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Ahoy There

Hope you have all recovered from a lovely reunion. Thank you Ray for all your hard work, it was worth it and the Yacht Club was an excellent venue as was The Heritage Centre which was well worth the visit. It was lovely to catch up with everyone and to see some new faces we haven't seen in awhile.

We have a number of obituaries, it's sad we have lost so many photographers in a short time, pages 2 & 3.

This is a bumper newsletter full of photos which took awhile to put together, thank you all for the photographs sent in it has been difficult to decide which to select. The next issue will be 31st December.

Remembrance Sunday 2018



L-R Front Phil Everitt, Joan Roberts, Angela McLeod, Maggie Pugh, Fran Wright, Danny du Feu. **Centre**, Dave Price, Ray Whitehouse, Brian Jackson, John Siviter, Maurice Brailey, Richard Thompson **Back** Mike Gilbert, Wilfred Francis, Roger Forbes, Ted Tierney, Vince Richards, Den Wagstaff.

Above photo was taken off the TV to prove our lads & lassies can still march, other photos page 11.

Hilary & Steve King



RNPA Reunion Plymouth 2018

Front Row: Ray & Pam Whitehouse, Jan Larcombe, Elizabeth & Roy Penny, Andrea Downing, Doreen Larcombe, Bill Simpson, Helen & Geoff Holland, Pat Thompson, Jean Keeling, Angela Pogson, Spike Lee, Anne & Bill Porter, Tony Darbyshire.

Back Row: Mike Gilbert, Steve Thompson, Stewart & Karen Anderson, John Flack, Carol & Ian Hooper, Barbara & Tony Stevenson, Tom & Jonathan Robbins, Mike Keeling, Val Darbyshire, Hilary & Steve King and Ray Pogson.

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Farewell to Our Shipmates.



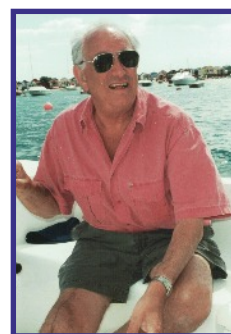
Reginald Davis MBE

We have belatedly heard of the passing of Reg Davis who died suddenly on 14th July this year aged 93. He joined the branch in 1943 as a Photo(Air) and served on various carriers including HMS Victorious in the Pacific where he survived Kamikaze attacks. He left the Navy in 1946. He then worked for a film company which led to a career in Fleet Street. He made his name photographing our own and many other royal families together with many famous people included Sophia Loren and Elizabeth Taylor. Between 1969 and 2017 he wrote ten books which included many stunning examples of his work. He was awarded the MBE in 2008.



Dennis Toff

At the age of 17, in 1944, he spent several months in the Photographic Branch of the American Red Cross in London. As well as taking photographs of the troops, he photographed a number of celebrities including King George VI, his Queen Elizabeth, General Teddy Roosevelt and various theatrical and sporting personalities.



He volunteered to join the Navy (following in his father's footsteps) at the earliest opportunity and in August 1944 reported to his first posting, HMS Royal Arthur at Skegness. From there he transferred to HMS Iron Duke at Malvern and subsequently to the Fleet Air Arm, being stationed first at HMS Daedalus, where he learn the art of aerial photography, and later at HMS Gosling. After the war, he made a couple of documentary films, including one, 'Early One Morning', which enjoys a place in the National Film Archive of the British Film Institute. He then persuaded Picture Post magazine to take him on as a freelance for a project on the newly established State of Israel. He left photography in 1950 to pursue a successful business career before returning to photography on his retirement in 1993. He married Jacqueline (née Tibber) in 1953, who survives him along with their three children, all of whom are doctors

Dennis died on 5th August 2018.

Farewell to Our Shipmates

Peter Thorne



Peter was born in Plymouth in 1939 and his family, minus his Royal Navy father, were bombed out several times but, uninjured, they returned to Plymouth after the war. Following his fathers example he joined the Navy in 1957 and entered the photographic branch via No 2 Phot 3s course which finished in 1958

His first draft was to HMS Drake in Plymouth and between service with 803 squadron (twice), Hermes, Centaur, Culdrose and Yeovilton he managed a second period in his home town.

Peter left the Navy in 1966 and worked as a photographer and later set up his own photographic business in London making, and retaining, many friends in the commercial world.

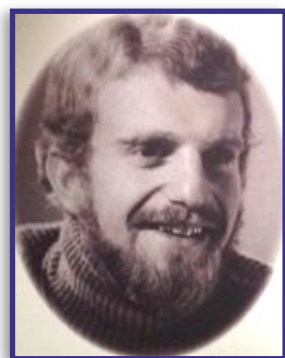
In 2003 a stroke meant that he was unable to continue in business and this was followed by a further stroke, two heart attacks and by a quadruple heart bypass operation in 2015. In July 2018 he was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer which led to an extended period in intensive care and eventually to a peaceful passing on 10th October 2018.

