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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



First of all, let me introduce myself as your new Association Chairman.

I was delighted to be voted in as your Chairman during the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2001. My position was ratified along with Committee members at the Association's Annual General Meeting on Friday 26 October 2001.

As you know, Ted Lewis was your Chairman and throughout his term he continued the good work of his predecessors by promoting the Anti-Submarine Warfare Instructors Association.

As CO to HMS DRYAD's VCC, Ted was finding it difficult to give 100% to two very important positions. Reluctantly, he decided to resign as our Chairman and called for volunteers to succeed him. Following considerable thought on my part, I decided to offer my services and applied for the position.

I'm sure that you join me in expressing wholehearted thanks for the hard work that Ted put into the Association during his time as Chairman. We send him our best wishes for the future, particularly as CO to the VCC.

All Association rules remain extant. Please continue to support the Association; I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

You can contact me through the Association Secretary using the address at the front of this issue. Alternatively, pop in to Lewin Building during your next visit to HMS DRYAD.

For those readers for whatever reason missed the BBQ at DRYAD on the 31 July and of course those who did make it, I say WHAT A NIGHT. As is often the case, the organisation that goes into such an event is never seen. I thank Pete Hill (Sec) Titch Rowley (Social Sec) and Andy Gleeve (Ex serving rep) for putting together such a memorable event. With perfect weather and the chefs in good spirits, both the food and drink were plentiful! My thanks also go to WO (R) Stu Scott (WO & SR Mess Press) for allowing the association full use of mess facilities. Entertainment was in the form of children's games hosted by PO (S) 143 course, a Raffle, an adaptation of the TV quiz show 'Play your Cards Right' and Sumo Wrestling (sponsored by Mrs S MO - from Hong Kong). The latter was thoroughly enjoyed by the children as well as a number of adults. Given the support seen this year, next years BBQ promises to be a bigger success. There is however, one group I have yet to give my thanks to and they are those members serving and ex serving, wives, girlfriends, family and PO (S) 143 course whose support made the BBQ the success it was.



Change of Association President

By Dave Williams

A recent parliamentary announcement stated that HMS DRYAD would close its gates for the final time in the year 2011.

In preparation, steps are already underway with elements of DRYAD planned to move to HMS COLLINGWOOD commencing as early as mid 2002. With the gradual demise of DRYAD and with it, its ability to train the warfare department, the present Commanding Officer Commodore J RODLEY will relinquish his Command by the end of 2001.

I received a letter from Commodore RODLEY informing me that he would relinquish Command on the 15 October 2001. In his letter he also explained that the next Commanding Officer to DRYAD would be Captain Gass Royal Navy - presently commanding a Type 42 destroyer based at PORTSMOUTH.

Captain Gass will officially assume Command of DRYAD late January early February 2002.

Most will not know that the current Executive Officer, Captain Boxall-Hunt OBE MNI, assumed Command of DRYAD on the 15 October 2001 until such times as Captain Gass officially relieves Commodore RODLEY.

I approached Captain Boxall-Hunt, requesting that he consider becoming the President of the ASWI Association from 15 October 2001 until relieved by Captain Gass. I am delighted to announce that Captain Boxall-Hunt considers it an honour to reside over the ASWI Association as its temporary President. See the biography for Captain Boxall-Hunt in this issue of Seamaster.

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Captain Boxall-Hunt

Captain Boxall-Hunt joined the Royal Navy in 1970 as a cadet at Britannia Royal Naval College, and served as a Midshipman in HMS KIRKLISTON and HMS ARK ROYAL. He completed the Short Gunnery course at HMS EXCELLENT in 1973



and then served as Master Gunner in HMS MINERVA and HMS ANTRIM. A period as Navigating Officer of HMS SCYLLA was followed by Executive Officer to COMSTANAFORCHAN in HMS WILTON and BILDESTON, commanding each for long periods.

From 1980 he served as ADC to His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia. In 1983 he completed the Principal Warfare Officer's course at the School of Maritime Operations, HMS DRYAD, and then joined HMS EURYALUS as the Operations Officer. This was followed by a year on the staff of COMSTANAFORLANT serving in HMS BRILLIANT and BATTLEAXE.

Completing the Advanced AAW Specialist course at the School of Maritime Operations, HMS DRYAD, a Maritime Tactical course followed at the Maritime Tactical School in 1986. He then served as the Executive Officer in HMS BIRMINGHAM before moving to the Staff of Flag Officer Sea Training at Portland, as the Staff NBC and Damage Control Officer.

