

NPA FOCUS - NEWSLETTER JAN 1998

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Dear

I wish you and your family a happy New Year. (If you are a new member that I'm trying to recruit - welcome too! Please fill-in the enclosed joining proforma).

The year 1997 has passed too quickly for my liking. Last year was really quiet. An AGM held in Portsmouth at the Home Club only brought about 20 of you out of your areas. The organised visit to the Tipner Photographic Unit was excellent, hosted by serving members of the branch, who were too polite to say anything about the handful of ex-photos (not 50 as expected), who managed to turn up. I thought that the NPA was going to fold, due to lack of support. Unthinkable, I hear you say, after all this time and trouble. This has been partly due to a number of factors: mainly (me), the secretaries lack of determination, and the current appointment work load over the last year, taking me away from the UK at the most awkward of times; the often short notice of events last year, planned when I was eventually local: the committee elected not contributing enough to assist with planning perhaps? The list goes on.

What did the NPA achieve last year?

The reunion planned for Sept last year had to be cancelled (only 12 replied). Another small meeting was arranged in the Irish Club, Southsea, instead. A few new members came along, and joined in for a chat and give their views for 1998.

So what is on the agenda for 1998?

First of all the AGM for 1998 will be on the 2 May 1998, at the Irish Club in Southsea. An ideal location, with the bonus that it keeps our outgoings to a minimum (further details are below). This is an important occasion for members to voice their opinions etc. I therefore require any input for the AGM by 1 April 1998. There will be 1997 Peregrine pictures and prizewinners to view, a small buffet and a chance to unwind. I know it's difficult and expensive to travel, so if you cannot make it please let me know in writing. I can offer accommodation and I'm sure a few local members could help out. If you can locals, call me and I'll start a file.

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ASAP**

NPA AGM - 2 MAY 1998

IRISH CLUB, SOUTHSEA

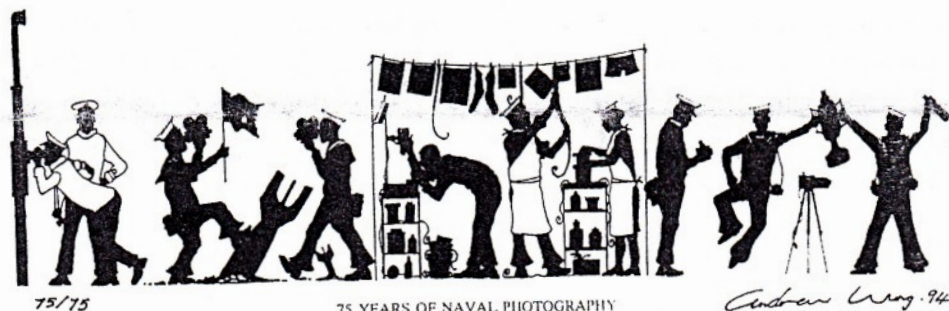
REGIONAL MEETS - Just an idea at the moment, but I would like to arrange informal gatherings around the country during the year. Subject to contacting the various phot section seniors, these would be held in Scotland - Faslane area; Midlands - Cosford; South West - Plymouth; West - Yeovil/Bath and South East - London/Portsmouth. A little ambitious, but it could be done, and it would help those who cannot travel or stay overnight etc. The event could be held in a pub/club or service establishment. The dates would be after summer, so confirmation will be sent to you after the AGM. Watch this space. If you know of a good venue, for example Mr Jonathan Robbins of Weymouth suggested the Royal Photographic Society Museum in Bath. If you have any ideas let me know - I'll be waiting.

80TH ANNIVERSARY- RN PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH - 1999

1999 is the 80th year of Naval photographic Branch. We must hold a big event to get everyone involved and I plan to propose a function in November 1999. I have provisionally booked the VICTORY CLUB in HMS NELSON which has excellent new facilities. The HOME CLUB is just down the road and I hope to get a package deal with regards to accommodation there. So, subject to final approval at the AGM in May, I would like you to put this date in your diaries - 13th November 1999 - 80th Anniversary of the RN Photographic Branch. Deadlines, costs, other activities and timings will be sent in due course. With room for up to 400 people it should be a good weekend.

