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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

ALLELUIA!! At last we will be receiving our Newsletters again. Many thanks to Steve & Hilary King for taking on this task.

We now have a new secretary Lesley Wenden who is the admin officer at Fleet Photographic Whale Island (and a very efficient lady too!)

We will be having a re-union and AGM on 31st October 2009 in Pompey details page 2. The present committee has been in place a long time, so if you would like to nominate (for all posts) anyone, can you do so on writing, at least 21 days prior to the AGM I look forward to sharing a sherbet in October with you all.

John A Cunningham

RNPA & PHOT BRANCH

REUNION 2009

31th October 2009

The Victory Club

HMS Nelson

Queen Street Portsmouth



Hello everyone lets introduce ourselves as your new editors Steve & Hilary King (neeCramphorn) we have taken over from Brian (blondie) & Valerie Robertson and we would like to thank them for their hard work in producing. The Peregrine Phots Post.

We hope you like the new format but welcome any suggestions you care to make and submit photos or memories to share, email bottom of the page or just phone.



RNPA Reunion 2008

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Reunions

We have pick reunions planned that might be of interest to photos. - There are many more listed in The Navy News, for full details :-
email: www.navynews.co.uk

25/09/09 **HMS Protector**
Mini reunion Afton Hotel Eastbourne
25th - 28th contact Doug Harris.

09/10/09 **HMS Victorious Association**
Reunion & 70th Birthday Party at
Britannia Hotel Coventry from 9th -
11th contact stoker Stan or
Mike Humphries

16/10/09 **HMS Illustrious Association**
Annual reunion & AGM at The
Ambassador Hotel Llandudno 16th -
19th detail from the secretary Diane
Coleman

23/10/09 **HM Ships Eagle, Undaunted & Excellent Reunion**
For Eagle(52 - 72) Undaunted(44 - 74)
& Gunnery Branch Association
(HMS Excellent) will be held in Torquay
23 -26th £110pp for 3 nights contact
John Bryant

31/10/09 **Fleet Air Arm Fixed Wing Dinner**
A buffet dinner will take place in the
WO&SR's Mess RNAS Yeovilton on
31/10/09 including wives /partners.
Open to all those who have served or
supported any fixed wing unit or
Squadron, contact Tom Dawson

20/11/09 **847 NAS HMS Simbang 1969 - 1971**
Open to all who served on this
Squadron for these dates.
Reunion 20 - 22nd at The Royal Court
Hotel Keresely Coventry

Farewell to our Shipmate

Bob (Freddie) Freemantle

died on 1st July 2009 he was 67. There was a large number of family and friends at his funeral at which the

RNPA was represented by John Cunningham, Dave Morris and Mike Keeling.

Freddie joined the Royal Navy at Gamecock in 1957 and entered the branch in 1958 at Ford on one of the first Phot 3 courses. He completed Phot 2 No 30 in Dec 1961 and Phot 1 No 11 Jan 1964.



Dates to Remember

RNPA & Phot Branch Reunion & AGM
The Victory Club, HMS Nelson
Queen Street Portsmouth

AGM 15.30hrs (approx 1 hr)

Social evening

18:30hrs bar open, buffet later,
guest able to view

The Peregrine Trophy prints
& catch up with old friends.

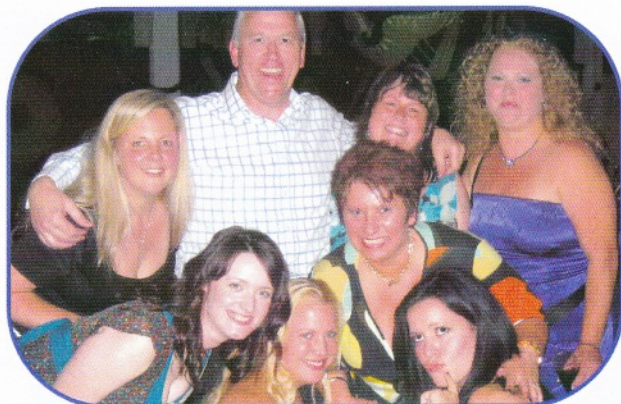
Snapshots from R.N.P.A Reunion 22nd November 2008 on board HMS Victory



Chairman RNPA John Cunningham giving the Royal Marine Drums a tot.



Left Roy Penny and friends



Stuart Antrobus with a bevy of beauties
Back row - PO(Phot) Sue Emery, GLOM(Good Looking Older Man) Stu, Lesley Wendon(Sec) and her daughter.
Middle Row - Amanda Renolds(Serving Members Rep)
Front row - LA(Phot) Caroline Davies, PO(Phot) Angie Pearce, Ex LA(Phot) Emma Sommerfield



