



# The Peregrine Phots Post



Autumn  
2011  
Issue 27

Ahoy there!



## The Royal Navy Photographer's Association

Well we have had a few changes since the last newsletter Danny du Feu has decided to step down from the role of RNPA Membership Secretary due to work commitments but will continue as I/C Members Photographic Display. Steve has agreed with my help to take over the duties of the Membership Secretary and we are in the process of up dating the membership database onto Microsoft Access programme which is more flexible & easier to update. This was approved at the AGM held at the reunion weekend in Portsmouth, details of AGM on page 8. Please note change of phone number for Ray Whitehouse in committee details page 2.

Another successful reunion in Pompey as you can see in the picture below on board HMS Victory. The trip began with a meal and drinks at the Mariners Club and then the Committee meeting and AGM on the Saturday afternoon followed with a meal onboard HMS Victory with a very interesting tour, a most enjoyable evening.

The latest news is Stuart Antrobus has decided to resign as Chairman because of work commitments, Jan Larcombe will take on the role of Acting Chairman until the next AGM.

Hope you enjoy this issue there will be another newsletter in December so please could you send in your stories and pictures, it does not have to be too detailed but I am running out of items please help me!!! Well must go - off to Gibraltar. **Happy reading Hilary & Steve King**



Photo  
Ray Whitehouse



**Back:**

Dave Morris, Doug Manning, Hilary King, Ray Whitehouse, Dave Price, Mike Keeling, Angie & Jonathan Robbins, John Flack, Bill Simpson, Peter & Jan Pinnock, Bob Lomax, Bill Stenning, Betty Lomax, Steve King, Jan Larcombe. **Front :** Dave Morris's partner Sharon, Rosemary Stenning, Jean Keeling, Maureen Manning, Pam Whitehouse, John Flack's partner Andrea Dowling, Doreen Larcombe.

**Editors: Steve & Hilary King tel: 01926 334190 email: h.king2@sky.com**

## **RNPA COMMITTEE**

**Acting  
Chairman**  
until next  
AGM

Maurice (Jan) Larcombe.  
e-mail [jandor@which.net](mailto:jandor@which.net)

**Vice  
Chairman**

Paul Cowpe  
07768235708

**Secretary**

Ian Hooper  
01283 530428  
e-mail [ian@hoops48.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:ian@hoops48.fsnet.co.uk)

**Treasurer**

Lt Richard Moss. Bsc. (Hons) RN.  
023 8026 5212  
e-mail [richris95@googlemail.com](mailto:richris95@googlemail.com)

**Membership  
Secretary**

Steve King 01926 334190  
e-mail [h.king2@sky.com](mailto:h.king2@sky.com)

**Social  
Secretary**

Ray Whitehouse 01903 368297  
e-mail [ray@chilston.com](mailto:ray@chilston.com)

**Newsletter**

Steve and Hilary King 01926 334190  
e-mail [h.king2@sky.com](mailto:h.king2@sky.com)

**Webmaster**

Paul Cowpe  
e-mail [paul@cowpe.com](mailto:paul@cowpe.com)

**Historian**

Maurice (Jan) Larcombe.  
e-mail [jandor@which.net](mailto:jandor@which.net)

**I/C 'Members Photographic Display.**

Danny du Feu 0116 2898725  
e-mail [danny@ddf-photography.co.uk](mailto:danny@ddf-photography.co.uk)

## **AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

**Serving**

Amanda Reynolds  
e-mail [aj.reynolds@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:aj.reynolds@ukonline.co.uk)

**Scotland  
& N.Ireland**

John Berrecloth 01382 457601

**Midlands**

Danny du Feu 0116 2898725  
e-mail [danny@ddfphotography.co.uk](mailto:danny@ddfphotography.co.uk)

**Northern**

Brian (Blondie) Robertson.  
01274 530982

**Southwest  
& Wales**

Ian Gutteridge 01326 564514

**South**

John Flack 01329 235325

**South East**

Ray Whitehouse 01903 368297  
e-mail [ray@chilston.com](mailto:ray@chilston.com)

