



# The AnyFace Association Newsletter January 2023

Hello members!

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start to 2023. To kick off the year, I would firstly like to take the opportunity to formally welcome our latest member to the Association, **Colin Fryer**. Colin was a Gannet observer on HQ and B Flt from June 76 to Dec 78 before going to 360 Sqn and then transferring to the RAF.

## Virtual AGM

As mentioned in the Chairman's Christmas message, we are keen to conduct our first AGM, albeit virtually, and we have taken a punt on **Tue 28 Feb at 2000** via Zoom. It would be great to see as many members as possible join us on the evening and to help gauge numbers you can RSVP here [Virtual AGM](#). Zoom details will follow.

In an attempt to aid the smooth running of proceedings we welcome early input on items/points to raise. If you do have points to raise can I request you email me by 20 Feb, to allow for incorporation into the agenda.

## Latest dits

It's been a little while since we've received a dit, so thank you to **Julian Hayes** for putting pen to paper to re-live his time as a 'sprog' on 849 B Flt during a far eastern deployment in HMS Centaur. The full dit can be found here [A Gannet Ditching](#) – it's a great read!



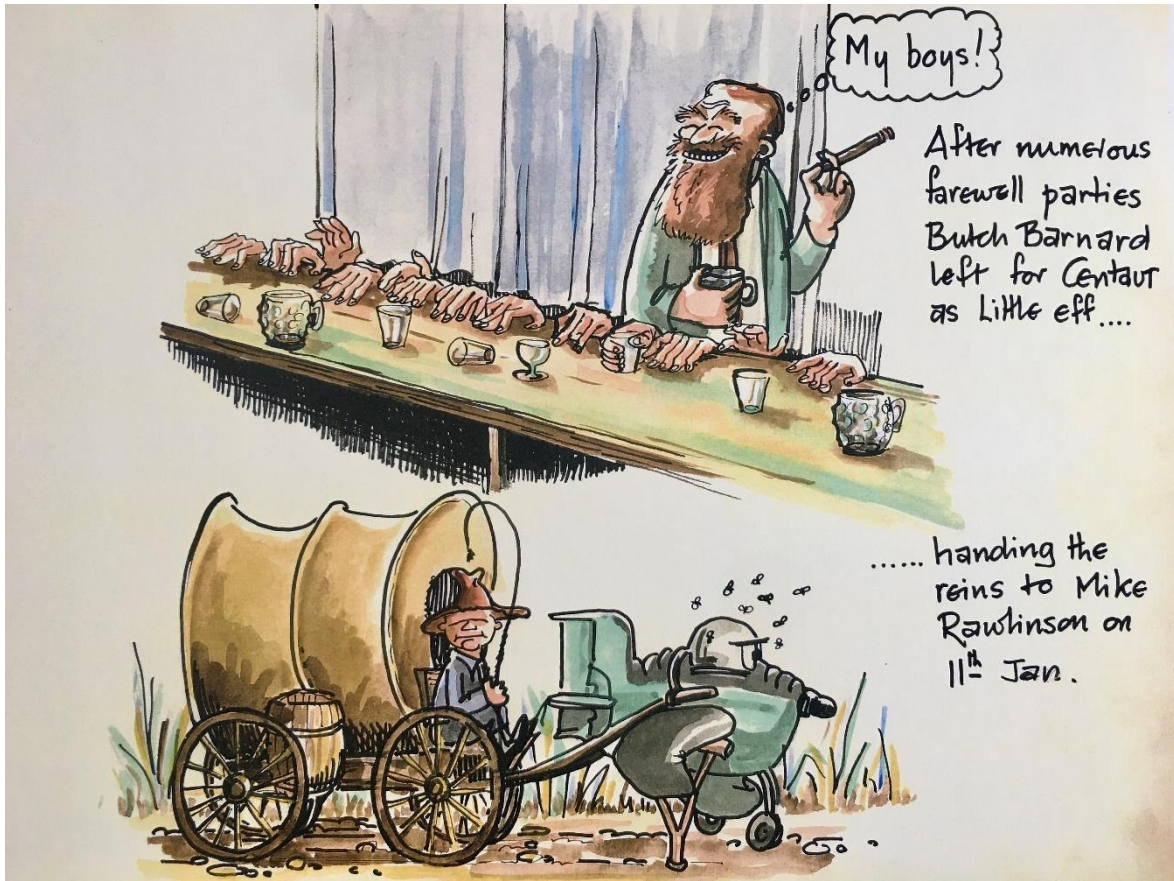
## Eyes of the Fleet Book.

I have another batch of books ready to dispatch – this time including a number of copies to the US and New Zealand! We still a few copies remaining and you can order below.

[Eyes of the Fleet Book Order](#)

## Down memory lane.....

Jan 1965 and Butch Barnard hands the Squadron to Chairman Mike!



## Did you serve with Sub Lt Tom Tracey?

I've recently been in contact with the daughter-in-law of Sub Lt Tom Tracey. Tom was killed in a flying accident in 1968 alongside Nick Broadway and Gordon Still. Tom's wife Olwyn passed away last year and the family have since found letters between Tom and Olwyn. His family would be grateful to hear more about Tom so please drop me a line if you would like to be connected directly or I can act as a conduit to share your stories.

The full 849 NAS roll of honour (including WW2 losses) can be found here [Roll of Honour](#)

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

Yours aye,  
Admin Director