RNPA Party goes admirer the group photo



HMS Lancaster



The phot is hard at work
lets hope he got his shot

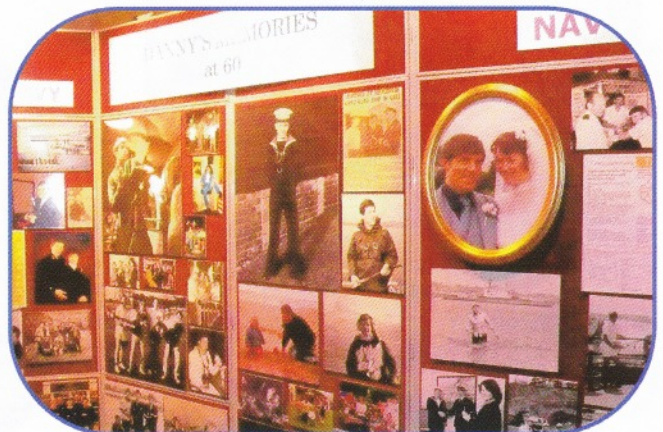
Hi its Steve & Hilary your editors here we thought we would have a fun page where we could have your last memory with the Navy or old ship mates - lets start with the last encounter we had with the Royal Navy, as we sailed into Dubia on the last voyage of the QE2 (hope you like the name dropping) we were escorted by HMS Lancaster doing a bit of anti-piracy duties, the role does not change over the years!

What a surprise we had on boarding the QE2 in Southampton, not only did the Duke of Edingburgh greet us but also Paul Wellings - these photos get every where, great to see you Paul.

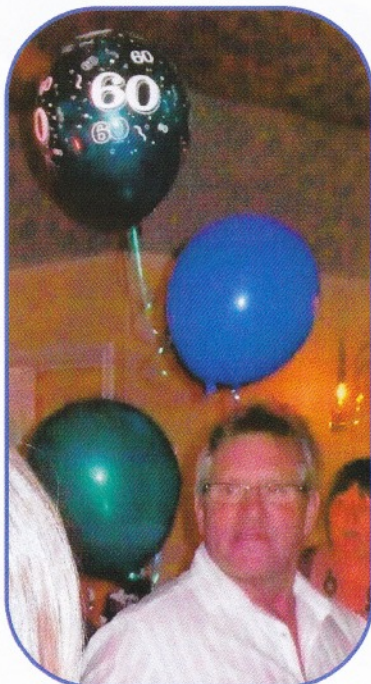


QE2 in Malta

*Birthday Boy Danny
Happy 60th*



Danny's Memories



Back - Pete Howton, Danny du Feu, Roger Ryan
Sandie Sanders, Steve King, Tan Cooper.
Front - Tina du Feu, Hilary King
(Nee Ford) (Nee Cramphorn)



**RNPA Membership Secretary
Danny du Feu, being enlightened on
the huge technical advances that have
taken place in the Photographic Branch
in recent years by L/Phot Alex Cave &
Lt Paul Cowpe OIC - FRPU (E) on
Whale Island, Portsmouth**

Old Contemptibles visit Duxford

A planned tour of First World War battlefields by three retired RNPA members was exchanged at short notice for a mini-break in the Cambridge area and a visit to the Imperial War Museums' impressive aircraft display at Duxford.

The aptly-named Old Contemptibles' Tour had been arranged so that Bill Porter from Belfast could visit the grave of his grandfather who is buried near Mons. Peter Thorne, who was on the same No 2 Phot III's course as Bill in 1957, and Ray Pogson, who served with both men at various times during the early sixties were along for the beer as was Bill's son Derek.

Unfortunately, the tour was cancelled a couple of weeks before we were due to travel, and as Bill had booked flights from Belfast into Manchester, "We made a quick decision to visit Duxford instead." said Ray. "Bill contacted RNPA member Jules Anderson, a senior photographer at Duxford who hosted our visit, and he explained his role in the phot section before accompanying us onto the Duxford complex.

"We'd been talking about visiting Duxford for sometime, and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing a large number of both British and American aircraft close up as well as numerous exhibits in the Land Warfare Hall. We now plan to get to Mons sometime in 2009."



Q; Why are pirates pirates

A: Because they Aaah!!

**Next issue 'Life on The Carrier Centaur'
1963 - 65 4th & last commission
by Steve King**



**A Spitfire in Duxford livery
provides the backdrop for
Left - Jules Anderson, Bill Porter,
Peter Thorne and Ray Pogson**

**Have you converted to digital,
still got the skills
let us have your shots and run a
Newsletter image page.
It can be funny - not risque
email to :h.king2@sky.com
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Fleet Air Arm Memorial

A ceremony to dedicate a new memorial to remember and celebrate the service of the many men and women who have served in the Fleet Air Arm was held at the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield in Staffordshire on Friday 11th September 2009.

Over 6,000 men and women have given their lives in the service of Naval aviation over the past 100 years and it is particularly fitting during this centenary year that their sacrifice should be honoured in the peaceful setting of the National Arboretum. The new memorial, a sculptured plinth of Portland stone supporting a granite aircraft carrier is set amidst 'hearts of oaks' in an avenue of fine old English oak trees, close to the National Forces Memorial.

Speaking of the new memorial, Chief of Staff Aviation and Carriers, Rear Admiral Simon Charlier who gave the address, said “ We are very grateful to the Fleet Air Arm Associations for their contributions in raising the funds to commission this project. The design of an aircraft carrier is not

only testament to the enduring importance of carrier aviation which in a relatively short space of history has had such a significant impact but it holds memories of loved ones for so many people throughout the Country."



