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CHAIRMAN'S DIT

Welcome to the latest edition of The Seamaster Magazine released for Easter 2014.

Well would you believe it here we are now in our 59TH year of the ASWI Association and what a great time we have had over the last 6 months with further exciting times ahead not only for the Association but also for the UW Branch in general.

These exciting times firstly see the return of the "Three Monkeys" competition with the West Country GIs accepting our challenge and hosting a games night at their local pub the ST. Levan Inn in Keyham, Plymouth, the shenanigans commence at 1900 in the said venue on Thu 8th May and we are looking to compete in the following disciplines Euchre, Uckers, Darts and Pool. The invitation has also reached out to all Devonport based (AWT) ratings however, the response has been slow from them at this time standby further SITREPS.

On May 27th an American Supper Evening takes place in the Clubhouse (GIs) in HMS EXCELLENT, Whale Island, which I will be able to support this time as I am conducting 35s course at the time, so look forward to meeting up with our Pompey Brothers for a bit of a hoe down!

In September of course it will be the AGM. A draft RNTM has been sent to the association president CAPT Beard RN for staffing and is expected to hit the streets in May. We are taking bookings now for the event via the website www.aswi.co.uk and remember LS UW are also now entitled to attend. At this time the Association President is unable to attend due to service commitments however, it is our intention to invite another VIP, so watch this space....

With regards to the UW branch all serving members will be aware of the re-invigoration process that is now in force and the surging of personnel to key units that is occurring. This I see as a positive factor that can only help to improve SQEP levels and in turn improve both morale and "esprit de corps" a theme key to the heart of our Association and indeed our raison d etre. We offer the plan our fullest support.

The addition of HMS Queen Elizabeth and Type 26 FF to the FLEET in the coming years will also change the mind set of ASW and as most of you who have recently gone through OST will be aware, there is already a culture shift towards having an understanding of the TASWC Construct and more emphasis placed upon Stand off ASW than what has gone before.

In the future, the development of Modular ASW Teams able to rapidly deploy at short notice, with high levels of Subject Matter Expertise is something which could happen and I am sure you would all like to be involved in that process. Like I said, exciting times ahead!

We have recently refurbished our trophies and after the aforementioned 3 monkeys competition (Hopefully we will retain it) we will be awarding the ASWI Cup to the Top student of PO UW 01/13 course (24 Apr) and will also require votes from all members for the "Lady of the Year" and "Member of the Year", these will be presented by the VIP at the AGM in September.

So without further ado I will let you get continue reading our association periodical and I Look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours Aye,

Tanzy Lee
CPO (UW),
UW5 to FOST,
ASWI Chairman.

REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

Seamaster has a readership of approximately 120 members and possibly more dependent upon how many times it gets printed and displayed within mess decks.

As ever we need your articles from sea whether they are dits and stitch ups or updates on what ASW stuff you have been up to.

We also welcome letters to Dear Dave the Agony Uncle whom will personally answer all of your problems through the medium of minor FOST UW pick ups!

The magazine needs photographs to help fill our pages, and put a face to the names attached to your articles.

It's meant to be a bit of fun as well as continuing to spread a positive message to all of you. You are the most important factor and without you, this association of ours would not have lasted 59 years so far.

If you wish to write a regular article please let us know at the following e mail address Chairman@aswi.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Enjoy.

ASWI DINNER 2014
27th September
Portland Heights Hotel
Portland
£30 per head including wine and Port



<http://www.aswi.co.uk>

CROSSED THE BAR

It is with deepest regret that I have to report the crossing of the bar by the following members.

Darby Allan	Norman Shouls	Ken Lister
		
1947 – 1973	1943 - 1970	1943 - 1970

NEW JOINERS / REJOINERS

Welcome to the New/Re joiners

Pants Underdown	Dikkie Drew	Jason Price	Alan Quartermain
			
1999 - Serving	1970 - 1994	1988 - Serving	1945 - 1969

Joe Cartwright	Ron Feasey	George Emmerton	Dodger Long
			
1988 - 2010	1945 - 1969	1983 - Serving	1961 - 1985

CPO TASI Norman Shouls

The Association recently sent a personal letter from the Chairman to all former members that were on our address list in order to invite them to become fully paid up members once more and to update them what we have been up to.

Most notably we received correspondence from a Mrs Juliette Vale as her father had recently crossed the bar and she wondered if we would be interested a certain amount of RN memorabilia that she had in her possession.

