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Ahoy There!

Hope you all had a happy Easter.

This issue of the Newsletter has full information on our Reunion in Liverpool 29th Sept - 2nd Oct 2023, Pages 10 - 13. There are many attractions in Liverpool, The Royal Albert Docks, Mersey River Boat Trips, Mersey Tunnel Tours, Tate museum, The Working Tram Museum, Museum of Liverpool, The Cavern Club, The Beatle's Museum, Arctic Convoy Museum and of course Retail Therapy (Liverpool One)

Did you watch the very good series on TV, U-Boat Wargamers about the WRNS helping the Atlantic Convoy and tactics? Worth seeing. You could watch it on catch up, then a trip to Arctic Convoy Museum would be a must - very interesting.

Page 9 for information those going on board HMS Victory 10th June 2023 and page 14 for the RNPA Remembrance Marching information. You will need to contact Danny about them.

Alan Ferguson presents his Life in the Navy in Pictures pages 6 & 7.

Brian Cartwright has some more wild life picture on page 8. I love the picture of the Gold Finch as my family reared two chicks that my father had brought home from the RAF, as the nest had been abandoned on an aircraft. One survived till it was at least six years old and had the run of the house.

Farewell to Shipmates pages 2 & 3, 5 & 8 memories of Steve King, Bob Lomax and Mick Stewart.

Please send in your photos - its your newsletter. See you at the Reunion if not before.

Yours
Hilary King



The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday, 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey. You will have a Bank holiday on Monday 8th May.

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Farewell to Shipmates

Gentleman Steve Earned A Green Beret



Steve King



Back: TD May, AT King, Mac McGann, u/k
Front: Tom Stott, Keith Rushby, Steve King

FRIENDS and colleagues of Royal Naval Photographers' Association (RNPA) membership secretary Steve King, who knew him well, regarded him as a gentleman and also as a gentle man.

But as a young photographer he proved he was both tough and aggressive enough to successfully complete the brutal Royal Marines' Commando Course and qualify to wear the coveted green beret in preparation to joining 40 Commando as unit photographer.

Steve was one of the first Navy photographers to complete the All Arms Course - its official title - at Lympstone in Devon, along with naval airmen 'Taff' James and Howard Balston, followed closely by RNPA member Mike Lay, who also took on the daunting challenge to earn a green beret.

Steve, who died aged 78 on December 1st 2022, was born in Isleworth, west London, and lived in Richmond, Surrey before moving to nearby Ham and then Whitton, attending several different schools before taking his GCEs at Whitton Comprehensive School.

A career as an architect beckoned but a seven-year apprenticeship didn't appeal, so Steve decided instead to join the Royal Navy - for nine years! He started his basic training at HMS Raleigh in October 1961 and completed his airmanship course at RNAS Culdrose in early 1962. Selected to train as a photographer, he was posted to HMS Daedalus at Lee-on-Solent to await course.

However, the course was not scheduled to start until June so he was sent north to RNAS Lossiemouth in Morayshire where a new phot section had been recently opened together with an impressive purpose-built

Steve did odd jobs around the section and assisted PO 'Mac' McCarthy in the stores while CPO Stan Mush' Fairhurst, PO Tony Spring and PO George Ash kept an eye on him and boosted his knowledge of the branch. He also used his time in the far north to pass his driving test. In June he returned to HMS Daedalus to join No 1 Phot Q Course comprising naval airman Keith Rushby, Tom Stott, with whom he became firm friends, and four Army personnel. He and Tom then completed a three month training period, first at Lossiemouth and then at the Fleet Photographic Unit at Fraser Gunnery Range in Portsmouth to qualify as Phot 11s.

In September Steve and Tom were both drafted to HMS Centaur which was in dry dock at Portsmouth, and their first task onboard was to repaint the section. The photographic team under phot officer Steve Lock included CPO Mike Thorne, PO 'Mac' McCarthy, leading airman Paul Yockney, and naval airman AJ Smith. Leading airman Jack Straw turned up later as squadron phot of 892 squadron (Sea Vixens). After extensive sea trials the ship was commissioned by HM Queen Elizabeth 11 and sailed on December 21st for a 12-month tour of the far east. (Steve's account of the commission appears in the RNPA Newsletter: editions 19 and 20.)

