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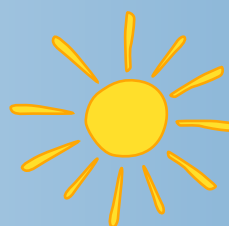


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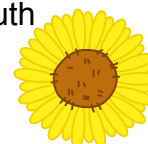


Ahoy there!
It's your Editor



At last Summer has arrived your next instalment of the Newsletter mostly about the Plaque dedication which we are sorry to have missed, but thank you for your submissions and photos all very much appreciated. Now is the time to think about our next social in Bournemouth 4 - 6th October full details on page 10. Thank you Ray for all your hard work.

Hilary & Steve King



Plaque Dedication was Blowing in The Wind - by Ray Pogson

It's no exaggeration to say we were blown away by the dedication ceremony for the RNPA plaque at the Fleet Air Arm Memorial – both literally and figuratively.

As usual, Ray Whitehouse's arrangements for the whole weekend were superb – but even he couldn't control the wild and stormy weather which descended over the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday, April 14, just as the service was about to begin.

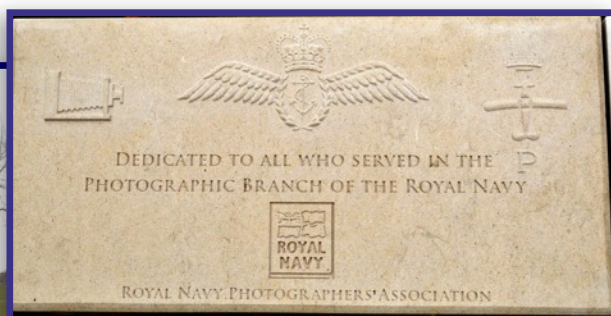
Some 45 members, including wives and partners, attended the commemoration, which was held in conjunction with the Fleet Air Arm Association, who organised the event, and the Telegraphist Air Gunners' Association, who were also honouring their fallen comrades.

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Captain Paul Shawcross RN, Commandant of the Defence Helicopter Flying School, headed the Naval contingent whilst the service was conducted by the Reverend Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall, Chaplain to the FAA Association, Greater Manchester Branch. Gordon Appleby, standard bearer for the FAA Association, manfully battled the capricious wind as he lowered and raised the flag during the act of remembrance.



RNPA Plaque



RNFAA Members

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Rear Roy Penny, Nigel Craft, Tony Darbyshire, John Flack, Peter Thorne, Ian Cooper, Bill Porter, Paul Parrack, Ray Pogson
Front Mike Gilbert, Ray Whitehouse, Bob Stanyard.



Bridget Bunting, Jean & Mike Keeling



Back Mr Radford, Becky Radford (Nee Nicholls) Jan Larcombe with Angela Thorne Doreen Larcombe and Anne Porter right



Mary Gilbert & Pam Whitehouse fighting the breeze!



Ray Whitehouse, FAA Members, Elizabeth & Roy Penny



Anne Porter, Peter & Angela Thorne



Above L - R
Peter Thorne, Ray & Pam Whitehouse,
Dave Price and Roy Penny.



Above L - R
Chris & Sue Dalby meeting Jan Larcombe,
Nigel Craft in the middle. Tony Darbyshire in
the background



Left L - R Paul Parrack,
Ray Whitehouse, Pete Bunting



Members had met up with former shipmates at the coffee shop earlier and, following the service, dodged the showers to visit the main elevated National Memorial which displays the names of servicemen and women killed since the end of the Second World War. as well as the various military monuments scattered around the 150-acre site.



The Belfry

The previous day two dozen members and wives had met up at the Belfry golf complex, later spending part of the afternoon sightseeing around Lichfield before making their way to the city's cathedral for a guided tour of the 800-year-old Gothic building which is the only medieval English cathedral with three spires.



Right - Bill & Rose Stenning behind
Guide, Mike Keeling, Bill Porter, Mary &
Mike Gilbert, Angela & Ray Pogson,
Doreen Larcombe, Elizabeth & Roy
Penny.

Most of the party then chose to remain in the cloistered calm of the cathedral to hear sung evensong beautifully performed by the 35-strong Chamber Choir.



Experiencing 'a thirst after righteousness'. the party then made its way to The Hedgehog, a popular Vintage Inn serving tasty food and a choice of real ales where the rest of the evening was spent chatting together and 'swinging the lamp'.

