

Obituary

Sub Lt Michael Pentreath RNVR

Michael did his national service in the RN, serving as a Midshipman in HMS Anson. He volunteered for the submarine service and was planning, along with colleagues, on attending the commissioning of the next HMS Anson, an Astute class sub in 2020. He was the elder brother of Captain David Pentreath RN (Capt HMS Plymouth during Falklands war). Some of his nephews or cousins are serving RN officers (including Cdre John Pentreath, a pilot), others are ex-Army.

He started his journalistic career in Shrewsbury, before moving to the Yorkshire Post becoming their London parliamentary correspondent and he spent many years reporting on parliamentary affairs. He became a MoD PR person during the Falklands War and thereafter working with the RN. He wrote the biography of General Sir Redvers Buller.

He was much involved in Local affairs. He and his wife, who survives him, was a strong supporter of the Farringdon Parish Church. He was also a fund raiser for the Army Benevolent Fund - the Soldiers charity and sat on its Devon committee.

He died in Farringdon on the 30th October 2019, aged 89, after a short illness.

The Flotilla was represented at his funeral by Maj. Ralph Howard-Williams RM



Michael Pentreath (left), Alan Rowe MBE (centre) of the Army Benevolent Fund, and Company Sergeant Major Ryan Braunton-Turner (right).