**Honoraray Associate**

John Cunningham

## **Farewell to our ship mate**

Sad news of the passing of Fred Jones both Steve & I work with Fred at Fraser Gunnery Range in 1969. I remember him trying to persuade me to take pictures of "Guild Hall Lil's" Tattoos as he was not keen!! Well she was very frightening - a large swallow across her chest. ha ha. A party could always be found at Fred's house. Below a tribute from a good mate - Arthur (Charlie) Charles CPO (Met)

### **Fred Jones by Arthur (Charlie) Charles CPO (Met)**

I first met Fred Jones at Culdrose. We were both young and the proud owners of Motor Bikes which we used for runs ashore and taking dirty Nos 8's and overalls to the Laundrette in Penzance for a small fee. I mention this because after a few weeks Fred had persuaded the nice ladies in the Laundrette to do all the work for us including folding up the dried washing so it would fit snugly into the holdalls that we supplied and took back to the camp on our pillions. So good were the ladies that this left space in the holdalls for a little contraband to be taken back onboard so a cottage industry was born. Our messdeck never ran dry.

In the late 60's Fred was stationed married accompanied in Singapore when Bungy and myself were on HMS Albion. I took the pictures in Singapore Naval Base at the Christening of his first child Sarah (with a room full of photos and a camera which made a noise akin to two buckets of scrap metal getting friendly). Fred's house was always open for up-homers where a friendly face and a cold beer was always available. It was during this time that we somehow became marshalls at the Singapore Grand Prix time trials and Fred was asked to drive the course to check the electronic timing was working. Fred duly obliged on his Bridgestone Racer, unfortunately he had me as his pillion passenger but still managed one of the fastest times of the day. I clearly remember the bends on the Old Thompson Road and flying through the finish at full throttle. What the locals and Japanese professionals thought of these two mad Englishmen is not known.



Photo by Eric Thompson

Fred was actually a Welshman but without the accent and an occasional Red Dragon you would never know. He had a deep love of North Wales and the Chirk area but rarely surfaced. Fred was a doer, a bit of a James Bond in that he would go and do things without recourse to over thinking the subject.

A gifted Photographer, I have the proof, what also became apparent was his technical expertise. In the 1970's the RN was investing heavily in Military Oceanography and it was Fred who provided the expertise, without recourse to books, that allowed output from the navy's first computers to be quickly and accurately disseminated to the surface and underwater fleet at the height of the cold war.

It was during this time that I may have introduced him to Ann, a tall Met Wren who was to become the second Mrs Jones so it wasn't all work and no fun. In those days there was little accommodation at Northwood so Fred, another Met man Bungy & myself were 'forced' to live ashore, first in Watford and latterly above a well known film studios near Bushey Arches.

Later Bungy got married and Fred and our respective wives were invited to Bude for the celebration. We managed to make a video of the honeymoon house, suitably decorated and had it smuggled back and tacked on to the wedding video for all to see! I believe that the Hotel that we stayed in never reopened.

Fred left the navy and became a traffic cop in Bedfordshire. I know that he loved his new job, he and Ann were occasional visitors to our house in Lincolnshire where the grown ups could play with my 16 foot long model railway, all for the benefit of the children you understand? Fred had served with distinction at the Nato HQ at Lisbon and fell in love with the Algarve and it was to there that he eventually retired, complete with a fast bike.

Fred was a Mate that I travelled the world with for the best part of twenty years. He was action man; I had my charts and seaweed to play with so I suppose we were opposites. Anyone who knows anything about the RN will know the trust and depth of friendship that existed between us. Somewhere, just above the clouds, there is a condensation trail where Fred is sitting on his bike smiling down.

Rest in peace.

Arthur (Charlie) Charles CPO (Met) retired Chairman Cloud Observers

## **Portsmouth Reunion & AGM September 2011**

Another successful reunion in Portsmouth which started on the Friday night with drinks and a meal at The Mariners Club.

