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Seamaster Newsletter

Chairman's New Years message

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*Chairman
Sterling Moss*

What a year of prominence for the Association with the celebration of 50 years since the formation of the Torpedo and Anti Submarine Instructors Association [TASI's] being celebrated at the Royal Sailors Home Club in Portsmouth. How nice to see and talk to so many serving and ex serving members of the TASI / ASWI Association. The e-mails I have received since that momentous occasion having been heartfelt and very complementary. So I thank you for the response.

As we are aware it has now become traditional to alternate between Plymouth and Portsmouth for the Annual Dinner and it is the turn of the Championship Port to host the Annual Dinner 2006. You will find more information on this years event in this newsletter. It would be outstanding to see as good a turnout at this Dinner as in the last. Those that said to me they will be there have been noted.

Membership is always top on our agenda. The Association has an interesting website (<http://www.aswi.co.uk>) where you can meet up with old shipmates, find out about meetings etc and it even allows you to join so I implore us all to form a screen and detect more contacts.

It is only left for me to hope that you have a happy new year and we look forward to seeing you in 2006.



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Archie Gemmill
West country rep

50th Anniversary Dinner report

What a fantastic evening was had by all 189 present. With many TASI's ASWI's meeting up for the first time in 30 years. Paul Hitchcock and Tony Walton supported by their wives did a fantastic job in organizing this event. A Special thanks goes to Steve Couch for securing the guest speaker Admiral The Lord Boyce. Over 64 Photographs of the dinner are available on the website, so if you have any photographs that you wish to go onto the website then email or send them to Bob Burton. All paid up members that attended the dinner were given a copy of the montage depicting 50 years of the association. Those paid up members that did not attend the dinner should find their copy enclosed with this newsletter.

AGM 2005

The AGM held on the afternoon of 19th November was attended by 17 members the highest for a number of years. Both Archie and Carol Gemmill (due to the new chairman being in Portsmouth) resigned there positions as Secretary and Association Social Secretary although Archie remains as the West Country rep. Our thanks go to them both for the service that they have provided to the association over the past years.

All committee positions are full with the exception of Secretary. If you wish to volunteer for the position of Secretary then contact the chairman for further information.

Full draft Minutes are available on the website and also enclosed with this newsletter

COMMITTEE 2005 - 2006

CHAIRMAN: WO 1 (UW) Sterling Moss

VICE CHAIRMAN: WO 1(UW) Brian Walsh

TREASURER: Mr. Bill Bailey

SECRETARY: This could be you

WEST COUNTRY REP: Mr. Archie Gemmill

EX SERVING MEMBERS REP: Mr. Andy Gleave

WEBMASTER: Mr. Bob Burton

Webmaster's Corner

Hello all another year has passed and the website is being updated at regular intervals. I am thoroughly enjoying running the website and email list which hosts over 169 email address's (is yours up to date). Please email me with any updated information.

I am always encouraged by the amount of information that is both emailed and sent to me in the post; please keep it coming. I endeavour to return items that are sent by post within 24 hrs of receipt so please look in your ditty boxes and send those snippets.

Over the past year on average of 27 persons have visited the website every day.

It is of note that recently the association gained permission from the Imperial War Museum to reproduce the course photographs and sell them at a small profit to the association. I have on a database a list of all of the courses that I have photographs of so just provide me with your details and I will see if I have your photo available. It is hoped to make the database available online this year.

The members area is becoming heavily populated with pictures, service histories and other interesting information including "Where Is Your Oppo.



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Slops

POLO Shirts : £13 M,L,XL, XXL

Cummerbunds £19 Green or Dark Blue reversible all sizes available.

Ties: £ 9 Black wire association crest

Blazer Badges £11

Please send cheques to

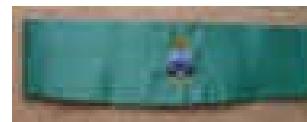
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Remembrance 2005

	Name		Dates served	Crossed the bar
	Frank Bradburn 1942 & 1999		1927 – 1953	March 2005
	Geoff Ashton 1995		1964 - 1976	April 2005
	Sam Snelling 2004		1953 - 1979	December 2005

Lost Contact procedure

If you have lost contact with anyone then please drop me a line or send me an email and I will endeavour to get you back in contact.

Upcoming Events

Portsmouth Gathering HMS Collingwood: First Tuesday of the month
01329333573 for more details

Plymouth Gathering: 01752 318466 for the latest details

Annual Dinner Dance [Astor Hotel Plymouth](#) 7th October 2006

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