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Cover Picture: HMS ASTUTE VISITS HMAS STIRLING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Nothing in the world, nothing that you may think or dream of, or anyone may tell you, no arguments however specious, no appeals however seductive, must lead you to abandon that naval supremacy on which the life of our country depends.'

WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL

EDITORIAL

Hello Everybody,

Firstly, I hope you all had a very good Christmas and that Santa brought you all the presents you were hoping for! Secondly, can I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year for 2022? It only seems like five minutes since I was saying the same thing for 2021! Anyway I hope you are all keeping well and taking the chance to get back to normal.

Did you enjoy yourselves at the Branch Christmas Party at the Legion? There weren't as many there as had been hoped for but those of us that did go had a very good evening. As usual there was plenty of food – both sweet and savoury -and, with the reduced number of attendees, the chances of winning one (or more) of the raffle prizes improved significantly! Dennis Horan provided the entertainment for us which

everyone seemed to enjoy. All in all a very good evening – as are all of the events organised for us so well by Alex Webb.

Perhaps if you didn't make the Christmas Party you made it to the Christmas/New Year drinks at the Ferry & Seaweed Corner on the 28th.

One event which didn't happen in December was the Dinner planned by BAE to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Barrow Shipyard. The Branch received ten invitation to this event which was to have taken place at the Abbey House Hotel. Owing to Covid considerations this was cancelled a fairly short notice but I have been advised that the Dinner will be reprogrammed for the not-too-distant future and all those who received Invitations first time will be invited again.

So what have we got to look forward to in 2022?

Firstly, there is the **K13 Weekend** which (hopefully) will go ahead in its usual format at HM Naval Base Clyde on the weekend 28th to 30th January. If you have not put your name down to go yet details of how to book your place are in the Secretary's Dit but please note that you have to get your details to Sam Morrow at Faslane by 8th January to make sure your security clearance for the Base can be sorted out.

Next will be our Annual '**First Footing**' visit to the **Morecambe Bay Branch** on Friday 4th February. The number of places for this event are limited so make sure Alex has your name as soon as possible if you want to go!

In March there will be the **Submariners Association National Council Conference and Families Weekend** on the weekend 25th to 27th March. This year we will be back at the Holiday Inn in Leicester where we went in 2019. We were looked after very well on that visit and the Hotel is very close to the City Centre and to Leicester Cathedral so you can always pop in to see King Richard's tomb before going for a pint or two on in the City Centre on the Saturday afternoon. Details on how to book your place for the Weekend have already been circulated by Dave Smith but, in case you missed them, they are attached to this Newsletter at Pages 9 to 12 but let Iain Mackenzie have your Applications as soon as possible.

April will see the **40th Anniversary of the Falklands Campaign**. Not sure if any plans have been made to mark this Anniversary locally but given the significant involvement of Barrow built ships and Submarines something will need to be arranged. April will also see the **St. George's Day Parade and Service**.

Later in the year in May there will be the last but one Submariners Association **VC Blue Plaque** unveiling ceremony – this time for **Donald Cameron VC** at Carlisle and, in the same month there will be the unveiling of the new Submariners Memorial at the National Arboretum. The date is not yet confirmed but there will be a good attendance of Association Members and Standard Bearers.

June will see the **Queens Platinum Jubilee Ceremonies** in Portsmouth on including a Parade on Southsea Common. No details yet available but they will be circulated in due course. June will also see the **Armed Forces Day Ceremonies** which, hopefully will go ahead as normal in Barrow after a two-year break. So, as you will see, this could be a very busy first six months of 2022.

Our cover photo this month is of HMS ASTUTE alongside in HMAS STIRLING near Perth, Western Australia during the Carrier Task Group visit to the Far East. Our Australia Branch Members got to meet the Crew and even got a visit on board and were able to hand over a Branch Crest to the Officer of the Day - as can be seen from this photo!



ASTUTE finally got home to Faslane on December 20th – just in time for Christmas and the New Year!

