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100 Years of Naval Photography

Ahoy There

Wow.....what a fabulous weekend, for those that didn't make the reunion you missed a good one. The venues were great, as was the food, and the Royal Maritime Club did us proud. Thank you to Ray & Pam, Danny, Tony & Pete for organising and for photos sent in by Mike (Gilbert), Roy, Steve & Tony. It was lovely to see everyone helping out which made the weekend special celebrating 100 years of Naval photography. The weekend started with a run ashore to the Still & West with a Fish 'n' Chip supper; The next morning we visit the D-Day museum in Southsea which was very interesting and included the Overlord Embroidery as you will see on pages 5 & 6. The Evening Gala was great fun and Danny's display looked magnificent and a few reminders of how we looked when we were younger to the amusement of a few. Sunday was a visit to No 4 Boat House in the Dockyard where we organised a photographic display which the public could view and talk with RNPA Members. The weekend was a great success - how are we going to follow that!!!!. Thank you to everyone, this is what reunions are all about.



Now to other business we had our usual AGM and Ian Hooper will take the post of Secretary. Thanks to Ray Whitehouse who had been acting Secretary.

You will notice there is a 100 year pin badge (bottom of page 8) if you would like to purchase 1 or 2 they are £4 each available from Steve. There is also a Shield (bottom page 11) at £50 each and you will need to contact Danny if you require one.

Sunday is Remembrance Day and Danny has a full platoon of thirty marching. Watch the BBC TV, We are No1 platoon E1 of the Navy column so we should get a mention. Steve & I intend to get some photos which could be interesting, full coverage next newsletter.

As you can see this newsletter is full of photos hope we have covered every has taken some time to put together but keep those photos & stories coming in.

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From our new Secretary Ian Hooper

“ Well another great Reunion weekend.
Many thanks to Ray and the team for making it happen.
We may all be getting a bit longer in the tooth but we still know how to party!!

It was great to see some new faces at the event especially for me as I met up with two ex-photos I haven't seen for just over forty years!

As a result of the weekend I have ended up as the new secretary of the Association. A role that I will be fully

taking over once Ray hands over the reins when we next meet up.

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or queries regarding the RNPA and I will do my best to answer or get answers. Here's looking forward to many more get together's and the Remembrance Sunday march past”

Regards **Ian Hooper**

Bloomin' well done Olga!



Olga pictured receiving her Gold Award certificate in Llandudno Town Hall.

THINGS may not have been coming up roses for Olga Price – but her Arum Lillies and large Begonias were certainly good enough for the judges in Llandudno in Bloom 2019 competition to present her with a Gold Award for the My Garden Class One category.

This is the second consecutive year that Olga has won a Gold Award for her green-fingered efforts in the front garden of the home she shares with husband and RNPA member Dave Price in Penryn Bay near Llandudno.

“Olga was really chuffed at winning a gold award for the second time,” said Dave. “She really likes her garden, and it gives her a lot of pleasure.”

The Llandudno in Bloom annual competition is open to a wide range of establishments including hotels, guest houses, restaurants and public houses as well as private residences.

HMS Prince of Wales takes to the sea

On a wet and windy day 22nd Sept 2019, eight years after her steel was cut, HMS Prince of Wales sailed under the iconic Fourth Bridges to begin her initial sea trials. The Prince of Wales is only the second ship in the world after HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH to be built from hull upwards, specifically to operate the fifth generation F35B Lightning II Joint Strike fighter jet.

She has emerged from build two years after her sister ship HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, which is currently transiting the Atlantic ahead of the operational trials to be conducted with UK F-35Bs in the USA.

Defence Minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan said "Prince of Wales departure from Rosyth is a landmark moment for the carrier programme. As the ship takes the next step to becoming fully operational, she carries with her the story of Britain's maritime might. This tremendous achievement is a testament to the talent of British industry and I look forward to the moment we can welcome her into the Royal Navy family."



Friday Night Run Ashore Still & West

Julie, Mike, Danny & Brian



Tony, Val, Joan & Tony



Pam, Linda, Sheila
& Paul



Mike, Jean, Ray, Jonathan,
Angie, Mary & Pam



Bob, Slinger & Roger



Joss & Jan



Doreen, Betty, Bill, Roy, Hilary & Jan



Carol, Ian, Julie & Danny

Bill, Pam, Mary, Mike & Ray



Jules, Dave & Olga



D-Day Museum

Saturday morning began with a visit to the very interesting D-Day Museum in Southsea, the only museum in the UK dedicated to the Allied Invasion in June 1944. The excellent displays include Normandy D-D landings and has the very colourful Overlord Embroidery all worth seeing.

We had time to catch up with shipmates & partners.



