



# The AnyFace Association Newsletter December 2022



## **President's Message**

*On this my first Christmas as your President, I sincerely hope all members of the AnyFace Association may have a very happy Christmas and a much happier New Year. The Association has the potential for a wonderful future and I hope it may support the vital case for a strong defence of the future fleet as Airborne Early Warning has done for nearly seventy years.*

*With my very best wishes,*

**Commodore Michael Clapp CB**

## **Chairman's Review**

*Greetings All,*

*What a difference a year makes. This time last year my Christmas message was as if 'treading water' waiting for circumstances to change before we were able to move on to fulfil a main priority - a first gathering of members. We were being kept up to date by monthly newsletters and they have continued to help keep us 'in touch' during this year.*

*Then in late spring it became possible to start planning for our first reunion; a reunion to coincide with 70 years of AEW in the Fleet. With early support from members, we were able to go ahead and confirm event bookings, particularly Yeovilton as the venue due to the non-availability of Culdrose. All was in place for 17 September when following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen all was postponed. As I have said elsewhere, unphased, Serena set to and had all back in place for the Reunion on 5 November. One hundred and ten members, guests and VIPS gathered for a most memorable and enjoyable evening and a then fitting service in St Bart's next day- to be followed by encouraging comment - 'when is the next one!'*

*Thanks have gone to all who were involved in making it a success including our sponsors, to Richard Scott who chose our event to launch his excellent book 'Eyes of the Fleet' and Yeovilton who did us proud; feedback from members indicate Yeovilton as a potential favoured venue in the future!*

*The next event will be our first AGM. AGMs are not the most exciting happenings in most people's diaries however with it being a Zoom meeting I hope that many will be able to 'attend'. Details of when will be sent early in the New Year with guidance on how it will be 'run'. In particular your Committee will ask for questions/comments to be forwarded so all can be familiar in advance, leading I trust to an informed - and - to the point discussion!*

*As we now prepare for Christmas, on behalf of myself and your Committee members I wish you and your families a most enjoyable time and together look forward to a very good New Year and continued support and success of the Association.*

**Mike Rawlinson**

## Eyes of the Fleet Book

The first large batch of books were posted a couple of weeks ago, including to members as far away as Italy, Singapore and the USA! As expected, the feedback received has been fantastic and we thank Richard Scott again for helping to ensure the story of 849 NAS will not be forgotten.

Cost for P&P in the UK is £5 and for those further afield it will be dependent on location. We still have a number of books in stock and if you would like one then simply complete the form here [Eyes of the Fleet Book Order](#)

## AnyFace Association Tie

After a successful run of 50 last year and several subsequent requests, we will investigate a further run in the New Year. Likely cost will be £15 (inc P&P). It would be useful to gauge interest before we commit to the minimum production number so if you would like one then grateful if you can drop me a line.



And finally, thank you for all the support this year. It has been a pleasure and I'm looking forward to next year! Wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Admin Director