On returning to the UK in October 1965, Steve was drafted to HMS Heron at Yeovilton, and then back to Lossiemouth for his Phot 1s Course where he was reunited with his friend and shipmate Tom Stott. Others on the course included Mike Gilbert, Ray Pogson, Jim Hendry and five Army photographers under instructor CPO Norman 'Chippy' Smith. On completion Steve was sent to HMS Goldcrest at Brawdy in west Wales.

A few months later he volunteered for attachment to the Royal Marines, and started a physical fitness programme by running round the camp as the reality of tackling the fearsome Commando Course hit home. (Mike Lay describes the sheer physical challenges of The All Arms Course at the end of this article.) Steve's tenacity shone through and he was awarded his green beret after successfully completing the course at the RM Lympstone Training Centre in Devon. At the same time he was promoted to leading airman. Posted to 40 Commando at Dieppe Barracks in Singapore in June 1969, he photographed a number of inter-services' exercises in Malaya, Australia and covering the UK's withdrawal from Aden whilst operating from the commando carriers HMS Bulwark and HMS Albion.

On completing his detachment with the Royal Marines in February 1969 he joined the Fleet Photographic Unit at Fraser Gunnery Range in Portsmouth as a petty officer, and it was whilst working there that he first met WRNS photographer Hilary (Cramphorn) who was, many years later, to become his wife.

GIBEX took him to HMS Rooke in Gibraltar from February to April 1969 to photograph this major naval exercise, and the following year he was drafted to DPRN at the Old Admiralty Buildings in Whitehall, London for a Public Relations photographic course before being posted to HMS Tamar in Hong Kong as a PR phot, working out of Victoria Barracks.

This plum 18-month draft enabled him to travel to Seoul in Korea, where units from Hong Kong were carrying out sentry duties at the American base, thereby allowing Steve to visit Panmunjom on the demilitarised border with North Korea. Other photographic jobs took him to New Zealand where the Irish Guards were carrying out exercises, and to Auckland where their band performed in a military tattoo.

Steve returned to the UK in October 1972, and in February 1973 he left the Navy from Victory Barracks, Portsmouth.

After a three-month leave period he got a temporary job as a photographer with Swingshots, an operation that visited golf courses and used a multi-shot Polaroid camera, video and a Newman Sinclair cine camera to capture and analyse a golfer's swing.

At the same time an interview at the Government Communication's Bureau in London landed him a job as a darkroom technician. Steve accepted the job offer, later being promoted to chief photographer then chief printer in the Reprographic Department, spending a total of 29 years with the Bureau before retiring in 2003.

Thirty years after first meeting, Hilary and Steve met again at the 1999 Annual RNPA Reunion being held in Victory Barracks, Portsmouth. Letters were exchanged afterwards, their friendship blossomed and they were married in Leamington Spa Registry Office in 2001.

Steve collapsed and died suddenly on December 1st 2022 and his funeral, attended by a large number of family, friends and RNPA members, took place at Oakley Wood Crematorium near his home in Bishop's Tachbrook, Leamington Spa on January 30th. Ex-Navy phot Chris Dalby gave the eulogy high-lighting Steve's time in the Navy.

A live webcast of the funeral was made available to RNPA members, and a lively wake followed at the Leopard public house in the village.

Tough Going For Phot 'Commandos'



The All Arms Course

By Mike Lay



Steve King, first left, with Royal Marine participants on the All Arms Course.

"From the mid-1960s any Royal Navy photographer drafted to a Royal Marine unit had to complete the Commando Course – officially known as The All Arms Course.

The Marines gave no concessions whatsoever to less than fit Naval photographers.

On arrival at the Royal Marines Training Centre at Lympstone in Devon they joined a course of RM recruits who had already completed 12 to 20 weeks of basic training, and who were fit and enthusiastic.

