



To all my friends:

Thank you from the bottom of my  
heart for your friendship and support.  
Keep up the good work and have fun!

John.



**JOHN BEVAN**  
19.12.1943 – 3.2.2020





## ORDER OF SERVICE

### ENTRANCE MUSIC

Welsh National Anthem sung by the Llanelli Male Voice Choir

### WELCOME and OPENING WORDS

by Rev. Andy Davis

### REMEMBERING JOHN

Mike O'Meara, Vice Chairman of the Historical Diving Society

### HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

Ann Bevan  
Introduced by Rev. Andy Davis

SHE'S MY GIRL, by Tom Lehrer

JOHN  
Ann Bevan  
It's a Buoy, Hale and Pace

FIVE BELLS  
Mike O'Meara, former RN Clearance Diver

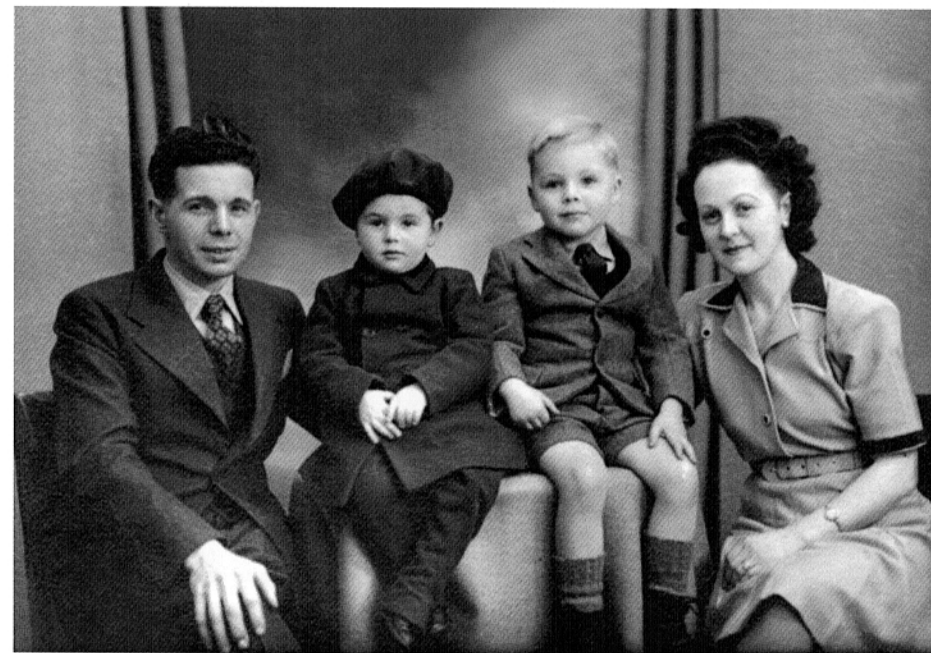
CLOSING MUSIC  
The River Kwai March, by Mitch Miller

The immediate family will accompany John to the Portchester Crematorium and return to Cam's Hall Estate Golf Club, Portchester Road, Fareham, PO16 8UP where you are cordially invited to join them.

Please note: the journey to and from the Crematorium will take approximately 100 minutes. At the family's request, please do not wait to start the enjoying the refreshments.

Some of our guests may not have transport to the Golf Club so if you can offer them a lift we would be really grateful. (If you need a lift please make it known)

