

JULY 1982

1st. Flt.Lt. Mike Snowden. Master Nav Ron Dedman. Flt.Sgt. Warwick Laken.

What an embarrassing day for our fellow brethren - a Sea King (and one of ours too) was deplaning Marines at Drifffield when the Marine Officer, no less, fell from the rope. Our friendly Sea King had no First Aid Kit. So we showed them how it's done. The Officer had the night on us at Hull R.I.

2nd.. Same lot again. This time a very unsuccessful cliff climber who was dead at the bottom one mile east of Bridlington. Taken to the ambulance at the cliff top.

8th. Flt.Lt. Andy Kirkup. Flt.Lt. Adrian Rule. Master ALM Gordon Davies.
Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Flt.Lt. Andy Miller. Flt.Sgt. Warwick Laken.

Long job this - two aircraft out most of the day searching for a missing USAF F4. Everything was in our favour - flat calm, good vis, Mimrod overhead and HMS Beagle. But nought was found until a fishing boat pulled up some bits a few days later.

11th. Flt.Lt. Andy Kirkup¹ Flt.Lt Adrian Rule. Master ALM Eric Ainslie.

Fifteen minutes after this mad keen lot got airborne to look for a missing child at Aldborough, they were recalled as the little perisher had turned up.

15th. Flt.Lt. Mike Snowden. Master Nav Ron Dedman. Master ALM Eric Ainslie.

Lovely foggy first light morning search for a missing man who had left his car on the cliff top at Filey. The lads eye-balled it for 2½ hours., found nothing and crept home in the fog. I wonder if he ever turned up?

23rd. Sqn Ldr Chris Paish. Master Nav Roh Dedman. Master ALM Gordon Davies.

Indigestion time again - just finished lunch when someone reports a missing crashed aircraft. Chris gets his first job, and it turns out to be (probaobly) a Hang Glider which disappeared the other side of Winter Hill.

25th. Chris and Ron with Eric Ainslie this time, taking a patient with liver failure from Grimsby to Southwark Park Hospital in London. A nice evening out for all concerned.

25th. Flt.Lt. Dave White. Flt.Lt. Mark Hewitt. Flt Lt Adrian Rule.

Find the winchy on this - a Second Standby Scratch Crew raked in to look for four people in a boat reported overdue from Bridlington. The winchman (nameless) was winched into the suspected missing boat, and confirmed the engine on the boat had failed. Flamborough Lifeboat then came out and towed hom four miserable holidaymakers.

26th. Flt.Lt. Dave White. Flt Lt. Adrian Rule. Sgt Steve Lynch.

Scarborough Mobile had a small boat in view which appeared to be in trouble. Soon after our intrepid aviators got airborne the Coastguard raised a sleepy fishing boat close by on the radio and he effected the tow home.



ERIC AINSLIE TOOK THIS
OF RON DEDMEN.

WE ARE TOLD THIS SORT
OF THING HAPPENS AS YOU
GET OLDER.

AROUND THE AIR SH



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The International Heli-Meet held at Middle Wallop in July to co-incide with celebrations to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Army Air Corps saw a vast gathering of helicopters from all over the world.

The competitive aspect of the gathering represented the first event of its kind with military teams from most NATO countries. The RAF came out of the competition particularly well. The best in overall navigation was Flt Lt O D Wright, 202 Sqn.

Runner up in the flying competition was Flt Lt J G Sutherland from D Flight, 22 Squadron. The latter team is shown (left) with Sqn Ldr Robin Hammond-Doutre, OC on left, FS John Lovelace, i/c groundcrew. Flt Lt John Southerland, Chief Tech Dick Savage, Flt Lt Andy Miller, navigator, Flt Sgt Warwick Laker, loadmaster / winchman. The team had the oldest aircraft in the competition (Wessex XR520, built in 1964) yet still won the Concours d'Elegance Trophy — quite an achievement as some of the helicopters taking part were in ex-works condition.

SAYS IT ALL





A team from D Flight, 22 Squadron at RAF Leconfield were placed second in an international flying competition held at the Army Air Corps base at Middle Wallop, Hampshire. They also received a prize for the best place United Kingdom entrant and for having the best helicopter in the Concours D'Elegance. Left to right are: Flt. Lt. Andy Miller, Flt. Sgt. John Lovelace, Flt. Lt. John Sutherland and Flt. Sgt. Warwick Laken.

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