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The sun is shining, the birds are singing, the daffodils are blooming and England beat France at Rugby - aint't life grand!

As some of you are aware, dear Peter Newton passed away recently after a long and painful illness. His family requested that there should be no flowers but donations to be made to the RNPA. We have decided that a suitable trophy should be purchased with these donations and to hold an annual photographic competition amongst our members. Lt.Cdr. Stuart Antrobus has kindly agreed to resume as vice chairman and he hopes to arrange for the trophy to be presented in London at the Peregrine competition.

Brian Jackson is hoping to arrange a visit to a film studio (possibly Pinewood) in the near future. Numbers will be limited (Approx 20) so we would draw names from the hat. More about that in the future.

Chairmans report

Brian Robertson (Hon.Sec) tells me that numbers for the AGM in Coventry are coming in steadily, and that the FAA Field Gunners Association are at the same hotel the week before - lets hope that they don't "wreck the joint".

Finally we will be welcoming a new honorary President in June, Lt. Cdr. Martin May-Clingo will be departing to his next appointment and we will be welcoming his successor - Lt Mark Singleton (soon to be Lt. Cdr.) A very pleasant young man (well, compared with me, he is young)

If you haven't made your mind up yet about the AGM please Please give it serious consideration and gee up your old colleagues as well. See you there - I hope

JAC



A fine example of one of this years Peregrine Trophy entries, to see more go to the link below.

Interesting Web Sites

RNPA website - www.rnpa.org.uk

Peregrine Trophy Gallery and report
www.royal-navy.mod.uk/server/show

Falklands events in 2007
www.historicdockyard.co.uk/events.htm

Good Precis of Falklands conflict
www.a2mediagroup.com/?c=137&a=14227

EDITORIAL

This is a mixture of editorial and sec's report as Val and I are doing both. There is a bit of Social sec. tied up in this as well, so lets get that bit over first. You will all be glad to know that this could be the last time that I have to remind you of the General Meeting in Coventry **starting Friday 19th Oct 2007 and finishing Monday 22nd a.m.**

The cut off date is June 30th. To put it in basic phot phrase if you want to go to the AGM your cheque and details should arrive on our doormat **before June 30th** and the deals are as follows :-

Package 'A' will include 3 x nights B&B, (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) Carvery lunch on Saturday and Sunday and the Saturday night RNPA Dinner/Dance Special.

Package 'B' will include 2 x nights B&B, (Friday and Saturday) Carvery lunch on Saturday and the Saturday night RNPA Dinner/Dance Special.

Package 'C' will include 2 x nights B&B, (Saturday and Sunday) the Saturday night RNPA Dinner/Dance Special and the Carvery lunch on Sunday.

Package 'D' will include 1 x night B&B, (Saturday) and the Saturday night RNPA Dinner/Dance Special

Package 'A' = £140.00 Per Person

Package 'B' = £125.00 Per Person

Package 'C' = £125.00 Per Person

Package 'D' = £ 70.00 Per Person

All future reservations should be accompanied by a cheque for the full amount of whichever deal you are selecting made payable to the **RNPA** and your choice of room/bed. Those who have already made your booking will have a bit extra attached to this newsletter. Please just follow instructions.

Val and I visited Whitehall last month for the Peregrine prize giving. Brian Hanrahan attended as guest speaker and kindly gave permission for us to reproduce his dit re the Falklands in this issue.

Who should I get talking to but Geoff Sellars who is now i/c the school at Cosford, so a trip to the school should be possible on Sunday 21st October 07.

If you want to go let me know when you send in your cheque for the AGM. Those who have already paid please could you get in touch if you would like to go on this visit.

I will then be able to liaise with Geoff who for those who know not was an R.N.Phot.

To those of you who have sent bits for the newsletter I thank you. If you do not see it in print I am holding back 1 or 2 items so that we never run out, or at least that is the theory. Don't let that stop you from submitting articles and photos for the newsletter - keep them coming in

That's it for now, Val and I are looking forward to receiving loads of mail and cheques for the General Meeting in October and names for a visit to the phot school at RAF Cosford

Yours Aye Blondie



Shiela Lipson kindly wrote this piece about David

DAVID LIPSON

20.3.27. – 27.8.06

David joined the Royal Navy on a very snowy 7th January 1945 at the age of 17. He was initially stationed at H.M.S. Royal Arthur, Skegness, before being drafted to H.M.S. Duke at Malvern.

