

JUNE 1982

4th. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Flt.Lt. Mark Hewitt. Flt.Sgt. Warwick Laken.

A nice summers afternoon and a young lad just ten years old fell about 45 ft down Flamborough again. By the time we arrived the Coastguard had started First Aid, but not only had he head wounds but he could'nt move his legs so back injuries were suspected. He was stretchered to Hull Royal Infirmary.

8th. Flt.Lt. Dave White. Master Nav Ron Dedman. Sgt Steve Lynch.

Nine in the morning, and a pretty thick fog - 400 yards reported at Spurn, and the lifeboat was making all speed to a man on board a fishing boat with his leg gashed to the bone. By the time we arrived overhead the fog was thick, and wisely no let down was attempted. The rescue was completed by the Humber Lifeboat.

9th. Flt. Lt. John Sutherland. Flt.Lt. Graham Clark. Sgt. Steve Lynch.

Another holidaymaker bites the sea. Small boy drifting out in an inner tube, which we assume was inflated. By the time we got there someone had swum out and got him back. No action other than a finger wagging session from 250 ft.

13th. Same lot again - and it was'nt a Friday either. Same sort of job too - dinghy drifting out off Barmston, and no-one in it when we got there. No-one reported missing, so it's assumed they swum ashore. Left this to the Coastguard, as not many will abandon a dinghy unless they are very seriously embarrassed.

19th. Dave White, Mark Hewitt and Steve Lynch.

South of Sheffield Paul Rice (aged 23) had fallen on Burbage Rocks and severely injured himself. Stafford MRT were in the area and had administered First Aid, but the head injuries were severe to say the least. He was flown to Sheffield Shirecliffe.

22nd. Flt.Lt. Mike Snowden. Flt Lt Andy Miller. Flt.Sgt Warwick Laken.

Somebody at Scarborough reported to the Coastguard that a boat was drifting out to sea on this miserable rainy summers day. Suffice to say that our lads looked for well over two hours and found nought - neither did it later transpire that anyone was missing.

24th. Flt.Lt. John Sutherland. Master Nav Ron Dedman. Sgt Steve Lynch.

Here beginneth the saga of Barry Prudom who shot two civilians, two policemen, and injured a third. He hid up most of this time near Malton. The Flight flew over 50 hours in the 6 days looking for him. He was eventually cornered by the Police themselves near to Malton, and ended up shooting himself.



AOC's 10 JUNE 82 :-
WHY IS WARWICK SMILING??





WHAT DOES HE KNOW THAT THEY DON'T??

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AVM CHESWORTH INFORMS WG GR HUGHES,
SQN LIA HAMMOND-DOUTRE, AND FLT LT WHITE OF
VACANCIES IN PORT STANLEY.

PHOTO' AFTER LUNCH?



RESCUE ALERT



A ROUTINE training flight for an R.A.F. rescue helicopter crew turned into a life-or-death drama when they were diverted on a mercy mission to the Peak District.

The crew, who had gone to practise cliff rescues at Flamborough Head, were at the heart of a major operation to

airlift a critically - injured climber to hospital after he had fallen at Burbage Rocks.

Paul Anthony Rice, aged 24, suffered severe head and neck injuries — including possible brain damage — and medical experts decided the helicopter was the quickest and smoothest way to get

RESCUE missions to help climbers and walkers in difficulties in the Peak Park involve personnel from all branches of Britain's emergency services.

Paul Allonby describes an incident on Burbage Rocks which demonstrates the remarkable teamwork and flexibility of all those involved.

him to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield.

The alternative was to move him three-quarters of a mile across the mist-shrouded moorland to the nearest road, at Burbage Brook, near Ringinglow, Sheffield.

This posed considerable risks. The casualty was unconscious, with a weak pulse, and was receiving constant resuscitation from ambulancemen and firemen.

TEAM WAITING

The helicopter was contacted and only minutes after being picked up, Mr. Rice — an electrician from Openshaw, Manchester — was in hospital.

There, a specialist medical team was waiting, and he was taken to the neuro - surgical ward for intensive treatment, but on Thursday morning he lost his fight for life.

Mr. Rice was injured when he lost his footing and fell about 15 feet when leading 16 Venture Scouts up a 30-foot rock face.

The accident happened at about 1.40 p.m. last Saturday and within minutes of the alarm being raised the rescue operation was under way.

A North London woman, Peta Watts, who was climbing nearby, gave Mr. Rice the kiss of life for 30 minutes until help arrived.

The rescue team included ambulancemen and police officers from Sheffield; firemen from Ringinglow and Hathersage, and an RAF Mountain Rescue team who

Emergency services personnel involved in climber rescue on Burbage Rocks



RAF Wessex helicopter with three crew.



Ambulance with two crew.



Ambulance staff car with doctor and nurses.



Two fire engines with a dozen men.



Police Range Rover with three officers.



RAF Mountain Rescue team: one sergeant and five men.

plus National Park Rangers, other climbers and walkers in the area and soldiers on exercise who were all there in various capacities from generally helping through to spectators.

were climbing on Curbar Edge when they received the call from their base at Fox House.

Mr. Rice was hoisted to the top of the cliff where a life-support machine was put in operation.

A flying squad comprising a doctor and nurses was rushed in a South Yorkshire ambulance car to Burbage but the yellow Wessex helicopter of D Flight, 22 Squadron, based at Leconfield, North Humberside, got there first.

Alongside the emergency services were rangers from the National Park, members of the Venture Scout party, and people who had been in the area, including soldiers on an exercise.

Mr. Rice was picked up at 3.25 p.m., arriving at Shirecliffe seven minutes later for the journey by

ambulance to the Hallamshire, where a specialist medical team was standing by.

At Burbage, Chief Inspector Angus Anderson said: "It was a major rescue operation undertaken in difficult conditions and was marked by excellent co-operation between all involved."

"A lot of first class work was put in to attend to the injured man and to get him to hospital as quickly as possible."

★ At an inquest on 18-year-old Sheffield camper Michael Sayers, who died in hospital after falling from Stanage Edge, Coroner Dr. Herbert Pilling commended South Yorkshire ambulance and police officers for their rescue.

This involved carrying Mr. Sayers two miles across the moors at night to the nearest road.

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"40 YEARS ON"

Wartime "W.A.A.F." Reunion

Chairman: Mrs Janet Knox, 8 Tierney Court, Marlow, Bucks.

Vice-Chairman: Mrs Judy Fry, 7 Cliff End, Purley, Surrey.

Treasurer: Mrs Maggie Feldon, 13 Tierney Court, Marlow, Bucks.

Dear Jim? (I think),

Here as promised
Copies of the photos taken at heconfield
when we ^{were} doing our nostalgic "thing".
I think the one you took is a cracker
and on the other one I look as though
I'm never going to let go of you!

All things considered we had a pretty
super trip. We managed to make it
back to Wittering where, as I think I
told you, we met and married 40
years ago. . . . just doesn't seem possible.

As you see by the notepaper heading
I'm still using up my W.A.A.F Reunion
paper - this matches up with the badge
I gave you. Perhaps one day we may
meet up with you again - hope so.

Anyway we will always remember you
when drinking our morning coffee from
our D FLT 22 Squadron Beakers.

Bye now

With all good wishes

Judy + Denis

P.S. Please will you thank the W/FLT who took
the trouble to introduce us to you



RON. 'DESMOND'
VISITOR
(SEE OVER)



AND IN HER 1943
KIT

(PHOTO TAKEN AT
WITTERING, JULY '43!)