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WET & DRY



Further to the saga of 'Tractoring' my colleague and myself as usual in the wet. My colleague (no longer with us) loved keeping the 'Fergie' in pristine condition, he was an airframe fitter on Vulcans when in the RAF, so had received good training. I was an Engine Fitter in the Fleet Air Arm and I kept the engine tuned, hence the nickname of 'Tick Over Tone'. The other picture needs no explanation! Ruddy hot this tractoring.

Thanks Tony for this, and you say you do it for *Fun*!

Sat 7th September was the 'Blunsden at War' event. (Pics from June)



Saturday 28th September saw Paul, Erroll and Gary cutting the post site hedge down to about a manageable 7 feet. June provided the sausage sandwiches and tea after..

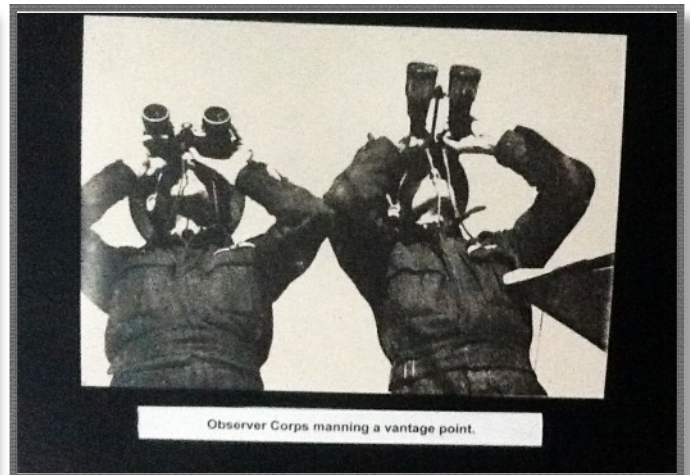
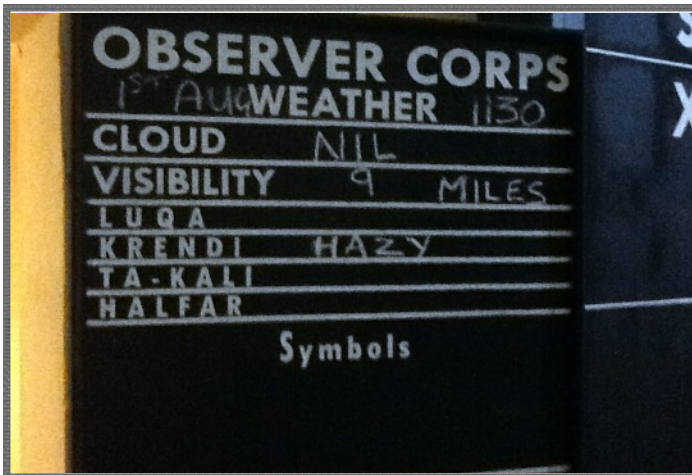
Sadly on the 3rd October Marray Witcher passed away. He will certainly be remembered for his dedicated attendances at the repatriation of our fallen service personnel at Royal Wootton Bassett and Carterton. The Obituary on the National Website details a man with a thoughtful and generous nature who was a friend to many. Several members of this group were able to attend the funeral service on the 21st October.





Murray at this Summer's Post BBQ

Some interesting pics from Gary and June's Malta Trip.





3rd November saw Gary's truck in Hungerford for the 'Poppy Day Appeal'



3rd November was the 'Swindon and Cricklade 40's Weekend'



11th November was of course Remembrance Sunday and as usual our little group supported 14 Gp ROCA in Winchester and are pictured below , lunching on route home.



John Drewitt also chose 11th to stage his car show in Bratton.





Random selection of pictures from events visited by members at this part of year





Peter Ayers was a former member of the Gt Bedwyn Post team, and was responsible for the construction of the hut at the post site. Unfortunately peter , who is in his eighties, has had a couple of falls, and is currently recovering in a local care home before returning to his own. We all wish him well !

Dedication of Seaton Road Named Royal Observer Way

Saturday 19 October 2013 saw the Unveiling and Service of Dedication and Remembrance at Seaton, East Devon, of two unique road signs. Former ROC Officer Irving Roberts and Seaton Town Councillor Sharon Bruce had been working on the project for over two years to provide the signs commemorating the Royal Observer Corps, on the access road to a new Tesco Store at Seaton. Funded by the Town Council with the full agreement of Tesco's, the signs were originally erected in November 2011. The new road is unusually called 'Royal Observer Way', the only one so called in the whole of Great Britain. The siting of the sign at Tesco's has no historical significance since the nearest ROC post was some 900m away off Beer Road, near the seafront, Seaton. An information panel placed beneath the road name was added in the summer of 2013.



The sign with information panel on the access road to the Tesco Store in 2013.

The forecast for Saturday 19 October was for showers and a strong wind but it was to be mild. All the participants gathered by 1100hrs in the Tesco Public Realm area on Harbour Road, Seaton. Two gazebos were erected by the Royal British Legion to hold the ROC display.



The historical display boards were erected with much difficulty due to the high wind and it was a continuing problem keeping the boards upright and in place!

Tony Childs & helper hang on to the gazebos and displays in strong gusts.

The two road signs were temporarily removed from their permanent location especially for the dedication. The signs were covered by the ROC Flag. The Group standards from Nos 9, 10, 12 and 14 Groups, two ATC standards and a Royal British Legion standard were present for the occasion. A historical display was provided by 10 Group ROCA depicting the work of the ROC and on the Seaton Post in particular.

There was good coverage of the occasion with several photos in the local press. The following photos from Jenny Morris record what the press did not see during the preparations and informal gathering and some personal views during the Dedication.



Town Crier David Craner Sharon Bruce Irving Roberts



Parade Marshall briefs Town Crier



Irving Roberts greets
Hilary Daniel



Chris Shire with Murray's grand daughter & daughter Andrea & son Jeremy Whitcher

Relaxing prior to the Service



Tesco Rep gives Hilary free parking ticket



Hilary Daniel greets
CWObs Christiana Trott
Seaton Post



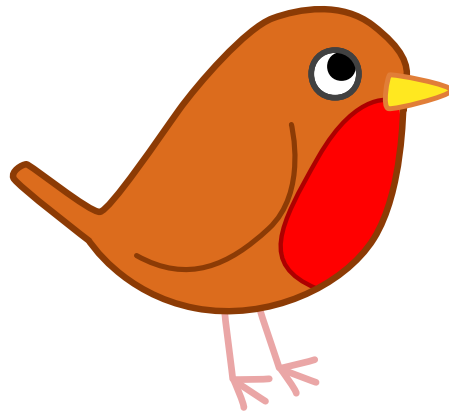
ROCA Contingent

Many thanks to Jenny Morris for the article and pictures regarding the road naming in Seaton (A place to visit in the future)

Dates for the Diary

14th December - Christmas Dinner at the Wagon and Horses, Beckhampton (7:30 for 8:00)

14th January 2014 meeting at Wagon and Horses.



***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR TO ALL***