Right - Angela Thorne, Mike Gilbert, Mike & Jean Keeling, Tony & Val Darbyshire Roy & Elizabeth Penny
Other side of table Ray & Pam Whitehouse Mary Gilbert.



Left - Doreen Larcombe, Thuri Craft, Ray Pogson, Nigel Craft, Anne & Bill Porter, Angela Pogson

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Dinner on Sunday evening was served in the Belfry Restaurant following a social get-together in the bar.



Jan & Doreen Larcombe, Mike & Jean Keeling,
Roy & Elizabeth Penny, Nigel & Thuri Craft



Pam Whitehouse & Mary
Gilbert



Mike & Jean Keeling



Angel Thorne, Ray & Angela Pogson
, Bill & Anne Porter



Roy & Elizabeth Penny



Paul & Sue Parrack



Tony & Val Darbyshire

Reviewing the weekend which earned him a vote of thanks all round. Ray said: "It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves, and encouraging that we are seeing a few new faces each time. Hopefully the Bournemouth reunion in October will also be well supported."

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Things Historic

A couple of issues ago Mike Mewton wrote a story of how he came to be a phot. This prompted a discussion of early "sideways entry" into the branch. So far we have:

Mention of an ex Bunting Tosser Harry Smith on course no 28 (Hist103) dated 24-11-1944

We don't know if he passed the course

"Buster" Brown (Ex Bunting Tosser) No course details but in Ford Section 1956/7

Reg Parnell (Ex AB Gunner) 18-10-1957

Jan Larcombe (Ex Safety Equipment, nearly) October 1959

Mike Mewton (Ex Stoker) 27-5-61

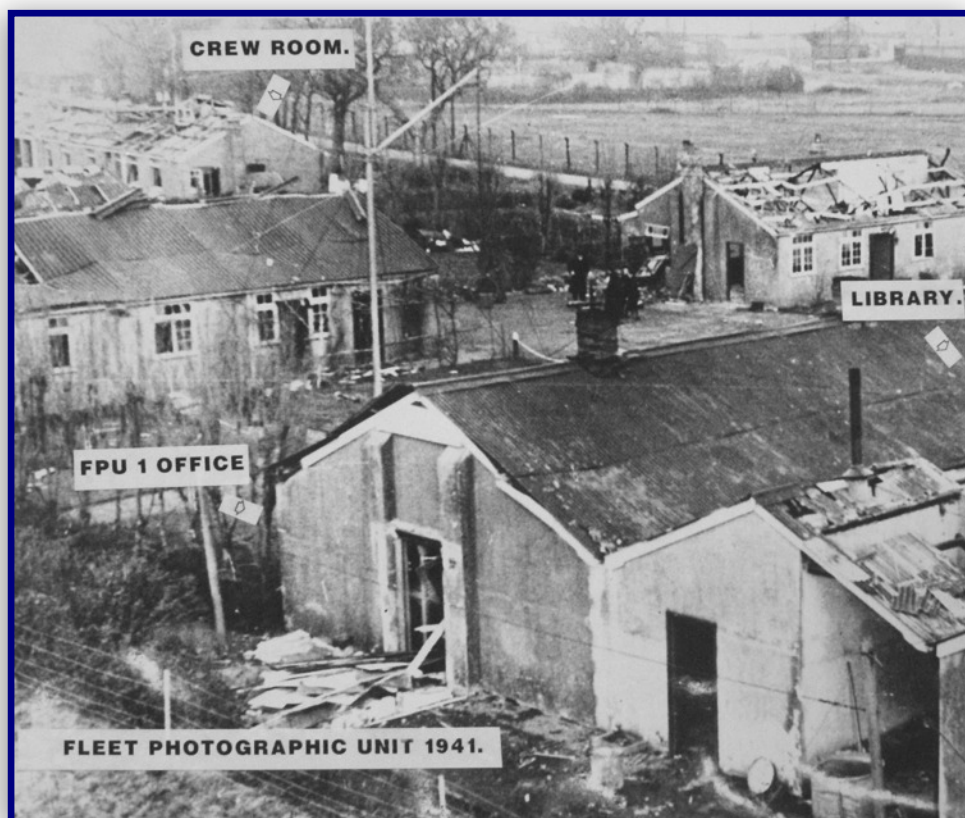
Pole ? Anyone have details

Any more Please?

