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**Eddie Scott** News has been received from his daughter Hannah, that Eddie Scott died on the 13<sup>th</sup> January at the age of 75.

Eddie was an Entertainment Officer and later Entertainment Director in Canberra and Oriana between 1970 and 1978.

Prior to joining P&O, he began as a stand-up comedian and then worked at Butlins as a Redcoat. After he left P&O he returned there and was the Entertainment Manager at several East coast holiday resorts. He also worked as an Extra in several popular TV programmes, before becoming a Bridge Professional in 1984.



**Symon Jeffrey** I have just been advised of the sad passing of Symon aged only 52.

Symon Jeffrey, who worked as a coxswain on the old Royal and Island, and later as a Fitness Director onboard various ships, recently passed away aged 52.

There follow some comments from Facebook.



-  **Tom Hampton**  
Shocking news! So young. Please pass on our condolences  
Like Reply 19h
-  **Stuart Pompey**  
That's so sad, he was a lovely bloke. Condolences to his friends and family.  
Like Reply 19h
-  **Heather Hughes**  
Such sad news, sending condolences to his family.  
Like Reply 19h
-  **Ann Wright**  
Such sad news. R. I. P. Symon. Many condolences to his family xx 🌸  
Like Reply 17h
-  **Charlie Johnson**  
RIP. ...  
Like Reply 16h
-  **Malcolm Turner**  
Just saw this locally Dave. I knew him as he marketed my Mums house & was a keen sponsor & supporter of our village cricket club. I only discovered his P&O past a few years ago.... didn't give me enough discount! RIP Symon  
Like Reply 16h

-  **Martin Blower**  
1995 in Alaska on the Star Princess with Emma Hudson, Dee, Eileen, Rudi and me.  
We did 6 weeks in Portland, Oregon together after hitting poundstone rock just outside Juneau Alaska.....  
[See more](#)
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Like Reply 10h
-  **Andy Hair**  
That's very sad news - Symon was a great guy and we really enjoyed working and playing together on IP back in the early 90s (except when we had the misfortune to be on the Bridge together when Regent Sea rammed us in Skagway, although even that didn't... [See more](#)  
Like Reply 9h

**Clive Melsom** More sad news. Clive Melsom died on the 13th January after a short illness at the age of 72.

Clive joined P&O as a Purser Cadet in in 1967. His first ship was 'Oronsay' and during the years that

followed he also sailed in 'Canberra', 'Arcadia' and 'Himalaya'. His last appointment before leaving the sea was as Deputy Purser of 'Uganda' in 1977.

After leaving the sea, he became a Cruising/Travel Consultant.

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**Paul de la Motte Harrison** News has been received from his daughter Sarah, that Paul de la Motte Harrison died in Worthing Hospital on the 5th February at the age of 97.

The following has been received from Fiona Hann and I have decided to quote this in its entirety:

"It is with much sadness that I share the news that Paul passed away last weekend, after a short spell in hospital because of a fall.

It was a fairly young Paul who joined P&O in 1949 as a "Probationary" Junior Assistant Purser, after he was discharged in 1946 from his service in the Royal Navy which he had joined as a Wireman and worked his way up to Lieutenant in charge of his own Landing Craft - 7069.



After a spell in Chusan, Paul then went on to Canton and Mooltan and recounts his time such as stamping passports to Verdi's "Anvil "Chorus" and even explaining to passengers that the melons served on board were so fresh as they were grown in the Captain's garden located between the two funnels!

The link below takes you to a wonderful article that he shared about his life "Behind the Purser's Desk"

<https://www.linerdesigns.com/paul-mh>

He left in 1952 to work ashore with Duncan Wallet & Co the Ship's Chandlers.

Paul has maintained contact with many of his counterparts in P&O – pensioners and passengers, and was also companion to my mother, Elaine Buy (Burton), for more than 20 years, joining me for several cruises whilst I was working on board the MV Victoria in the late 90's.

He maintained an interest in his naval past including as the penultimate Chairman of the LST & Landing Craft Association and Editor of the Kedge Hook magazine. More recently with Project 71 who also assisted him in writing his memoirs during his time in the Royal Navy, "Seven Years".

Paul has left a huge void in the life of his family but will always be fondly remembered.

Fiona Hann"

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**Jane Hyde** I have received the sad news that Jane Hyde passed away peacefully in Southampton, surrounded by her family, on Thursday 10th February following a long illness. She was 76 years of age.