**L to R** - Jules Anderson, Jan & Doreen Larcombe, Doug & Maureen Manning, Ray & Pam Whitehouse, Steve & Hilary King, Moira & John(Paddy) Cunningham, Jan Pinnock - a good time was had by all.

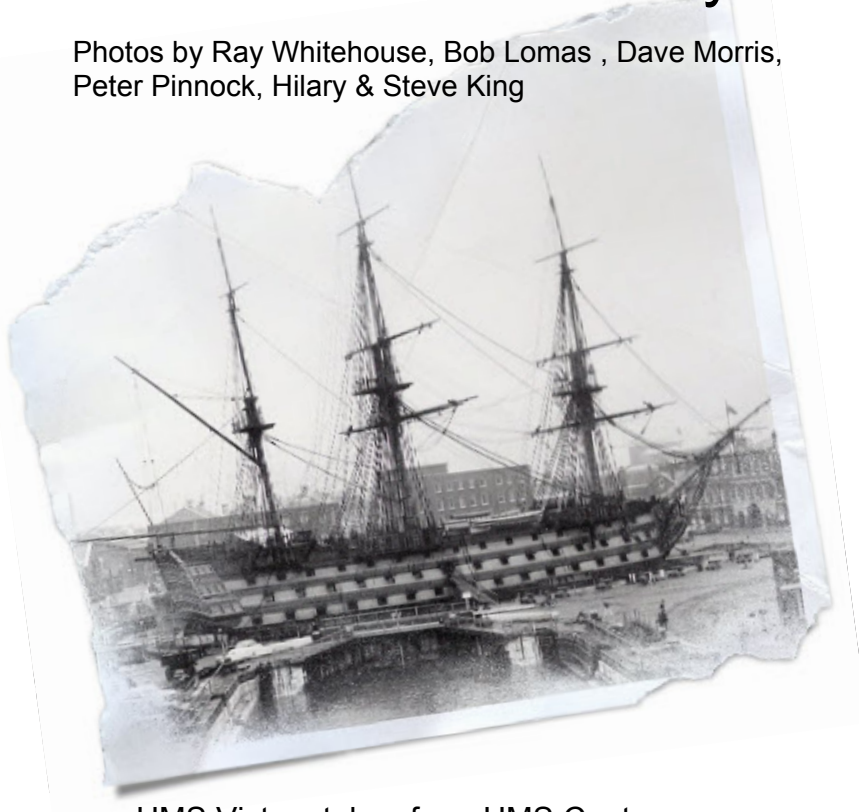


Up Spirits enjoying a tot or two with Bob Lomax, John Cunningham and John Flack in the background Bill Simpson, after the AGM



# Social on HMS Victory

Photos by Ray Whitehouse, Bob Lomas , Dave Morris, Peter Pinnock, Hilary & Steve King



HMS Victory taken from HMS Centaur by Steve King in 1965



All aboard



Dave Morris



Jonathan Robbins & partner Angie talking to Bill & Rose Stenning



Maureen Manning & Jean Keeling sharing a joke, Hilary & Steve King



John Flack & partner Andrea Dowling with  
4 Dave Price



Peter & Jan Pinnock with Bob & Betty Lomax





A tour of HMS Victory was very interesting & informative



Time to tuck in, Salted Beef in a vegetable broth was on the menu and very tasty too.



