefully there will be even more attending this next one because the contact list is growing. Also one or two who could not make it this year because of prior commitments and various illnesses should make it this time.

### **Singapore Holiday**

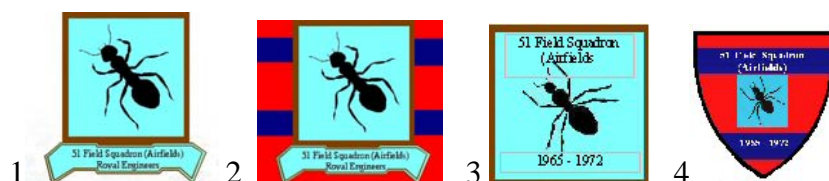
I will be going to Singapore this year in November. The plan is to pop up to Seletar to see if I can get a look around before they destroy the place. The planed demolition is for 2010 so unless they have started earlier I might get one last Look. Keep your fingers crossed for me.

### **Booklet**

For the last two reunions I have produced a booklet with pictures of the Squadron and places we went to. I hope to do the same again this year and with a bit of luck I have learned from the mistakes I made with the first two. When all is said and done I am not a publisher and can only do my best.

### **Badges**

I also produced some pin badges last year and hope to do the same again this year but with a different design. I have several designs in mind and below are the ones so far. If you have any preference please let me know.



### **Enrolment in the Black Ants 51**

We are slowly getting a few members. The take up has been a bit slow but I did start it at the time of year when every one has the Council tax to pay along with water bills etc so I suppose it was a bad time to begin anything new. Membership at the time of writing is up to 12 with the promise from 6 others that their subscription, "is on its way" as soon as they can remember to do it.

Cheques for the Black Ants should be made out to "Black Ants 51" and subscriptions for this initial period are £20.00. If enough money is raised we should be able to drop this next year.

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## **Write To Me**

I would like to start a letters page in the next Newsletter so feel free to email, phone. Or write me a letter. It doesn't have to be about the Squadron as long as it is kept clean I will publish anything. Maybe you don't like my style or would just like to sound off about something. Maybe a favourite charity that you would like to advertise the scope is endless. I will edit any obvious spelling mistakes etc. (although some of you may find that my English is lacking and could do with editing before I start editing any one else.)

## **Pictures on the Website**

There are a lot of pictures on the site that do not have names to them or even where they were taken. If there are any that you would like to comment on please do so as your input would be very helpful. I have attempted to fill in the gaps but there is still a great many pictures without names or captions.

**That's it folks hope the first newsletter has been OK.**