Please join me in personally thanking Juliette for her donations to the association which include editions of Seamaster from the sixties and a large amount of her Fathers service records. The FOST UW Office now proudly displays CPO TASI Norman Shoul's Torpedo and Anti Submarine Branch Certificate next to the Roll of Honour and TASI crest and all other items will be displayed on the website in due course. We are also expecting to be donated further items 25 March 2014 which include seamanship manuals and Chatham Navy Days items which will be donated by the West Country Members to the bar that we use within HMS DRAKE WO SRs mess at the next event in July.

Thank you.

Please find below the correspondences for your interest.

Re CPO N M Shouls deceased

Dear Julian

Please find enclosed a photocopy of my Father's Naval Service Record, together with a copy of the eulogy that was read at his funeral and some photocopies of the photographs I have scanned in and e-mailed to you separately.

I also enclose the two copies of the 'Seamaster Magazine.'

I also have several copies of 'Navy' Magazines of various dates and places and a telescope, binoculars, training books and a few other bits and pieces. I don't know whether these would be of interest to anyone else at HMS Drake?

If not I will naturally package them up and store them for family heritage.

With hindsight I should have done this in the first place and apologise for taking so long in getting the information to you.

Yours sincerely

Juliette Vale



1943 approx



1951 approx

CPO TASI Norman Shouls Eulogy

Born 03 June 1925 to Kate & Norman in Nottingham.

Oldest son of 7 children, very fond of his Uncle 'Captain Jack', he helped his parents support the family from an early age by delivering groceries and papers by bicycle. He did well at School and when he finished he went forward as an apprentice at a local factory, but ran away to join the Navy. He began his active service at HMS Collingwood on the 12 May 1943 and was torpedoed twice on the North Atlantic convoy. Losing many friends and shipmates to the sea.

He was very reserved when it came to women. He met his first and only girlfriend, Joan a WREN, who was to become the love of his life and wife of 60 years in the NAAFI. Their courting began with a rather amusing start after Norman asked a close friend to ask Joan out for him. Joan turned to said friend and said 'if he wants to go out with me he will have to ask me himself'. Needless to say he did.

When first dating Joan as an Able seaman, Norman was standing to attention on deck as is the norm for the ship leaving port, when the Captain spied a young attractive woman waving enthusiastically from the quayside. The Captain demanded 'Whose young woman is that?' Norman was immediately ratted on by his fellow sea mates. Much to Normans embarrassment the Captain ordered him to fall out and wave back, this became standard procedure every time this ship left port with Joan becoming infamous as Norman's stunning and much loved girlfriend.

Following a successful period of courting. Norman asked Joan to marry him on South Sea sea front, she told him he would have to ask her father's permission. In an attempt to win favour with his potential father-in-law Norman spent the whole of a very hot and nerve wracking afternoon helping dig his allotment, the tension was finally broken when Joan's father turned round and asked "Haven't you got something to ask me lad?"

Norman and Joan were married on his birthday 03 June 1949 at St Botolph Church Hume

Sussex. Once married Norman again shared another amusing moment this his now, teetotal may I add, father in law, who visibly concerned asked 'are you taking my daughter into a public house?' In true Norman fashion he replied " Well I am certainly not going to leave her outside am I?'

Norman loved the life at sea and was in the Navy for 27 years - a lecturer at Dartmouth College, a Torpedo And Submarine Instructor and Chief Petty Officer. He trained cadets and future Naval Officers from many different Commonwealth Countries in all aspects of naval warfare.

After the Navy he continued his love of the sea by joining HM coastguards on 22/06/1970. Starting at East Prawle, Devon, moving on to the training School in Brixham and ending up as District Controller in Aberdeen, where he did such a good job they asked him to come to Southampton to re-organise the Solent Service. He even extended his retirement date to October 1987 to complete the task and was awarded the MBE for services to HM Coastguards which he collected from the Queen on 8th December 1987.

He was a keen amateur carpenter and vegetable gardener and shared his eldest daughter Maggie's love of reading, crosswords and The Archers. He always completed the daily crossword.

His all male working environment was contrasted by having the challenge of helping Joan to raise four loving daughters, Maggie, Bobby, Liz and Jules. In later life him and Joan became proud grandparents to Mike, Skye, Mark and Boady.

The death of Joan on 31 December 2010 shook his existence to the core. In true Norman Shouls fashion he remained stoically independent supported by very good neighbours and friends. Joan's cooking becoming replaced by a daily meal with his surrogate family at the Nelson.

In his own words' After Joan's death I have been on a Foreign commission which I just wish would end'. That end has now come; they are Home together.