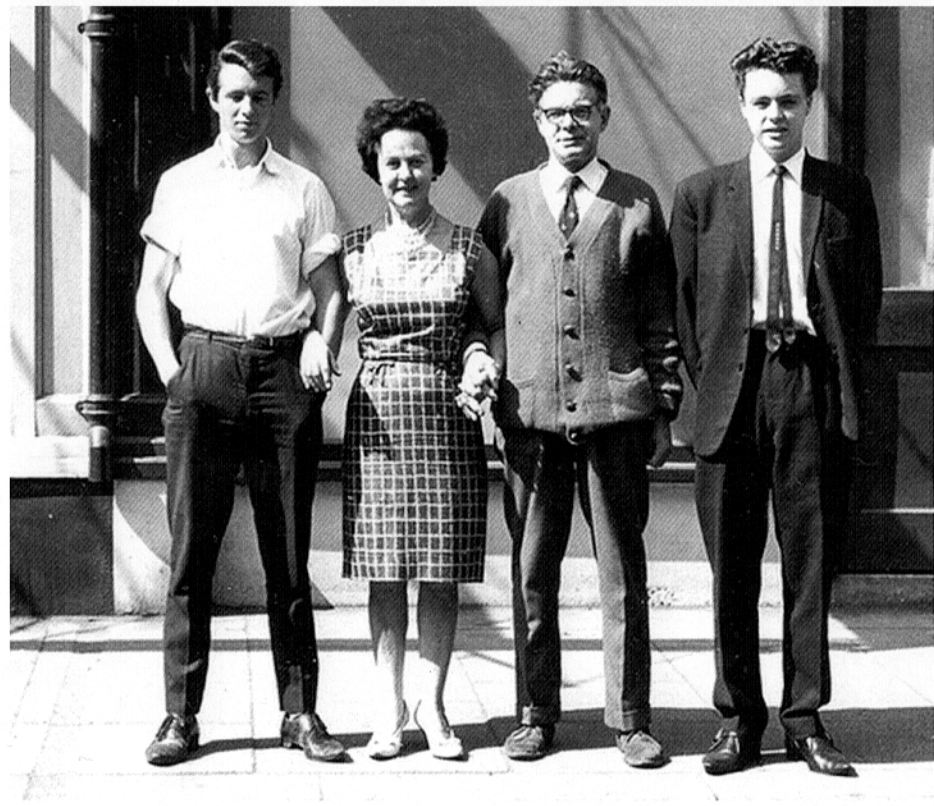
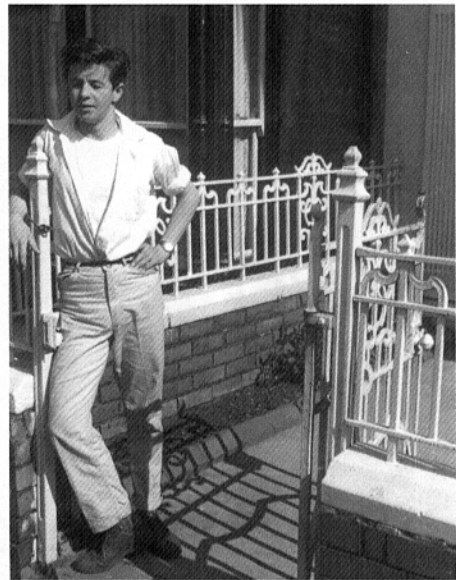
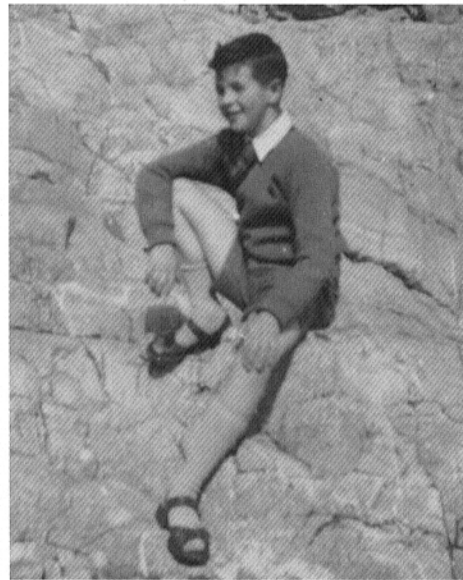




John with his father Bertie, brother Ronald and Mother Rene.