75th ANNIVERSARY PRINTS & PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH TIES

A small plug. I still have a few of these limited edition prints left, see example. They are approx 15"x12" and the cost is £10:50 (inc P&P) each. Ties are £7:00 (inc P&P) each. Cheques made payable to the Naval Photographers Association - thanks.



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75 YEARS OF NAVAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Andrew Wong '94

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FUTURE EVENTS. It would be good if we could hold a reunion every 2 years on a permanent date. The AGM,s could be held around the country to reach other members of the association. It is your club - make your voice heard with your ideas. All letters to reach me by 1 April 1998.

STANDING ORDERS 1998. I would prefer payment by standing order, as discussed and approved at the last AGM. Please complete the enclosed form and send it to your bank. (This is the correct form - I assure you!). In the "quoting reference" box, please put your association number with your name after it. This assists the treasurer when we receive statements from the Girobank, and more importantly we can update your subs correctly. I hope this works? Note this example of a Quoting Reference: 001/WRIGHTSON

OUTSTANDING SUBS. This is an ongoing task, as I hand over the treasurers job this year to LA Phot Andy Baverstock. Since 1993 there have been a few missed payments (about £300 approx in total) and I am informing members individually of outstanding bills. I would still prefer these as **cheques, made payable to the Naval Photographers Association.** Please if you do have trouble paying, let me know, or pay by instalments if you can.

MEMORY LANE - short dit from Dave King (1947-59)

Dave joined up in September 1947 as an Ordinary Seaman, before taking a Phot 2's course at Ford. After a short spell at HMS HERON he was on loan to the Royal Australian Navy on HMAS SYDNEY. After spells at FORD, HMS TRIUMPH, HMS GLORY, ending up as an instructor at Ford training Phot 1 & 2's courses. At HMS TAMAR he was Fleet photographer doing time in Malaya with the RAF and the RNZNavy. He was demobbed in 1959, as a PO (AIR) PHOT 1. Dave lives in Basingstoke, Hants.

In 1956-59 I was Fleet photographer (PO) in charge of the Hong Kong unit. We did an awful lot of gunnery photography at that time, using F24 and 35cine Cameflex (Eclair) cameras with remote controlled motors fitted with 300/500mm lenses. We were sent to HMNZS ROYALIST (5.7" Guns) to cover the bombardment against Malayan terrorists. It was hot work. We had to develop 400 feet of 35mm cine film in the Captains bathroom and dry it off in the funnel uptakes. Disaster strikes. My Leading hand went sick (before I got the chance), the 300mm lens broke off the camera on one of the turrets - so thank God I had two. The other worked but as it was placed over the a twin 5.7" turret, every time they fired the gun we were obscured by the smoke. The film was x10 overexposed and burnt in the drying process and to cap it all I ruined the Captains bath, and saw the Joss. We never did see the results of the bombardment. The 2nd camera was then damaged taking it down. We even used Gevacolour for gunnery - it was dreadful to process. Gunnery photography was like that in those days! I hope its changed?

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RN PHOTOGRAPHIC BRANCH UPDATE - 1998. The Photographic branch continues to survive and will see a rationalisation in strength/compliment to around 80 personnel by the 1st April 98. There will be 3 regional processing centres; Portsmouth, Plymouth and Scotland, supplemented by a few civilian TG2's.

PEREGRINE TROPHY RESULTS 1997 - As I told you last year the Peregrine Trophy was lifted by the FOSF Unit at Tipner, Portsmouth, congratulations on their hard work. The judges were Mr Eric Strange, former president of the BIIP, Mr Martin Keene, picture editor of the Press Association and Mr David Sandison, picture editor of the Independent on Sunday. Total entries numbered over 320. The other results are as follows:

