

# The Peregrine Phots Post



## Ahoy Shipmates

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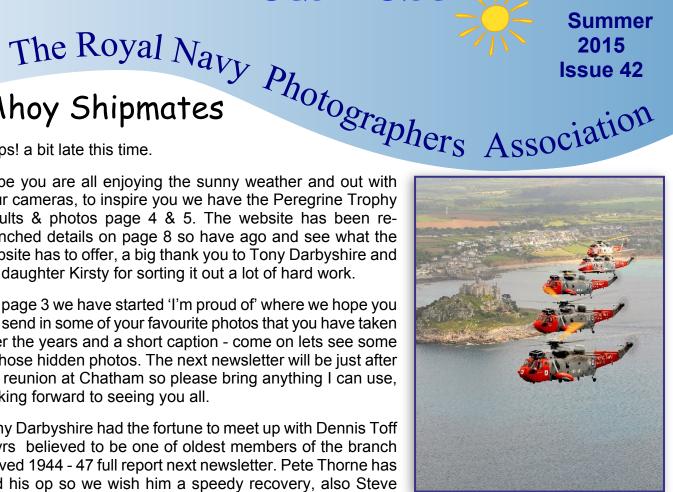
Hope you are all enjoying the sunny weather and out with your cameras, to inspire you we have the Peregrine Trophy results & photos page 4 & 5. The website has been relaunched details on page 8 so have ago and see what the website has to offer, a big thank you to Tony Darbyshire and his daughter Kirsty for sorting it out a lot of hard work.

On page 3 we have started 'I'm proud of' where we hope you will send in some of your favourite photos that you have taken over the years and a short caption - come on lets see some of those hidden photos. The next newsletter will be just after the reunion at Chatham so please bring anything I can use, looking forward to seeing you all.

Tony Darbyshire had the fortune to meet up with Dennis Toff 89yrs believed to be one of oldest members of the branch served 1944 - 47 full report next newsletter. Pete Thorne has had his op so we wish him a speedy recovery, also Steve King had his last op 2 months ago and doing very well. Happy reading.







Why did the people in Cornwall come out in their thousands see page 6 Photos by RN Media Archives

The Peregrine Trophy 2015 was awarded on HMS Ocean by Captain Ian Stidston head of the RN Photographic Branch, to the CPOA(phot) winner Thomas (Tam) Mcdonald of FRPU(N) with guests from RNPA looking on.

L - R Louise Baverstock, Mike & Jean Keeling, Capt Ian Stidston, CPOA (Phot Thomas Tam McDonald, Pam & Ray Whithouse, Maurice (Jan) Larcombe, Andy Baverstock N/K.

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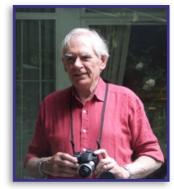
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## Farewell to our shipmate



## **Commander John Stanley Edwards DSC (Andy)**

A founder member of the RNPA John joined the RN in September 1947 and was on Number 3 CS photographic course at Ford in 1948/49.

Following a spell at St Merryn John spent three years working from the American naval base at Sasebo and living on HMS Ladybird the accommodation ship for RN personnel in the area.

While at Sasebo John and the other photographers more or less please themselves what they did and joined many ships that were doing "interesting" things. The photographic team were responsible to the Chief of Naval Information in London where they sent all photographs and film for dissemination to the media.

Returning to St Merryn before leaving the branch in 1955 John became a FAA pilot and flew, Seafires, Sea Furys, Swordfish, Firefly and the Naval Mosquito. He was shot down during the Korean war and following a landing in the sea was rescued by an American Catalina. John died on 28th December 2014 aged 84.

A teaser from Ray Whitehouse......who is Ng Muk Kah BEM? Story to follow in next newsletter.

**l'm Proud of** - Jan has started us off with the picture he is proud of and we would like you all to send in your favourite Photo you have taken, all picture will be returned to you.



A picture I'm proud of - Jan Larcombe
Taken from a Whirlwind 7 on 3 July 1968 shortly
after the Phantoms arrived at Yeovilton. At that
time the only reliable colour film we had was 120
so it was taken on a Rollie. Not the ideal camera
for this sort of shot. We hovered and the Phantom
flew several passes gradually getting closer.
Eventually it just about filled the frame but we
were getting a little bit worried about being blown
out of the sky. Published on the 27th July 1968
and unusually for that time Roger Smart and I got
bye lines for the centre page spread we took. At
the time I was an Acting PO (Admiralty made in
preparation for SD course) doing my "front line"
service on 893 Squadron at Yeovilton.



This is a picture I'm proud of - Hilary King. Steve and I were wandering around the Isle of Skye we went around the corner and this view appeared - it was breath taking and not expected. Whilst I was taking the photo I suddenly noticed a cow was coming to see me - thought how friendly it was till I realised it was the local Bull.



I'm proud of this photo as it makes me smile so I pass this smile on to you.



I'm proud of this photo taken on Christmas Day 2012 at Whitby a fantastic sunset I almost missed. I love the fact that only one light was on.

## **The Peregrine Trophy 2015**





All aboard on HMS Ocean - Jan Larcombe leads the way for guest from RNPA for the evening awards of the Peregrine Trophy 2015. The Royal Marine Band welcomed the guests who then had time to view the photography submitted. Photos by Ray Whithouse







**The Peregrine Trophy** is awarded to the section or unit that has submitted the best portfolio of six prints (Black & White or Colour) of service -related subjects.