Jane worked in Switzerland and Jersey before training with the Post Office as a Telephonist. She then joined P&O in 1973 and sailed as a Telephonist in Chusan, Arcadia, Oriana and Canberra until 1986.

After leaving P&O, Jane worked for Marks and Spencer plc until her retirement.



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**Geoff Pappin** A copy of a local press report has been forwarded to me advising that Geoff Pappin died in Mousehole, Cornwall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. He was in his seventies.

Geoff was a 1<sup>st</sup> Plumber with P&O Princess in the 1970s and early 1980s.

For many years, Geoff was a prominent crewmember of the RNLI Mousehole and Penlee Lifeboat and was also a Harbour Commissioner.



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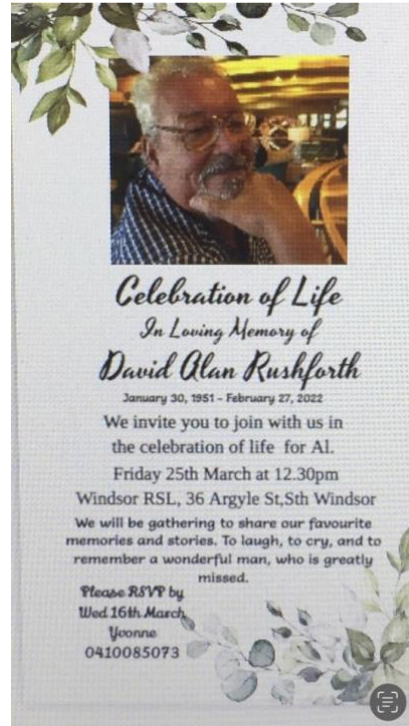
**David Alan Rushforth** News has been received from NSW, Australia that David Alan Rushforth died of lung cancer on 27 February at the age of 71.

Alan, as he was always known, served an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at Harry Peers Steelworks in Bolton, Lancashire. He then went to sea as an Assistant Engineer Officer with Furness Withy but left and joined P&O as a 4<sup>th</sup> Engineer Officer in 1974. His first P&O ship was 'Canberra' and he later also sailed in 'Arcadia'.



He remained with P&O until 1978 and, following his marriage, he emigrated to Australia in 1979.

In Australia, he initially worked as a maintenance engineer at Toohey's Brewery in Sydney before spending several years as a Technician with Dynavac Vacuum Pumps. In 2004, he established his own Vacuum Pump Repair and Service Company (REP-VAC).



*Celebration of Life*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
**David Alan Rushforth**

January 30, 1951 - February 27, 2022

We invite you to join with us in  
the celebration of life for Al.

Friday 25th March at 12.30pm

Windsor RSL, 36 Argyle St, Sth Windsor

We will be gathering to share our favourite  
memories and stories. To laugh, to cry, and to  
remember a wonderful man, who is greatly  
missed.

Please RSVP by  
Wed 16th March  
Yvonne  
0410085073



**An Ode to David Alan Rushforth (1951-2022)**

You came from Kearsley, **Lancashire**, not far from Bolton, not far from **Manchester**  
With your parents, your sister and your brother, you lived as a family, in a house that was full of **laughter**  
Your career choice when leaving school was limited, so you learnt to use your **hands**  
To take a metal shape and create a masterpiece, and on the floor, lay the waste of metal **strands**  
Like all young men of working class persuasion, you knew this world had more to **offer**  
So, you used your intuition, found a shipping line, and set sail for foreign **lands**

'Have skills will travel' was your **mantra**, and you put those skills to use on Cruise ships like Canberra and **Arcadia**

Arcadia was your favourite, an older ship meant more work, but you thrived on hard work, it only increased your **thirst**  
From Hawaii to Cape Town, San Francisco to Sydney, the ports of call were many, and for you they were exciting, so getting ashore was simply a **must**

And it was on Arcadia, where you met some fine **camaraderie**, larrikin young men full of energy and **skulduggery**, though in each of them - was someone you knew, someone that you could **trust**

You may have lost some of those mates, through time & circumstance, but some are here today to wish you fare winds and calm seas - as you sail your own ship, towards the horizon and **away today**.

From your travels, your outlook of **life** - was broadened - and once you had seen enough, you and Yvonne had decided - that she would be your **wife**.