Promoted Commander in 1991 he served on the Staff of Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command as the Commander (Warfare) Training Division. This was followed by a move to Naples as Staff Officer Operations to COMNAVSOUTH, during which period the Adriatic Maritime Operations to SHARP GUARD and DECISIVE ENDEAVOUR were successfully conducted; he was appointed OBE in 1996. On return to the UK he served as Chief of Staff to the Commander Amphibious Task Group. This was followed by a short time as the Commander Royal Navy Presentation Team prior to joining HMS DRYAD in October 1999, initially as the Executive Officer. He assumed Command in October 2001.

Captain Boxall-Hunt is married to Janis and they have 2 daughters.

Alan Noble

Born 31 August 1946 – Died 6 July 2001

By Paul Hitchcock

It is with regret that I report the sad loss of a very good friend, colleague and Association member. Alan Noble (Nobby) passed away in July this year after a very short illness, spending the last few days of his colourful life in the Rowans Hospice Waterlooville.



Alan's Royal Navy career started at HMS GANGES in September 1961 and on completion of Boys training and UC basics course at HMS VERNON he joined his first ship HMS DUCHESS. Soon after his first taste of General Service and a thirst for high wages, he was transferred to the Submarine Service, serving in HM Submarines TALENT, AURIGA and OBERON. His exploits during his time in submarines are well documented in the September 2000 issue of the *Seamaster*. It is from this, his own article, that one can extract the flavour of his character. A true submariner in the sense that he was quiet on the inside, but outside his personality projected a loud pleasure. Relatively small in stature he had a big heart, a wicked smile and a very charitable nature.



Alan left the submarine service in 1967 to complete his UC2 course in HMS VERNON after which he joined HMS KEPPEL a Type 14 ASW Frigate. It was during this time whilst based at Rosyth that he met his wife Shona, who at the time was the 'Landlords Daughter' living at the Douglas Hotel in Dunfermline; they were married in 1969. Alan saw further service in HM Ships FORTH, NUBIAN and ACTIVE punctuated by the usual ASW courses in both HMS VERNON and DRYAD to enable himself to be advanced. He joined the Staff of Flag Officer Sea Training in 1982 and was promoted Warrant Officer the same year. Before leaving the service in 1996 he served on various Staffs including FOF2 and CinC Fleet as well as spending some time at the School of Maritime Operations HMS DRYAD. Alan served as Chairman of the ASWT's Association in the late 70s and remained a solid supporter even up until the last month before his death.

On leaving the service in 1996 Alan and Shona embarked on a career in retailing and took over the South Coast Tackle Shop at Lee on the Solent. Angling was one of Alan's greatest loves and although running the shop curtailed his participation in the gentle art, he still found time to promote fishing and was founder of the Lee on Solent Royal British Legion Angling Club. Ironically he won the first match on the day the club was inaugurated. Alan's commitment to both angling and charity was recognised soon after his death by the holding of a charity match in his name with proceeds going to the Rowan Hospice. A Trophy, the Alan Noble Trophy, was purchased and will be fished for by British Legion Members in an annual competition. Again, in recognition of his popularity, a collection is currently taking place to raise money to purchase a seat in his honour to be sited on the sea front at Lee on the Solent.

Alan was an unselfish charitable man. He won many friends both through the Royal Navy, the Royal British Legion, and other charitable organisations. An example of his benevolence was to donate a fishing rod for raffle by the Association for charity purposes.

Alan leaves his widow Shona, four children, Kirstie, Vicky, Adrienne and David and 4 Grandchildren. We have lovely and for most times humorous memories of Alan, a true professional who will be greatly missed.

WARRANT OFFICER (SONAR) D P WILLIAMS

I joined the Royal Navy in October 1970 as a Junior Seaman second class. Following basic training at HMS RALEIGH and HMS VERNON, I joined my first ship HMS BULWARK in June 1971. During my 15 month draft to BULWARK the ship was involved in many operations in and around the Mediterranean, most notably the withdrawal of British Forces from MALTA.

Returning to HMS VERNON in 1972, I underwent further training before eventually joining HMS DEVONSHIRE in 1973. The highlight of my draft to DEVONSHIRE was the ship involvement in the aftermath of the CYPRUS conflict of 1974.