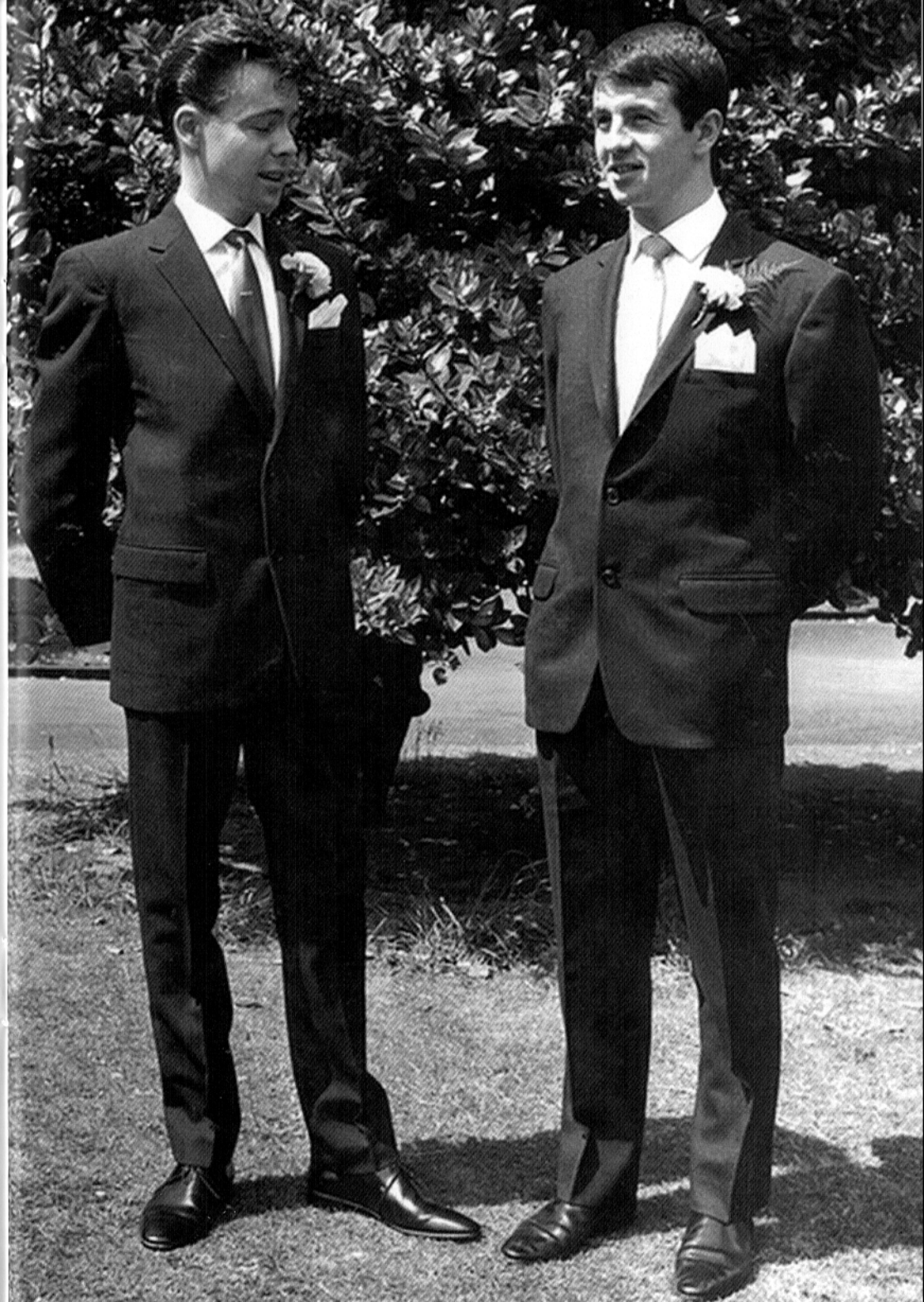




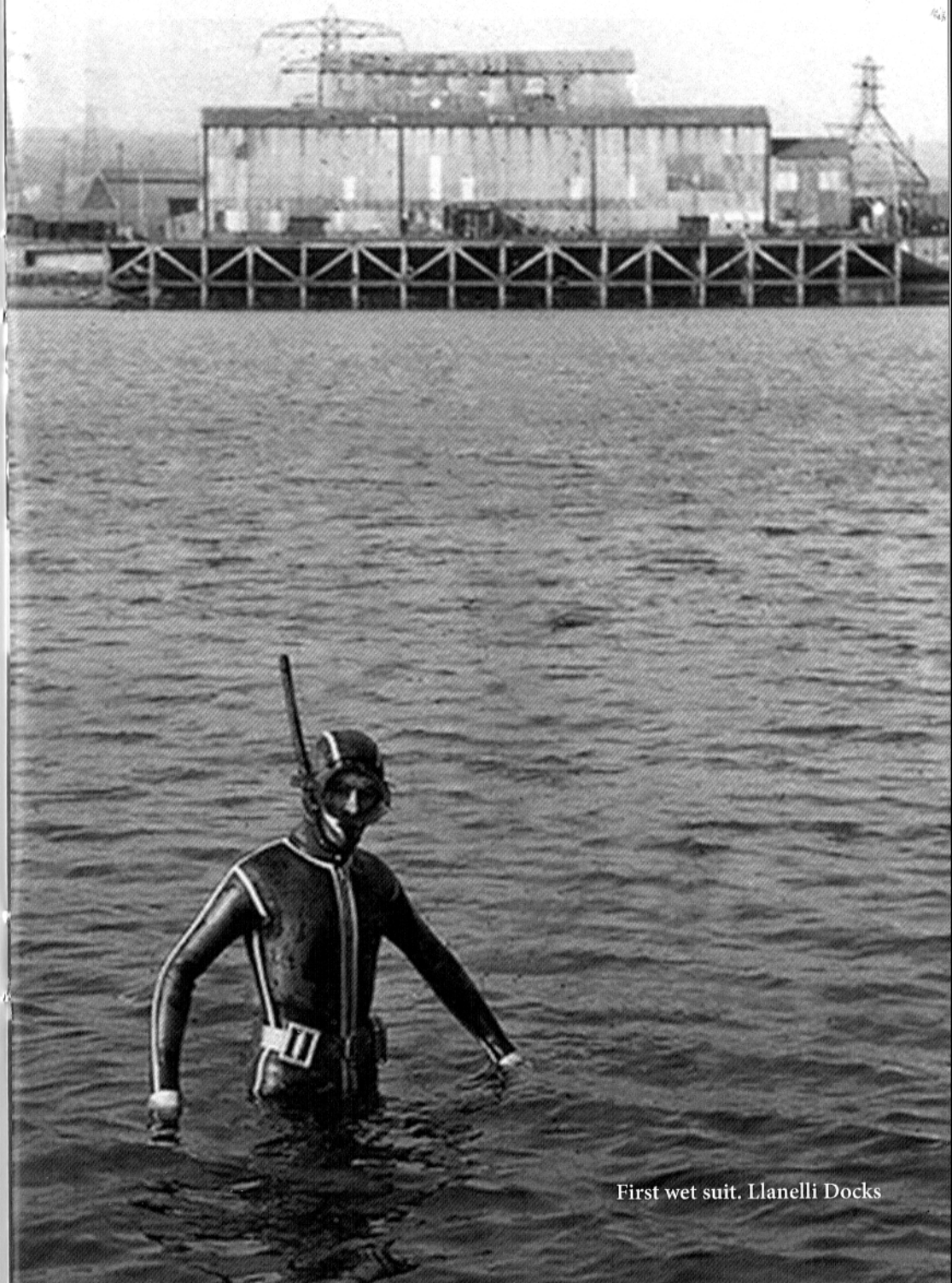
