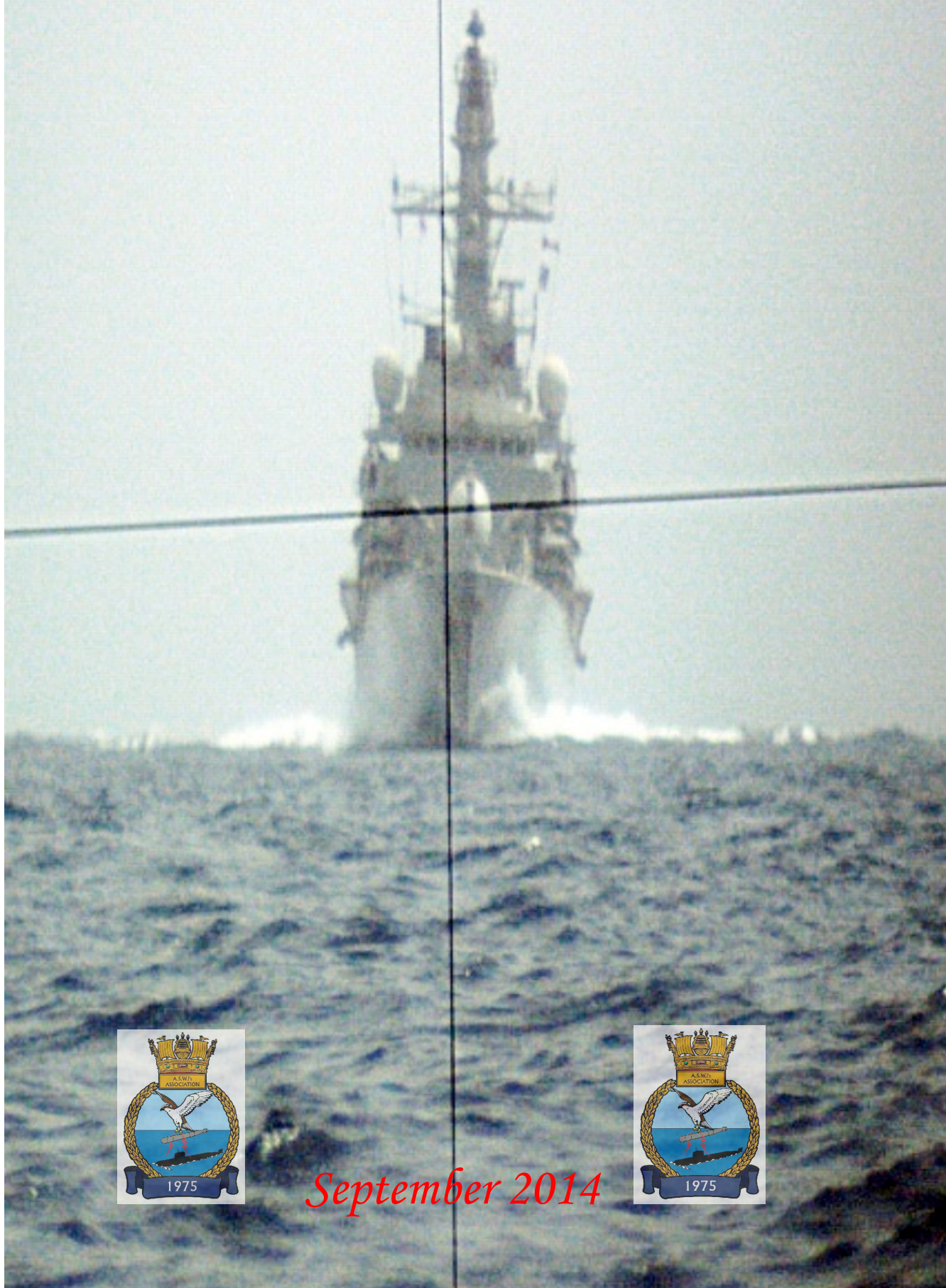


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CHAIRMAN'S DIT



Welcome to the latest edition of The Seamaster Magazine released for the annual AGM and Dinner Dance held again this year at the Portland Heights Hotel.

During the last couple of months the association has had a quiet period with regards to our social activities due in the main part to the annual period of Summer Leave but also because of the number of serving personnel who find themselves deployed or joining new ships/drafts during the autumn term.

I myself am now the CPO Warfare Specialist (Underwater Warfare) onboard HMS SOMERSET and we have spent the past month conducting FTSP alongside in Devonport post deployment whilst having RADAR 997 fitted. During this period we have conducted a large number of MOR (formally PRISM formally FC3D Grid) serials such as S2087 Drills and Procedures and MCTS (Maritime Composite Training System) periods with FOST Cover, as well as the usual merry go round of Fire fighting, DRIU and GSR (General Service Respirator) training at HMS RALEIGH (CBRNDC being the one of the "other" jobs that we UW's have to do).

