

Chris Peach

Chris Peach entered BRNC, Dartmouth, in 1968 as a General List seaman officer. His initial appointments were as Bridge watchkeeper and Ships Diving Officer in HMS Kent and HMS Blake where he visited the Far East, Australia, and the Mediterranean. He started Flying training in 1974 and was later awarded his Observer Wings. He flew in Seakings with 824 NAS from HMS Ark Royal when it featured in the BBC series "Sailor, that depicted life on board the former fixed wing carrier. Having qualified as a Helicopter Warfare Instructor (HWI), Chris served a 3-year exchange with the Royal Australian Navy that included flying from HMAS Melbourne, the last RAN Aircraft Carrier, which deployed during the first Iraq war.

He joined HMS Invincible as the Air Ops Officer in 1982 and was soon at the forefront of planning flying operations throughout the Falklands War. A HWI posting at the Maritime Tactical School in HMS Dryad followed and then First Lt in HMS Sirius. He served time in the MoD and was promoted Commander in 1988. Chris was appointed Training Commander at HMS Raleigh and then given command of HMS Charybdis and HMS Andromeda before being appointed as Executive Commander of BRNC Dartmouth, where his wife Karen, a former WRNS officer was on the Academic staff. He was promoted Captain in 1997 and after a further Mod staff jobs he was appointed Defence Attaché to Manila, where he and Karen enjoyed three years diplomatic service in The Philippines. He returned to the MoD where he was Head of Attaché organisation and later promoted Commodore to Director of Defence Diplomacy before retiring in 2005.



On retirement 2005



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