And with Ryn & Emily the family unit was **complete**, and you all settled down happily in Windsor, NSW in a typical Suburban **Street**

And so, for the next 30 years you worked, 6 days a week, to ensure the family wanted for nothing and meals were on the **table**

Your business grew, your family grew and your life was much more **stable**

Yes, you had your attitudes, your values and your beliefs, and you stood your ground on what you felt was **right**.

Integrity was your core, and you often pondered on where & when - that Society had lost its **sight**

Of what is good and what is **right** in this World, and why there was so much pain & **suffering**?

Where are the Leaders of this World and why aren't they **listening**?

Your laughter lit up a room, and we all knew that beneath that crusty exterior of yours, was a heart as big as this **World**  
Life had so much to offer you in retirement - now sadly those years are left **unfulfilled**.

We thank you for all of the laughter & fun we had at all the **parties** we have had - at your & Yvonne's homes, - from happy times at Clovelly - to happy times at Windsor - we have all enjoyed good times, provided by your **Generosity & Hospitality**

And so David Alan Rushforth it is for us to say **adieu**, your presence and contribution has been felt and recognised on this Journey, and all we can say now is that we are all **going to miss You**.

And so, Ladies & Gentlemen, Family & Friends -

A Big round of applause, for a Job well done - for our dear Friend -

Alan Rushforth



**Ken Wallis** I have received the sad news that Ken Wallis died on 24 March at the age of 89.

Ken joined the Orient Line in or around 1952 as a Plumber, sailing in 'Empire Orwell', 'Otranto' and 'Orcades' before leaving the sea in 1960. He then joined R H Green and Silley Weir, ship repairers, in Tilbury working on board the P&O and Orient Line ships during their annual refits, etc.

He left there in 1968 and joined P&O performing a similar role in Southampton, and then in 1970 he was seconded to Three Quays Marine (a P&O Group Company) where he worked exclusively on New Builds as a Plumbing Inspector.

After starting with 'Spirit of London', North Sea Ferries 'Norland' and 'Norstar' and a number of P&O CL vessels he worked on most of the Princess Cruises New Builds during the years that followed. He continued in this role until his retirement in 2001 at the age of 69.



## Refreshments al fresco for Spirit of London Team

*Taking time out from a shipyard with a difference are our men in Italy – the Spirit of London's inspection team. Riva Trigosa, where the 17,000 ton cruise liner is building, nestles between the mountains and the Mediterranean in a secluded mini-bay on the Italian Riviera near Genoa. Here, since last May, this handful of men have been supervising 1,000 Italians working flat out to complete Spirit of London by autumn. The boys may not 'speak the lingo' – but what they don't know about shipbuilding can be inscribed on a piece of pasta. By the time the Italian spring has blossomed, they will be joined by stand-by engineers, pursers and deck officers who will assist in supervising the completion of our first purpose built cruise liner. Seen saying 'salute' to colleague Mike Crawley of Technical Services Division, on the balcony of a local trattoria, are (from left), standing: G Williamson, M Crawley, J Pace, M Marriot, R Wyllie, A Ferguson and V Holloway. Seated are: K Wallis and J Foster. Archie is in charge of the team at Riva and looks after the overall welfare, finance etc. of the team. G Williamson is the Senior Hull Inspector and is primarily concerned with inspecting and testing the hull and outfitings with the electrical side of the ship. Mike Crawley is a TSD Electrical Inspector and was visiting the shipyard to discuss matters connected with the electrical side of the ship. Maurice Marriot is the Chief Engineer designate and will eventually sail with the ship but at present he is seconded to TSD as Senior Engineering Inspector at the shipyard. He looks after the engineering side of tests and workmanship on the ship. J Pace is First Electrician Designate and like Maurice will sail with the ship. He looks after the electrical side of the ship at the yard and is seconded to TSD as Senior Electrical Inspector. V Holloway is the Plumbing Inspector at the shipyard looking after all the pipe work and replaced Ken Wallis at Christmas when Ken was brought back to Southampton. They are seconded to TSD from our Passenger Division. R Wyllie is the TSD Project Engineer responsible for the machinery installation in the ship. Jim Foster is the DTI Engine Surveyor, his colleague Ken Bolt, not in the photo, is on the hull side. K Wallis, under Andy Carey, is Project Naval Architect responsible for the hull design of the ship. Missing from the photograph, to complete the team that has been standing-by the ship since May, is Eric Denton who is another Hull Inspector.*

**Edmund 'Ted' Armstrong** News has been received from his daughter that Edmund 'Ted' Armstrong died on 7 April at the age of 94.

