

November 2006 News Archive

- **Pension Increase**

Our annual increase was included in Mr Tranter's Lakeside address at the PEPA luncheon as 3.3% for service before April 2006 and 2.5% for service after that date.

For your information the 'Company' (should that be the 'Trustees'?) has capped the amount pension increases can be for service after April 2006 to 2.5% whereas before that date it is RPI up to 5%.

Again my thanks to Christine and Phil for these facts.

Meanwhile we all await the results of the fund evaluation due before the end of this year.

- **Deep Water**

Some Mullard House people will remember Donald Crowhurst. He attempted in 1968 to be the first to sail non-stop around the world, following Sir Francis Chichester's sole with stops. This tale, already in bookform, is to be made into a film 'Deep Water'. Barely a weekend sailor, Crowhurst's ill-prepared boat was found abandoned in the Atlantic with his logbooks showing how he falsified his claims. Robin Knox-Johnston won the award, and gave the prize money to Crowhurst's widow.

- **Armoured Vehicles**

Despite the recent promises that the troops can have whatever they need,

will there still be more armoured vehicles in Whitehall than Basra?

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2087-1838903,00.html>

- **Pictures**

Pictures are coming in, thank you.

Under Links you will find Desmond Armstrong's web site.

Posted in Pictures there are two autumn pictures from Peter Jago, Ottawa Canada and two panoramic pictures of the Melbourne Australia marina development by Roy Goodfellow. How did Roy do that?

- **Updates and Information**

Some of you who have explored our site will have noted that there are 'under construction'.

This is your web site and it is up to you to send us your notes and items. How about some dates of area meetings, golf gatherings, and get-togethers in your areas? Pictures from any events are also very welcome.

- **Help**

Last month we asked for help with the Newmarket Transistors story. This month can you help with:

- Mullard Southampton plinth by the entrance gate for a WW2 fighter pilot who came down there when it was marshes?
- Origins of the SEI, GEC, then ASM Mullard Hazel Grove factory in School Street next to the church, - wood or furniture factory?

- **PC Security**

You will have noted that Tony M has changed his email address - the first time since he joined the web early in the 1990s.

The change was forced on him because of Spam, Viruses and Phishing.

On the advise of Dale C, MailWasher has been purchased (there is free version available) and has proved most successful in previewing the mailbox

and detecting suspect emails.

A fuller explanation is available under Links.