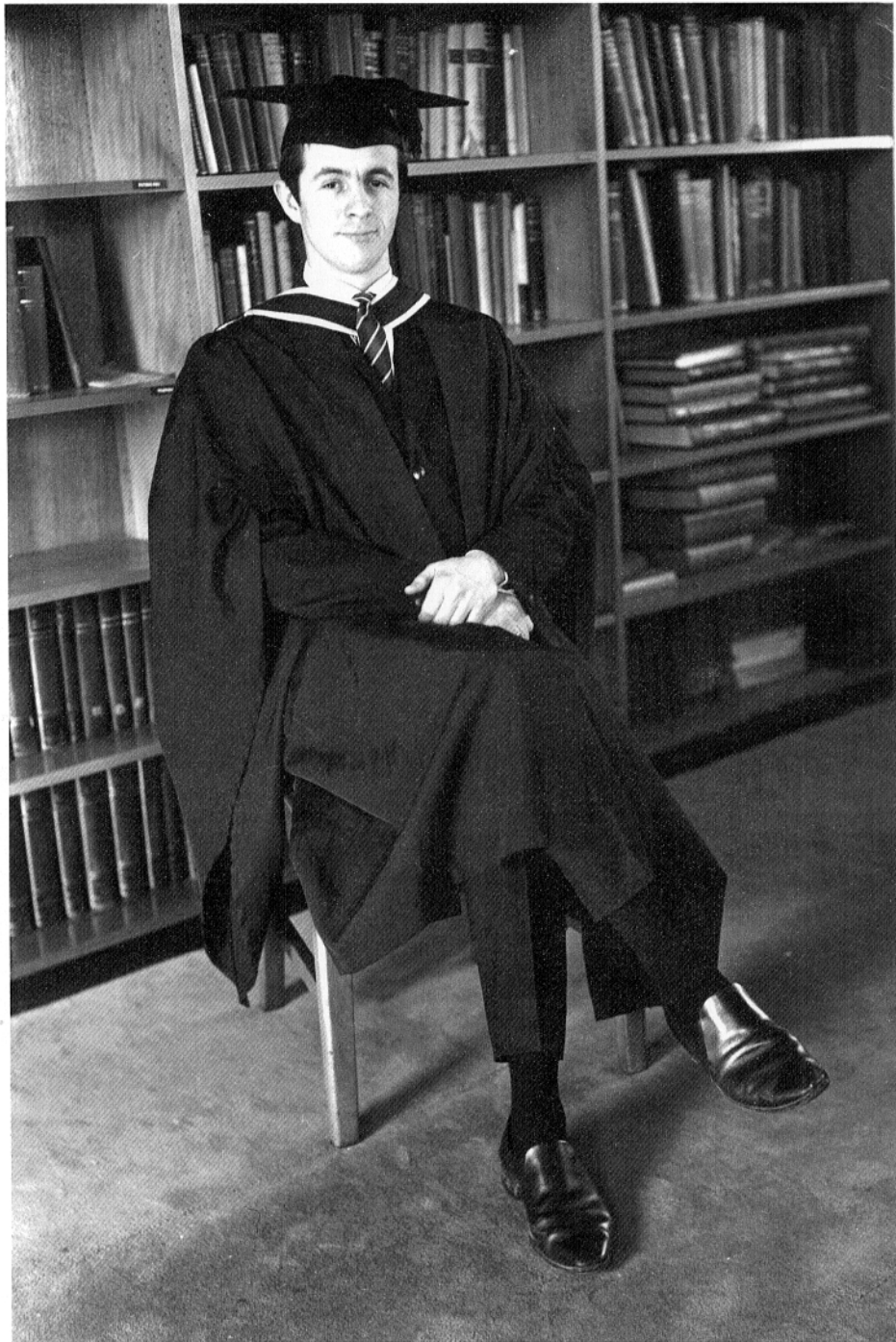




