



The AnyFace Association Newsletter November 2022

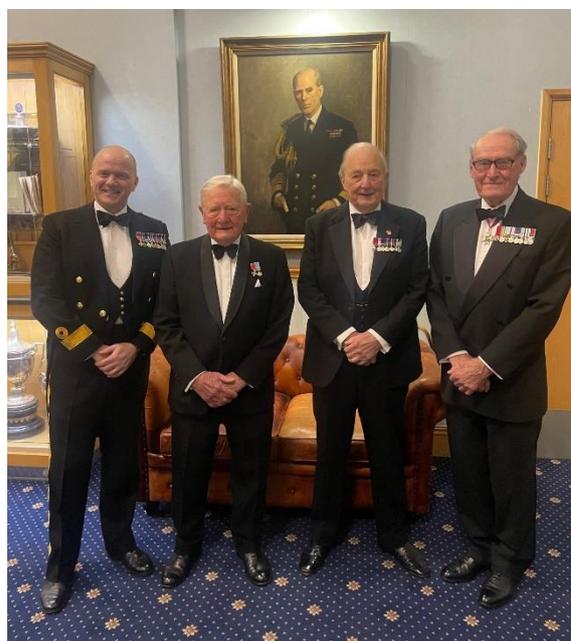
It has been a few months since the last newsletter, mainly due to the planning and then the replanning of the Reunion, so I apologise for that. We've had some new joiners in that time and it's great to welcome the following to the AnyFace Association; **Cate Whitewood, Andy Byers, Stewart Clark, Stan Hargreaves, Steve Phillips, Robbie Holden, John Lea, Tom Cox, Bill Covington, Neal Howkins and Alexander (Sandy) Ellin.**

AnyFace 70 Reunion Dinner.



A huge thank you to all who attended the AnyFace 70 Dinner at RNAS Yeovilton. It was great to see a wide spread of our membership there, with lots of old friends reacquainted and new friendships made. Although not a spiritual home of AEW, Yeovilton really did welcome us with open arms and despite the rather chilly temperatures in the dining hall, the feedback received about the location has been hugely positive. The Chairman has written to the Commanding Officer to thank all his staff for the assistance and support they provided the Association.

It was a privilege to have Admiral of the Fleet Sir Ben Bathurst and Commodore Andrew Rose as our Guests of Honour, with the icing on the cake being that our President, Commodore Michael Clapp, could attend despite travelling to the Falkland Islands for 2 weeks of remembrance events the following day! As always, The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines entertained with immaculate precision and skill.



Eyes of the Fleet Book.

We were incredibly lucky that Richard Scott kicked off the evening by launching his book 'Eyes of the Fleet' to commemorate 40 years since Project LAST. Richard has very kindly donated a large number of copies to the AnyFace Association; members who didn't attend the Reunion can order their free copy via the following link. First come first served and we will ask for a small fee to cover postage and packaging. Overseas postage also available.

[Eyes of the Fleet Book Order](#)

For more information on the book please see the link to the Navy Wings Shop who are selling a number of copies donated by Richard with all proceeds going to Navy Wings.

[Eyes of the Fleet - Navy Wings](#)



And finally, a huge thank you to our sponsors for the evening; HeliOperations, Leonardo Helicopters, Lockheed Martin and Thales. Without their generosity ticket prices would have been significantly higher than £20 per head!

A very enjoyable evening and for those who have commented on the frequency of the Reunion, this is a topic we will consider at the virtual AGM early in 23 (date tbc).

A few photos below with work ongoing to collate all images on the website here [AnyFace 70 Gallery](#)





AnyFace Service of Commemoration.

Many thanks to all those members who attended and took part in our Service of Commemoration at St Bart's Church the following day. It was a lovely service lead by Reverend Nigel Beardsley, which allowed us time to reflect and to remember former squadron mates. The Church hope we will join them again and have thanked the Association for the very kind donations made to the collection.



The Field of Remembrance.

This was the Association's inaugural year at the Poppy Factory's Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey and it was an honour to take over the plot that was previously held by the RNVR. It was also an honour to be present for the opening by Her Majesty The Queen Consort, who is patron of the Poppy Factory.



Further photos from the event can be found here [Field of Remembrance](#)

Remembrance Sunday.

And to round off a busy period, thank you to our members who represented AnyFace at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday - a very smart turn out indeed! The parade was followed by a Fly Navy Federation Service at the FAA Memorial and lunch at the Clarence on Whitehall. Further photos from the day can be found here [Remembrance Sunday](#)



L-R: Runna Long, Dicky Lewis, John Brotherton, David Bartlett, Floppy Hoper, Jan Cox, Danny Daniell, John Saunders, Dave Lambourne, Biff Burton



As ever please drop me a line if you'd like anything included in the next newsletter.

Yours aye,
Admin Director