He contracted double mastoids and was transferred to R.N. Hospital at Burrow Gurney where, after his operation, he recuperated for six weeks during which time he was reputed to have grown six inches and was thereafter called "Spider" Lipson throughout his naval career!

David was very pleased to attend the Reunion at Malvern in 1992 for H.M.S. Duke 1941-46.

H.M.S. Daedalus was his next posting and he had very happy memories of visiting his sister at Portsmouth at this time and taking part in the dancing in the streets, and hearing every ship in port sounding their sirens in celebration of VJ-Day.

David made up the party who commissioned R.N.A.S. at Ford from the R.A.F. with the consequent setting up the Photographic Course at Felpham, which was such a pleasure to him.

After passing the course he was drafted to the School of Naval Warfare, H.M.S. Vulture, St. Merryn, Cornwall, where he not only learnt his trade but made so many life-long friends. He left the Navy under Demob Group 66 in 1947.

He began a very successful photography business in Dunmow in 1948, growing in strength until his retirement in 1989, and still flourishing to-day under David's name with a new owner.

David looked back on his Navy days with such pride and had a fund of entertaining and amusing stories always at the ready. He was a member of the Naval Photographers Association, and had particularly enjoyed the Dinner and Dance at the Savoy Hotel Bournemouth in 2004 and especially the lovely trip to Malta in 2005 where not only was there so much naval history to interest him, but he felt he made so many new friends as well as renewing the acquaintance of treasured friends of years ago.

In addition he was a member of the local Fleet Air Arm Association, Essex Branch and had been privileged to be made an Associate Member of the TAGS (The Telegraphist Airgunners Association) – so famous for their part in the sinking of the Bismarck)

Naval Airmen Photographers at R.N.A.S. St. Merryn "Vulture" School of Naval Air Warfare.
Taken outside Photo Section 1946/7

Left to right:-
Back row:
'Taffy' Roberts, 'Spider' Lipson,
@Bugsy' Musgrave, Kerr, Thompson.

Front row:
Henderson, 'George the Pole', 'Pete' Daniels.

Bill Simpson said that having the reunion in a military establishment killed it dead.

Stuart said bureaucracy not a problem, organised and managed properly could be convenient.

Our chairman suggested the Irish club for < 250 people

Any other business

Ray Pugh

Pete Newton trophy. Suggested, to simplify the judging, get an outside person to judge the picture

Stuart said he could invite several picture editors to do that.

Stuart will arrange for the photo to be displayed with the other Peregrine trophy awards.

Roy Penny

Social events, no news on events.

Stuart advised not to rely on the newsletter. However the new post of membership secretary, and area reps could help.

John Cunningham

commercial break, association tie, originally £13. Now £7

Charles Robinson

Proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee for their hard work

Photograph by Andy Anderson



Thanks also expressed to Stuart for the display of Peregrine trophy photographs which he had arranged and set up at the reunion

'Up Spirits'



Photographic Branch - from our New President

The RN Photographic Branch has been exceptionally busy over the past year and is re-focusing its aim to meet current and future Operational Capability requirements.

Now fully immersed in the digital age, the branch provides the Royal Navy's Image Capture and Analysis specialists, and continues to support the Navy's Defence-wide commitment to Media Ops and Intelligence organisations.

Under a transformation plan, designed to maximise front line support, a Media News Team element was established in Apr 07 and provides Fleet Media & Communications with the 24/7 capability to deploy camera operators globally.

Each team, equipped with a mobile Satellite transmission ability, is able to report and promote RN achievements worldwide and regularly delivers broadcast-quality imagery to the media within hours of an event.

With today's demanding Theatres of Operational, Image

Analysis (IA) provides the main focus for change and has seen the branch evolve its Image Intelligence (IMINT) role from one of adequate to equal status alongside traditional Photographic skills.