SPOTLIGHT ON “DUDS”



PO(UW) Lee Dudman

Hi I'm Lee Dudman a PO (UW) in the southwest, I am currently serving as Planner 6 to FOST in Devonport Dockyard planning for the following fellow warfare departments: Electronic Warfare, Yeomen, Communicating Technicians, Communicators, Seaman Specialists and Specialist Navigators all for their sea rides out at sea training our ships and our NATO buddies also their personal diary inputs to say the least.

Previously I was Local Acting Chief (UW) on board HMS Somerset for my last 7 months out of 4 years on board bringing her out of refit and completing sea trials. I am trained in a various amount of Sonars non lease than our new Sonar 2087 I have been a (UW) for 19 years and previously I was a WEM(O) I have completed my 22 years and I am now into my Extended Career of five years, recently I have taken over the role of Social Secretary to HMS Drake Senior Rates Mess in Devonport and to top that I have become the ASWI Southwest Rep that I have taken on I can announce we have had a number of local social events with serving, non-serving members of the branch with some quality banter, raffles and food. And hope for more in the near future.

Soon as an area branch we are attending a joint ASWI, Gunners and RP's social get together in the Southwest on Thursday 8th May in the St Levan Pub in Devonport for a rededication and games night of the original 3 Monkeys trophy that I must remind you of many years ago when it last won it was the Tas apes.

During my spare time if I am never on my I Phone you can see me darting around a football field as a Football Association fully qualified Referee and Assessor/Coach, I have now been a referee for the past 14 years and on the FA Select Panel of Referees for two seasons for the Conference League and a FA Select Panel list assistant referee to the Football League Division 1 & 2 for three seasons my aim is to go as far as I can I wish for Championship it is within my limits now knocking on 40.

My main games are within the Southwest but sometimes as far as Birmingham, London and Kent previously this season I have been at Swindon, Bristol City, Reading, Swansea and Exeter City for Football League fixtures as we are now near the end of the season I am currently involved in up to 3 fixtures a week roll on the summer I say!

Then I shall be jetting off to Minnesota USA, for the "Schwans" USA Cup 14 to represent the RNFA and the FA in the largest Under 21 football competition in the world for two weeks in July just as the World Cup finishes I have been highly selected as a member of 8 Referees to represent the country here's wishing me good luck.



TALES FROM THE PLAYGROUND

Schoolyard Tales

CPO (WS) (UW) Anth Greening
MWS Collingwood

Greetings from the Underwater Warfare Training Element at MWS Collingwood. This term has been thirteen weeks in total and we have seen several courses come and go, most notably S2087 courses AB 1303 and LS / PO 1302 complete (this also included our illustrious chairman Tanzy and CPO Dave Coleman who has now joined the FOST TART team).

Congratulations to CPO's Claire Rayner and Sherlock Holmes both of MWS (Internationals and PWO Training) for their Selection for Promotion to WO1 well done lads, richly deserved.

The current PO (UW) QC have finished in all but name and will be rated up towards the end of April (that'll make next months edition, watch this bearing).

It was whilst instructing the S2087 course that PO Jase Price, former CPO TASI Ron Hobden (my simulator controller) and I had a revelation whilst leafing through the Dockyard Dandy. In February's edition there was a small article from the Imperial War Museum about their 'Century of War and Peace' photograph collection and this was the picture included.....



With an article about the birth of our wonderful branch and the naming of ASDIC and the renaming to SONAR etc in a story that you will be aware of, well this got me thinking the photograph was taken in circa 1964 and by coincidence in 2014 we had the opportunity to try and replicate said photograph in a modern relevant setting so.....

Here is our effort and homage to the forefather of our branch, other than the training environment being a little more sterile in the Warfare Tactical Trainer here at MWS as opposed to the dedicated ASUATs of VERNON and DRYAD the principle however remains the same as you can see.



(The picture shows the Chairman being put through his paces on S2087 by the Vice Chairman prior to the former joining HMS SOMERSET as the CPO(WS)(UW) in August) (For the record I don't always wear my No1s in the simulator...honest).

50 years on from the original picture training continues the same well-trodden path, theory followed by practical application followed by assessment, providing skilled UW rates at all levels to front line units. Although light hearted in approach I thought it was important to capture the continuity of our branch and provide a gentle reminder that there is 50 years between these photographs but its 98 years since sound was first transmitted into water to search for the enemy and we're still going strong.

In other news I've been fortunate to be seconded into the Type 26 Global Combat Ship ASW development team and as such I will be in a position to provide you with regular updates on the future vision of the RN with thirteen of these platforms expected to roll out between now and 2033.



