

5th. Squadron Leader Bob King Flt Lt Adrian Rule Sgt Terry Williamson.

Bob King on loan to the Flight before taking over as OC in Cyprus - and he picks and chooses the shifts he wants rather well does 'nt he!!

This one was a start in the dark with a transit in cloud for the first 15 minutes before letting down over the water to motor about 55 miles out to the trawler Grantown Spey which had a badly scalded crewman on board - just goes to show what can happen making yourself a cuppa in the middle of the night. He was taken by stretcher to Hull Royal Infirmary, although the transit back in ever decreasing visibility meant the trip took the scenic route round Spurn.

20th. Bob King (again) Flt Lt Graham Clark Master Air Loadmaster Gordon Davies.
A young boy mysteriously disappeared in the Hull area and the local police asked if we could oblige with a sweep down the Humber. Nothing found.

29th. Flt Lt Andy Kirkup Flt Lt Andy Miller Sgt Terry Williamson.
There was this chap who went for a walk and about 100 yds from the Coastguard lookout found that he was cut off by the incoming tide. He chose his place OK! The cliff was a bit steep (about 180 ft) but he was lifted with the strop and deposited into the safe hands of said Coastguard at the top!!

29th. This Crew decided to make the old year go out with a bang and get two jobs in the one shift - this time looking for a cabin cruiser seen to depart from Hornsea but late in the afternoon not seen to come back. A search was carried out for the remaining bit of daylight left, and then into the dusk but he was not found. Five minutes after landing back at base Withernsea ILB located the boat on the beach in their area - about 5 miles south of the patch we had searched - the chap sailing the boat had obviously got a bit lost and just driven it west until he found somewhere he could beach it!!

Christmas at home thanks to RAF Angels of mercy fly Mike home

DISABLED mechanic Michael Francklin will be spending Christmas with his family at Reading Road, Dover, thanks to his colleagues in the RAF.

The R.A.F. agreed to fly Michael 300 miles from R.A.F. Finningley, near Doncaster, to R.A.F. Manston on Tuesday.

There he was met by his step-father, Mr Albert Deinhardt, mother, Mrs Alice Deinhardt, grandmother, Mrs Nellie Manton and sister, Rachel (14).

Michael, who joined the RAF last year, was paralysed from the chest downwards after a motorcycle accident not far from his R.A.F. Cranwell, Lincolnshire, base in July.

At the time Michael (18) was on his way to buy a card for his mother's birthday the next day.

He was taken to R.A.F. Nockton Hall Hospital, Lincoln, and later transferred to Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield, where he remained until this week.

It was only last week his family was given the news that he could come home for Christmas.

As Michael's mother, Mrs Alice Deinhardt watched her son being put into the family car at Manston for the journey home she said: "I am thrilled to bits. It's one of the best Christmas presents we could have."

His step-father, Mr Albert Deinhardt, works in a duty-free shop for Townsend Thoresen ferries.

Michael made the 50 minutes journey in a Jetstream light aircraft piloted by Flt. Lt. Roger Chandler who is based at R.A.F. Finningley.

The teenager was educated at Capel Primary School and Astor Secondary School, Dover. Joining the R.A.F. was the realisation of a long time ambition.

He said he has been interested in flying for as long as he can remember.

For several years he was a member of Dover 354 Squadron Air Training Corps.

Mr Deinhardt said he and his wife could not emphasise enough how grateful they were to the R.A.F. for flying Michael back to Kent.

One sad point marred the reunion. Michael's grandfather, Mr George Manton, died two weeks ago.



MICHAEL Francklin re-united for Christmas with his family — Albert and Alice Deinhardt and sister Rachel. Michael is holding a picture of his colleagues at RAF College, Cranwell.

FLT LT : PAUL LONGDEN

SGT TERRY WILLIAMSON.

(SHEFFIELD TO FINNINGLEY LEG!!)

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9th December, 1982

Flight Lt. J. P. Longdon,
D Flight 22 Squadron,
Normandy Barracks,
Leconfield.

Dear Flight Lt. London,

I would like to thank you and the
helicopter pilots most sincerely for giving the
Infant children a wonderful and memorable sight
yesterday - Santa descending from above.

I consider myself to be a veteran at
School parties, but yesterday's excitement was
something very special. Thank you for co-operating
in this event - - even the seasoned Beverley
Guardian reporter and camera man were very
impressed!

May I wish you and D Flight 22
Squadron the Season's Greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Lucas

SO WHERE ELSE DOES SANTA
COME FROM ??

Santa dropped in

An air sea rescue team was called to help out with an unusual emergency at Leconfield recently when Father Christmas lost his reindeer.

In order to ensure he reached children at Leconfield Infants' School in time for their Christmas party, members of 202 Squadron at the RAF base in the village swung into action.

They delivered him on time to the school watched by the group of excited infants who could hardly believe it as they saw Father Christmas being winched to the ground from a helicopter

Pictured below meeting Father Christmas are Leconfield infants, left to right, Richard Theakston, Barry Devonport, Rachel O'Sullivan, Nicola Jones, Victoria Shaw (the school's youngest pupil, aged 4) and John Dutton.



The youngsters at this rehearsal scene of the Nafferton Pre-school Playgroup nativity, to be staged for the parents, certainly seem to be enjoying their first Christmas play.





JUST A PAINFUL REMINDER TO LET
 ALL e SUNDY REMEMBER OUR DETACHMENTS
 FROM LECONFIELD TO COLTISHALL WHICH RAN
 FROM JULY 82 ONWARDS - 14 DAYS FOR
 EACH CREW ON ROTATION - THE SAME SORT
 OF SENTENCE FOR NOT PAYING YOUR TV
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MEMORANDUM

MOD Form 4A

To OC 'D' FR No 22 Sq
LeconfieldFrom Oic Playgroup
RAF Swanton Morley

Date 11 Jan 83

Tel. 387

Your ref.

Our ref. SWM/PG

Subject SWANTON MORLEY PLAYGROUP FATHER CHRISTMAS RUN

I don't know whether you keep a flight
scrap book at Leconfield, but if you do
perhaps you might like this photograph.

We are very grateful to Chris, Mark and
Warwick ^{HEWITT} for the Father Christmas run. The
children loved it, and still haven't stopped
talking about it!

Best wishes,

Jo Goss

Rank/
AppointmentName in
Block Letters

Signature

OC PLAYGROUP, JO GOSS, WAS IN FACT
A REGULAR WEEKEND SURVIVOR FOR US
AT COLTISHALL - LEASTWAYS I THINK
SHE'S STILL ALIVE!

Hull Daily Mail
21. 1. 83

Leconfield's 80 mercy missions

OF MORE than 1,000 mercy missions by Royal Air Force search and rescue helicopters last year, 80 were made by crews from RAF Leconfield.

The Commanding Officer of 22 Squadron's D Flight, Flt.-Lt. Adrian Rule, said that of the 80 occasions on which the Leconfield-based Wessex helicopters scrambled, 73 were to help civilians and seven were on military operations.

Flt.-Lt. Rule said it was impossible to give a breakdown of how many lives had been saved, but 22 people had been airlifted, three of these being medical evacuations between hospitals.

National figures show that RAF helicopters scrambled on 1,100 occasions during 1982, saving the lives of 607 people and moving 109 medical cases.

Portsmouth News
21. 1. 83

Mercy in the air

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Dundee Courier
21. 1. 83

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RESCUE FIGURES

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