

*To all our Colleagues & Friends, We have had a lot of illness amongst the musicians, hopefully these viral 'bugs' have moved on? Despite this set back we have managed to perform a number of engagements. A few scheduled events unfortunately had to be cancelled.*

**Wed 24 April–Visit to HQ RAF Music Services** – due to illness & work commitments only a few Musicians & friends were able to travel to Northolt. Our host for the day was Bandmaster Terry Gardner & the PDM Wg Cdr Duncan Stubbs allowed us to listen in on his rehearsal of the RAF Central Band before going to lunch in the Sgts Mess & a tour of the new HQ.

**Sat 27 Apr-Wind Band Workshop-Blakehay Theatre** -Musicians travelled from all over to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> RAFA Band Workshop held in Weston. MD for the day was Dr Chris Davis former PDM of the RM Bands. This was followed by a short Concert before going home.

**Mon 27 May – Party in the Park** –We travelled to Enmore Park Golf Club to perform two Concerts. Despite the bad weather which turned very wet & cold the band played on much to the appreciation of the audience! Flag waving on the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole in pouring rain!

**Pictured Below; Pete & Terry Gardner at Northolt, Band Workshop in the Blakehay Theatre. Party in the Park at Enmore Golf Club, RAFA vehicle.**



**Band Website is situated at [www.rafaconcertband.org.uk](http://www.rafaconcertband.org.uk)**

**BAND WELFARE-**

At the moment all seem fit & well. Congratulations to Nicky (Alto Sax) who announced her engagement to Ashton they are planning to get married next year.

**BAND BOX REPORT–**

The Band CD 'At Your Request' continues to sell well, priced **£6.99 each.**

**FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS 2013**

Sat 6 July – Nailsea Carnival  
Sun 11 Aug-Bandstand

Nailsea Millenium Park  
Grove Park W-S-M

Look forward to seeing you at one of our **2013** Concerts.  
Peter Skellon BEM MD RAFA Concert Band