



The AnyFace Association Newsletter November 2021

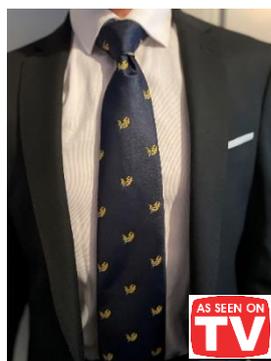
Remembrance Sunday at Whitehall

Finally we had a chance to come together as an association. A whole hearted thank you goes to the 8 'veterans' who took part; some had travelled quite a distance and it was great that they were afforded some quality airtime on the BBC! On completion of the RBL parade, the Association attended the Fly Navy Federation service at the FAA Memorial with Cdr Jim Hall laying a wreath on our behalf. A huge thank you to Lockheed Martin who sponsored lunch at the 'In and Out' for those who paraded; a very nice way to finish the day. An extremely poignant occasion and a chance to catch up with old friends, hopefully this is an event we will be involved in for many years to come.



Left: L-R Danny Daniell, Dave Lambourne, John Brotherton, Peter Waugh, Dicky Lewis, Runna Long, Floppy Hoper, David Bartlett.
Right: Cdr Jim Hall laying a wreath at the FAA Memorial.

The AnyFace Association Tie



A must have accessory for the AnyFace 70 reunion, we have around 45 ties in stock. Each tie is made from 2 plastic bottles so we're doing our bit for the environment! Cost is **£10 p&p included**. To purchase, just drop me a line [here](#)

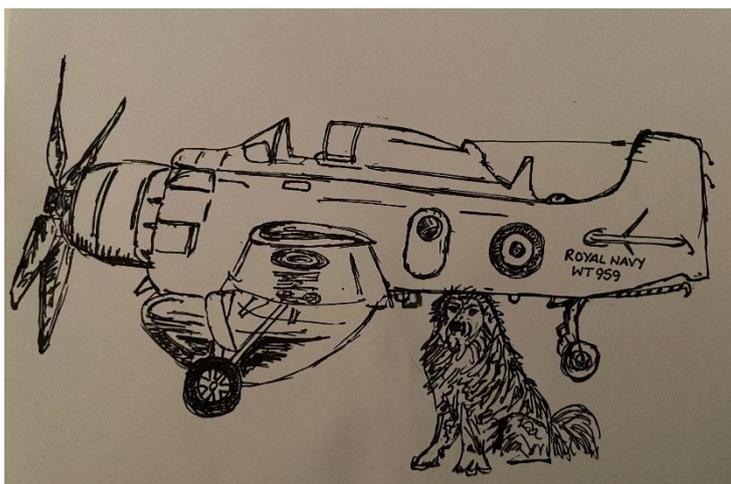
Down Memory Lane....

Thanks to Ronald Scott for retelling his story of a rather memorable flight in 1954.

'A Shaggy Dog Story'

RNAS Culdrose, 849 NAS HQ,

Saturday 15 December 1954. Flight scheduled at 0800. Sortie details - Lt Cdr Bearing, Sub Lt Scott, Woolly Bear to Western Zoyland and return. Lt Cdr 'Kipper' Bearing was the CO, I was the Sub Lt observer who had recently joined the Squadron and Woolly Bear was Kipper Bearing's dog, a large Pyrenean Mountain Dog that frequently came to work with the CO. Lt Cdr Bearing was about to take a sea appointment and the dog



was to be given to his Flight Lieutenant brother who was stationed at Western Zoyland (an RAF station which is now Bristol Airport). As we went to man the Skyraider, Kipper told me not to worry, all the dog needed 'was to be comforted'. The Skyraider had doors on either side of the aircraft, accessing side by side seating in the body of the aircraft. I opened the door to find the dog sitting on my parachute with its ears swathed in bandages. When I strapped in alongside the dog, one of the ground crew presented me with a hefty piece of wood with a nail in the end 'just in case it goes berserk Sir'. The Skyraider engine was started by an explosive starter. When this was fired and the engine was running the dog became a terrified, quivering, drooling mass and remained so during the short flight until we landed at Western Zoyland. There we were instructed to taxi to the tower where Kipper's brother stood waiting. When we stopped, he opened the aircraft door and the dog leap out knocking him for six. The last we saw, Woolly Bear was running across the airfield in the direction of Bristol with the Flight Lieutenant in hot pursuit. We made a fast take off and returned to Culdrose. I was told to log this sortie as a Test Flight!

And from PAF's line book it seems we had similar weather back in 1965....



Admin

New joiners - We've had over 20 new joiners this month, mostly from the engineering cadre which is fantastic! I'll publish a full member list next month and just a reminder that if you sign up to the [Members Private Area](#) on the website you can create your own profile and contact other members through those means.

Committee Meeting - Our next meeting is on 13 December. If you'd like anything discussed, then please [email](#) by 10 December.

AnyFace 70 - The Reunion will go ahead at RNAS Culdrose in 2022. Date is tbc but hopefully we can go firm very soon.

Future Newsletters - As always, we'd love your input so if you would like anything included in the monthly Newsletter then please [email](#).

Admin Director

