

31Group Heritage Report Summer 2022

I may have missed the closing date for our **Summer 2022 31Group Heritage Report** but I will record a few items of interest.

Covid-19 has again returned to haunt us here with infection rates at **1 in 17**.

Therefore my journeys are very limited and have prevented me from visiting our ROC Displays at Ulster Aviation Society Heritage Site. The Site is open and doing extremely well despite Covid.

Our Member Alistair McCann operates **Portadown restored Post** and opens to visitors on quite a few occasions during the year.

The Post has a website www.nibunker.co.uk and facebook open for viewing countless photos of the ROC in action. Also photos of the Portadown Post and Crew during the days when it was operational.

Booking for a Post visit can be made on the Website.

The WebSite is phenomenal and opening Facebook brings to any viewer the history of the ROC during the Cold War days. Videos shown of the detonation and size of various weapons and damage range from Ground Zero.

Then there are photos of the Ops Room taken during Exercises bringing to life the terrible dangers in a possible nuclear strike on N. Ireland. Videos show the damage rings from a 2 mg nuclear burst on Belfast providing the viewer with graphic images.

Many photos and comments from the very dangerous Cold War days.

Our 31Group ROC major Displays are at **UAS Heritage Site Long Kesh Airfield** and spread over three rooms.

The last UAS Monthly Magazine includes under Heritage Notes, a possible relocation of our three room displays to another much larger room bringing everything together.. Personally, I would prefer to stay as we are but we must comply with our hosts wishes.

31Group Members did participate in H.M The Queen's Platinum Jubilee when a Member Nigel Crockard arranged to fly both a replica

Sovereign's Banner and replica ROC Banner.while lighting a bonfire in his garden.

Other Members on holiday in Crete, Wales and Portsmouth also took part in shining torches and attending Jubilee Events.

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