

Stephen John Cattell **(6.1.1953-4.4.2022)**



Steve served in the Royal Air Force Police from July 1971 to January 1990 attaining the rank of Flight Sergeant; he held a CI annotation and was instrumental with the formulation and introduction of the RAF's first computer security policies & training. He served in varying locations including the RAF Police School.

After leaving the RAF Steve joined Nuclear Electric as its Computer Security Manager remaining with them until suffering major injuries in a Road Traffic Accident in February 1996. During this period he served as a Justice of the Peace in Gloucestershire.

Steve was a Founder Member of the Royal Air Force Police Association (RAFPA) having been in attendance at the Inaugural Meeting held at RAF Newton on 11th August 1984. He was elected as Chairman of RAFPA in 1995 but had to relinquish office following his accident; after a gap of 12 months he was re-elected as Chairman in 1997 remaining in office until 2001. Steve also served as a Trustee of the Association from 1995 to 2015.

In 1997 Steve designed RAFPA's first website becoming the Association's Webmaster remaining as such for 18 years until being removed by the controlling 'Junta', without reference to the greater membership, to pander to the whims of one individual and his self-indulgent vanity project and it is to be hoped that those still with us are suitably ashamed of the way in which Steve was treated; Steve continued as webmaster of 'rafpa.com' until his death to provide a service for all serving and past members of the RAF Police. He additionally created two Yahoo (e-mail) Groups for the Association Moderating them for over 15 years. He also acted as the Editor of the Members Directory for a long period, maintaining the circulation lists for the electronic copies of not only the Directory but also of the Griff & Provost Parade.

In recognition of his outstanding service to RAFPA Steve was invited to become a Life Vice-President in 2002 a post he held until his passing. He was also the recipient of the Alan Rusling Memorial award on two occasions (2001 & 2015).

There very few people who can match Steve's contribution to the RAF Police Association and the RAF Police World.

May he Rest in Peace.