

## **Thames Valley Network**

## NORTH SEA OIL OPERATIONS Ted Peycke Supporting the North Sea Oilfields by Helicopter Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30 p.m. on Zoom



Ted Peycke is a retired North Sea Helicopter Pilot and will cover how he got into flying, passenger safety, aircraft performance, and the support provided by helicopter operations in the event of accidents in the oilfields.

A photo showing the aftermath of the Piper Alpha disaster taken from a support rig

Ted was born in South Africa in 1948 moved to Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) in 1950 and then to the UK in 1961.

He joined the RAF in 1968, flying Chipmunk, Jet Provost, Gnat, and then rotary Sioux, Westland Whirlwind and Wessex helicopters. He served on flying duties in Northern Ireland, Northern Europe, Hong Kong and Singapore before leaving the RAF at the end of 1976.

Ted then joined British Airways Helicopters (BAH) operating out of Aberdeen, Shetland, Suffolk, Penzance, Gatwick / Heathrow, Denmark, Irish Republic and India, all whilst working for British Airways. After the takeover of BAH by Robert Maxwell, Ted moved to BA flying a variety of aircraft European and UK routes, ending up as a BA captain.

Cost for the talk is £2 per device. Please book electronically by clicking on the TICKETSOURCE icon immediately below the event on <u>www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk</u>. This is by far the best and easiest option. You will receive an acknowledgement immediately and the Zoom link about 48 hours before the event. If you experience any difficulty, please email the organiser Mike Price <u>mikep@greaterthameu3a.co.uk</u> giving your name and the u3a to which you belong.

## Closing date for applications is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

If you have not received the Zoom link by midday on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April please check your spam / junk box before emailing the organiser as above.

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