Ray & Pam Whitehouse with their guests



Jan Pinnock, Jan & Doreen Larcombe, Bob & Betty Lomax



Ray Whitehouse passing the port to Jonathan Robbins & Angie



Dave Price & Bill Simpson



Dave Morris & Sharon



Mike & Jean Keeling



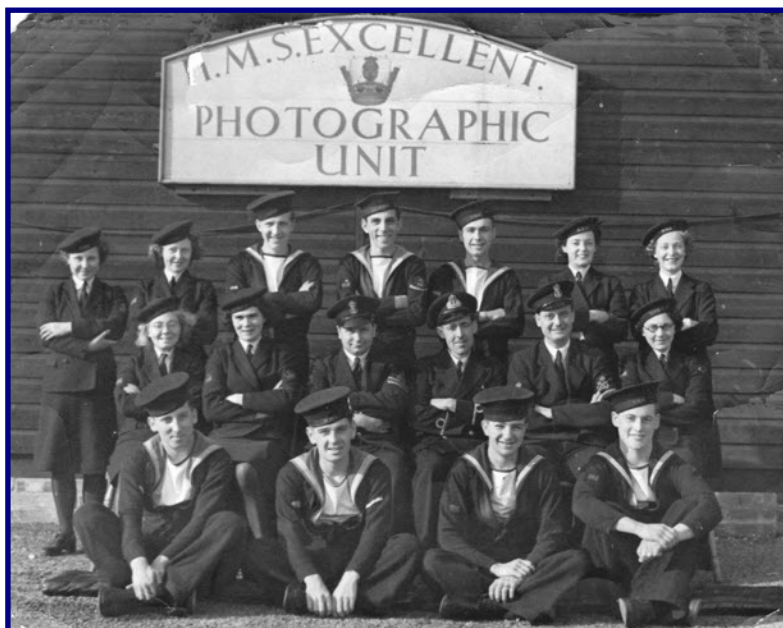
Following up from the last newsletter regarding the fire at Strand House at Felpham. A quick visit to Chichester Library confirmed that the fire took place on 22 May 1944 and the inquest into the death of a photographer was reported in the Bognor Regis Observer on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Part of the headline speculates that the fire could have been started by a bird taking a lighted cigarette butt onto the thatched roof. A copy of the report is on the website at Hist1027.

Hist1028 on the site shows some old and new photographs of the houses used by the School at Felpham and a plan of where they were. There are still a few questions remaining so if anyone would like to correct or add anything please get in touch.

A recent email from Roger Littler with his course photograph from 1983 reminded me that I have very few course photographs from the 1980s. So- if your photograph does not appear on the website please dig it out and send me a copy.

## Mystery Pictures

A copy of this photograph appeared in the The News (Portsmouth) on May 26<sup>th</sup> this year. The article was about Wren Lillian Lobb (Extreme right in the middle row). It was taken toward the end of the war and was sent to me by her Niece. Lillian worked for Wright and Logan before the war and afterwards as a radiographer in St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth. Lillian kept a dairy and I hope to receive a copy soon. Anything relevant in the next newsletter.



The second photograph has Lillian on the left back row. Not sure when it was taken but the thin striper look to be the same in both pictures. Does anyone recognise any of the other people in ether photographs. I have good resolution pictures and a copy of The News article if anyone would like them.



And finally a last plea (Honest) for information. I am trying to get a complete list of all COs of RNSOP (Also RNSAP and JSOP). From 1919 to 1972 There is the brass plaque held by the FAAM museum (Picture at Hist1007) showing RNSOP from 1919 to 1965 but it would be helpful if anyone can recall who was the boss at the Schools from 1968 to the present when we went joint.

This is what I have so far and with more names I can check dates in the Navy List

### **CO's of RNSOP etc from Navy Lists**

Lt SW Lock from 12-11-1965

Lt Cdr CF Wilde from 21-1-68

### **RNSAP**

S/Lt – Lt Jan Larcombe 11-1-1971 to 21-9-1973

### **JSOP/DSOP**

Lt Cdr Jan Larcombe 15-12-86 to 8-4-989

### **School of Aerial Phot**

Lt Cdr H W Barron from 2-9-63

Lt Cdr R C Dimmock? 1969

Lt Cdr G B Hoddinott from 23–5-69

LT Cdr S Smerdon from 11-2-71

Jan Larcombe - [jandor@which.net](mailto:jandor@which.net)

## **Interesting find at Mum's**

Stuart Antrobus pictured with a Evening Express newspaper dated 19th July 1969, found at his mothers house. It was interesting to see the front page article about Lossiemouth with a mention of the Naval School of photography. It also mentions the much -publicised defence changes that the Navy will leave Lossiemouth in 1972 - how strange it has been muted shutting down as an airfield some 30 years later.