Once kit was issued, training commenced the next day. Every day started with battle PT consisting of fireman's lift runs carrying your opposite number, Tarzan bars, wire and high wall crawls. The next 12 weeks included sessions of unarmed combat, live weapon firing - everything from pistols to anti-tank weapons. Route marches, beginning with a three-miler and building up to nine miles, were part of the daily routine. The runs were all taken at the double while carrying your personal SLR rifle and full ammunition pouches.

Failure was not an option. Photos who were very fit found it gruelling. For those not so fit, it could be hell!

Saturday mornings meant the Endurance Run, a run up to Woodbury Common, followed by a series of mud gullies, rough ground and tunnels half-filled with water which had to be negotiated before doubling back to Lympstone and completing a leopard crawl over a tank of water and then firing your SLR.

No shore leave was granted until every item of kit and equipment had been thoroughly cleaned.

Towards the end of the course Amphibious Training was undertaken at Poole in Dorset.

Finally came the dreaded 30-miler over the moor, carrying your SLR and full pouches, which had to be completed in just eight hours.

Only on completion was a green beret presented and worn. The torture was over..."



Farewell to Shipmates - Bob Lomax

High Flying Bob Took On Bobsleigh Run

Born in St Mary's Hospital in Manchester on 21 April 1931 and named Robert Ian Lomax - the first born son of Alice and Robert Lomax. Bob grew up in a council house in Wythenshawe with his two younger brothers, David and Keith. Bob joined the Navy in October 1948 at 17 years of age - he started his naval airmanship training as he really wanted to learn to fly but an issue with his ears at a medical ruled him out.

He instead commenced training as a naval photographer in February 1949 - the start of his long career in photography and film. Bob served on a number of different ships and spent time working as a Photographic Officer in Culdrose, Cornwall.

Bob served in Londonderry in 1954, which is where he met his future wife, Betty Sweet, who was in the WRNS. A case of mistaken identity at a dance - Bob was rather drunk and mistook Betty for someone else - but thank goodness as they went on to spend a very happy 60 years together until Betty passed away in December 2014. Bob spent the final two years of his naval service based in the Fleet Photographic Unit at Hal Far in Malta. There he served as Admiral Mountbatten's photographer, covering all his trips and activities around the Mediterranean. Bob described this as the best job he ever had in the service.

Bob was demobbed in April 1956 and settled in Bristol. He married Betty, by then a policewoman, in October 1956. Bob and Betty went on to have two children - Sarah in April 1962 and Simon in March 1964 and bought family homes firstly in Winterbourne and later in Yatton, between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare.

Bob joined Bristol Siddeley Engines, a British aero engine manufacturer, in the late 1950's. Based in Filton, they produced military aero plane engines including the Orpheus turbojet for the Folland Gnat light fighter/trainer aircraft used by the Red Arrows. While Gnat formation aerobatics were strictly forbidden, when Bob went to photograph the new Gnat simulator in September 1963, four of the pilots decided he should take photographs of the real Gnats flying in formation. On 10th September, two sorties were flown with Bob on board. The next day they flew their first formation aerobatic sequences with Bob in the 'camera-ship'. Afterwards, a note and Bob's photographs were left on the Chief Instructor's desk and were credited with helping to launch thousands of subsequent aerobatics displays.

By 1960, Bob was working for W D & H O Wills in Bristol as their Director of Photography. One of their brands, Embassy Cigarettes, sponsored a wide range of sporting events. As well as making promotional films for the company, Bob travelled extensively to photograph and make films about sailing, fishing, sky-diving, gliding, show-jumping, golf, rallying, powerboat-racing, water-skiing, canoeing and bob sleighing. He was even taken down the Cortina bob sleigh track in Italy. The company also sponsored a motor-racing team, Embassy Racing, founded by Graham Hill in 1973 and so Bob filmed for them until everything was cut short by the death of Graham Hill and some of the team's top personnel when Hill's light aircraft crashed in thick fog in November 1975 returning from France to London.