Successful completion of the UK Image Analysis Course opens a number of doors to photographers, whether embedded in the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre (JARIC) at RAF BRAMPTON, or deployed in Afghanistan or Iraq exploiting aerial imagery for the Tactical Intelligence Imagery Wing (TIW).

Additionally, at the forefront of IMINT tasking, RN IA sensor operators are attached to the unmanned aircraft Predator project at Nellis Air Force Base, delivering essential and often real time, analytical support to forces on the ground in Op HERRICK and Op TELIC.

With new IMINT projects planned to come on-line in the near future, the need for RN IAs is set to increase and will inevitably see the branch expand to support this ever increasing requirement.

Mark Singleton
Lt Cdr RN
Fleet Photographic & Image Analysis Officer
President RNPA

As promised at the Coventry AGM we now have a firm date for our next social gathering.

The 2008 Photographic Branch Party & Reunion will be held in the Drill Shed on Whale Island in Portsmouth on **Saturday 7th June**.

For a number of years now HMS Excellent has been the HQ of RN photography and the 1st Lt, Alan Cronin is delighted that we have asked to hold our reunion on the island.

The reason I chose the Drill Shed is because we anticipate a guest list of between 400 and 500, an exhibition of over 600 RN Peregrine Trophy photographs, various displays and exhibitions from Corporate Sponsors (Nikon, Fuji, Canon, Sony etc) and a host of other activities.

The Drill Shed has been re-furnished recently and has all the facilities needed to hold a spectacular party. (The last major reunion we had was held in the Victory Club, HMS Nelson in 1994 and was attended by 426 guests).

As the RN is now heavily involved in Electronic News gathering, there will also be examples of Mobile News Team activities on show.

On the entertainment side, it is hoped musicians from The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marine's Portsmouth will perform 'Mess Beatings' at the

Photographic Branch Party and Reunion 2008

start of the evening's events if their programme allows.

There will be a couple of bars set up offering wines, beers and soft drinks (no spirits) and there will be either a light buffet or BBQ depending on the weather. We hope to have a 'live band' or DJ on hand to provide the evenings musical contribution. Some celebrity guests will also be attending subject to their availability.

A full programme of events will be published in the Spring but for now please put the date in your diary and spread the word as widely as possible.

This party is for wives, husbands, partners, friends, fellow phots and basically everyone with a military photographic connection.

It's the first all ranks RN Phot Branch reunion (for serving and retired) since 1994.

Let's really make it a really GREAT party!
Regards to all,
Stuart Antrobus

Images from the RNPA Visit to the DSOP

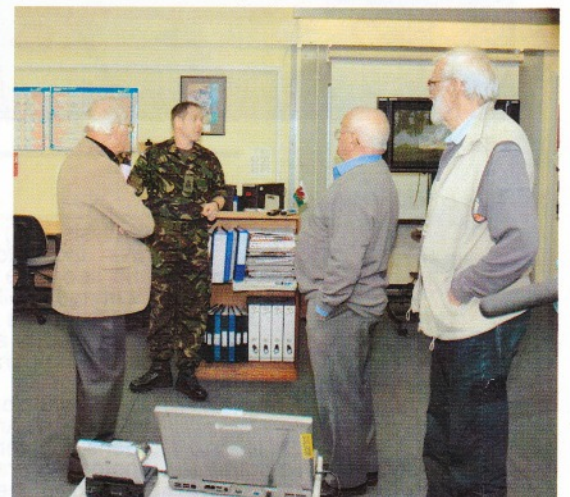


Cosford!! The last time that I was there was 1973 and what a change, but the hospitality hadn't altered. The few of us who attended were spellbound.

We didn't know what to expect but it was a great experience finding just what digital imaging means to the fleet. Me - I'm still lost, but what the heck, I always was. Thanks for the tour guys it was great.

Blondie

Photographs courtesy of John Berreclough



That extra special Christmas pressie, from your Editors

Wall-Mart store that sells husbands

A Wall-Mart store that sells husbands has just opened in Dallas, TX where a woman may go to choose a husband from among many men.

Among the instructions at the entrance, is a description of how the store operates. There are only 6 floors. It states that the attributes of the men increase as the shopper ascends the flights. There is, however, a catch!