A short spell at HMS DRAKE followed where I was employed as a member of the Barrack Guard during which time I was rated to Able Seaman before my next draft to sea onboard HMS GALATEA in 1975. Spending much of the time sailing around ICELAND as part of the Cod War peacekeeping force, I remained until late 1977.

After a short spell as part of the security team at HMS COLLINGWOOD, I returned to HMS VERNON in December 1977 where I was able to successfully complete my Leading Hand course before taking up the next two sea drafts onboard HMS ARROW and HMS ALACRITY.

Whilst onboard HMS ALACRITY, I passed for advancement to Petty Officer and following a successful Petty Officer Qualifying Course at HMS VERNON in 1980 was placed on the emergency relief pool and, soon found myself at sea again onboard HMS MINERVA.

Following a short period in HMS MINERVA, I was through-drafted to HMS TORQUAY in 1982. My first and only ship with Mortar Mk 10 and incidentally, the last to fire 3 salvos within recognised fleet times. Prior to paying off in 1985 and for my efforts whilst serving onboard TORQUAY, I was promoted to CPO (5).

Returning to HMS DRYAD (now the home of the Sonar Branch) in 1986, I was to spend the next seven years in the role of an instructor. Alternating between DRYAD and FOST I was directly involved in the planning and training of Anti Submarine Warfare, from sonar operators to Command Teams, both of the Royal Navy, NATO, and to a degree some non-NATO countries. I am sure many that read this will remember me from this period. Keeping on the straight and narrow I was awarded the LSCG medal in 1987.

Completing the advanced Anti Submarine Sensor Co-ordinator Course, I joined HMS MONTROSE in 1995 where, I was fortunate enough to have been given the necessary write ups for selection to Warrant Officer, an honour which I really believed would never see me at sea again however...

On promotion, I was back on the staff of FOST (Sea) this time for 19 months before eventually, taking up my present duty at the Underwater Warfare School at SMOPS. In May 01 two further honours were given, one being awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) and the other being asked by Ted to consider the chairmanship of the ASWI association. As far as honour and privilege go I would put both the MSM and ASWI Chairmanship on a par as not many people have the chance of either let alone both.

I hope this very short dit on my naval career gives those who know little of me, an enhancement of my personal profile.

Doug Jackson SAN MMM

Royal Navy 1952 - 1968

Doug Jackson concludes his autobiography.....

Being taught instead of teaching took a lot of getting used to. The schoolies were tops as usual and all were specialists in their respective fields. I really battled with the maths and benefited from extra coaching from a PO Dave Bingham (does that ring a bell?) Dave was very good and sailed through everything. On first attempt I managed English, Navigation and the General Paper; on the second attempt I got the Maths so I was through. That was one long year. I returned to Vernon for two months and was then drafted to HMS Naiad for my bridge watchkeeping ticket and wasn't surprised when I found out she was squadron leader at Londonderry. I relieved PO Ginger Jackson and also took over his Focslie part of ship that was not my cup of tea as I always felt happier on the quarter patch. In addition, I was the ship's TASI and also had to do my watchkeeping. The skipper was Sir Peter Anson, the Jimmy Lt. Cdr. Julian Oswald, who went on to greater things. Naiad was well equipped for TAS and we had a good team. One very dark dirty night we lost our 'Ball' and whilst on the bridge one day during my watch the chopper ditched. The pilot was OK, but only one flotation bag opened. Although we managed to get a line to the helicopter and bring it under the stern, conveniently made more spacious by the absence of our towed body, it parted company with us soon afterwards; this was a very expensive trip.

It was during this period that my career in the RN was under reappraisal. Sea time was beginning to tell on my private life and my time at home was short. My wife understood, but every time I went home it took a day or two for my son to get used to me again. Our friends in South Africa (SA), whom we corresponded with fairly regularly, suggested I try and get a contract with the SAN and leave the RN. In addition to this I was having doubts about my ability to make the transition from Senior Rating to Officer. I had already passed my bridge watchkeeping ticket and was awaiting a draft back to Vernon for Fraser SD School. Hedging my bets, I contacted SA House and spoke to the Military Attaché, Cdr. Solly Kramer, who was very helpful. He explained that there was an agreement between the two navies that the SAN would not poach RN personnel or enter into any agreement unless the person concerned had or was being discharged. He did though, take all my particulars, and said that if and when I had a discharge date to contact him again. In June 1967 I applied for Ordinary discharge by purchase which immediately caused great concern amongst the Wardroom and sparked off a concerted campaign to make me change my mind. The concern was genuine and both the Captain and the Jimmy went to great lengths to reassure me that I would make SD and that my fears were unfounded. However, the Captain said he would forward my request with the proviso that, should I change my mind, the request would fall away. My request was granted a few weeks later but my discharge date was not until Feb. 1968 and within a few weeks I was drafted back to Vernon to await discharge.

