

“OVER & OUT”

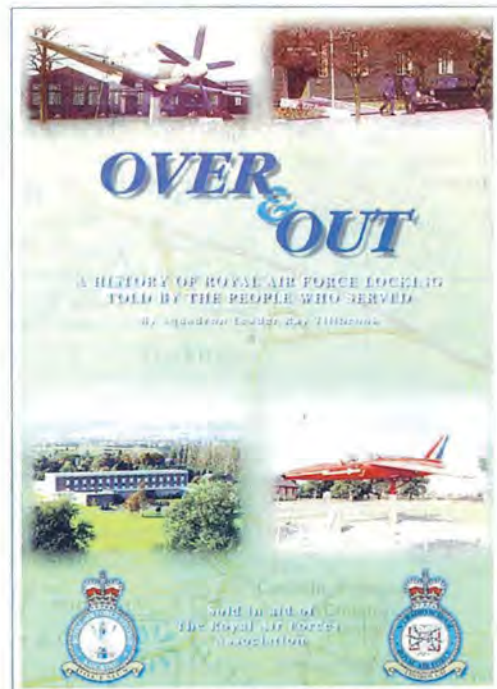
– *A History of Royal Air Force Locking told by the people who served.* Written by Squadron Leader Ray Tillbrook and sponsored by The Royal Air Forces Association and Rolls Royce.

As the title implies, this is not just another boring station history listing a catalogue of events in strict chronological order. It is the story of a station told in a most readable way by the people who lived and worked there. Between them they have covered the essential historical development of RAF Locking, but the telling of so many interesting and often hilarious anecdotes has brought the whole story alive. Many of us have forgotten those wartime hardships and the contrast between service life then and now is well illustrated. The reader will be intrigued at the ingenuity employed, often in a most amusing way, by young Boy Entrants to overcome these hardships and I now know there are more crafty ways of skiving off parades than I ever believed possible.

The excellent relationship between Locking and the community is justly portrayed and the station's considerable contribution to service and local charities is plain to see. Naturally, the ever popular station donkey mascot, 281 Sparky McDougal, has his part in the story and we learn how he was only promoted to Acting Corporal (unpaid) after passing his hay levels!

This softback A4 sized book of 139 pages has a striking front and back cover in colour. It is well produced and practically every page of the text is illustrated by interesting black and white photographs, diagrams or entertaining cartoons. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book – and so did my wife! You must buy it if only to read the “Parable of the Erkites”!

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