Ted joined the Orient Line in 1949 as an Assistant Purser and was initially appointed to 'Orontes' He later also sailed in 'Empire Orwell' before leaving the sea in 1952.



Aboard 'Orontes' he met his wife Joy Roberts who was also an Assistant Purser, having previously served in the WRNS.

After their marriage, Ted joined Reservations in the Orient Line Office in the West End and after the merger with P&O in 1960, he moved to BI in Aldgate as Deputy Passenger Manager. In 1967, he moved back to P&O and became Supervisor, European Area, before leaving in 1975.



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**Patrick 'Pat' Reid** I have only just received the sad news that Patrick 'Pat' Reid died on 31 March at the age of 79 in Benowa, Gold Coast, Australia. He died of sepsis arising from advanced gall bladder cancer.

Pat joined P&O as a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Waiter in 'Orcades' in March 1962. He later moved into the Bars, and during the years that followed, he worked his way up to become Bars Manager in October 1976 aboard 'Arcadia'. He left P&O Princess in 1992, his last appointment being to 'Crown Princess'.

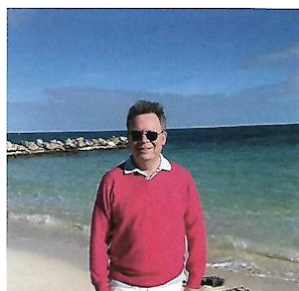


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**Dr Hugh Larkin** I have received the sad news that Dr Hugh Larkin died on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at the age of 79 and I have been asked to publish the following announcement on behalf of his family:

*"Hugh worked for P&O for about 8 years in the 1960's on board mainly 'Chusan' and 'Canberra' as a Radio Officer before leaving the sea, changing direction and taking up medicine where he had a 39 year career in cardiology at the Harrogate District Hospital.*

*He loved his time with P&O and the sea and took many cruises with his family*



**Dennis Blurton** The sad news has been received from his wife Berenice, that Dennis Blurton died on 3 May following a short illness. He was 95 years old.

Dennis joined P&O as an Assistant Purser in 1952 and his first ship was 'Mooltan'. During the years which followed, he rose through the ranks to Purser and left in 1972. His last appointment was as Purser of 'Orsova'.



His favourite ship was 'Arcadia' where he and Berenice had first met in September 1960 when she was a passenger travelling from Australia to UK.

After leaving the sea, Dennis joined the news broadcaster ITN where he was their House Services Manager for fifteen years until his retirement in 1988.

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**Rowena Crookes** I have received the sad news that Rowena Crookes died on 11 May after losing a long battle with cancer. She was 74 years of age.

Rowena joined P&O in the West End Passenger Department in the late 1960s, initially in a secretarial role, before spending several years as the Personal Assistant to Len Stuckey, the Agency Sales Manager. She then became Deputy Group Sales Manager until she left P&O in the late 1980s/early 1990s.

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**Michael (Mike) Smart** The sad news has been received that Michael (Mike) Smart died peacefully on Tuesday 24 May at the age of 82.

Following two years at the "HMS Worcester" nautical college from 1955 to 1957, Mike joined Prince Line as a Deck Cadet in 1957. He then left Prince Line in 1960 and joined P&O as an Assistant Purser, initially sailing in "Chusan". During the years that followed he rose through the ranks to become Purser before leaving in 1976. The ships he served in include "Cathay", "Canberra", "Arcadia", "Oriana", "Himalaya", "Orcaades", "Iberia" and "Oronsay". His last ship was "Island Princess".

After leaving the sea, he moved to Edinburgh to be the manager of a pub called "The Shambles". Shortly afterwards, he was approached by Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), headquartered in Athens, to be responsible for mobilising camps for their construction workers throughout the Middle East.

During his time with CCC, Mike bought a couple of yachts and, shortly after, set up Smart Yachts, a yacht charter business, running the business out of Corfu. He eventually built up a small fleet.

In 1997, Mike returned to the UK and set up Smart Yachts International as an agency for other yacht charter businesses both private and publicly owned in the Mediterranean.

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**Dorothy Fothergill** I have received the sad news that Dorothy Fothergill died on the 12<sup>th</sup> July at the age of 75. She had been in a care home for some time although she had been hoping to move back to her own home shortly.

Dorothy joined the P&O West End Passenger Office as a secretary in 1963/4. She subsequently

progressed to become the secretary to various members of senior management and P&O Group main board directors, including the Company Secretary. She left P&O in the late 1970s/early 1980s after also spending a period with P&O Ferries.

