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Hello Members,

The past year has been a busy one for our Association with troughs seeming to outweigh the peaks. Struggling to find a base we can call home for our Association, to a very successful Dinner in the West Country (again thanks Westies), to the deeply saddening aspect of so many dear friends "crossing the bar". In all these times I have been deeply touched by our "Esprit de Corps" and honoured to be your chairman and I thank you for your continued support to our Association.

I can report with gladness that the GI's Club at Whale Island have stepped up to the fore (one, one still) and offered us the use of their clubhouse both for our meetings and as a general invite to their functions. This is excellent news and I would like now to extend my thanks to their Chairman and Committee through our Newsletter on this and I know I speak for us all. I just wish we had more attendees especially serving ones now that we are on what most think is the correct side of the river. I hope also our member's take the GI's up on the social side, as we as an Association just cannot afford that luxury of more than one social event per year.

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.

Bob Burton is working his magic on the website, continuously badgering people for photos and dits. Coupled with that, Bob, Archie Gemill and Bill Bailey are maintaining strong West Country ASWI support. Well done chaps! And from me personally, thank you for your tireless work.

As I write this the 52nd Annual Dinner is in its early stages of planning and although I can confirm it will be at The Royal Sailors Home Club, Portsmouth on the 10th November 2007. I have yet to receive a costing, so keep eyes peeled on

the website the Guest of Honour is being worked on and we hope to firm up on this and the other issues by the end of February and this will be published on our website.

An outstanding issue from last year's Dinner was the award of ASWI Student of the Year as the recipient was on active duty in the Gulf. The Commodore MWS (last dinners Guest of Honour) kindly agreed to achieve this as promised, so watch out for March's Issue of Navy News to see that award being administered to our recipient PO(WS)(UW) Claire Jobling (currently serving on HMS KENT).

Finally my time both as Chairman and within the Royal Navy is coming to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Chairman and have met many friends and renewed acquaintances both serving and from days gone by in my tenure. Without doubt the 50th Anniversary Dinner will stand out; it was such an honour to be in such esteem company of so many from our branch. Thank you for your support and I wish you good luck for the future, I will of course continue to be a member and look forward to catching up with you in future dinners, unfortunately I will not be able to make this years.

I believe in having a serving rating leading from the front as Chairman a vital important aspect of the Association and I can report my successor will be WO Pete White. Pete I know is a huge supporter of the Association and will be a great ambassador to lead it and all I ask is that you give him the support you have given me.

Thanks one and all.

Keith "Sterling" Moss

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Seamaster Newsletter

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LOST SEAMASTER EDITIONS

Do you have any editions of the Seamaster **prior** to 1985 ?.

The majority of Seamaster magazines that were held by the association have been lost.

Listed below are the editions that **we have** in the collection prior to 1985:

April 1984

February 1983 June 1983 November 1983

December 1982

July 1981

May 1974 July 1974 September 1974

1969 Edition

1967 May edition

If you have any other editions, then please contact **Bob Burton 01752 668380**. All editions will be copied and then returned within 48 hrs postage will be reimbursed if required.

Oldest Living TASI aged 104

Charles (Claud) Stanley Choules
1915 Joined the Royal navy
1920 Transferred to Royal Australian Navy
1926 Qualified as a Torpedo Instructor
1940 Recalled for service in Second World War
1951 finally left the Royal Australian Navy
Charles now lives in Australia.
Photograph taken in 1936



51st Dinner report



*Over 125 photographs
are available on the
website.*

*We need you on the
committee*

- 1) Vice Chairman
(serving)
- 2) Secretary

What a fantastic evening was had by all 70 present. With many TASI's ASWI'S re establishing contact after many years. It is always good to have a dinner alternatively between Guz and Pompey to allow all to attend at least once every 2 years. Our Guest speaker was Commodore Montgomery, who was and still is the big wig in Collingwood. Although the venue was fairly small and very hot at times, especially when the sea dits started to flow. Looking at the photos on the website I think everyone enjoyed the event. George Pearce has recovered despite the picture taken on the left. It is of note that a small band of die hards remained till after 4AM. It is of note that Big Mak Makarawicz attended this dinner and reported for duty at the thanks tanks early on the following morning. This was to be Maks last dinner he sadly passed away a few weeks later. Sue (Maks wife) has said that she was glad that he attended the dinner and reported back to her that he had a brilliant evening.

AGM 2006

The AGM held on the afternoon of 19th November was attended by 17 members the highest for a number of years.

Committee positions are available 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 2006 - 2007

CHAIRMAN: WO 1 (UW) Sterling Moss

VICE CHAIRMAN: Vacant (we need you)

TREASURER: Mr. Bill Bailey

SECRETARY: Vacant (we need you)

WEST COUNTRY REP: Mr. Archie Gemmill

EX SERVING MEMBERS REP: Mr. Andy Gleave

WEBMASTER: Mr. Bob Burton



West country rep
Webmaster
Treasurer

Webmaster's Corner

The website is the place to be, what will happen on the website next? Since the last report the website has flourished with much credit due to Jock Nicol who lives in Plymouth and has been very handy with the scanner and checking through the photo database an extra 100 photos are due to go into the database in the next few weeks. As a result of this work the member's area has been significantly enhanced. I am thoroughly enjoying running the website and email list which now hosts over 169 email addresses (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 48 hrs of receipt so please look in your ditty boxes and send those snippets.

Over the past year we have noted an increase in people accessing the website on average of 30 persons have visited the website every day.

Over 40 Editions of the Seamaster are also on the website in the member's area so get your subs into Bill Bailey or email me at webmaster@aswi.co.uk



NON MEMBERS SITE

- HOME
- MEMBERS AREA
- ASWI AIMS
- HISTORY
- COMMITTEE
- MEMBERSHIP
- PRESIDENT
- SOCIAL EVENTS
- SERVICES
- CONTACT US
- LINKS
- SPOT THE SPROG
- LOST CONTACT
- SLOPS
- ASWI FORUM
- APPLICATION
- CHAT ROOM
- NEWSLETTER

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Slops

POLO Shirts : £13 M,L,XL,
Cummerbunds £19 Green or Dark Blue reversible all sizes available.
Ties: £ 9 Black Gold wire association crest

Blazer Badges £10

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Remembrance 2006/2007

	Name	Dates served	Crossed the bar
	John Chennell	1965 - 1996	January 07
	Peter Pope	1950 - 1972	January 07
	Big Mak(Makerewicz)	1969 - 1993	December 06
	Chris Hartley	1959 - 1997	November 06
	Dave Hale	1978 - 2002	November 06
	Red Redmond		August 06
	Don Hillman		August 06

Upcoming Events

Portsmouth Gathering First Tuesday of the month 01329333573 for more details

Plymouth Gathering: 01752 318466 for the latest details

Annual Dinner Will take place in the Home Club Portsmouth 10th November 2007

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