The first thing I did when I got back to Vernon was to phone SA House only to find the Mil. Att. was a golf friend and was at the British Open, so I left a message. Things began to take on a serious slant now. Here I was, 32 years of age, married with two children and supposedly (really) no qualifications to equip me for civvy street. I applied for each and every post advertised in the resettlement bulletin and the local newspapers etc. It was all very depressing as most replies said I was too old and others said that although I had a wealth of experience, they did not have a position that could use my particular talents. By now desperation was beginning to set in and I had visions of myself, bag and hammock, plus wife and kids outside the Salvation Army. Good fortune, I received a reply from the Prudential Assurance Co. in Fareham, asking if I would like an interview. Insurance may not be the most exciting of jobs, but if it paid the mortgage, what the hell. The interview went well and I received a letter stating that I had the job and could commence asap after discharge. I also received a letter from SA House inviting me, at their expense, to go to the smoke for an interview. I took a long weekend, stayed with my folks, and went to SA House on the Saturday morning. Solly Kramer was the only one there and, sporting a golf bag over his shoulder, we had an interview. I gave him my CV, and he gave me a potted history of SA and its policies, what the rest of the world thought of them and did I think I would fit in. I could see he was in a hurry, so I said I would like to go home and talk to my wife then contact him again. Feeling more secure now, possibility of two jobs, I went back to Pompey. My wife and I had a serious discussion and decided that I should try for SA. I was listed in Vernon as Instructor (spare) now as I was on the RDP for discharge so I had a series of fill-in instructor stints which kept me occupied. In January 1968 I was drafted to RNB(P) for discharge and on the 5th Feb '68 at 0830B I was discharged. At 1730B on the same day there was a knock at the door of my house and there stood my Supervisor Mr. (you'd better believe it) Ernie Higgins ready to take me on my first round. I was the man from the Pru. Sixteen guineas a week plus commission just managed to pay the bills, but I learned quickly and soon built up a good round and increased my earnings. I had forgotten about SA until one morning when I picked up the post there was a letter with a funny language and postmark addressed to me. It was an offer of a two year contract with the SAN as a PO TASI with a salary of R2,640 (R1 was 10 bob) so the salary was exactly the same as my RN one on discharge. Once again there was a big conflagration with my wife and we decided that as the contract was only for two years it would not affect the kid's schooling, as they would only start at the end of this period. When I explained the situation to the big boss at the Pru, he said he had been seconded with a unit to the SAAF during the war and that if I came back after the two years he would find me a position as I had done well in the short time I had been with them. Things moved fairly swiftly, medicals for all of us and a whole heap of other info was required. We put the house on the market and now only had to inform SA House when we would be available to fly. We decided that we would have a bit of a holiday before going so I resigned from the Pru six weeks before we left. A lot of time was spent packing, but generally we relaxed and had a good time. When the house was sold my wife and children went to London to my sister's place and I stayed behind to pick up the cheque for the proceeds on the house. In October 1968 we left UK for SA with the princely sum of R400 in our pockets.

Eighth Destroyer Association Reunion (590 Members)

('C' Class Destroyers)

The Spa Centre, Scarborough, 14, 15 and 16 September 2001.

By Alan Quartermaine – 'Cossack'

On Friday 14th September, shipmates who served on Destroyers on the China Station, 1945 to 1963, met informally in the Ocean Room at the Spa Centre. The Mayor of Scarborough, Councilor Mrs Lucy Haycock and her husband welcomed shipmates back to the popular seaside resort.

Shipmate Mick Farrington produced a 'C' Class Destroyer in a bottle for the Friday night raffle that raised a total of £400.

On Saturday morning, 15th September, the Ocean Room opened its doors at 1030 and, in the foyer, our new Slops Officer, Frank Leach, sold and took orders for £500 worth of kit. Meanwhile, our Archivist, Don MacDonald, had set up an excellent display of memorabilia, with many new photos on show and with many more new photos and other items being submitted during the morning. The foyer was also the scene of membership renewals with Shipmate Peter Lee-Hale taking the subs in place of our Treasurer who was absent recovering from a hip replacement.