After leaving, she worked for the St John's Ambulance Brigade and later at a girl's school.

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**Aidan Graham** Husband of Margery, Father to Jeremy and Fergus. Passed away at his home Brownside, Alston on 29th November 2018. Family funeral was held on Wednesday 12th December."

*Aidan was 87 at the time of his death.*

*Information from, The Journal (Newcastle).*



**Roger Wickins** News has been received from New South Wales, Australia, that Roger Wickins died on 20 September at the age of 84.

Roger attended the pre-sea Training College 'HMS Conway' from 1954 to 1956 before joining the Orient Line as a Purser Cadet. He remained at sea until 1963 by which time he had risen to the position of Tourist Purser (Senior Assistant Purser). His last ship was ORONSAY.



After leaving, Roger emigrated to Sydney where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant before spending several years working in Hong Kong. He returned to Sydney permanently in 1979.

In retirement, he lived in Avalon Beach, New South Wales.

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**Michael (Mike) Oldfield** I have received the sad news that Michael (Mike) Oldfield died suddenly on Saturday 1 October at the age of 72.

Mike joined P&O Cruises in Southampton in mid 1993 as Director, Hotel Services. He had begun his career with Shaw Savill but prior to joining P&O he was Managing Director of Sutcliffe Catering South East. He left in mid 1995 after 'Oriana' had entered service.



**Beverley (Bev) Newman** The sad news has been received that Beverley (Bev) Newman died on 28 September at the age of 81.

Bev was a Junior Assistant Purser and later Assistant Purser with P&O from 1961 to 1965. His first ship

was 'Stratheden' in March 1961 and he later sailed in 'Canberra', 'Arcadia', 'Orcades' and 'Iberia'. He left P&O in May 1965.

After leaving the sea, Bev had a varied career and, at the time of his retirement, he was an Auctioneer.

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**Michael (Mike) Apps** I pass on the sad news that Michael (Mike) Apps died on 29 October, aged 85, in Chichester. He had not been well for 18 months and finally passed away due to Covid and pneumonia.

Mike was an Engineer Officer with P&O who joined in 1957 and sailed in various ships, including CHUSAN and SURAT. His last ship was HIMALAYA, where he met Deanna (Tatchell), an Assistant Purser, who became his wife. After leaving the sea in 1963, he worked in the oil and gas industry as an Inspection Engineer until his retirement in 2005.



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**Darren Vass** I bring the sad news that Darren Vass died of cancer on the 8<sup>th</sup> November at the age of 54.

After serving an apprenticeship in electrical engineering, Darren joined P&O Princess as an Electrical Officer in 1992. His first ship was CANBERRA.

In 1995 he joined the build team of ORIANA, sailing on the maiden voyage as 2<sup>nd</sup> Electrical Officer and by 2004 he had progressed through the ranks to become a Staff Electro-Technical Officer (SETO).



In 2007 he was part of the build team of VENTURA and sailed on the maiden voyage, before performing the same role in AZURA in 2009.

He left P&O Princess in 2012 to become the Chief Electrician of the Superyacht AZZAM prior to her entering service in 2013 and he remained with that ship until 2021 when illness intervened.





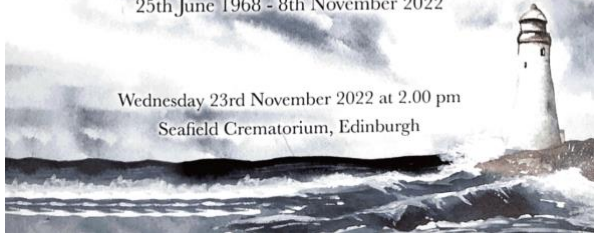
In Loving Memory of



# Darren John Vass

25th June 1968 - 8th November 2022

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 2.00 pm  
Seafield Crematorium, Edinburgh



Alana and family would like to thank you for your support by being here today and invite you to join them, following the service, at the Glen Golf Club, Tantallon Terrace, North Berwick EH39 4LE.

Donations made in Darren's memory, if desired, to go to **Cancer Research UK.**

The Co-operative Funeralcare  
34 High Street, North Berwick, East Lothian EH39 4HQ  
Telephone: 01620 894917



Alana Vass is with Darren Vass.