PEREGRINE TROPHY

FOSF
FOSNII (HMS NEPTUNE)
HMS GANNET

COLOUR PRINT

LA GEDGE
PO MOIR
LA HANSON
CPO ARTHUR

MONOCHROME PRINT

LA HISTED

PERSONNEL AT WORK

PO STOREY
LA GIBSON

MARITIME TROPHY

LA HALL
LA GEDGE
LA DAVIES

ROYAL MARINE PORTFOLIO

FOSNII (HMS NEPTUNE)
SBS POOLE
DIRECTOR NAVAL RECRUITING

SERVING

HMS ILLUSTRIOUS
SBS POOLE
801 SQDN (HARRIERS)
NAS CULDROSE

HMS WARRIOR

FOSNII (HMS NEPTUNE)
FOSNII (HMS NEPTUNE)

FOSF
HMS ILLUSTRIOUS
FOSF

WINNER
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1ST
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4TH

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INTERNET LOCATION - Should you want to surf you will find it on search engine YAHOO - Then look for Peregrine Trophy. The RN is on the Net, and the branch does feature. Any queries look at E mail dizzy.jane@virgin.net - PO (PHOT) Dizzy DeSilva, at FOSF is the expert on the net!

FOCUS - NEC BIRMINGHAM - This prestigious event in the photographic professional calendar, (28 Feb 98), will not be represented by the branch this year due to financial restrictions, however we hope to be there in 1999. If any of you get there and see some old faces let them know of the NPA.

CALLING EX-WREN PHOTOS - Dee Berrisford is trying to contact as many lady photos to let you know of a dinner being organised for 1998. Dee is serving at the SFPU at Tipner, but will be leaving soon. Let me know and I'll pass it on. No further details than that at the moment.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR XMAS CARD LISTS/ADDRESS BOOKS FOR EX-PHOTOS!

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TOTAL FULL MEMBERS = 100

JOINT = 44

SINGLE = 56

TEMPORARY = 34 UNKNOWNNS = 39

These are the current list of new members I am awaiting joining proformas from:

ANDERSON ALAN E	AYMESBURY ALAN	BENN STEVE
BENN STEVE	BERRISFORD DAVID	BLACKWELL FRANK
BROWN STEVE	BURCH RICK	CASE RON
CLEMENS CR	COOMBS JOHN	DOBSON ROBERT
EYRE DAVE	FLINDELL JIM	FOWLER ALAN
FREEMANTLE RB	HAMLIN CHARLIE	HART WG
HOLLAND GEOFF	JAMIESON ALEX	LOWE BILL
MOTT G	MOXLEY K E	NORTHCOTT PETER
PARRACK PAUL	SIMPSON BILL	STOTT TOM
THOMAS NIGEL	TITCHENER DAVID	WALLEY RUSS
WEATHERS TERRY	WILKINSON LA (PHOT)	SMITH MR
CRAMPHORN HILLARY		

Our policy is contact new members twice, if no reply we take it as a no/not interested, plus it starts to get too expensive. At the last count I have 39 Unknownns, see names below. Where are they now? If you know - tell me.

APPELBY GORDON	ARNOLD PETER J	ATTERSON ALISTAIR
BEASON PAUL	BEECH CHRIS	BUNTING PETE J
CARVER R E	CATON JOE	CHETTY JOHN
CURTIS MARTIN	DERBYSHIRE E	GOOD PAUL
GRYSPEERDT NORMAN	HARVEY BOB	HERBERT LYNN
HORNER ROBERT	HUME ALAN	HUNTER GEORGE
JACKSON BRIAN	JONES FRED	JONES NORMAN G
LOCKLEY W H	LOWE BRIAN	McDEVITT J
MOONEY BRIAN	MORRIS DAVE	MORTIMER RALPH
OLDFIELD J R	PURCELL W	SIMMONS KEN
SOUTHWAY FRAN	STAFFORD ROLAND	STUBBINGS SYDNEY
THOMPSON HAR	TOYER RICK	FLOWER ROBERT
SAVAGE JANE		

Members who have declined membership in 1997 due to age/travel/moving abroad are:

DICKIE GEORGE DUFF IAN GARDEN CHARLES JONES NORMAN G.

We wish them well for the future and thanks for supporting the NPA, through the early days.

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