Bob finished his career in the far less glamorous world of cement and concrete, leading a team promoting it at the British Cement & Concrete Association in Wexham Springs, Buckinghamshire. In 1993, at the age of 62, Bob was made redundant from the BCA and so he and Betty decided to commence their retirement a few years early and to fulfil their dream of moving to the West Country and living by the sea in Devon. Bob and Betty were very happy in Dawlish for fifteen years where Bob finally realised his long-held ambition to own a small boat. In June 2008, Bob and Betty moved to their final home in Colden Common, near Winchester. Bob missed being by the sea but Betty and he made frequent day trips to the Hampshire and Dorset coasts as well as many visits to family and friends across the country. In June 2008, Bob and Betty moved to their final home in Colden Common, near Winchester.

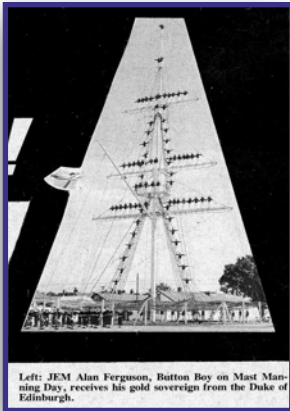
After Betty passed away in December 2014, life was never the same or as happy for Bob. Despite suffering ill health since the age of 70, he lived independently for the first few years and was proud to be able to cook, clean and iron for himself - the latter a skill he'd acquired in the Navy as their uniform bell bottoms required seven creases for the seven seas. Bob eventually had a team of carers, including his daughter, to look after his home but insisted the only personal care they should provide was with his hated pressure socks which were a struggle to put on. He was determined to live as independently as possible and in his own home until the end: something he achieved with his two beloved cats - firstly Derry, named after Londonderry where he'd met Betty, and secondly a stray he called Gerry.

Bob passed away in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester on 11 November 2022. Having been admitted four weeks earlier with an infection, he contracted Covid and then pneumonia whilst in hospital which eventually defeated him.

by Sarah Lomax

Alan Ferguson My Navy Life in Pictures

In the week that Hilary asked me to write a few lines about my "Navy Life in Pictures" it is a coincidence that this is week that I have retired. 50 years and 6 months ago I joined HMS Ganges as a Junior Electrical Mechanic to start my 25 year RN career. Though not aware at that time of my future role as a RN Photographer I was soon introduced into the RN Public Relations environment having the honour of being the last Royal Button Boy to stand on top of the 143 foot tall mast. For this feat I was awarded a Gold Sovereign by the then Duke of Edinburgh and appeared on Blue Peter the following week. I still have newspaper cuttings of that day, must have been a slow news day.



Duke of Edingburgh & Alan Ferguson



Alan Ferguson with John Noaks on Blue Peter



In my career I have served over six years with the Royal Marines both as a Greenie working on landing craft and the Phot at RM Poole then as Unit Photographer with 42 Commando. During my time with 42 Cdo I served in Canada, Norway and Northern Ireland. The latter was a really rewarding time as I was called upon to master a number of photographic skills new to me and then train the Booties to undertake surveillance both in the day and night.

Another highlight of my Phot career was to be involved in the Nickleby Operations, initially in setting up darkrooms with machine printing abilities on various ships, then as a flying phot.

There are many good dits from these times including the time the skipper rang the darkroom to ask if it was okay to carry out ship's manoeuvres. Good to see he recognised the importance of our role.

Alan Ferguson - My Navy Life In Pictures - continued



While at FPU in Portsmouth I was amongst those to be selected to be street liners for Andrew and Fergie's wedding, well as a 'Fergie' I had to be there. I had the honour of being one of the Queen's Colour Escorts, and thanks to Bernie Pettersen, I have a lovely photographic record of the day. The Chief GI was not too impressed as the Escort Officer called us to attention and present colours/arms to get a good photo. I seem to remember the Chief GI walking away muttering "Damn Photos!"