As you open the door to any floor you may choose any man from that floor, but if you go up a floor, you cannot go back down except to exit the building.

So, a woman goes to the Wal-Mart Husband Store to find a husband.....

On the first floor the sign on the door reads:

Floor 1 - These men have jobs.

The second floor sign reads:

Floor 2 - These men have jobs and love kids.

The third floor sign reads:

Floor 3 - These men have jobs, love kids, and are extremely good looking.

"Wow," she thinks, but feels compelled to keep going.

She goes to the fourth floor and sign reads:

Floor 4 - These men have jobs, love kids, are drop-dead good looking and help with the housework.

"Oh, mercy me!" she exclaims, "I can hardly stand it!"

Still, she goes to the fifth floor and sign reads:

Floor 5 - These men have jobs, love kids, are drop-dead gorgeous, help with the housework, and have a strong romantic streak.

She is so tempted to stay, but she goes to the sixth floor and the sign reads:

Floor 6 - You are visitor 3,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that women are impossible to please.

Thank you for shopping Wall-Mart's Husband Store. Watch your step as you exit the building and have a nice day

Things Historical

Following the appeal for the Black course albums in the last newsletter they have now been located in the capable hands of Jules Anderson at the Imperial War Museum site at Duxford. No idea how they got there but we now know that they won't just disappear.

Still no news of the slides copies or the DVD shown at Bourne-mouth so it look like we will have to negotiate the copying again.

I had a good haul of some fifty photographs and lots of detail for photographic courses at the Coventry reunion.

Pending the inclusion of the photographs in the gallery they, together with everything else I hold on behalf of the RNPA, can be seen on any test pages at



Photo Section HMS Landrail 1944

<http://www.users.waitrose.com/~jandor>.

As always I welcome any corrections or addition material.

Details of Photographic Courses will be added when I have collated all the info gained at the reunion along with any extra info members would care to send me.

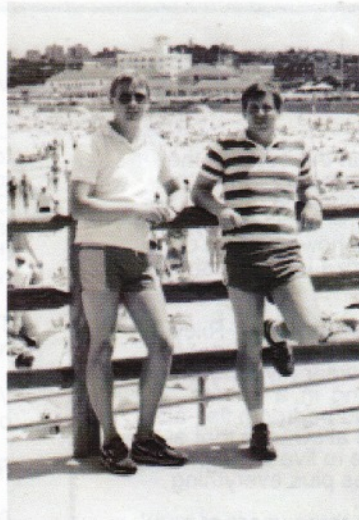
Jan Larcombe

P.S.

Could I again encourage all members to try and recall which basic course they were on and who was on the course.



HMS Hermes Phot Section 1980 Xmas Card - in front of 800Squad Sea Harrier - L to R, PO(Phot) Bungy Williams, L/A (Phot) Mac MacKensie, L/A(Phot) (I'm a 1'srate) Sandy Sanders, & far right(yes! definitely Conservative) L/A(Phot) Danny du Feu



HMS Illustrious - Pictured enjoying the sun and 'sights' after the arduous photo requirements during the Australian Navy' 75th Anniversary Celebrations at Bondi Beach near Sydney, Australia during 'Global '86', are L-R, L/A(Phot) Paul Cowpe (801 Squad), and Danny

From Our Membership Secretary



Dolphin 1979 - Director WRNS talking to Wren Tina Ford (later in year married to Danny), in the Dolphin Phot Section caravan, with L/A(Phot) Chad Toyer, (2nd from right)

Just like to mention that I am now the newly appointed Membership Secretary, with Steve King assisting me.

We will be in contact with the members in the near future regarding updating the Membership Database, and subsequently contacting lapsed members.

A copy of the RNPA Membership Application Form is attached to this newsletter, please pass on to lapsed members - I still await a number of lists people say they have to arrive

Dear Brian and Val,

We really enjoyed the reunion dinner and seeing everybody after two years. The food and drink organised were excellent as was up spirits.

Some people age, Paddy does not seem too. A good AGM as AGM's go with the election of a membership secretary and assistant a good idea to boost our numbers. We were sorry to miss out on the Cosford visit, but it was just too late for us going up the road which took us seven hours.