This week the promotion signal for CPO WS (UW) was released and a big congratulations goes out to PO WS (UW) Pete Muir based at Royal Navy leadership Academy and PO WS (UW Juicy Lovewell HMS Argyll who were fortunate enough to be selected this year, welcome to the Chiefs Mess lads!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank CAPT Hugh Beard for being our President between 2012-2014 and welcome our new president CAPT Simon Asquith RN, who is now CAPT ASW. I was invited onto HMS PORTLAND to meet CAPT Asquith on Friday and I am pleased to inform you that he is keen to assist our association in any way he can, and is fully supportive of our association aims, of which he is a strong believer. Unfortunately he is unable to attend our AGM this year but will endeavour to attend our 60th anniversary celebrations next year, and is keen to represent us at Uckers at the next 3 monkeys challenge, expected to take place in December.

All serving members will be aware that WO George Emmerton at NCHQ now sends out a UW Branch Newsletter to all units on a monthly basis, please remember to send back

your UW returns in good time to him and remember if you have a good idea about equipment or training then please send off S2022/3018s respectively, the latest buzz is the creation of the new UW Branch badge, now that we are slowly regaining our branch identity (Re-invigoration programme) I applaud this decision, and look forward to seeing the design soon. George is also looking for photographs of UW departments to be sent to him so that he can include them in the newsletter, please do so.

Our guest speakers for this year's Dinner Dance are Lt Cdr Jim Lovell RN who is the representative of CAPT ASW in his role as the NCHQ SO2 ASW and Lt Cdr Tim Leeder RN who is the representative of Commander Sea Training in his role as SWO CST to FOST.

And finally, a big welcome to the Association to our newest member LS (UW) Ashley Howe who has joined us fresh from Leading Hands course, welcome Ash.

Pete Muir



Jucy Lovewell



Pete and Jucy selected for promotion to CPO WS (UW)

Yours Aye

Tanzy

Tanzy Lee
CPO WS (UW),
CPO ASWI, HMS SOMERSET,
ASWI Chairman.

NEW JOINERS / REJOINERS

Welcome to the New/Re joiners since the Easter Seamaster

Brian Heaver	1946 - 1970
Dodger Long	1961 - 1985
Dickie Drew	1970 - 1994
Tony Hovendon	1945 - 1969
Frank Bromhead	1950 - 1976
George Morralee	1948 - 1987
Ron Feasey	1945 - 1969
Ron Hobden	1966 - 1988
Joe Cartwright	1988 - 2010
Pants Underdown	1999 - serving
Robert Shaw	1985-2009
Lee Elliss	1998-Serving
Dave Williams	1970-2004
Evan Dine	1978-2000 RNZN
Phil Lymath	1976-2011
Lennie Faircliff	1977-2010
Ashley Howe	2009-Serving

All information regarding new joiners can be found on the following link
<http://aswi.co.uk/newmembers.htm>

History Corner

A very big thank you now to former CPO TASI Alan Quartermaine who has sent these articles to the association and another special thank you to Bob Burton and Olivia Rounsful (bobs niece) who have worked tirelessly typing up the received correspondences from Alan thereby subsequently allowing the rest of us an insight into the past, the following articles are most interesting and also remind us that the present difficulties that we face in our branch have similarly been witnessed before. Thank you Alan!

TAS Days HMS AISNE

Having read Tom Galley's write-up, I have attempted to give some information I remember of my time on board, some 50 years ago. L.Sea A. Quartermaine I returned from Foreign Service leave, having served on board 'Cossack and Jaseur' Far East Station from 1950 to '53, and reported to RNB Chatham. In those days, as I remember, you reported to the Drafting Commander for your next draft. Etc. This was about June '53. He said: 'How would you like a draft to the Coastal Minesweepers based at Harwich?' I said: 'Are there any ships in the dockyard?' Drafting Commander said "Corunna" and "Aisne", "Corunna" leaves the dockyard in October, "Aisne" in November, and so I said the "Aisne". I joined and relieved PO Herbert who was going away to "Vernon" for a UWIs Course. Follow the link <http://aswi.co.uk/hmsaisne.htm>

Memories of Torpedo/Anti – submarine days by Alan Quartermaine

I remember the Chief T.I on board H.M.S WHIRLWIND instructing groups of our class around the switchboard and torpedo tubes during our 12 week Trained Mans course; our class had just left Boys Training in early 1946. I recall assisting in the torpedo recovery when the ship fired two Mk.9s in Scapa-Flow, manning the hand winch and shipmates in the Whaler towing the Torpedo to the Davits.