With Deke Leonard of the Corn Crackers - available for parties, weddings and functions







First wet suit. Llanelli Docks



The Scientists and the Firemen swap places,  
Royal Navy Physiological Laboratory, Alverstoke, Hampshire



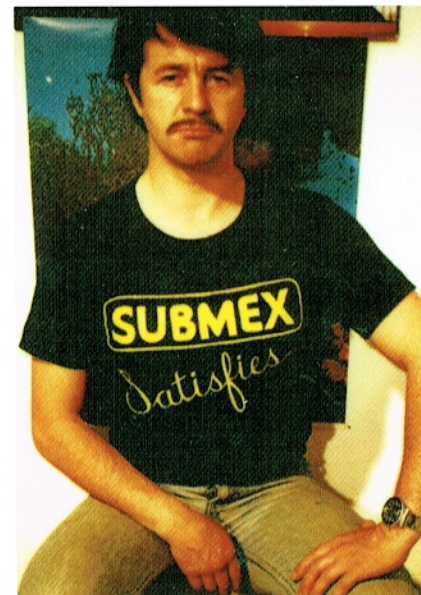
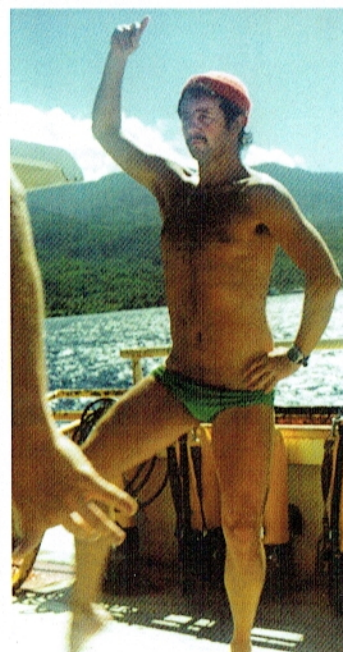
Octopushing



Peter Sharphouse and John during and after  
the world record breaking 1500ft dive, 1970



Fun in the sun with friends



1976, he set up his own diving consultancy company, Submex Limited.