I finished my Phot and RN Career at the Joint School of Photography at RAF Cosford, a time I look back on with pride and pleasure, remembering many photographers passing out during my six years there. I wasn't too sure about the RAF to begin with, especially when on instructors training a corporal asked if I was for the TITs or a GITs course. Seemingly that is Trades Instructional Techniques or Ground Instructional Techniques. The Trafalgar Night celebrations in the Sergeants mess were really memorable and still make me smile when I think back to them.

We still live in Shropshire as we liked the county so much.



Alan Ferguson on the right instructing a clearance diving course - in at the deep end.



Farewell to Shipmates - Mick Stewart

Hello all,

I've picked up on facebook that another ex-phot, Mick Stewart, has crossed the bar.

His nephew, Jordan Rothary, has put up a request on the HMS Raleigh group page asking for any information about his service time. Mick was in 406 mess at Lossiemouth when I was doing my 2's course in '65, and I think he was a member of the phot. section there. Jordan seemed to think he joined in 1967 and left in the early 70's, but was in Hong Kong in 71/2, and was on the

Hermes in 67/8. But I think Jordan's surmise on his entry year is wrong and think it must have been 1963 to '65 time?

He married his wife Kath when he was on the Hermes, and they had two girls, Trudi and Shelley. Mick was from Brighouse, so a canny Yorkshireman!

I'm attaching the picture he put up of Mick and Kath (a bit blurry so I hope it wasn't one of our lot that took the pictures for them!) just in case any of you remember Mick and his time with us.

It's a bit of a long shot really, but I thought I'd try and glean more information if we could, to help Jordan find out more about Mick's time in the branch.

I will put a post up on the website this week. Any thoughts or feedback you can give me would be welcome. Thanks,

Regards, Tony Darbyshire

More Great Photos by Brian Cartwright



Gold Finch



Buzzard



Wood Mouse



Robin



RNPA Social Evening Aboard HMS Victory

Saturday 10th June 2023



Dear Members & Ex-Navy Photographers,

Late last year there happened to be an opportunity to book dinner in the Senior Rates Mess aboard HMS Victory in Portsmouth dockyard. The only way this can be achieved is booking through a Serving Senior Rate of the Photographic Branch. At the moment the waiting list is approximately six months, so it was important to book a date as soon as possible.

The Planning Chief at the FPU on Whale Island has given us 30 places and he is organising 30 serving photographers to join us - a great meeting up opportunity especially if we can swell the RNPA Membership.

Due to the short notice that we had to give numbers and names I contacted firstly those who had attended the 2022 Reunion in Portsmouth in November and those that march in the RNPA Platoon at the Cenotaph. This had to be organised on a first come first serve basis, resulting in the list now being full. However, if there are any people that can't keep that date, I will contact you all for new attendees to fill those spaces.

It is intended to book the Victory Dinner on an annual basis giving preference to those that haven't yet experienced this auspicious event. The rough costs are around £40 per person but the wine etc is at a very reasonable tariff.

For those that are down to attend this June, details regarding payment will be sent to you shortly.

Yours Aye,
Danny du Feu
RNPA Social Secretary
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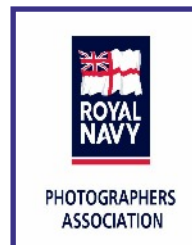
RNPA HMS Victory Dinner Attendees – June 10th 2023

Danny du Feu	Pete Bunting	Alison Manning	Ash Amliwala
Tina du Feu	Bridget Bunting	Roger Forbes	Usha Amliwala
Richard Thompson	Julie Richardson	Pam Forbes	Geoff Holland
Phillip Everitt	Brian Richardson	Joan Roberts	Helen Holland
Fiona Perks	Tony Darbyshire	Vince Richards	Catherine Kelly
Bob Stanyard	Val Darbyshire	Yonna Richards	Ian Hooper
Pauline Chalk	Ted Tierney	Tony Maris	Carol Hooper
Maureen Manning	Vivien Tierney		

RNPA & Photographic Branch Reunion 2023 Liverpool

at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool

Friday 29th September – Monday 2nd October 2023



Hi Everyone,

We are delighted to inform you that the planning stage of the 2023 Annual Reunion is complete. This is the 104th year since the forming of the RN Photography Branch. It gives us great pleasure to invite you to come along and spend a great weekend with friends, Ex-Colleagues and Serving Photos alike.

