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RAF Benevolent Fund Centenary Dinner and Broomhall House Event

I am pleased to invite you to join the RAF Benevolent Fund in celebrating their Centenary at two spectacular events this September - a Celebration Dinner on 6th September and a Broomhall House Event on 7th September featuring the actual, iconic Great Escape Motorbike ridden in the film by Steve McQueen.

On 6th September 2019 the Fund will hold a Celebration Dinner at the stunning Hilton Doubletree Hotel on a vantage point overlooking the three Forth Bridges. The Dinner will celebrate the bravery and selflessness of those whom the Fund has supported for the last 100 years. The Dinner will bring together as speakers Squadron Leader Mark Hammond DFC and Corporal Mick McConnell – pilot and medical evacuee.

Mark Hammond flew Chinook helicopters into hot landing sites in Afghanistan under fire to save lives. His recent book 'Immediate Response' is a 'must-read' publication and tells of the gallantry and leadership required to rise to the unique challenges of operating in a war zone.

Mick McConnell was an RAF dog handler operating with specialist forces in forward areas of Afghanistan. He suffered life-changing injuries when he stepped on a mine and was extracted by Chinook. The irreversible damage caused by the blast resulted in him losing a foot. This is bravery of a different kind: pain, survival and recovery.

Hear their stories as they are brought together for the first time to recount their personal operational experience. This is a unique, 'not-to-be-missed' black tie dinner for you and your guests at a special location with outstanding musicians and entertainers.

Everyone attending the Dinner will automatically be invited to the private event the next day at the nearby Broomhall House, ancestral home of the Bruce family. It will be similarly spectacular and will feature the Great Escape Motorbike, 100 exotic and rare cars and motorbikes, flying activity, a pipe band, military displays, tours of the historic house by Lord Bruce and much more.

The cost of the Dinner will be £60 per person and I very much hope you will be able to join us and help us continue to ensure that no one in the RAF Family has to face adversity alone.

Gavin Davey

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