## 'Explorer Biographies' by Ingrid Cranfield

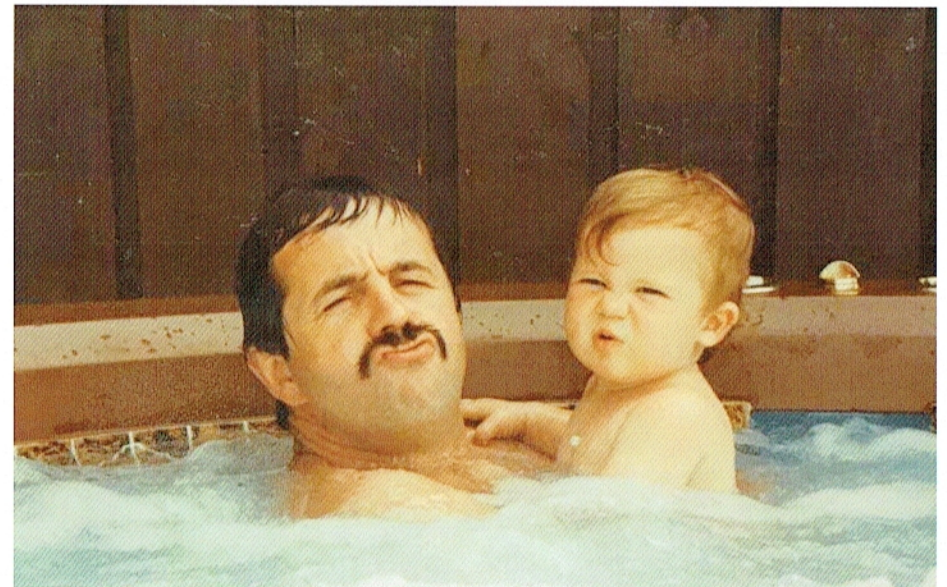
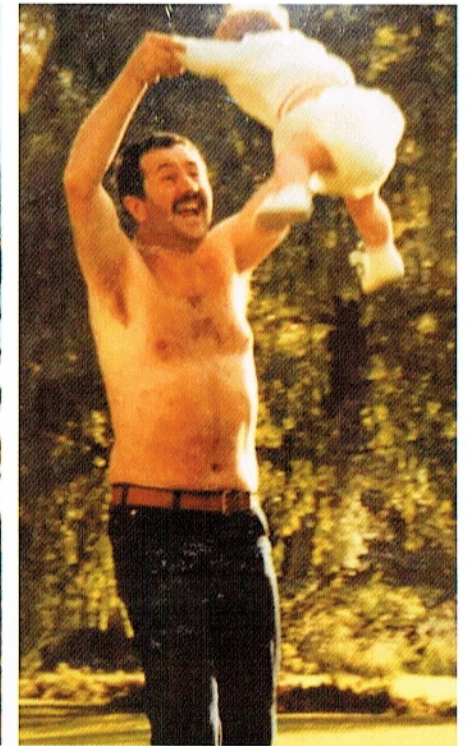


### BEVAN, John

Welsh, b. December 1943. Neat, solid build, soft lilting voice, moustache. Learned to dive Llanelli in teens. Founder and vice-chairman, Southsea branch, British Sub-Aqua Club. Formerly employed at Royal Naval Physiological Laboratory. One-time world record holder for depth dive, made during 15 days in 1970, at simulated depth of 1500 feet. Various other physiological experiments: claims to have 'one of the best-documented bodies in Britain'. Now part of research team and 'diving capability' of large commercial diving company, London, trains professional divers. Unmarried.



