



We mark the passing of those who have served this country. Contributions from comrades and relatives are welcome. Email [robin.ashby.ukdf@gmail.com](mailto:robin.ashby.ukdf@gmail.com)

ANDERSON Air Cdre Dempster Dobbie Anderson MBE RAF Regt died 3 Dec 24 aged 91

ATKINS Captain Robert Everatt William Atkins Atkins MC 20 Jan 1927 - 27 Jul 24 8th Gurkha Rifles Royal Fusiliers German 6th Gurka Rifles Malaya MC Hong Kong

BARNETT Barbara Joan Barnett (nee Pinto) 4 Dec 1924 - 13 July 2025 Royal Canadian Air Force wartime service. Later Primrose Club assisting Jewish refugees Historian and author

BLACKMAN Anthony Lionel Blackman OBE 6 April 1928 - 13 August 2024 RAF National Service. Pilot Vampires 5 Sqn Venoms 11 Sqn. Boscombe Down Avro. Chief Test Pilot Hawker Siddeley. Vulcan. (over 100 of 136 built) 1955-65 Tested Victor and Valiant Development of Nimrod

BOLTON Gp Capt David Bolton died 1 Oct 24 aged 92

BLOUNT Wg Cdr Christopher Charles Blount 6 Feb 1925 - 18 Dec 2024 Wartime Mosquito nightfighters. Later Aden, Delivered Vampires to India, Canberras (first inverted ejection) c/o 45 Sqn Singapore Equerry to HM Queen Later banker

BREARLEY Rodney Howard Brearley RAF died July 25 aged 84

BURRIDGE Lt Col (Mike) Donald Michael Anthony Burridge Royal Corps of Signals died 18 Aug 2024 aged 90

BUSK Maj Gen Leslie Francis Harry Busk died 23 July 2024 aged 87

BUTT Sqn Ldr Michael Butt died 9 Oct 2024

CARNEGIE-BROWN Col Mark Mackenzie Carnegie-Brown died 1 Aug 2024 aged 87 Scots Guards

CATTOUSE Nadi Cattouse

COLENZO-JONES Major Gilmore Mervyn Colenso-Jones died 26 Dec 2024 aged 94 Royal Welch Fusiliers

COOK Captain James Anthony (Tony) died 13 July 2024

COOPER Geoffrey George John Cooper 14 March 1920 - 6 May 2024 Royal Aircraft Establishment engineer Development of naval aviation catapult and Seafire to use it

DAVIES Col Maurice Saunders Davies MBE died 25 Sept 2024 aged 81

DICK Brigadier Raphael Christopher Joseph (Chris) CBE. Royal Tank Regt Died 9 Dec 2024 aged 89

DITCHAM Midshipman Tony Ditcham DSC

DREWRY Lt General Sir Christopher Francis Drewry KCB CBE 25 June 1947 - 4 November 2024 1st Bn Welsh Guards Germany, N Ireland, SDC to GOC London District. Company Cdr Falklands Mt Harriet. Germany, N Ireland (MiD) Cdr 24th Air Mobile. Mod Plans. Cdr ARRC. Turned down Adjutant General

DUNCAN Col Andrew Duncan LVO OBE died 28 Sept 24 aged 91 Grenadier Guards

EASTBURN Brig Alan F Eastburn died 25 July 2024

FLOOD Major David Gybrian Flood TD 2nd RTR died 15 Sept 24

GARRETT Maj Gen Henry Edmund Melvill Leennox Garrett CBE died 17 Aug 24 aged 100

GEORGE Hywell George OBE, CMG - follows

GILLIES Sir Robert Nairns 'Bom' Gillies KNZM 14 February 1925 - 7 Nov 24 28th Maori Bn. Op Husky Sicily. Taranto. Wounded Orsagno. Breakthrough River Po. Last surviving member 28th Maori Bn.

GOULD Air Cdre Dick Gould CBE died 30 Dec 2024

GRAHAM Lt Gen Sir Peter Walter Graham KCB CBE 14 March 1937 - 10 Dec 24 Gordon Highlanders ! Gordons Germany, N Ireland MA to AG MoD CoS 3rd Armoured Germany Cdr UDR Cdr Eastern District Cdt Sandhurst GOC Scotland

HANSON Col David Hanson OBE

HARCOURT-SMITH ACM Sir DavidHarcourt-Smith 14 October 1931 - 4 August 2025  
Malaya Cyprus Germany, Belfast. Double jumped to Brigadier. c/o Gurkha Field Force Hong Kong. GOC Wales, CoS UK Land Forces.