#### Winner:

Fleet Photographic Unit North CPOA Thomas (Tam) McDonald.



## The Peregrine Trophy 2015 continued

The Royal Navy Photographer of the year 2015 is awarded to the best portfolio of four photographs of service - related subjects submitted by individual

Winner LA(phot) Steve Johncock FRPU(E) CPOA Thomas (Tam) McDonald.





The Commandant General Royal Marines Prize of the year 2015 is awarded to the best section or unit portfolio of three prints depicting Royal Marine related subjects

Winner LA(phot) Joel Rouse 42 Commando RM.

Highly Commended The Peregrine Trophy 2015 is awarded to the best portfolio of six photographs of service -related subjects submitted by Mobile New Team

Winners:

PO(phot) Carl Osmond & PO(phot) Si Ethell.





The Royal Navy Amateur Photographer of the year Award 2015 is awarded to the best portfolio of two photographs of service -related subjects submitted by individual

Winner Captain David Ian Burns RN.

## Happy 76th Birthday to 771 Naval Air Squadron

The people of Cornwall came out in their thousands on Thursday 21st May 2015 to wish 771 Naval Air Squadron a 'Happy 76th Birthday'.



The eyes of Cornwall looked up between 10:30-12:00 as five Sea King helicopters from the Search and Rescue Squadron, based at Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose HMS Seahawk, flew in formation around the west coast of Cornwall. The sixth aircraft due to fly was scrambled to two consecutive rescue missions just before the formation got airborne.







## RNPA 2015 Reunion & AGM Chatham 9th to 11th October 2015

A reminder for those wishing to attend Chatham reunion if you have not booked with Ray Whitehouse for hotel accommodation, the deal with the hotel expires at the end of July and he will release the rooms that have not been booked - so please if you want to come contact Ray details on page 7.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone get those dancing shoes on for the dosey doe.



## RNPA 2015 Reunion & AGM Bridgewood Manor Hotel Chatham – ME5 9AX

9th to 11th October 2015

### **Programme**

Friday 9t	h October
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1500 RNPA Committee Meeting

1815 Welcome drinks (free bar)

1900 BBQ Dinner & Barn Dance



#### Saturday 10th October

0930 Depart hotel for Chatham Dockyard

1000 Coffee and tea on arrival followed by arranged tours of the

Ropery, HMS Cavalier, HMS Ocelot and "Call the Midwife",

"Les Mis" and other film locations (times of tour to be confirmed)

1230 Light Buffet lunch onboard HMS Gannet

pm Continue visits of the Dockyard as above

the Dockyard Brewery (tbc) and H.M.S. Pembroke.

(now the Universities of Medway)

1800 Drinks Reception (free bar) & Reunion Dinner

(Followed by after dinner presentations)

#### **Sunday 11th October**

0915 Coffee & Tea

0930 Presentation on the New RNPA Website

1030 AGM followed by "Up-Spirits"

1300 Optional organised visit to Leeds Castle\*

Optional overnight accommodation inc dinner

#### Fully inclusive cost of the above

Members £179.00 per person

Non-Members £199.00 " "

\*Optional Tour of Leeds Castle £14.25 " "

Supplement for Superior Room £25.00 room per night

Other costs i.e. Dinner only etc on application

## The Re-launch of the RNPA Website http://rnpa.org.uk

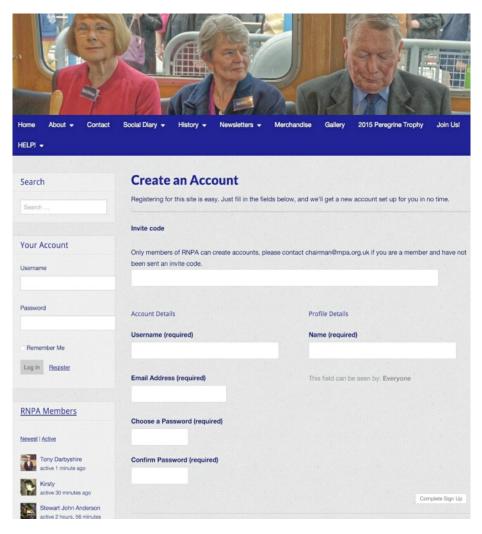
For all members on line you will have received an email with an invite code which allows you access to our new RNPA Website where you can set up your own account, this will ensure that new members have to be approved to be able to use the site. For members without emails details will be sent with your newsletter.

So go on visit the new RNPA website - http://www.rnpa.org.uk/

Because you're a 'paid-up' member of the Association you will have FULL ACCESS to all parts of the website. This means you can view all pages, including the personal profiles of those members who've completed them.

Please note: Only fully paid-up members can get access to the personal profiles of our members; casual visitors and non-members do not have access to any personal profiles of the members.

Once you've clicked on the link above and found the page, it will look like this, now just follow your instructions.



A special very big thank you to our consultant webmaster Kirsty for her help, and amazing commitment, in the setting-up process. On behalf of all of us, we couldn't have done it without her

#### Tony Darbyshire - Chairman RNPA