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R.I.P

Absolutely heartbroken to write that my wonderful husband and dad to our two amazing boys passed away peacefully at home today. Words can't express how much he'll be missed ❤️😭



## Darren Vass

Published on 17/11/2022

VASS Darren (North Berwick) Passed peacefully at home on 8th November 2022, following a short illness. Darren was a much loved man, beloved husband to Alana and devoted father to Mason and Kaelan. A service will be held at Seafield Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd November at 2pm to which all are invited. Family flowers only. There will be a collection for Cancer Research.

**Commander William G Constantine RD\*\* RNR** I bring the sad news that William “Willie” Constantine died on 2 December at the age of 91 after a short illness.

Willie undertook pre-sea training at the Nautical College “HMS CONWAY” before joining P&O as a Deck Cadet in 1948. During the years that followed, he sailed in both Cargo and Passenger ships.

He joined the Royal Naval Reserve in 1953, eventually achieving the rank of Commander and awarded the Reserve Decoration.

In 1957 while serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer of “ARCADIA”, he met his wife, Jean (Childs) who was a Stenographer (Assistant Purser) on board.

Willie left P&O as 1<sup>st</sup> Officer in 1960 and initially became a Lecturer in navigation at the King Edward VII Nautical College in Stepney before entering the field of Protection and Marine Insurance with A Bilborough & Co Ltd until his retirement in 1996.

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**John Thow** More sad news. I have learnt that John Thow died of cancer on 2 December at the age of 74.

From 1965 to 1969, John attended the School of Navigation Warsash as an Engine Cadet. In 1966 he was the Cadet of the year and was awarded the Dr Ryniker Memorial Award.

In his time with P&O John sailed on Bendigo, Pandocove, Strathconnan, Oronsay, Uganda, Oriana, Sea Princess & Canberra. He left P&O as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Officer in 1981, his last ship being Canberra.

After leaving P&O he joined Jersey Power Station where he rose to become the Senior Engineer Manager. He retired in 1998 and moved back to Scotland.



**ENGINEER CADET TO CHIEF CADET CAPTAIN**

In the March issue of *About Ourselves* we reported that the P & O and Trident Tanker Engineer Cadets had completed the first term of their training at Southampton.

At that time we did not imagine that the next issue would carry the announcement that an Engineer Cadet had been promoted to Chief Cadet Captain at the School of Navigation, Warsash. We congratulate Thow on this excellent achievement and wish him every success in his new appointment. John Thow was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, and educated at Prestwick High School, Ayrshire. He joined the P & O Company in September 1965.

**IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF**



**JOHN ARTHUR THOW**

20<sup>th</sup> April 1948 - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

**Masonhill Crematorium Ayr**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 3.30pm

**Entrance Music**

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa - Now Is The Hour

**Eternal Father Strong To Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give for wild confusion peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
Your children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

**Tributes to John**

John Lewis Thow  
James McQueen Thow

**Thank You**

The family would like to thank you all for attending today and for your kind messages of condolence and support.

You are cordially invited to join us at  
Prestwick St Nicholas Golf Club, Grangemuir Road,  
Prestwick, KA9 1SN



**Donations**

Donations, if desired, may be made in memory of John to the RNLI and will be gratefully received.



**Renske Matthew (Gaus)** I have been asked by her husband to send out the following message about Renske:

“It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Renske Matthew (nee Gaus) on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the age of 78.



Renske joined P&O-Orient Lines in 1966 as part of a group recruited from The Netherlands as Woman Assistant Pursers (WAP). She sailed, firstly as a WAP and later as a Hostess, in ‘HIMALAYA’, ‘CANBERRA’ and ‘IBERIA’. In 1969 Renske played a central role in two promotional tours among European communities living in Australia, extolling the virtues of sea travel. She is survived by Richard, whom she married in 1971, and their two children Marije and Timothy.



**David Gillmon** I have received the sad news that David Gillmon died on 23 December at the age of 85.

After qualifying as a Radio Officer, David joined Marconi Company Limited in 1956 and was appointed to the 'QUEEN OF BERMUDA' owned by Furness Withy. He sailed in that ship until its withdrawal from service in 1966 when he was transferred to 'ORIANA'.

At that time, the Radio Officers of the former Orient Line ships were employed by Marconi Company Limited and this continued until 1970 when they were offered a transfer to P&O. David remained in 'ORIANA' and left P&O in 1984 as Chief Radio Officer.

After a period working ashore, David returned to sea in 1986, initially with Channel Island Ferries and later with European Ferries/P&O Ferries, where he was an Electro-Technical Officer. He retired in 2002.

