

# SCRATCHINGS

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The Pen.....



A monthly memo and scribblings  
for members of the Pen & Sword Club  
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The club journal - NetWorker No. 13, Autumn 2011 - is now published on the club website. Access directly on the address below and allow time for the download. This is a large pdf:

<http://penandswordclub.co.uk/networker/NetWorker13.pdf>

At 47 pages the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of The NetWorker brings tales from Operations Ellamy and Herrick; reports from the three commanding officers of the media ops specialisation units and a tribute to British Armed Forces photographers. The NetWorker also looks back at the Army's photographic unit of World War II and to media handling at the 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of D-Day. We start a new feature highlighting the principal players in the club with |Colonel Bob Purvis, Regional Chair of Wales & The Marches. Our club authors have their books reviewed and we end with three humorous tales from the navy, the army and the air force.

## Bill Board:

- The Beast was Hungry – 7644's Flt Lt Tom Calver on Op Ellamy
- In at the start of Tornado ops by F/O Geoff Maskell
- New CO for RNR media ops
- **MOG (V) sends three to Herrick 15**
- 7644 Squadron – the tip of a very long spear
- Lt Jeremy Olver, RNR - three deployments in 12 months
- **Capt Meredyth Grant sees the real X Factor in Helmand**
- Chiltern Kite tests RAF reaction to the media
- Learning the lessons of SIMPRESS
- **Sergeant Alison scoops top photo awards**
- Tribute to the RAF's photographers
- **Lt Col Derek Plews on three years that passed in a flash**
- **Clockwork Cameras and a Bloody War**
- **Hundreds of Hacks and just one loo!**
- **A culture shock for Susi**
- **So much for European co-operation**
- **Red Roses from the children of Normandy**

- Alan and BFBS' Gladys said farewell
- A look back at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day
- Colonel Bob has an action plan for everything
- Blogging from the Battlefield by Major Paul Smyth
- Pop went the Pirates by Sqn Ldr Keith Skues
- A Thumping Great Book by Lt Col Lawrie Phillips
- A Networking Tool from F/O Tony Newton
- The Link With Home by Alan Grace
- Humour in uniform

NetWorker No.14 is scheduled for the Spring of 2012 and the joint editors will be pleased to discuss contributions as soon as possible. Please send your copy in Word format and photographs as jpeg.

The editorial team will be busy over the winter months with a Special Edition of The NetWorker to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Falklands War. Many club members have a personal story to tell of their role in the conflict. Please inform the editorial team if you wish to put pen to paper.

The Joint Editors wish you happy reading. And Keep the Copy Coming!

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#### **REMINDER: THE PEN'S DECEMBER DIARY**

The club's Christmas lunch will be held at The Army & Navy Club (The RAG) St. James Square, London on Tuesday, December 13. Assemble at 1230. If you wish to attend please inform the club secretary, Major Doreen Cadwallader. [doreen.cadwallader@virginmedia.com](mailto:doreen.cadwallader@virginmedia.com)

Lt Col Lawrie Phillips reminds us that the joint Christmas carol service between The Rag and the Naval & Military Club (The In & Out) will be in the gardens of St. James Square on December 14. This was very popular last year.

Traditional mulled wine and mince pies. Assemble at 1745. If you are interested in raising a party for the event please inform Major Cadwallader and if there is sufficient interest an application will be made for tickets - £8 a head in aid of Help for Heroes and Veterans Aid charities.