It was decided at the Portsmouth Reunion in November that the 2023 event should be held in Liverpool. We have booked the 3 Star 'Liner Hotel' in Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool, L3 5QB. I personally have stayed at this hotel with another association in the past and found it excellent. I have had several discussions with the RNPA Committee and the Hotel, to discuss various items and events which should make the Reunion weekend a memorable one.

The difference with this Reunion format is that you will be asked to book your accommodation yourself direct with the Hotel, and in this letter, you will find the details & costs for booking rooms. The rates are very competitive for Liverpool.

Unfortunately, the Friday evening Buffet meal and Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening are not included in the cost of the accommodation, and although very reasonable, this needs to be paid via me to the hotel. The Reunion Levy is for all other expenses and also needs to be paid to me.

To book rooms please phone The Liner Hotel on 0151 709 7050 and quote the following reference, **0923ROYA**.

Although a number of rooms have been allocated to us, I would advise you book your room(s) as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Room Tariff

Double & Twin Rooms: Friday £110.00BB, Saturday £135.00BB, Sunday £85.00BB

Single Occupancy: Friday £97.50BB, Saturday £122.50BB, Sunday £72.50BB.

Other costs incurred for weekend will be charged separately.

Reunion Levy - £30 per person

Friday Evening Buffet - £15 per person (not if you are not attending)

Saturday Gala Dinner - £32.50 per person

This will be required to be sent to the Social Secretary as follows:

Cheques should be made out to '**Mr Robert G. du Feu**', and sent to:
57, Westover Road, Leicester, LE3 3DU

Or by Bank Transfer:— R.G. Du Feu, Acc No: 68390786, Sort Code: 40-63-01
Please add your name as a Reference when sending by bank transfer.

If you are not staying at the hotel, you still need to pay for the Levy and Buffett or Dinner or both depending which you are attending

The Levy covers:

Friday & Saturday night entertainment, Rum & Port for ceremonial 'Up Spirits', Cheese Platters for each table, Wine for the tables on Saturday evening, Expenses incurred in the planning, etc.



RNPA 2023 Reunion

Friday Evening Hot & Cold Buffet

Hot Dish Options

Chicken Tikka Masala served with rice

Sun -Dried Tomato, Red Onion & Black Olive Mozzarella Pasta (V)

Salad Selection

Caesar Pasta Salad

Tomato, Red Onion & Feta Salad

Fresh Sandwiches & Wraps

Update on RNPA Reunion in Liverpool 2023

Dear Ex-Phot's, Colleagues and Serving Phot's

I am contacting you again to thank all of those that have booked your rooms, sent in your Levy, and payment for the Friday Night Buffet & Saturday Gala Dinner. I know it seems confusing to have to pay for those meals separately when other hotels include it in the accommodation prices. Apart from that, and the fact that the catering dept are NOT up to speed on the vegetarian choices, I'm sure the Hotel will treat us splendidly.

So, the updates are:

- a) Another updated Gala Dinner Menu with added Vegetarian choices, on following page.
- b) For those of you who cannot make the Friday night Meet & Greet, the **Levy is only £20.00**.
- c) We are hoping to organise a visit on the Saturday morning to the very popular and informative 'Arctic Convoy' Museum.

The Group rate is £11.50 per person and they advise we organise ourselves into parties of 15 with a Guide.

The Guides will cost £75 per Guide, and this cost will be borne by the Association.

I will need to inform the Museum of the numbers interested to book the Guides, - so if you could kindly let me know if you are interested, that would be great.

- d) When you send in your payments, please include your Gala Dinner menu choices.