The contract with BAE is expected to be confirmed by the end of this year and building will commence shortly after with the first of class due to commission in 2020/1. The first 8 are designated as ASW capable platforms and at present are due to be fitted out with S2050 Hull Mounted Sonar and S2087 LFAS as standard, the rest of the details will be confirmed as and when the contract is finalised.

Well all that's it for this edition hope it's been worth a read? All that remains is for me to wish you all a Happy Easter wherever you may be afloat or ashore. I'll be back in the next edition with more tales from the schoolyard; and remember.....

"Another Day, Another Doppler"

Yours Aye Anth Greening S2087 Chief Instructor ASWI Association Vice Chairman

The Three Monkeys



ST Levan Inn

Keyham

Thu 08 May

1900-2200

Uchre, Darts, Pool, and Uckers

ASWI v West Country GIs v Devonport AWTs

Contact Lee Dudman if you want to attend

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ACCOUNTS (DEC 2013)



Assets

Business 30 Day Account £1,744.65p

Treasurers Accounts £2, 144.86p

Total Assets £3, 889.51p

Liabilities

Subs in advance £60.00

Account Examination Fee £25.00

Total Liabilities £85.00

Net Assets £3, 889.51p

Both West Country and Portsmouth Social Reps currently hold a combined float totalling approximately £180.00p. Since this audit we have had approximately 35 new members join. A big "Thank you" from all of us to Bill Baily, ASWI treasurer for continuing to carry out this duty.

We have an aspiration to purchase a National Premium Bond for the Association worth £100. It is intended that any monies received from this investment would be placed back into the Association Bank Account, and if, and this is a very big if of course, we happened to win the Jackpot, then £500, 000 would be shared amongst all members and the remaining £500, 000 would be used to either purchase a pub as a going concern or even build our own clubhouse!
More details to follow.....

AMERICAN SUPPER AND RAFFLE
HOWDY PARTNERS



American Supper and Raffle

Tue 27 May

GIs Clubhouse

HMS EXCELLENT

Whale Island

1900-2300

*All ASWI Members, Partners, and Serving UW Leading
Hands, Petty Officers, Chief Petty Officers, and
Warrant Officers are welcome.*

ASWI Committee Update

Welcome CPO (UW) Rob McColl whom is now the Serving Members Representative after relieving CPO (UW) Gary Crouchman in HMS WESTMINSTER. Best of Luck Gary at your new assignment in MWS PWO Section, expect to see you soon during BPSW and APSW at sea.



ASWI Committee

Chairman *CPO (UW) Julian Lee*

Vice *CPO (UW) Anth Greening*

Serving Rep *CPO (UW) Rob McColl*

Guzz Rep *PO (UW) Lee Dudman*

Pompey Rep *Peter White*

Treasurer *Bill Bailey*

Webmaster *Bob Burton*

Thanks to Andy Gleave for his services as ex serving members rep. Andy has been the ex serving members rep since 1999. Andy has taken up other interests for the time being.

RNTM */14**

Anti Submarine Warfare Instructors Association Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance Weekend – Friday 26 September - Sunday 28 September 2014

Sponsor: CPO (UW) Julian Lee – ASWI Chairman (e-mail: NAVY OP TRG-FOST S UW5)

Introduction

1. The 59TH Anti Submarine Warfare Instructors Association (ASWI's) Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance weekend will be held at The Heights Hotel, Portland near Weymouth during the weekend of Fri 26 Sep 14 until Sun 28 Sep 14. The weekend is open to all current members of the ASWI's as well as all serving UW Branch Senior Ratings, Leading Hands and their partners.

Details

2. The full weekend of entertainment commences from 1600 on Fri 26 Sep where there will be an evening meal and use of the Hotel facilities. On the Saturday an Annual General Meeting will take place in the Hotel Conference suite from 1600 until 1700 with the dinner dance commencing at 1930. The cost of this year's dinner only ticket is £30 per attendee. This includes a three course meal, a Disco until midnight and a late bar.

Dress

3. Dress will be Civilian Black Tie or Mess Undress/1C for WO and Senior Rates', 1C for Leading Hands. Accompanying partners should wear smart informal.

Accommodation

4. Accommodation at The Heights Hotel, Portland can be booked via the ASWI Association website www.aswi.co.uk or by contacting the Hotel directly informing them that you are attending as a guest of the ASWI Association.

Payment

5. Payments can be made by cheque, payable to "ASWI Association" or via Paypal by sending an e mail to webmaster@aswi.co.uk. Cheques, including printed booking forms which are accessible at www.aswi.co.uk are to be sent to the following address:

ASWI Treasurer
Mr Bill Bailey
7, Basinghall Close
Plymstock
Devon
PL9 9QN

6. Attendees should note that a place at the dinner is not reserved until a cheque/ Paypal payment has been received.

60TH Anniversary Celebrations

7. The ASWI AGM and Dinner Dance for 2015 will mark the 60th Anniversary of the Association and will take place in Portsmouth.