Throughout his illnesses Peter retained his well known good humour and zest for life. Initially not a fan of the digital world he later embraced it and, continuing his lifelong interest in the natural world, spent many patient hours in his garden taking photographs of the flowers, birds and animals. A fisherman until his heath prevented it, he spent every Sunday in the countryside surrounded by the wildlife he loved.



Peters funeral took place on 5th November at St Thomas a Beckett Church, Northaw attended by a church full of his many friends including nine RN photographers.

Ralph Mortimer



Before joining the branch in 1974 Ralph was an REM and following qualification at Cosford served at Yeovilton, in 845 Sqdn and at Tamer (Tai-O) , leaving the Navy in 1979.

After leaving he went to art college and became a commercial photographer in London and also travelled the world. Despite Multiple Sclerosis he loved adventure and on one of his expeditions he photographed the ascent to the

base camp of Everest being filmed by ITV, falling off a donkey in the process.

Ralph died after some 20 years of illness on 27 September aged 67 and was cremated on 19th October at Parc Gwyn Narbeth.

Tom Suddes who was on Ralphs course at Cosford attended with the family, said his personal farewell and represented the Association.



Reunion 2018

Visit to Plymouth Gin Distillery



Karen & Stewart Anderson



Doreen & Maurice Jan Larcombe with Jan & Joss Morgan



Vince and Yonna Richards with Pam & Roger Forbes



Danny du Feu, Ian & Carol Hooper, Ric Birch



John Flack, Andrea Downing with Mike & Jean Keeling



Joan Roberts & Spike Lee

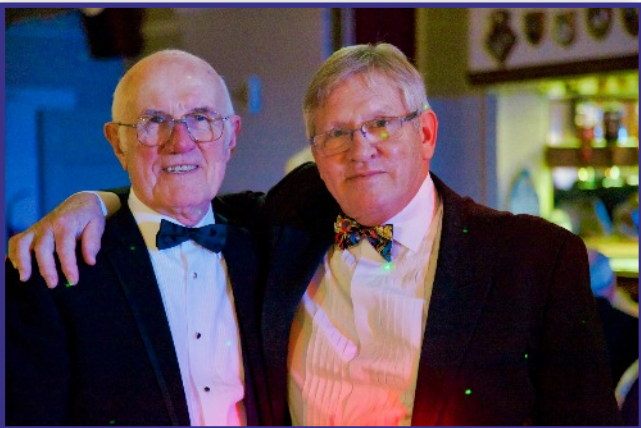
Visit to Plymouth Gin Distillery continued



Danny du Feu & Bob Stanyard



Mike & Mary Gilbert



Ray Whitehouse & Danny du Feu



Sue & Paul Parrack with Mike & Jean Keeling



Joss & Jan Morgan, Mike Gilbert, Jean Keeling.



Carol & Ian Hooper, Val Darbyshire, Steve & Pat Thompson



Pauline & Bob Stanyard, Roy & Elizabeth Penny
Danny du Feu & Joan Roberts



Jan Morgan, Pat & Steve Thompson, Ian & Carol Hooper,
Val Darbyshire

Reunion - Saturday. A visit to the Heritage Centre, a very interesting & enjoyable tour, well worth the visit. We were divided into two groups, one going to HMS Courageous tour & the other group to the Heritage Centre with a talk on life as a submariner.



HMS Courageous



Roy & Elizabeth Penny



Learning the ropes Mike Keeling and Tony Darbyshire

Reunion Dinner at Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club



Plymouth's Royal Corinthian Yacht Club



Mike Gilbert and Jonathan Robbins



Pat & Steve Thompson and Jean Keeling



Angela & Ray Pogson talking to Mike Keeling



Angela Pogson, Bill & Anne Porter



Roger Forbes, Roy & Elizabeth Penny and their guests
David & Hazel Rowe

Reunion Dance & Dinner 2018



Mike & Mary Gilbert



Stewart & Karen Anderson



Bob Stanyard, Slinger Wood & Eric Thompson



Helen & Geoff Holland with Ian & Carol Hooper



Pauline Stanyard, Pasty Thompson, Bob Stanyard, Eric Thompson, Slinger Wood, Pam & Roger Forbes.
Sitting ?? Paul Wellings, Vince & Yonna Richards



Bill Simpson, Mike & Mary Gilbert & Pam Whitehouse
Back row Danny du Feu, Joan Roberts, Ray Whitehouse



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Jan & Joss Morgan

RNPA get their sea-legs on Sunday afternoon.



Ian Hooper, Ton & Jonathan Robbin, Pam Whitehouse, Carol Hooper, Geoff Holland.