[This Reunion has all the Hallmarks of a great event so please support it!](#)



RNPA 2023 Reunion Saturday Evening Gala Dinner Menu Choices



Starters

King Prawn and Smoked Scotch Salmon Salad

*Mixed baby leaves, diced chorizo,
smoked paprika dressing, malted wheat bloomer*

Creamy Leek, Spring Onion and Potato Soup

Sprinkled with buttered croutons and snipped Chives

Baby Mozzarella and Sun-Blushed Tomato Bruschetta

With roasted shallot balsamic glaze and pesto oil (v)

Main Courses

Herb Rubbed Lamb Rump

Lyonnais potatoes, green beans and chickpeas with redcurrant and red wine jus

Char Seared Chicken Breast

*Rosti potatoes, steamed sugar snaps and maple smoked bacon,
leek and chardonnay wine sauce*

Wild Mushroom & Chive Risotto

Set in a tortilla basket and drizzled with pesto oil. (V, VG, GF)

Sweet Potato and chickpea loaf (V, VG, GF)

Chargrilled, herb roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Sweet

Chocolate Mocha Cheesecake

Surrounded with a salted caramel and vanilla sauces

Crème Brûlée

Glazed with a sugar crust and topped with fresh raspberries and shortbread

Cheese & Biscuit Platters will be served to each table

Served with Fresh Tea, Coffee & Chocolate Mints

Please send your Menu Choices of Starter, Main Course & Sweet to the Social Secretary
Also, please state the name of the person the Menu Choice refers to.

Check off List for the 2023 Liverpool Reunion

RN Photographers Reunion at the Liner Hotel in Liverpool Friday 29th September – Monday 2nd October 2023

Dress Code for weekend

Friday Evening – Smart Casuals/Blazers

Saturday Evening Gala Dinner
Lounge Suits/Blazers & Ties/Black Tie

Programme of Events

On arrival, Members are invited to park their cars in the Hotel Car Park

Friday 29th	PM	Guests arrive at the Liner Hotel and book in.
	18.00	Meet & Greet with old friends and guests in the Pacific Lounge + Entertainment
	20.00	Hot/Cold Buffet served
Saturday 30th	AM	Guests are free to pursue any of the many attractions that Liverpool has to offer. Some of which are listed on page 5 of the Reunion Letter. There is a possibility of an organised Tour to the Arctic Convoys Exhibition
	18.00	Meet & Greet in the Britannic Suite
	19.00	Call for the Gala Dinner and be seated in the Britannic Suite
	19.05	Gala Dinner
Approx 20.30		Welcome address by our Chairperson, followed by the Social Secretary's brief o/c Ceremonial 'Up Spirits' enactment and Loyal Toast o/c Raffle (Please bring a Raffle Prize) o/c Dancing to Disco music
	00.30	Bar closes
Sunday 1st Oct	10.30	After breakfast – AGM in Pacific Lounge On completion Tea/ Coffee is served

Those that are staying till Monday are free to visit other attractions in and around the Port and City of Liverpool, including the Liverpool Royal Naval Club.

RNPA Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Marching 2023



Cenotaph Marchers 2022

Dear Cenotaph Marchers, RNPA Members and Ex-Phots,

'I am contacting you All, as the time has come to submit numbers to the Royal British Legion of those who would like to march this year.' at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday, on 12th November in London,

At present we are hoping to have 25 Marchers signed up which is fantastic! This means we will be marching as a separate platoon with at least 4 rows of six marchers.

However, we need more, so please get in contact as I have asked for 30 places and it would be fantastic for the Photographic Branch to honour those who have given up so much for us by marching as a unit on Remembrance Sunday.

Best wishes to you and your families, and please keep safe. Do try to keep in contact with former naval colleagues, less fortunate, who may be suffering in these trying times.

The event is like a mini-reunion and very relaxed, especially afterwards in the Tom Crib Pub, near Leicester Square, plus mixing with other Associations, as some of the pictures, show.

Also, on the 10th September, we are all invited to join the Fleet Air Arm contingent marching at the Cenotaph on the occasion of the Royal Navy Associations Parade. Much more relaxed and a good social afterwards at the Civil Service Club (Old Scotland Yard)

I will be contacting you all for names for both events very soon.

Yours Aye,
Danny du Feu
RNPA Cenotaph Marching Coordinator
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