8th Destroyer Association at the Ocean Room – Archivist Display

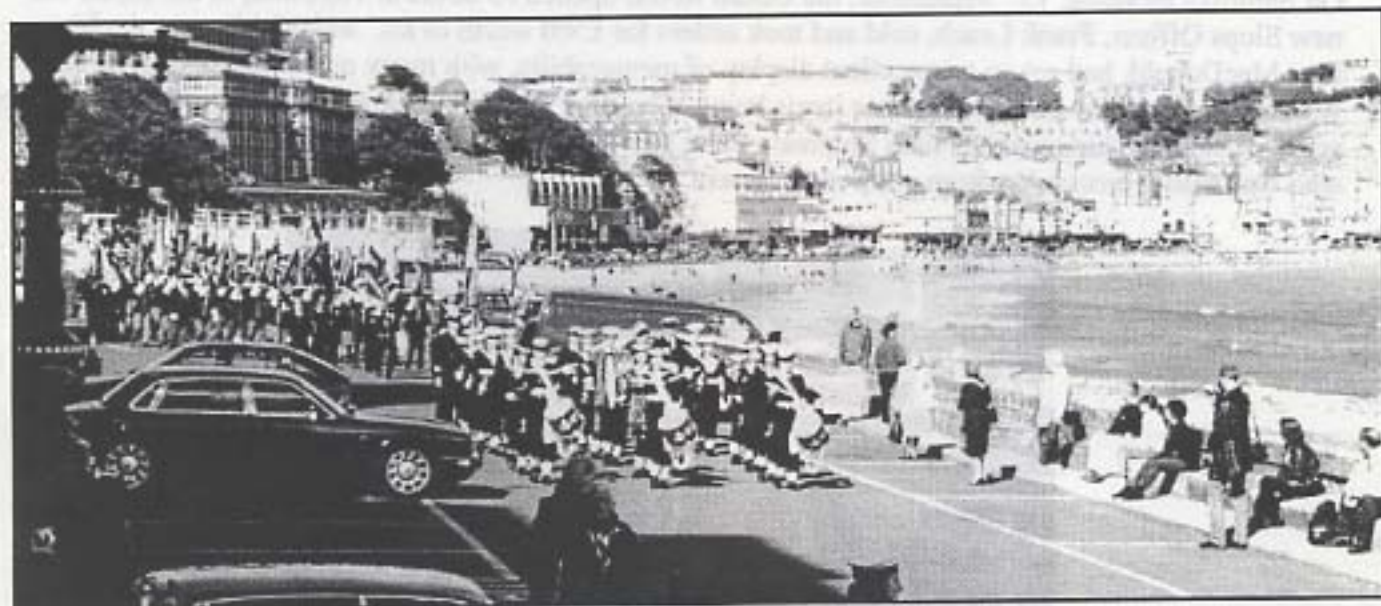
The AGM started at 1300 with two minutes silence in remembrance of the casualties caused by terrorism in New York and Washington. The agenda was taken briskly, the Committee was re-elected en-block and Shipmate Barry Knell, Chairman of the HMS Cavalier Association, gave a positive and up-beat report of the progress of work at Chatham on the restoration of the ship. On completion of yet another successful AGM, 'Up Spirits' was piped, a tot of rum was issued to each Shipmate and a glass of wine to each of the ladies.

On Saturday evening, approximately 50 members of the Royal British Legion, District of Germany, joined the Association by invitation. The group included four ex-German Navy Petty Officers as well as ex-servicemen of the British Army and representatives from the Dutch town of Nieuw Dordrecht, where the town's school children tend the graves of RAF crewmen from World War 2.

During the course of the evening, a raffle was organised which raised £800 for Association funds. As for previous years, cash prizes totaling £250 were won, with a first prize of £75, a second prize of £50 and five prizes of £25. There were also 50 prizes donated by Shipmates.

Sunday 15th September was fine and dry and at 1230, the Association, members of the local Cadet Forces and the visitors from Germany filled the pews in St. Martin's Church at South Cliff for the annual memorial service. Thirty-six standards lined the pathway to the church for the arrival of the Mayor of Scarborough and other dignitaries.

