



The 'Never Again' News

An occasional newsletter for members of 225 Entry, RAF Halton, Nov 1971 – Oct 1973

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to you all for still being on the right side of the turf and able to read this edition on the 50th anniversary of us signing on the dotted line.

So many things have happened to us all while in the RAF and afterwards, but hopefully you can look back on your time at Halton and appreciate what our training did for us in setting our individual paths to fame / infamy and fortune / misfortune (please delete as appropriate!). I also hope you can, 50 years on, still take pride in being one of Trenchard's Brats, an exclusive club that's only had about 40,000 members over the past century. We may be a dwindling band, but I hope there's many a year before the last of our entry takes his final posting.

REMEMBERING

Of course, while we can congratulate each other on navigating the past 50 years successfully, we must remember that a dozen of our number (that I know of) have been lost along the way: -

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

Kelvin Bullen	Died (illness) 4 June 2009
Dave Chitty	Died (Chinook crash) 27 February 1987
Paul Farrall	Died (illness) 22 May 2018
Steve Fryer	Died (sailing accident) 7 March 2001
Andrew Galt	Died (illness) 23 September 2018
Gordon Graham	Died (illness) 11 January 2014
Paul Henry	Died (hit by car) December 2000
John Killen	Died (car accident) date unknown
Iain Montgomerie	Died (illness) 3 May 2019
Ian Oram	Died (illness) 2001
Richard Tribe	Died (murdered) 8 April 2001
Martin Walford	Died (car accident) 3 March 1974

FIND THE ‘MISSING’ ONES

I make no excuses for re-publishing the list of the ones that are still ‘missing’ in the hope that it spurs you on to try and locate any of your old mates who feature on it. I know that the whereabouts of some may be known to others but, as yet, I have not received any contact details so I will keep them on the list for now.

Airframes: -

Robert ‘Paddy’ Coburn
 Anthony ‘Russ’ Fenn
 Jonathon ‘Bob’ Hope
 Andrew McCormack
 Dave McNeir
 Trev Millard – Discharged Oct 72.
 Dave Millington
 Nigel Morse
 Robert Scales
 Ken Scott – Discharged Nov 72.
 Graham Willis – Discharged Dec 71.
 G. ‘Mid’ Myers – Joined us from 223rd Entry in Mar 72.

Armourers: -

Steven Barnard – Discharged Jan 72.

John Duncan

Paul Edwards

Andrew Gayfer

William Kane – Discharged Jan 72.

Brian Odell

Alan Parker

Steve Pritchard

Roger Taylor – Discharged March 73.

Nigel Winn

Ground Electricians: -

Gareth ‘Stan’ Kyte

AND FINALLY

Despite the disappointment of not being able to get everyone together for a reunion to mark this particular anniversary, please keep in touch. Make a note in your diary for late October 2023 and we will look to arrange something then to mark 50 years since we passed out.

Dickie Bird