Looking forwards a decent Pompey venue next year in May or early June I hope. Once again we would like to express our appreciation for all the work you both put in to this successful reunion and thank you for the personal hospitality shown to both of us. Best wishes on the production of the next edition of "Peregrine Photos Post".

Many regards and thanks again.

Mike and Mary Gilbert

Dear Valerie & Co.

I'm presently on tour in a production of- wait for it, DAD'S ARMY. Being back on the boards after several years is proving a little stressful in the touring bit but great to be spouting live dialogue again to real people.

Please give my best wishes to the Members at the Dinner and/or an AGM with my sincere apologies for my absence.

If there is any interest in what I'm up to on the teleproduction side some of my current material can be seen on:-
www.brianjacksonfilms.com

Wishing you much success for the weekend. I wanted to be there but the children have got to be fed.

Sincerely,
Brian Jackson

Hi Blondie,

Remember the day you had your feet tattooed? Well this is Dusty Miller who was with you and had the tattoo done at the same time,

I only recently returned to England after living in South Africa for 30 years. After my 5th five I joined the South African navy as a phot. and spent another 16 years in uniform.

S.A. was good for me, I ended up in charge of all photographic services for the navy as well in charge of the main unit in Simonstown. I was promoted to Warrant Officer 1st class eventually.

Don't ask me why I came back, it must have been a rush of something to the brain!!! (Actually it was family pressure after a heart scare and a triple bypass)

Hope to hear back from you with the details about joining the RNPA.

Cheers, Dusty Miller.

Correspondence

Hi Val.....

After leaving Ford upon completion of photo 2 course we all went on 'various journeys'. I saw no one from course number 6 during the rest of my short photo career.

A couple of years ago Bob Lomax dug out my address and sent me an e-mail. Shortly after that I took a trip to the UK and met up with both Bob and Pete, along with their wives. We had a very pleasant time over lunch and a wee drop of what's good for you.

Good to see 'old mates' again. HW.

p.s. During WW2 I was a Petty Officer which, when I rejoined, allowed me to resume the rank again. It was that rank that allowed me to take the photo 1 exam not too long after the photo 2 course. Passed the exams easy enough but they were not too tough....I had done a little photo 'stuff' in civvy life.

Passing exams is one thing and gaining experience is another. Three years of microfilm work and copying photos made me an expert in those two areas but not much else navy wise.

My photo career in the navy was pretty much over after a total of four years of 'being out of school'.

Other than the boys on the two courses very few of the photographers in my time ever knew me at all. Many wondered how on earth did I get the prize job in Washington, DC.

That was the life of Riley Diplomatic immunity, not allowed to wear my navy uniform, living in a private rented two bedroom flat, an overseas allowance that allowed me to live like a prince, zero taxes plus everything duty free.

That was three years of good living. Virtually my own boss as the Lt. Commander I reported to knew as much about my job as I knew about his. Loads of secrecy on the job.

It was that good life that made me go for the discharge by purchase and flee the country....that is another story tho.

Have lived over here since 1955 and have had a great time. The public school accent that I hated when over there came in very handy over here.....I was a scholarship kid going from the usual Yorkshire accent to one that....enough said on that subject.

Shorty...(as I was known as.)
(Middleton Walker)

Valerie,

Delighted to hear you enjoyed the trip in HMS Ark Royal to London so much (we aim to please). It was really good to see you all and hear other perspectives on the Navy. Often, while serving it is difficult to 'see the wood for the trees' and most of us don't properly appreciate the fact that we're probably having the times of our lives, and we'll remember these times forever.

Thank you for the attachments. The Peregrine Photos Post Newsletter is extremely professional.

With regard to Capt John Clink, I believe he works in office of the Chief of the Naval Staff.

Regards

Aaron Brown
Lt RN

Hi all

I am arranging an RNPA dinner aboard HMS Victory.

I will not know the exact date for the social evening until the second week in January, that's the time that they put their diary together for the first part of next year and will have consulted with the 2nd Sea Lord's Office.

I am looking at some time in March, possibly early April. I do not want it any later than that so as not to clash with the Reunion in June.

This is just to let you all know pending the date being finalized.

Regards

Ray Whitehouse