At 1330 the Association, Cadets and visitors fell in for the march to the Spa Centre. The 36 standards, three platoons from the 8th Destroyer Association, one platoon of German visitors and the Cadet Forces were once again led by the band of TS Cleopatra, the Harrogate Unit of the Sea Cadet Corps. The salute was taken by our President, Commander Oliver Wright; the Mayor of Scarborough, Councilor Mrs Lucy Haycock; Lt Cdr Shakespeare MBE, CO of the Harrogate Unit of the SCC; and our Chaplain, Cannon Ralph Mayland, VRD, RNR.



Band of the T.S Cleopatra (Harrogate) leading the Standard Party and Platoons

After the parade, all returned to the Spa Centre for liquid and other refreshment. While the Mayor and our President were inspecting the standard bearers, the gathering was entertained by music from a local school band, especially arranged by the manager of the Spa Centre. When the inspection was over, TS Cleopatra entertained with first a piping display and then an excellent display by the band. A collection was taken for the Sea Cadet Unit's funds and raised £261.61. When the band had marched off a SODS opera commenced with numerous acts by Shipmates, visitors and lady members. During this, more money was donated to Association funds.

Next reunion is 13, 14, 15 September 2002

Letters



- ❖ From Geoff Vickridge (Wed 24 Oct 2001) (email) Fremantle, Western Australia.

While 'surfing' the net I spotted the ASWI Home Page. While I did not reach the illustrious height of a TASI, I was an AB UC2 in the RAN for 7 years. I was subsequently commissioned and flew as an Observer first of all in Gannets and then in Grumman Trackers, both ASW aircraft, for ten years. I transferred to the Reserves after paying off in 1974 and next year, on reaching 60, I reach my use-by date and will be forced to retire. I would like to put together medals box with all my bits and pieces including a gold wire UC2 badge. Is there some way that you can advertise this with your members. Are there still UC2s in the RN? I am willing to pay a reasonable price for a UC2s badge in good or reasonable condition. (I served my time in the RN while under training at RNAS Hal Far, Malta in 1965).

By Ed: Can anybody help???????

- ❖ From Warwick Franklin (29 Oct 2001)

My congratulations and thanks to the ASWI Dinner and Dance organising committee for a wonderful evening at Dryad last weekend. Jean and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves meeting old friends from the past and are both looking forward to next years event wherever it may be.

By Ed: Copy of your letter forwarded to the Dinner Dance Committee (Brian

Walsh) who has informed me that next year's event will be held in Plymouth.

- ❖ From Alan Quartermaine (Fri 2 Nov 2001)

Very nice to have seen you (Ed) at the re-union at the AGM and after the dinner. It was nice to be with Mick Legge at the Dinner table. The only snag was the volume of the band. I said at the table that most of these instructors will be deaf in the morning. Mind you, they do not listen to transmissions these days do they?

By Ed: It was good to meet you face-to-face after so many telephone conversations.

- ❖ From Michael Lee Huygen (19 Aug 2001) (email) Dudley Knox Reference Library - Monterey CA.

According to his obituary in the February 22, 1993 Daily Telegraph, Commander John Ouvry, the hero of the November 1939 dismantling of a German electromagnetic mine, had gone to HMS VERNON to work on the development of British mines in 1932. He retired in 1946 but returned to HMS VERNON to write his book 'Foreign Mines' before retiring in 1954.

We can find no record of this book. Can you provide a bibliographic citation and/or a potential source from which we might borrow a copy. Is it possible this is still classified? WE welcome any light you may be able to shed on this matter.

JUST FOR FUN

Things Tommy Cooper would have said

I saw this bloke chatting up a cheetah, I thought *"he's trying to pull a fast one"*.

So I said to this train driver *"I want to go to Paris"*. He said *"Eurostar?"*. I said *"I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin"*.

So I said to the Gym instructor *"Can you teach me to do the splits?"*. He said, *"How flexible are you?"* I said, *"I can't make Tuesdays"*.

He said, *"You remind me of a pepper-pot"*, I said, *"I'll take that as a condiment"*.

This is a transcript of the ACTUAL radio conversation of a US Naval ship and the Canadians off the coast of Newfoundland, Oct 95.

Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10-10-95.

CANADIANS: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South, to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North, to avoid a collision.

CANADIANS: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

AMERICANS: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert your course.

CANADIANS: Negative. I say again, You will have to divert your course.

AMERICANS: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN. THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET, WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, I SAY AGAIN, THAT'S 15 DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

CANADIANS: We are a lighthouse, your call.

