



The AnyFace Association Newsletter February 2022

'Batten Down the Hatches' – how many times was that phrase uttered in the UK during the month? With that in mind what better way to start than with an image to evoke memories of sunnier climes..... A fantastic photo from Jan Cox of A Flt enjoying a beer (or two) in the Gulf of Oman circa Nov 86.



Back Row L-R: Brian Johnstone (LSTWD), Neil Scott (AEM R), Nick Roesby (AEM M), Mick Brant (POAEA WL)
Middle: Paddy McCLung (LAEM R), Taff Baker (LWTR), Billy Upton (LAEM M)
Front: Neal Howkins (AEM M), Jan Cox (AEM M), Rich Hawke (AEM R)

2022 Membership. We have had around 150 renewed memberships for 2022 so thank you very much to those for your continued support. For anyone still wishing to renew then I'd appreciate if you could fill in the form [here](#) and transfer £10 (if applicable) to the following account:

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Following this newsletter, the distribution list will be amended to reflect 2022 members only.

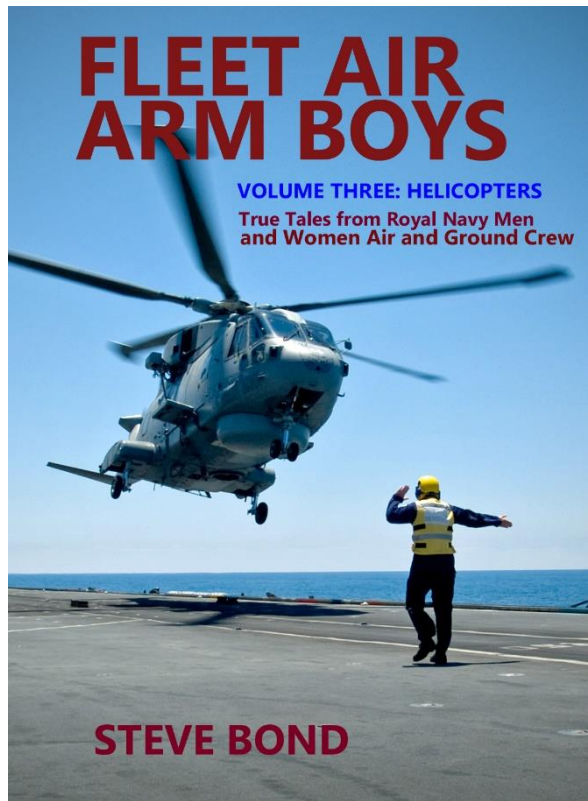
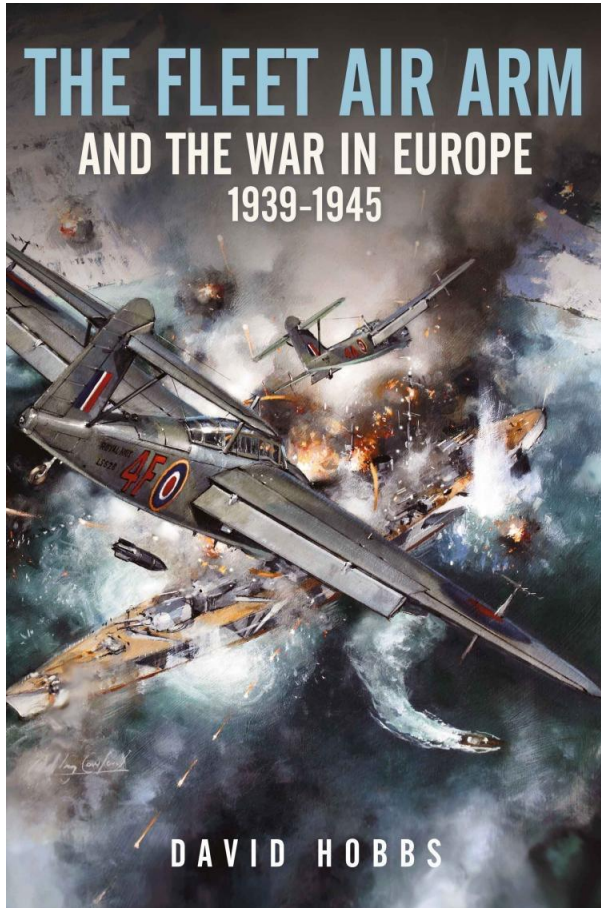
AnyFace 70 & Project LAST 40. Following the specific email about reunion plans at RNAS Yeovilton 16-18 September, we've had moderate interest but not yet enough to take the planning forward. If you are interested in attending the events then the committee would be very grateful if you could show this with an RSVP at the following links. Guests are welcome at all events (although you don't need to include numbers or names at this early stage).

Evening Reception at Navy Wings [RSVP](#)

Mess Dinner [RSVP](#)

Service of Memorial [RSVP](#)

Fleet Air Arm Boys Vol 3. Our member Steve Bond has confirmed that the launch of FAA Boys Vol 3 is being planned for Saturday 9 July at the FAA Museum. We have had 16 AnyFace members contribute across all volumes and it is hoped that many will be able to attend the launch of Vol 3. This would be a great opportunity for an informal **AnyFace Gathering** so please do let me know if you intend on being there so we can arrange something suitable!



The Fleet Air Arm and the War in Europe 1939-1945. The latest release from our member David Hobbs which includes 849's contribution to the Normandy landings. Copies are available via the following link [Navy Wings Shop](#) and remember to claim your 15% discount by entering **ANYFACE15** at checkout.

In addition, for those who use Amazon, if you order your items through www.smile.amazon.co.uk Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to your chosen charity (Navy Wings, RNRMC, RBL etc).

Falkland Islands 40 Events.



There are many events being organised from April onwards and the commemorations will culminate with the RBL's Falklands 40 Event on 14 June at the National Memorial Arboretum. Details of the events open to Falklands Veterans at the Air Stations are below:

RNAS Culdrose Divisions 18 May. Please contact me direct if you wish to attend.

RNAS Yeovilton Commemoration Service 25 May. Please contact Tina Cullen on 01935 455257 or tina.cullen889@mod.gov.uk. Closing date for applications is 13 April.

Down Memory Lane.....'A' Flt CPOs doing their bit for US-Anglo relations.



Thanks to Richard Fagg who recently found some old photos of his time on A Flt 1987-1990 and explains how he and Dave Sutton (with beard) ended up in a High School Yearbook during a port visit to Florida in 1988!

The visit came about when I looked at the ship's notice board and an American family were looking to host a couple of guys from the ship for Thanksgiving dinner at their home in Deerfield Beach FL. I made contact with them and Dave and I were picked up from the ship. We got on really well with our hosts Nick and Joan Ziegler; Nick was a local Attorney and Joan and some of the family were teachers at a local school, Coconut Creek High. They asked us to the school and we spent a day there helping with English lessons and also conducted a question and answer session with the students about the RN. We were presented with a Fraternity and even made it into the yearbook.



I maintained a friendship beyond that initial meeting and when the ship returned to Florida the following year I stayed with the family once again. In 1989 my wife Jo along with my two sons came out to Florida and I had booked accommodation in Orlando (pre internet), which turned out to be quite grim. Nick and Joan came to our rescue and we checked out, drove to Deerfield Beach and then onto the Florida Keys to stay in their holiday home before returning to their home in Deerfield and then back to Orlando to a much nicer hotel! I continued to write to Nick and Joan for many years but lost touch around the time I was teaching in a local College of Further Education.

Take care everyone and please do drop me a line if you'd like to contribute to the Newsletter.

Yours aye,

Admin Director

