

## **Lt Cdr Rodney Battey RNR**

### **Education:**

Hurstpierpoint College 1949 - 1959: Common Entrance, O levels, A levels

Jesus, Cambridge 1960 - 63: Natural Sciences Tripos

### **In service training**

Garnett College, University of London 1969/70: Certificate in Education (FE) [the Further Education teacher's ticket]

University of Sussex: MA in higher education (project evaluation) 1978/79

### **Career:**

1959/60 Prep school assistant master. An interesting year, but it convinced me that if I were to teach anything to anyone it had to be over-18. Joined the local Civil Defence branch for the year 1963/1968: Joined the RN Instructor Branch (5-year short service commission). 13 weeks at BRNC to stop looking like an under-graduate and learn how to salute. Studied coastal navigation [ 'they' were reluctant to trust us with a sextant]; divisional officer's duties, which was very useful for handling student tutor groups; Morse code - at a carrier pigeon's pace; history of the RN and the evolution of the Board of Admiralty.

Appointed to RNEC Manadon as Instructor Lieutenant to lecture in Materials Technology, joining a section of four dealing with those bits of ship work that Nelson never dreamed of - steel and glass-fibre hulls, aluminium airframes (for the Air sub-specialization) turbine materials for steam and gas, fatigue (metallic) and creep, corrosion control, copper alloys for non-singing (dead) propellers, bearing metals, plastics, lubricants and explosives. Manadon at that stage was developing the first CNAA degrees in Naval Engineering for the mechanical and electrical specializations and for the marine, air and submarine sub-

specializations, which were approved around 1965. I was also lurked to do the ExpedO job (Expedition Training Officer) once I knew my way round the college, and was lighting technician for college dramatic productions in that time.

1968/1974: Joined Hendon College of Technology as a Lecturer II in materials technology, again helping train engineering students; it was during this time that I became interested in lecturer improvement programs, which at that time were voluntary. Many CoT staff had gained their initial experience as part-time evening lecturers teaching their day-time industrial subject and had little formal induction into teaching skills.

1974/75: Joined Technical Teachers Training Institution, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh as a British Council/Gol visiting consultant; travelled widely in India, especially the western region states.

1975/1983: Senior Lecturer, Middlesex Polytechnic. Training engineering students (materials) and in-service lecturers (lecturer improvement); educational evaluation of Polytechnic courses.

Included one year leave of absence for Sussex MA studies.

1983/1993: Local authority education adviser and inspector; London Borough of Harrow and Surrey County Council. Retired as Deputy Chief Inspector (Curriculum)

**Post retirement:** Secretary to five boards of governors of Surrey schools); visiting scientist, Exmouth primary school/STEM ambassador (Devon activities). Parochial Church Council secretary

**Royal Naval Reserve:** HMS President (London Division) 1970/77 Instructional Techniques Officer, HMS Curzon (Sussex Division) attached, HMS President (London Division) 1978/79 Senior Instructor Officer

**Interests:** Travel, especially India on five further occasions after leaving Bhopal. Photography. Book collecting (cartography, Indian history, architecture and art, and asymmetric warfare). Cooking. Gardening. Walking (now pretty limited).

**Dates:** Born August 1940; Married December 1966 (Kaye Bedingham; 1 son, 1 daughter; 5 grandchildren); Retired from education July 1993.



Plymouth 1967



Mughal India 2019