June 46. Draft to LEANDER in Pompey for the Med. (Captain Ottawa Ruthven), D. Day Planner and later (Captain Mc.Coy) Ex Captain D 17th. D F. A.B.s on board volunteered for the new T.A.S. Branch with courses conducted on board Destroyer and Submarine Depot Ships returning to parent ship on completion. LEANDER had a set of four tubes in the Port and Starboard Waists, a Parting Shop amidships and an Asdic Cabinet below the Forward Seaman's Messdeck. P.O. Peters was a L.T.O later UWI in Vernon.

<http://aswi.co.uk/memoriesoftorpedoantsubmarin.htm>

Social Scene

Sat 27 Sep	ASWI Annual AGM and Dinner Dance Portland Heights Hotel. 1900-Late
Tue 28 Oct	American Supper night Whale Island
Fri 28 Nov	West Country Social 1900-2100 HMS SOMERSET WO's and CPO's Mess
Fri 28 Nov	Christmas supper and Raffle Whale Island
Fri 12 Dec	West Country Christmas Social and 3 Monkeys Re-match V GI's Assoc St Levan Inn 1900-2300
2015	60 th Anniversary TASI/ASWI Association

2015 Social calendar will be published post 2014 AGM

For further information about social events in the following areas
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Other areas Bob Burton webmaster@aswi.co.uk

ASWI Committee

Chairman CPO WS (UW) Julian Lee

Vice Chairman To be voted in at AGM

Serving Rep CPO WS (UW) Scott Allen

Guzz Rep PO (UW) Lee Dudman

Pompey Rep Peter White

Treasurer Bill Bailey

Webmaster Bob Burton

Thanks to Rob McColl for his services as serving members representative, Rob has now been relieved by Scott Allen, CPO ASWI on HMS PORTLAND due to CAPT ASW now being in that platform.

<http://aswi.co.uk/commiteemembers.htm>

ASWI Slops

A limited supply of ASWI Association slops is available



www.aswi.co.uk/slops.htm

60th Anniversary Celebrations

It is still intended to hold the 60th Anniversary AGM and Dinner Dance in Portsmouth and at this time we have received quotes from HMS Collingwood, The Maritime Club and the Beach Hotel in Southsea, this is an agenda point at the AGM with a view to a decision being made during the meeting and provisionally a separate sub committee may be created from a cadre of Portsmouth members so that they can concentrate upon those arrangements. Standby, Wait for further transmissions.



Royal Beech Hotel Southsea



Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth

Dear Dave Agony Aunt



CPO Dave Coleman

Dear Dave,

When conducting an exercise with the South Africans a few months ago I noticed that ST 2050 recorder was not recording correctly, being an all rounder at UW I proceeded to the FWD Sonar Instrument Space in order to resolve the issue. 1 hour later and after a number of re-sets both the system maintainer and the ASWD could still not understand why although transmitting, neither the ping front marker or the system time aligned with the Command System? At this point my CPO ASWI began to get quite an ear bashing off our CAPT and our PWO U was very annoyed.....what should I have done?

A Sonar Operator, HMS PORTLAND

Dave Says,

Member, thank you for your letter. You must be from a younger generation that is more used to Playstation and Ipod than an old VHS recorder! The reason that the ping front marker and time did not align is due to the fact that you had pressed play rather than record and you were subsequently watching the last FOST CASEX that you had conducted 3-4 months previously, it may be an idea to spend less time downloading photographs of Submarines from the internet and get your head into BR 8452 my friend!

Dear Dave,

Whilst helping to deliver world class training to the Chilean Navy I had an accident in my accommodation. After 3 weeks of drinking pretty much every day, I somehow managed to lean against the breakfast bar bench with such a force that it collapsed, subsequently breaking a TV which imploded as it smashed upon the floor, What should I do?

UW Party Boy, Vina Del Mar, Chile

Dave Says,

The best way to deal with this is to deny that you were drinking at any point during that day, and it was simply an accident due to shoddy workmanship and poor quality materials used in Naval Accommodation in Chile, offer to pay for a new TV, and then attempt to make good repairs thereafter, make sure that you do not post photographs onto social media websites, in case the weight of evidence that you were drunk builds against you!

More from Dave next time.....

Where is your Oppo

Don't forget that the members area on the website contains contact information of members of the association.

<http://aswi.co.uk/members.htm>

NEXT EDITION

In the next edition, released prior to Christmas leave, we will have the following articles.

1. Chairman's Dit.
2. Dit from the President.
3. Some more things we have to do as UW's (Board and Search Course).
4. Minutes from 2014 AGM.
5. Spotlight on.....
6. Photos from the Socials and Dinner Dance.
7. ASWI Website quiz (how well do you know the website?)

Association pins available



<http://aswi.co.uk/slops.htm>

Less We Forget:



“To promote Esprit de Corps

Amongst all members

of the

Anti-Submarine Warfare
Instructors Association

wherever they may serve”

Anon.