First Sea Lord & Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope KCB,OBE,ADC watches the unveiling of the memorial which was attended by 700 people made up of both serving and retired personnel and their families. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Fleet, the Venerable John Green and the Naval guard was from HMS Sultan with Fleet Air Arms Standard Bearers from the FAA Associations serving and retired officers



Architect & Sculptor Steve Field
Pictures by Ray Whitehouse.



Things Historical

The long lost Course Photographs have been found; or rather copy negatives of the pictures have turned up, together with an Album of some of the course groups at RNSAP at Excellent.

They were at Pete Newton's house and with his sons help were returned to the fold. Consequently there are now some 200 new pictures from 1939 to the 1970's on the web site at -

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

I have put up all the names I can read from the photographs and, as usual, I am pleading for more information. If you have access to the net please have a look and let me have any new information you can. Just put your name into your browsers search facility on the above page and if you are featured it will find you. If you are not featured please dig out any photographs you have and let me have them.

I gathered quite a lot of information at the reunion which has now been placed in the various databases. Still short on serving members course details photographs though.

The course member page has also been updated but it is proving difficult to sort out the courses. They were called different thing at different time. For instance I have details of CS courses (Continuous service?) Nos 7, 10, 11 from 1949 to 1951 and number 2NS (National Service?) in 1948. Anyone remember what was happening at the time? Also can anyone recall if Phot 2 courses were run concurrently at Lee and Lossie?

Maurice (Jan) Larcombe - Historian

Finally if you are going to the reunion on the 31st Oct please bring copies of Any course photographs that do not appear on the Historical website above. I will include them on the web site shortly after the reunion. I would also be grateful for any corrections or addition information in the course detail on the site.

Jan Larcombe - jandor@which.net



MYSTERY PICTURES

Can you supply any information?

Image 5a

WRN in foreground is wearing a camera badge

Image 12a

Looks like Felpham during in the war but did the people wear gaiters



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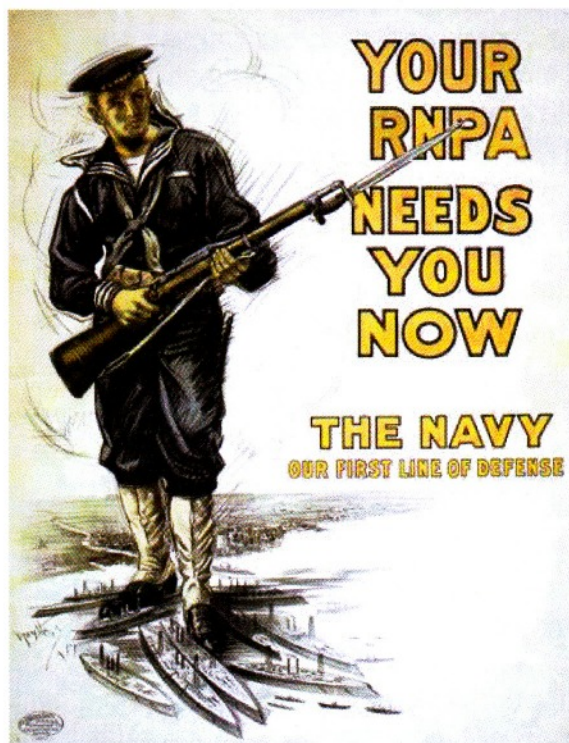
Hi everyone, your Membership Secretary here!

I am now in the final stages of updating the RNPA Members Database. It has been a long job sifting through the hundreds of 'Old' contact details. The Database will continue to be updated as more information on YOU comes in. As you are aware the problems with outdated phone numbers, and postal and email addresses, means we haven't been able to get in touch with a few of you, until now. Although it is much easier for us to contact you electronically, we are sensitive to the fact that some of you don't have an email address - that is not a problem as you will be contacted by post.

The most important aid has been the passing of names and contact details to me from other Members. Please continue!!

During the 'Meet & Greet' evening, of the highly successful weekend Reunion & Party last June 2008, someone commented that they didn't see the need to join, as they would just come along to the 'Do's'. I quickly explained that without the financial support from the Members subs, - there would be no 'Do's' whatsoever. He quickly joined.

At the last AGM in Coventry, I was voted onto the Committee as the Membership Secretary in order, firstly to recruit more members, but also as a first contact point to address any concerns that Members may have. Since then we have a new 'Serving Members Rep', PO(Phot) Amanda (Yam Yam) Reynolds who will be working closely with me in boosting Serving Members numbers. As you will note from the Committee list, we have a new Newsletter Team of Editors in the form of Steve & Hilary King. In this revamped and very welcome Newsletter I have included a page with the updated Membership Application Form and Standing Order Form. Please fill in the Application Form, to join or rejoin and send off to me with a cheque for this year, (see form for details) and send the Standing Order Form to your Bank/Building Society to start payments annually from Jan 2010.



As you will see from the advert concerning the forthcoming 'Social Evening and AGM', to be held at the Victory Club, HMS Nelson on Saturday 31st October 2009, - **you don't have to be a Member to attend, but what a perfect opportunity to join.**

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Danny du Feu