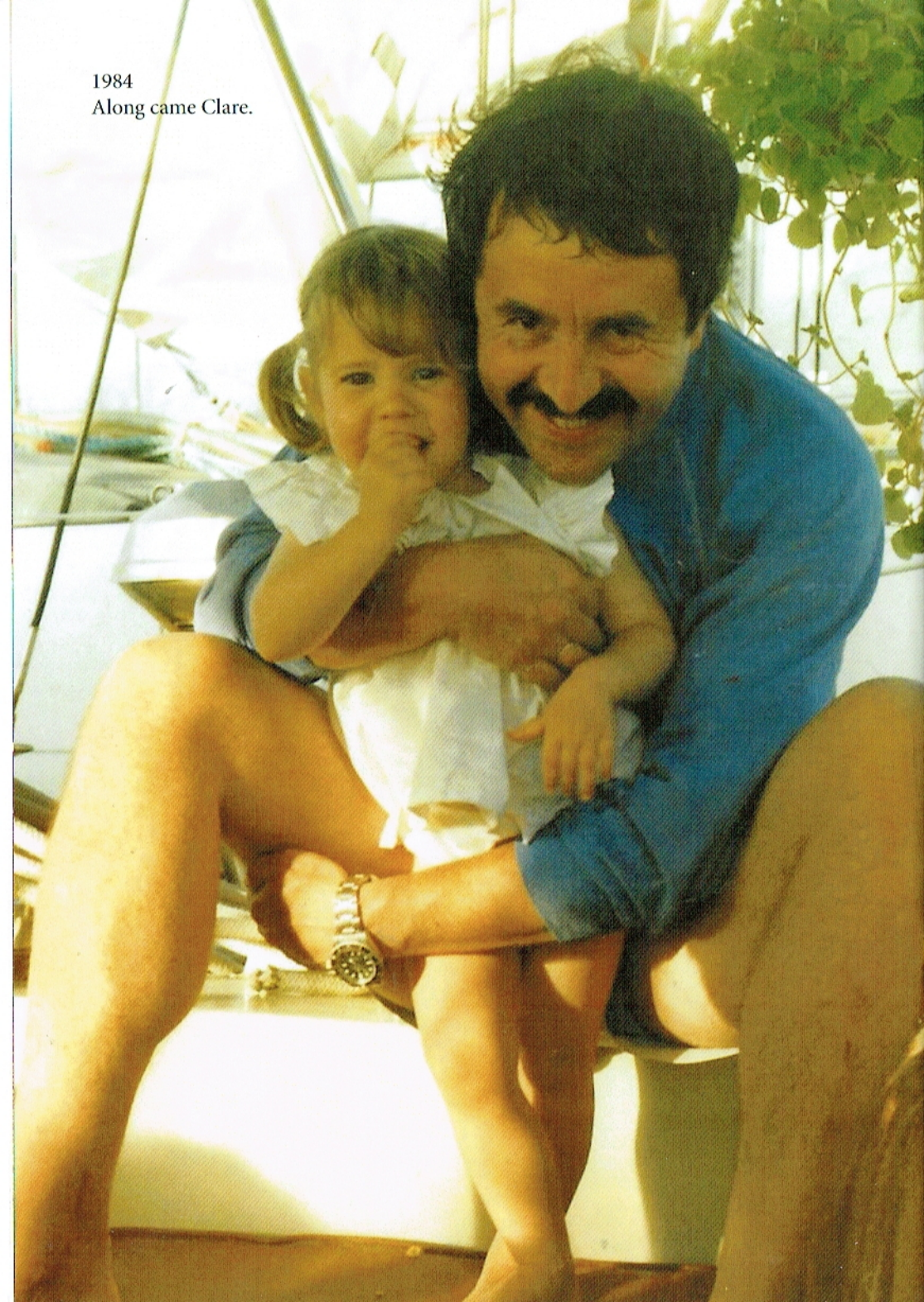
29 September 1979



1981, Tom joins the family



1984  
Along came Clare.





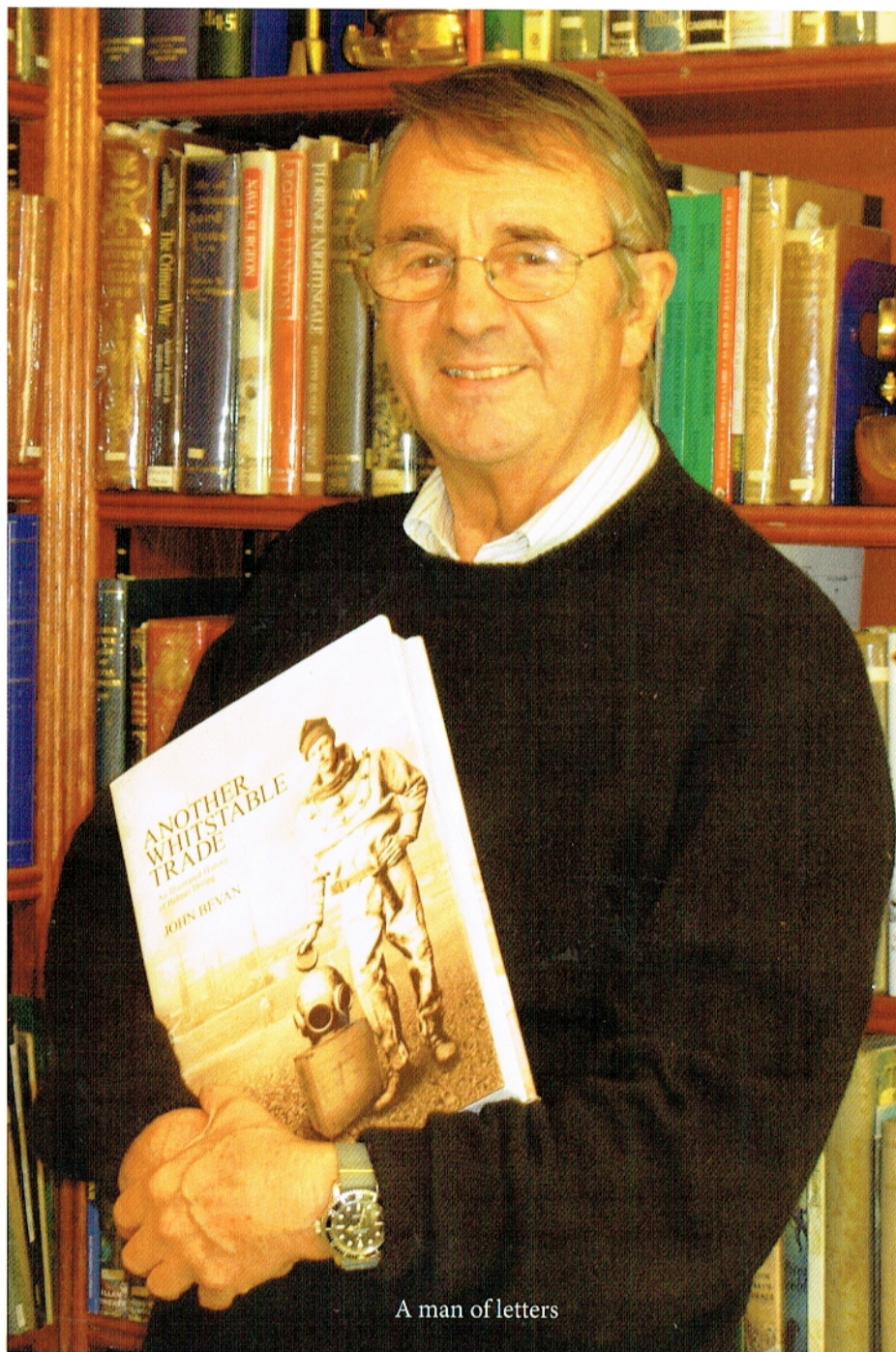


Just some of his hair-raising attempts at effecting an early departure



Cockpit Combo: John and nephew Adrian





A man of letters

Fame at last! rubbing shoulders with Hans and Lotte Hass, Lloyd Grossman and the Scrapheap Challenge Team







Taff



Toff



More famous friends







The love of his life - diving





The Red Dragon, Red Alert and The Red Baron  
aka John, John Towse and Barry Jackson



John and the Deane Helmet, The Diving Museum, Gosport. (Photo Rob Hoole)

Holy Trinity Church is a fitting venue for John's funeral. It is the church in which one of his historical heroes, John Deane, worshipped during the 1840s and it is where Deane's wife, Agnes, is buried. In 2011 John was instrumental in installing a memorial stone to Agnes in the grounds of the church under the aegis of The Historical Diving Society.

John has requested no flowers, but would welcome donations to The Historical Diving Society of which he was Chairman from its founding in 1980 until the day he died. He was passionate about preserving and promoting diving history. During his tenure the Society has grown from strength to strength with sister Societies all over the world and in 2010, it established The Diving Museum in Gosport. The Society and Museum are run entirely by volunteers to whom he regularly expressed his deep gratitude for their hard work and dedication. He wanted nothing more than to see the Society continue to flourish.

If you would like to make a donation, it can be left with Ruby Funerals Ltd, Stoke Parade, Stoke Road, Gosport, PO12 1QE or made via the Society's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/thehds](http://www.facebook.com/thehds).