WEST COUNTRY REPORT

By Bob Burton

This is the first West Country Report I have produced since becoming West Country rep again, this time in June 2001. I took the job on as Ian Laurie left the service after 34 years. I thought that I had at least a year in post but, like all good plans, they don't always go to plan. In November 2001 I attended a medical board of survey and as a result, have been medically discharged with a final date of the 18 February 2002. I am hoping to take up full time employment soon.

Well what have we been up to in the West Country? The meetings have been well attended and the presence of younger members at a meeting at HMS Drake was encouraging. In July this year, six West Country members attended Ian Laurie's surprise leaving do organised by his wife Sue. All (see photographs below) had a good night and Ian is now working as a coach driver in the Plymouth area.

Ian Laurie's Leaving the Navy / 50th Birthday party



From Left to right: Muzz Cowley, Bill Bailey, Simon (George) Pearce, Bob Burton, Archie Gemmill, Ian Laurie and Tony Gravett.

The Christmas drinks will have taken place by the time the Seamaster is printed but it is anticipated that the event will be a huge success. It takes place at the Ford Public House in Plymouth on the 13th Dec.

Due to the uncertainties of my future employment I have asked for a volunteer to take over as the West Country Rep. I will continue as best I can and events will be announced when known. It is anticipated that an event/ meeting will be planned for February. I can be contacted via the web site or on 01752 668580.

While preparing this issue of Seamaster, I was informed of the sad news that PO(S) (Brum) Purslow was killed recently in a car crash. At the time of going to print, full details were not known. At the request of Brum's family, a naval party is to attend the funeral. CPO(S) Brian Walsh will lead a team of 6 pallbearers (Flint Division) and following the cremation a White Ensign, Cap and Medals will be handed to the family. Knowing Brum on and off for a number of years, I will remember him for his smile and pleasant nature, always polite and willing to help. A sad loss.

Steve Rodgers

WHERE'S YOUR 'E'OPPO

Listed Below is a list of Association members on line.

All paid up members listed at the back of the Seamaster who are not on line can be contacted via the email address of aswi@aswi.co.uk. In the subject box, please state who the email is addressed to.

If you are not listed or you have a more up to date email address, email it to
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It is intended to update this list on a regular basis.

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FORRESTER	DRYAD	MORTIMER	DRYAD
GRAVETT ✓	RNU ST MAWGAN	MOSS AR	FOST SEA
HUTCHISON	FOSF PORTSMOUTH	MOSS KG ✓	SOMERSET
KENNEDY ✓	DRYAD	OGGIANO	ADAC
KILROY	2SL/CNH FOTR	PAGE	DASHER
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LOVEDAY ✓	RNU ST MAWGAN	REYNOLDS	LANCASTER
LYMATH ✓	CINCFLEET	ROWE	DRYAD
MERCER ✓	FOST SEA	PRITCHETT	DRYAD
NASH ✓	CINCFLEET	PROSSER ✓	WESTMINSTER
NELSON ✓	DRYAD	RAYNOR	DRYAD
PARRY	RN GIBRALTAR	RICHES	DRYAD
PREECE ✓	FOST D/PORT SHORE	SCOTT ✓	RNU ST MAWGAN
RHODES ✓	FOSF SEA P/MOUTH	SHARP	COVENTRY
WHITE ✓	FOST SEA	SINGH ✓	DNR DAT
WILL	DRYAD	SLATER ✓	FOTR
WILLIAMS ✓	DRYAD	SMITH	ST ALBANS
WORSEY	PJHQ	TATHAM	RALIEGH
		TYLER ✓	RALIEGH
		WALSH ✓	DRYAD
		WATSON	MARLBOROUGH
		WILSON	ARCHER
		WILD	URNU BIRMINGHAM
		WOODS	DRYAD
		YATES	RN GIBRALTAR
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ALLPORT ✓	FOST SEA	BAILEY ✓	DRAKE
AYRES ✓	CUMBERLAND	BENTING	DRAKE
BAKER ✓	DRYAD	BEST	MANCHESTER
BARTLETT-HORWOOD	PORTLAND	BOULTON ✓	GLASGOW
BLACK	RICHMOND	BOYES	RALIEGH
BOX	KENT	BOWMAN	RALIEGH
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JONES ✓	SHEFFIELD		
KAY ✓	MONTROSE		
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LITTLE	CAMPBELTOWN		
MALCOLM	NBC PORTSMOUTH		
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