HINE Air Cdre AndrewCharles Hine OBE 25 May 1966 - 15 April 2017  
Sqn RAF Bruggen 12 Sqn RAF Lossiemouth 13 Sqn RAF Marham Tornado weapons mgt. Flight cdr Kuwait 158 combat missions - 9 deployments C/O 2 Sqn (Tornados) PJHQ CO RAF Lossiemouth (ops Afghanistan, Libya) Director AI Udeid Qatar, Planning staff MOD. Later teacher Oundle School

HOBSON Lt Rev Patrick Hobson MC ordained as Anglican priest, left army

HOLT Major Tonie Holt died 5 Sept 24 Battlefield tours

HOUSTON Col Euan Henry Houston OBE 2 Jan 1946 - 10 Nov 2024 Grenadier Guards Germany, Cyprus . Middle East. Kenya Iran Egypt Dhofar co G Sqn SAS N Ireland - MBE for gallantry. Falklands (MiD). NATO CO 1Bn Grenadiers Germany. Def Attache Isreal. Later Prez HMS Trincomalee Trust

JACKSON General Sir Michael 'Mike' Jackson GCB CBE DSO

LANGLEY Sqn Ldr Peter John Langley DFC 24 Oct 1924 - 3 July 2005 Air Raid Warden. before joining RAF aged 16. 20,000 hours flying time. First to shoot down V1 - with anti aircraft gun 671 Sqn India (gliders) 271 Sqn Dakotas. Rejoined RAF Korean War. 47 Sqn Hastings 267 Sqn Malaysian emergency (136 sorties) Sues Valetta dropping 16 Parachute Brigade . c/o VIP Sqn. Later pilot USA

LAWES Lt Col John Lawes LVO, MC

LEWELLYN Maj General the Rev Morgan Lewellyn CB, OBE (Mil) 22 August 1937 - 10 December 24 Royal Welch Fusiliers

LOWRY Lt Col Michael Arthur Lowry died 13 July 24 aged 78 Royal Irish Regt

MASSERENE Corporal (later Viscount) John David Clotworthy Whyte-Melville Foster Skeffington engineer commander.n 3 June 1940 - 13 Nov 24 National Service Grenadier Guards Germany

MCGREGOR Cdr John McGregor OBE 1 June 1937 - 12 August 2025. MSc nuclear engineering. Served on 5 subs : Hms Truncheon, Olympus, Dreadnought, Revenge, Repulse (3 patrols) HMS Fearless in Falklands. Supervised bomb disposal Sir Galahad and Sir Lancelot.. Base Engineer Submarines Devonport Dockyard

NASH Brig Richard Nash died 8 Aug 25 aged 84

NORTHMORE Air Cdre William John James Northmore CBE died 6 July 25 aged 95

NEALE Gp Captain Anthony Neale OBE died 14 August 24 aged 91

NORRISS Air Marshal Sir Peter Coulson Norris KBE AFC 22 April 1944 - 22 July 24

NOTT Sir John Nott

PARSONS Col Andrew Parsons died 18 Dec 24 aged 84 Scots Guards

PATTIE Captain Geoffrey Pattie Later MP, Defence Procurement Minister, PC

PENNICOTT Maj Gen Brian Thomas Pennicott CVO 15 Feb 38 - 18 June 25 Royal Artillery 29 Cdo Regt RA Cyprus; Kuwait' N Ireland; c/o 29 Cdo Regt; i/c artillery forces, Falklands; Negotiated Argentine surrender Countersigned surrender document. Asst Defence Attache Washington; artillery Cdr 1st Armoured Divn, Germany; Director RA ACDS (personnel and reserves) Later Gentleman Usher to HM Queen

PETCHEY Chief Petty Officer (Sir) Jack Petchey CBE 19 July 1925 - 27 June 2024 Electrical air fitter, Fleet Air Arm 1943 RAF Great Dunmow later businessman. Petchey Foundation young people charities incl Sea Cadets

