



The AnyFace Association Newsletter April 2022

Member Milestones

After a remarkable 38 years in the RN, **Martin 'Ken' Barlow** has retired from the Service. Ken joined the RN in September 1984 as an Artificer Apprentice and was subsequently streamed into Air Engineering within the Mechanical trade. During his career Ken served in HM Ships ARK ROYAL, INVINCIBLE, ILLUSTRIOUS and DAEDALUS and Squadrons 706, 750, 820, 849 HQ, A and B Flights, and VAW-120. Amazingly he served at RNAS Culdrose in every rank between Apprentice and Commander (except for Warrant Officer), including Command of 849 Squadron between 2008 and 2010. Having reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer by the age of 24, Ken decided to give flying a go and was commissioned in 1993 under the Upper Yardman scheme. He returned to 849 B Flight as a S/Lt less than 3 years after leaving as a Chief Petty Officer. Other appointments included the Joint Air Maritime Organisation (HQ Strike Command) 2006-2008, Task Force Jaguar in Camp Leatherneck 2011-12, Joint Air Land Organisation (HQ Air Command) 2012-15, Air Capability/DE&S 2015-18 and RNAS Culdrose 2019-22.

A truly great career Ken and the Association wishes you all the best for the future. BZ!



B Flt in the Adriatic, Christmas Day 1995

*Standing (L-R): Matt Briers (SP) Nige May, Mickey Spillane, Jon Rich (CO), Greg Smith, Greg Lawrence, Andy Ewen (AEO)
Kneeling (L-R): Ken Barlow, Mike Garland, Justin Matthews, Geoff Hayward, Matt Deavin, Jon Thompson*

Many happy returns to our overseas members **Michael Coles**, who turned 90 this month. Michael was a Skyraider pilot on C Flt from 1954 -1956.

And perhaps not a milestone but..... after 13 months on maternity leave, I'm trading in Cbeebies for UK Space Command, where I start next week as SO1 Engagement.

2022 Subscriptions

We have 8 full members who have yet to pay their subscription. If you are one of those then I'd appreciate if you could transfer £10 to the AnyFace Account. Drop me a line if you're unsure of payment details.

AnyFace 70/Project LAST 40 Reunion

We are still progressing our reunion planning and will hopefully be in a position to promulgate more detail in next month's newsletter.

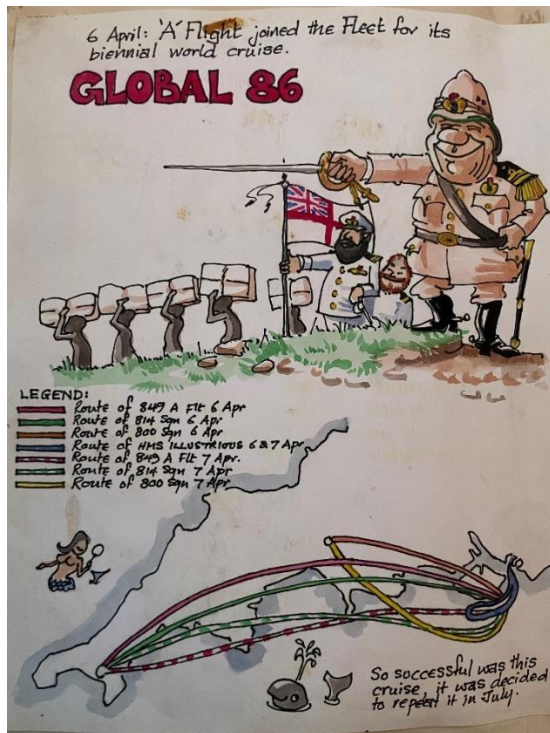
Remembrance Sunday 2022



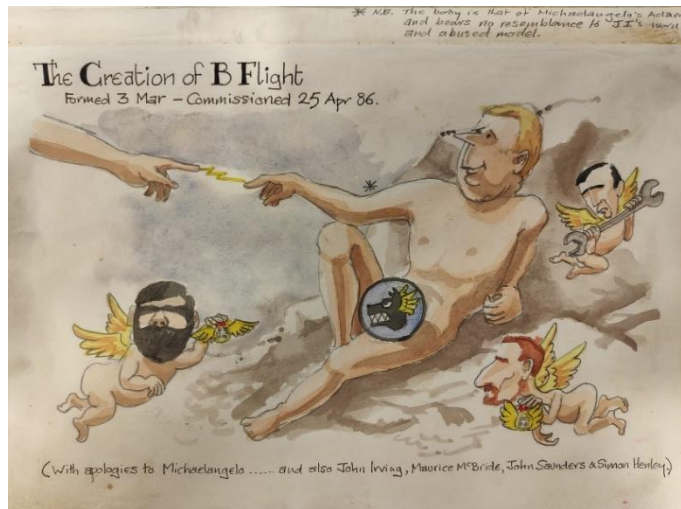
The RBL have confirmed that the National Service of Remembrance and Veterans Parade will take place on **13 November 22**. They have asked associations to bid for an allocation of tickets by **10 June**. We had 8 veterans parade last year so it would be great to have the same or even more again! If you are interested in being in the contingent, please RSVP at the event link [here](#).

Allocated ticket numbers for each association will be confirmed by the RBL in the summer.

Down Memory Lane – 1986



On 6 April, A Flt embarked in HMS ILLUSTRIOUS for Global 86....only to return to Culdrose the following day after a serious gearbox fire which would put the ship out of action until July. Meanwhile B Flt formally commissioned on 25 April.



As ever, please do drop me a line if you'd like to contribute to the Newsletter.

Yours aye,

Admin Director