7. Cancel this RNTM 29 Sep 14.

60th Anniversary Celebrations



It is intended to hold the 60th Anniversary AGM and Dinner Dance in Portsmouth and at this time we are currently investigating HMS COLLINGWOOD, HMS NELSON, and HMS VICTORY for quotes for varying numbers of attendees.

The reason that we have chosen these options is due to the poor feedback discussed at the last AGM with regards to other venues in Portsmouth.

This far out it is hoped to make a weekend of the event with a visit to the former homes of our Branch in Gun Wharf Quays (VERNON) and the Joint Service Police Force Training Centre (DRYAD) and the various water holes attached to those said establishments.

At this stage we are planning for the first weekend in September 2015 in order to allow for a greater attendance by serving personnel on Ships post Summer Leave however, the date of the weekend may move left in order to align with CAPT ASW Desig (CAPT Simon Asquith, RN) diary and the ASW Symposium in NCHQ. This would see the event occurring at the beginning of May 2015.

Another update will be given in the next Seamaster released in time for this year's AGM in September. But rest assured, we are on the case!

DEAR DAVE,

Dear Dave,

I am slightly worried that my young female AB UW may have developed a crush on me! She constantly stays behind in the SDR after SOC's and often asks me if I could show her my sea bucket? Please Help!!!
Confused PO UW of HMS NONSUCH

Dave Says

In short, play it cool! This young damsel obviously needs educating. Why don't you take her up the Mid Ships Cross Passageway, most suitably FWD of all inlets and let her drop your Sea Bucket (Make Sure she keeps hold of that Long Length of Rope!), afterwards remind her that she should give it a good washing down with fresh water and correctly annotate S2090 RR with the DTG and any subsequent calibration discrepancies.

Dear Dave,

I am slightly concerned about one of my LS UWs. Last night whilst checking the MTLS Doors were secured I discovered him in a state of distress. On questioning him it transpired that he was experiencing difficulty in the bedroom department and that this was having a direct impact upon his performance as an SC.

This came as no shock to me as only last Thursday during the weekly war he had forgotten to discuss link filter settings with the TPD! What do you advise?

Perplexed of HMS MASSIVE,

Dave Says

This is a tough one, you've got to be strong and explain to him that although his personal life is in turmoil, he simply must ensure that those link filter settings are correct, otherwise

a NONSUB could be transmitted and subsequently provide poor ASW Picture Compilation. Recommend that the AcPS delivers brief to OPS Room Crew on Command Classification Criteria prior to the next CASEX serial.

Dear Dave,

During last nights CASEX my UWT Operators performance was shambolic to say the least! On shouting "Sea Talk" I turned and asked him what was said by the SM and he replied "Garbled CPO", on the second occasion this happened he said "OOW", This was obviously wrong as the Threat Was Wake Homing! What should I do?

Anon.

Dave Says

Ah well, as long as you use a stopwatch and work out a time based upon distance and speed and then count down backwards from ten and then up again to ten everything will probably be fine.

Dear Dave,

Do you actually have to remove the vent plug prior to releasing the pressure on the MTLS tubes when in harbour?

HMS ARGYLL

More from Dave next time.....





FOST UW HOT TOPICS

The latest Hot Topics from FOST UW are as follows.

- ASW Manoeuvre Green Paper.
- S2087 SQEP Assessment in accordance with BRd 9274.
- CTF 54 TASWC Construct (Available on CSS UKMCC Website).
- All information on the above is accessible on the FOST UW CSS website.

Contact CPO (UW) Dave Colman, UW4 to FOST for further details.



*A gathering of UW rates in FOST Building
(note the TASI Association Plaque
Donated by TASI Ted Robert's son)*

NEXT EDITION

The next edition of “Seamaster” will contain at the very minimum the following subjects;

- ASW Symposium banter
- 60th Anniversary AGM Update
- Tales from the Playground
- Letter from CAPT ASW
- Spotlight on HMS PORTLAND
- Dear Dave (possibly!)
- SURFLOT ASW Effectiveness Trophy Winners
- ASWI Cup
- ASWI Lady/member of the year voting form
- 3 monkeys report

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

Less We Forget:



“To promote Esprit de Corps
Amongst all members
of the
Anti-Submarine Warfare
Instructors Association
wherever they may serve”
Anon.