PYE Brig Hugh William Kellow Pye OBE 23 May 1938 - 30 May 2024 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales) Northern Ireland, Aden, South Yemen, Oman, Germany (Centurion, Challenger tanks) Cyprus c/o UK element NATO ACE Mobile Force

RICHARDSON-BUNBURY Captain RN Roger Hugh Moudray Richardson-Bunbury died 16 Dec 24 aged 90

ROSS John Hercules Delatour Ross died 18 Dec 24 Royal Artillery, RAF, 6/7 Queens, PWRR

ROSS Lt Gen Sir Robert Jeremy (Robin) Ross, RM.KCB, CBE 28 November 1939 - 29 July 25 HMS Mohawk (TYneside) Persian Gulf ; Beira Patrol; Aden (trg Sas); 40 cDO fAR eAST; IONDONDERRY; C/O 3 CDO BGDE; Arctic. Op Haven IraqCommandant RM

SALMON Sub Lt Boyd Salmon - to follow

SHARPE Captain Richard Sharpe RN 10 August 1936 - 22 June 2024 Submarines Cuba, Singapore co HMS Aeneas.Nuclear submarines c/o HMS Courageous c/o destroyer . Director Future Naval Policy . Later Editor Jane's Fighting Ships

SIMPSON Sqn Leader Kenneth CH Simpson died 23 Nov 24 aged 84

SOUTER Flt Lt Kenneth Place Souter 12 June 1919 - 7 June 2024 43 Sqn Western Desert. Sqn Hurricanes 73 Sqn test pilot Naval Air Fighting Development Unit . e . Demob 1945 rejoined RAF 1951 61 Sqn Canberras 83 Sqn Singapore Malaya Stunt pilot Dam Busters movie

SPENCE Flt Lt William John Duncan Spence 20 April 1923 - 28 May 2024 Bomb Aimer RAF 44 (Rhodesia) Sqn Lancasters 36 missions N W Europe inc Dresden

STENLAKE Aileen Anderson WRNS died 8 July 24 aged 85

STIRLING Lt Col James Stirling KCVO CBE 

STORER Wing Cdr Richard Storer 1933-2024 Pilot 66 Sqn at RAF Acklington - Hunters 183 Sqn Scampton Vulcans First CO/Mgr Red Arrows RAE Trials Air Attache Belgium OC Opns Wing Cottesmore RAF Wyton Falklands BBC liaison Construction RAF Mount Pleasant and Ascension Island

STUBBINGS Flt Sgt Zach Stubbings 1977-2024 Sea King Instructor to Prince William RAF Valley

SYNED Brigadier Tom Syned died 2 Dec 24 aged 90

TANOUS Lt Col Christopher Tanous TD died 18 Sept 24 aged 81

TAYLOR Captain Laurence William Howson Taylor CBE RN died 29 Oct 24 aged 102

THOMPSON WO John Thomson died autumn 24 aged 82. REME Cyprus (with UN) Ordnance Corps Parachute Brigade Korea. SAS Boat Troop A Sqn. Op Nimrod Iranian Embassy Siege G Sqn Falklands

THOMSON Brigadier Micheal Thomson MBE KSOB after Royal Marines Nat Service.. Aden, Malaysia, Berlin, Northern Ireland, Belize, Kenya., Zimbabwe. Brigade Cdr 52 Lowland Brigade

TIBBS Lt Michael Tibbs N

URQUHART Major Christopher Robin Urquhart Royal Signals died 6 Aug 25

WADE Col Robert Nicholas Harry Alexander de Vins Wade OBE died 18 Sept 24 Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

WEEKS Antony Laurence Payne Weeks died 23 Dec 24 RTR

WELLS Lt Col Christopher Richard Henry Wells died 28 Sept 24 aged 95

WILSON Brian Denis Wilson CBE - foollows

WRIGHT Sgt Thomas William (Bill) Wright 17 Nov 1924 - 26 June 2024 Satfordshire Yeomanry tank radio operator and gun loader D Day H+3 Sword Beach. Scheldt Estuary, Op Plunder India 146th Regt RAC Uttar Pradesh