Tony Maris, Joan Roberts, Stewart & Karen Anderson



Pam & Ray Whitehouse, Bill Simpson & Mike Gilbert



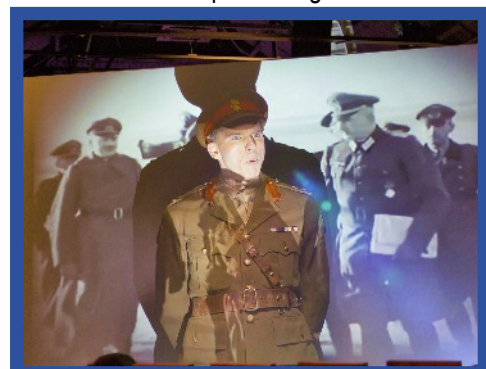
Jan Larcombe, Bridget Bunting & Val Darbyshire



Ian & Carol Hooper talking to Jonathan & Angie Robbins

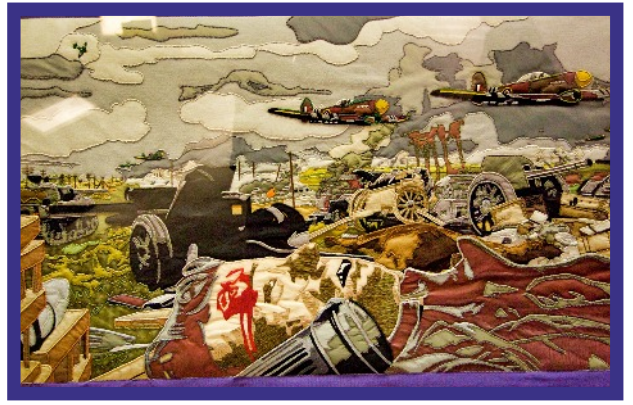


Olga Price, Jonathan & Angie Robbins



D-Day Museum Overlord Embroidery

Here are a few of the many photos of this beautiful Overlord Embroidery that was displayed at the D-day museum Southsea.



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5th Back Row Stewart and Karen Anderson, Bridget & Pete Bunting, Mike Lay, Alan & Ingrid Ferguson, Jonathan & Angie Robbins (behind Camera) Mike Beard.
4th Row Pam & Ray Whitehouse, Mike Keeling, Joss & Jan Morgan, Tony Maris , Slinger Wood, Jan Larcombe, Roger & Pam Forbes, Elizabeth & Roy Penny, Brian Richardson, Jules Anderson.
3rd Row Jean Keeling, Michael Gilbert, Bill Simpson, Bob Stanyard, Julie Richardson, Carol & Ian Hooper, Rod Safe
2nd Row Joan Roberts, Mary Gilbert, Steve King, Thurl & Nigel Craft, Linda Chalk, John Flack, Dave Price, Stewart & Linda Warren, Tony Darbyshire, Paul Hopley, Tina du Feu, Ric Burch.
Front Row Hilary King, Doreen Larcombe, Angela Dowling, Olga Price, Val Darbyshire, Sheila Hopley, Ric Burch.

100 Years of Naval Photography Gala Dinner



Jan Larcombe



Tony Maris



Andrea, Pam & Betty



Roger Forbes



Mike Lay



Danny du Feu



Alan Ferguson



John Flack



Ric Birch



Rod Safe, Mike Gilbert, Jules Anderson

100 Years Gala

Val & Tony



Joss & Jan



Mike & Jean



Karen & Stewart



Mike & Mary



Joan & Tony



Bob & Linda



Stewart & Linda



Slinger & Mike



Bob, Roger & Slinger



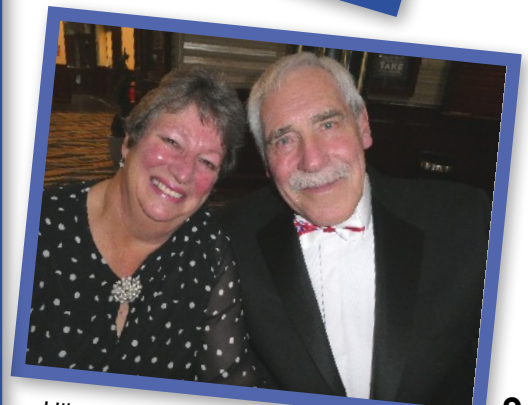
Pam & Roger



Mike, Steve & Tony



Jonathan & Angie



Hilary & Steve

No4 Boat House

Great afternoon at No 4 Boat house where members of the public could come and see some of our old equipment and chat to members of the RNPA.





Hi all...seems we will shortly be eligible to get an official Government issued I.D. card; please see attached link for further details.

Ray Whitehouse

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-veterans-id-cards-rolled-out-to-service-leavers>

A new ID card for armed forces veterans, which will help them access specialist support and services, has started to be issued to service leavers. From today, any personnel who have left the military since December 2018 will automatically be given one of the new ID cards, which will allow them to maintain a tangible link to their career in the forces. The cards allow veterans to easily verify their service to the NHS, their local authority, and charities, helping them to access support and services where needed.

All other veterans will be able to apply for a new ID card by the end of this year, to mark their time in the armed forces. Minister for Defence People and Veterans Tobias Ellwood said: We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the ex-forces community, and we are working hard to ensure they receive the support they deserve. These new cards celebrate the great commitment and dedication of those who have served this country, and I hope they can provide a further link to ex-personnel and the incredible community around them. Veterans UK - which manages pensions and compensation payments for the armed forces - local authorities, service charities, NHS and GPs will also benefit from the change, as they will not have to conduct time-consuming checks to identify individual veterans. The new ID card is one of three that are available to service leavers. Personnel leaving the armed forces are also able to keep their military IDs, known as the MOD Form 90, allowing them to maintain their emotional connection with their service. Additionally, veterans can access a range of discounts through the Defence Discount Service, the official MOD-endorsed service for the armed forces.



This is the RNPA Shield

This is the RNPA Shield they cost £50 and if you would like one contact Danny du Feu