Mystery pictures

Three of some mounted pictures rescued from ditching at the Navy News office by Paul Parrack. No details or idea of when, why and how they were

No 1 Shows the Fleet Photographic Unit in 1941 with obvious damage.



Things Historic continued

I am not even sure that the FPU was at Tipner at the time but what research I have been able to do from home shows that the bombing of Portsmouth started on the 11 July 1940 and the first big raid took place on the night of 10/11th January 1941. (Historians note. Whilst I was being born – in Essex). In this raid a bomb fell on the summer parade ground on Whale Island damaging the wardroom and another fell on Tipner.

There is a map at the History Centre in Portsmouth showing where all the bombs fell on Portsmouth. If anyone fancies a bit of sleuthing please let me know as I would like to get more information on this.

Nos 2 and 3



Can you identify either of the photos. The older one appears in both pictures. One inspecting film from an aerial film daylight developing tank the other using an F24 contact printer.

Finally with the reunion coming up this is a good time to remember to sort out your photographs and refresh your memories and put them down on paper. Bring them along to the reunion or even send them to me before so that they can be on display at Bournemouth.

Jan Larcombe - jandor@which.net



Thank You

I wish to thank you for the beautiful flowers you gave to me it was very thoughtful and just what I needed at the time to lift me. Steve was going through a difficult time & had to be rushed to hospital where he was in intensive care for 5 days, he is now on the mend but just started his chemotherapy which he will have for six months.

Hilary

May I thank all for their kind thoughts and wishes and cards that I have received Steve.

What's happening...

Below - Farewell to HMS Ark Royal on route to Turkey to be scrapped



Last visit to Edinburgh - HMS Edinburgh last of the Type 41 before Returning to Portsmouth to De-Commission.
Phot Mike Gilbert



Below - Bring in the new - HMS Queen Elizabeth Island Section in the Clyde on route to Rosyth



Fleet Air Arm Museum



Fleet Air Arm Museum

11th July

Battle of the Atlantic Exhibition

End of July

Naval Airpower for the 21st Century Exhibition.





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RNPA REUNION 2013

BOURNEMOUTH THE WESSEX HOTEL October 4-6 2013



Friday 4th October

PM Registration- Wessex Hotel Bournemouth.

1830 Get together drinks in the Hotel's bar.

1915 Dinner in the Lulworth Restaurant. Followed by Jan's
Historical presentation, demonstration and display of
artefacts in the lounge.

Saturday 5th October

0800/1000 Breakfast in the Lulworth Restaurant.

1000 Depart for a day at either
The Tank Museum at Bovington or
Poole Pottery and Poole Wharf.

1830 Get together drinks in the Hotel's bar.

1900 Social evening in the Bryanston Suite with dinner
Followed by "The 2013 RNPA Horse Racing Festival"

Sunday 6th October.

0800/1000 Breakfast in the Lulworth Restaurant

1030 RNPA AGM

PM Optional tour to the RNLI College in Poole

1900 Dinner in the Lulworth Restaurant

Monday 7th October.

0800/1000 Breakfast in the Lulworth Restaurant

followed by departures.

Contact Ray Whitehouse to make your bookings.

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Costs include

Room

Full English Breakfast and Dinner.

Drinks get together Receptions.

Saturday Tour.

AGM with refreshments and “ Up- Spirits

Social Evening. Saturday.

Gratuities.

Per person sharing twin/double for Three nights **£213**

Less 9% for paid up Members

Per person in single room for Three nights as above.

Per person sharing twin/double for Two nights **£152.50**

Less 9% for paid up Members.

Per person in Single room for two nights as above.

Supplement for Superior Room/Suite £15 per person per night

Two tours have been arranged on the Saturday as not everyone will relish the opportunity of spending the day with Tanks; therefore an alternative tour has been arranged at Poole Pottery. Tours and demonstrations have been arranged at both venues. (at Poole Pottery you will be able to design and paint your own piece ready for firing). I understand it can be collected or mailed to you after completion. Both venues have catering facilities.

Unfortunately the RNLI were not able to accommodate us on the Saturday so I have arranged a visit for those interested in attending on Sunday 6th.

Booking for the weekend could not be easier, just let me have your deposit of £30 per person together with your name(s) address, email, telephone etc, preference of tour number of nights, type of room and I will do the rest. Cheques payable to me please. Look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Bournemouth.

Regards Ray.

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