

FLYING-BOAT REUNION

Pembroke Dock



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ANOTHER 'PD' REUNION

Such has been the response to, and following, the May, 1985, Pembroke Dock Flying-Boat Reunion that another Reunion just had to be organised and No. 648 Branch is doing just that.

The dates for the second Reunion will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 4th, 5th and 6th September, 1987, and this circular comes as advance notice of what promises to be a great get-together at 'PD'.

Plans are now being formulated for the three days and the Reunion will be the finale, and major part of, a 'Theme Week' at Pembroke Dock - the Theme being this town's unique links with all three Services.

We know already that a party of 50 Canadians of the 422 Squadron Association will be attending and members of the 10/461 squadrons Association, R.A.A.F., will also be here. There is a likelihood of plaques commemorating the Commonwealth squadrons' local links being presented, coupled with a church service.

Full details of the Reunion, and the Theme Week, will be circulated next year in good time for you to book accommodation etc. As last year we will help by listing types of accommodation, prices, locations etc.

FLYING-BOAT REUNION FUND

Staging something as large as this Reunion requires considerable funds, all of which have to be raised independently of Branch funds which cannot be used for such a purpose.

With this in mind we have set up a Flying-Boat Reunion Fund and all moneys raised over the next 10 months will go into this Fund. If you wish to make a donation - however small - to the Reunion Fund it will be most welcome and will help towards the substantial cost of organising the next Reunion. Please make cheques/postal orders payable to 'The Flying-Boat Reunion Fund'; a special account which has been set up for this purpose. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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'RETURN TO PEMROKE DOCK' PRINT OFFER

In May of this year former members of No. 228 Squadron visited 648 Branch for a Reunion, the focal point of which was the presentation of a painting to the Branch by Ron Birchall, an ex W.O. F/Mech AG on 228 in 1943.

The oil painting, commissioned by Ron from aviation artist Ken Spencer, shows Sunderland DV967 of 228 Squadron returning to PD in May, 1943, after assisting in an epic rescue in the Bay of Biscay.

Ron and Ken Spencer have kindly agreed for us to do a limited edition print of this painting and to sell prints for Reunion funds. The prints are in full colour on high quality art paper. The overall size is approx. 430 x 615 mm with the actual print size being approx. 365 x 555 mm. The prints are designed for framing and will grace the walls of any home.

Each print is individually signed by Wing Commander Alan Lywood, the last wartime C.O. of No. 228 Squadron, making this print a unique collector's item.

This is your opportunity to purchase a fine memento of Pembroke Dock's splendid flying-boat history. Each print costs just £6.99, inclusive of postage and packing in a stout cardboard tube. You may send for the prints using the Order Form enclosed.

1985 REUNION VIDEO

A video film of the 1985 Pembroke Dock Reunion, including the parade and plaque unveiling, was made for the Branch and it has been edited to approx. 30 minutes. There is a full commentary.

Copies of this Video are available at a cost of £12.50, inclusive of post and packing. Please order on the Order Form, specifying VHS or BETA format. It will take up to 3 - 4 weeks for the video orders to be fulfilled.

We hope very much to see you in PD next September and we look forward to welcoming you 'back to base'.

Please spread the Reunion word among your flying-boat friends. Anyone who has connections with flying-boats is more than welcome - let 648 Branch be your Branch, and Pembroke Dock your town, for that weekend.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help over the next few months.

With best wishes from PD,
Yours sincerely,

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