The Commanding Officer at Lossiemouth at this time was Captain Eric M Brown RN born & educated in Edinburgh he has had a very interesting life. He made the worlds first deck landing in a twin-engined aircraft in March 1944 and a jet aircraft a de Havilland Sea Vampire in December 1945 on HMS Ocean. Captain Brown had made a world record number of deck landings 2,407 and has flown a world record number of types of aircraft. He was chief Naval Test Pilot from 1944 till 1949 at Farnborough and spent 2 years as a test pilot in the USA. Flew test on Rocket assisted take offs in Sea Furies and deliberately landed a Sea Vampire wheels-up on aircraft carriers with flexible rubber carpet as a deck, proposed solution to stresses induced by hard deck landings.

In 1953 Captain Brown took command of 804 Squadron Lossiemouth and in 1954 was appointed Commander (Air) at RNAS Brawdy, and Station Commander Lossiemouth 1967 - 1970. He was appointed Deputy Director successively of Gunnery Division and of the Naval Air Warefare Division at the Admiralty and lately Naval Attache, Bonn. Captain Brown holds the distinction of having been awarded sucessively the MBE,OBE & CBE together with the DSC &AFC.



**Please visit - The RNPA web site: <http://www.rnpa.info>**



## AGM

The AGM was held at the reunion weekend in Portsmouth Membership cards were approved and will be issued each year on renewal of membership this will start on 01/01/2012. It was suggested purchase of Polo shirts & Fleecees with RNPA logo, a show of hands confirm that it was a good idea and I shall look into this & price it out.

Next year's social events are as follows , a Memorial weekend in the Midlands when plaque ready for commission. A Jubilee reunion & AGM Portsmouth further plans to be made. It was also suggested to have a reunion in Bournemouth at the Wessex in 2013. The Newton Bell to be purchased & finalised, also the grog tub to be finished.

The Committee meeting approved the purchase a laser printer to produce hard copies of the newsletter for those who do not have the internet, we are now up and running having got an excellent deal - much cheap than printing from an inkjet printer.

We will keep you up dated on the items mentioned above.

Hilary King

## Peregrine Trophy

The annual Peregrine Trophy has been & gone, here is a sample of the photographs that have been awarded I found it very difficult to choose which to publish, I will try to put a few in each issue of the newsletter.

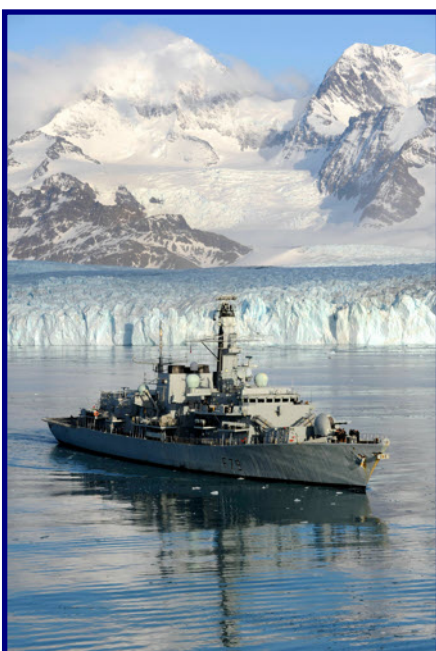


Winner of Peregrine Trophy - HMS Ark Royal  
The best portfolio of six prints



Highly Commended HMS Liverpool  
Taken by LA(phot) AJ Macleod

### Peter Thorne's Photographs of visitor to his garden



HMS Portland on Atlantic Patrol (south)  
Taken by LA (phot) Simpson