Back Row Pat & Steve Thompson, Hilary King, Bill Simpson, Ray Whitehouse, John Flack, Steve King, Helen Holland, Roy Penny, Stewart Anderson, Spike Lee, Tony Darbyshire and Jan Larcombe.



Roy & Elizabeth Penny, Geoff & Helen Holland



Steve Thompson, Ian & Carol Hooper



Jonathan Robbins & Grandson Tom



Mike & Jean Keeling, Anne & Bill Porter, Angela & Ray Pogson

Reunion Sunday Afternoon
RNPA members on boat trip around
the Harbour.



Tony Stevenson



Spike Lee, Jan Larcombe and Bill Simpson



Spike Lee, John Flack, Ray Whitehouse and Tony Stevenson



Spike Lee & Jan Larcombe



Your newsletter editors Hilary & Steve King



Sunday night RNPA members enjoy a fish & chips supper.

Remembrance Sunday 2018

It is again with a massive sense of pride that I mention the immaculate turn out that the RNPA Cenotaph Marcher' Platoon, displayed on remembrances Sunday this year, within the Fleet Air Arm column's. - Danny du Feu. - A full report and more photographs in the next newsletter.



Brian Jackson Lays the poppy wreath for the RNPA



Brian Jackson and Angela McLeod.



Angela McLeod, Joan Roberts, Mike Gilbert, Phil Everitt, Ray Whitehouse, Dave Price, Brian Jackson, Wilf Frances.



Joan Roberts & Phil Everitt



L-R Maurice Brailey, Danny du Feu, Richard Thompson, Ray Whitehouse, Roger Forbes, Maggie Pugh, John Sivitar, Phil Everitt, Ted Tierney, Vince Richards, Dave Wagstaff, Brian Jackson, Angela McLeod, Wilf Francis, Joan Roberts, Dave Price and Mike Gilbert.

HMS Queen Elizabeth visits the Big Apple



Britain's biggest warship HMS Queen Elizabeth made waves in the Big Apple, beginning a historic week-long visit to New York.

The ultimate symbol of British naval power dropped anchor within sight of the Statue of Liberty and the skyscrapers of Lower Manhattan for seven days in New York's Upper Bay – in full view of Ellis and Liberty Island tourists and thousands of commuters on the Staten Island ferry.

The visit – on the back of three weeks of intensive maiden trials with the new F-35 Lightning jet allows the ship to host several high profile national and international events.

The ship's Commanding Officer, Captain Jerry Kyd, said: "I am delighted and proud to have brought HMS Queen Elizabeth into New York Harbour for the first time.





HMS Prince of Wales

Danny du Feu & Mike Gilbert with ex-members of HMS Eagle on a recent visit to see the nearly completed Prince of Wales in Rosyth Dockyard.

On Tuesday 11th September 2018 saw Commodore Stephen Moorhouse take over command of the UK's second aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales, currently under build in Scotland.

The Commodore while stepping up to the helm of one of the two biggest warships built for the Royal Navy will assume the local rank of captain while in command, just as his counterpart Commodore Jerry Kyd did on board the first of the Navy's new carriers, HMS Queen Elizabeth.



Birthday Boy Congratulations



Ray White submitted this photo of himself celebrating his 90th Birthday.

His friend Gillian Harmer is on the left and his daughter-in-law Carol & son Andrew on the right. Ray was on his 1 course in 1947.

Help Wanted

Dr. Steve Bond who started out to write a book “Vampire and Venom Boys” has been so impressed by the response from our Association that he has agreed with his publishers to change his subject into two volumes covering all FAA fixed wing aircraft from about 1950 to 1970 – the first book will cover the fighters and the second “the rest” (but not helicopters !).

He would like to chat with anybody who has flown or worked on any of the fighters – he referred to Sea Fury, Sea Hornet, Attacker, Venom and Vixen in that era but he might be interested in Seafire and possibly Phantom and Sea Harrier as well.

This is a great opportunity to record and spread to a wider audience some of those wonderful stories that get bandied about at our FOTMs and in the Newsheet – please get in touch with Steve on BY.Meteor@outlook.com

Rob Faulkner

Multinational Force & Observers (MFO) Medal.

Mike Gilbert wrote to the DBS-MODMO Honours and Awards department and found out the following.

I can confirm that Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the unrestricted wear of the Multinational Force & Observers (MFO) Medal which is awarded to UK Service personnel who deploy to the Sinai in support of the MFO peacekeeping mission. Therefore if you are eligible for this medal and have received it you may now wear it.

The medal is to be worn on the left breast after any Long Service and Good Conduct Medals and alongside any other Foreign and Commonwealth medals.

The Ball 2019 HMS Excellent Whale Island.

The date for the ball is Saturday **21st** September 2019.

There is now a facebook page devoted to the Ball.

Jan Larcombe

When we get more information we will let you know.