That's about it for now – see you all at the Branch Meeting on Tuesday 4th January – usual time – usual place and don't be late!

Best Regards, Barrie

SECRETARY'S DIT

Hello Everyone

The following emails and correspondence have been received over the last month. Attachments have been distributed to members.

a. Emails from National Secretary reference **K13 Weekend** :

i. The weekend will be as close to normal with the WoS branch meeting on Fri 28th Jan in the WO&SRs mess which will include an update on the current SM Service by COSM. A short memorial at Elder Park, Govan on the Sat morning. The formal dinner will take place on the Sat evening (29th). Faslane cemetery on Sun morning after a short service in the base Chapel.

ii. Access to the base will be done on a blanket notification, hopefully accommodation should be available. The base are doing as much as possible to assist in the planning and implementation. Obviously plans may change at short notice, however I am at this stage planning for success!

Regards Ian Vickers

iii. Action by their members who intend to attend the **K13 weekend** . As soon as possible. Reference the e-mail below from Andy Knox, below, if you wish to attend the K13 weekend can you please supply to Sam Morrow the following information:

Will you be attending the Formal Dinner on the 29th (Yes / No)

Do you need accommodation (Yes / No)

Information required for Base Security passes:

Last name:

First name:

Date of Birth:

Title (E.G. Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Nationality:

Town of Birth:

Country of Birth:

Also, Visitors MUST carry UK government issued photographic ID for each visit, i.e. driving license or passport

Best Regards and thanks, Sam Morrow Email:clanmorrow@btinternet.com

iv. A further email on K13 reminding members of the closing date:

The closing date for requests for dinner / accommodation / security etc. for the K13 weekend is Friday the 7th January.

b. COMSUBFLOT End of year message.

National Chairman forwarded six documents relating to the Submarine Family ongoing negotiations and workshops. All have been distributed to members

c. Email from National Secretary on the result for the One Man One vote test:

Thank you for that short notice test

The idea is to use forms for association voting. Initially at the AGM/conference for proposals and recommendations

The test was to see if secretaries could forward the link and the link would feed back to my computer.

It does

34 branches successfully had members respond. 2 branches had problems. 345 members responded

Some have admitted to voting twice. That will not be a problem as we intend to use your membership number for voting

157 voted red. 188 voted green

The results.

Click on the link below

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAO__dcexmFUQU1PV1c5OE83S0JSWVhWVVNBmjJYSzc2NS4u)

[id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAO__dcexmFUQU1PV1c5OE83S0JSWVhWVVNBmjJYSzc2NS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAO__dcexmFUQU1PV1c5OE83S0JSWVhWVVNBmjJYSzc2NS4u)

Regards

Ian Vickers

d. Email from RNA forwarding the PFA the RNA December Edition of the Semaphore Circ and added Flyers for your information.

e. Email from WRS including their Newsletter and a copy of the SM Division Newsletter. All have been distributed to the Branch members.

Thank you for your continued support of We Remember Submariners.

Please find attached the latest newsletter from We Remember Submariners. I hope you find it informative and interesting.

I have also attached the latest edition of the Submarine Division Newsletter, that I've just received from the Fleet Executive Warrant Officer, with a request to distribute.

We have noticed that the numbers of active members to the charity is starting to fall, largely due to membership expiring. We realise that this is probably an oversight or something to do tomorrow but retaining a membership to We Remember Submariners

has a huge and beneficial impact in the level of help he can provide to submarine related causes. If you are renewing your membership, you can renew up to 6 months

early and also opt to renew for a single year at £10 or for up to 10 years, thus future-proofing any increase in membership subscriptions. Please follow the link below to join

We Remember Submariners or renew your membership.

WRS Membership - We Remember Submariners (we-remember-submariners.com)

To increase the awareness of WRS, please feel free to distribute the newsletter far and wide.

On behalf of everyone at WRS, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2022.

Kind regards, Ian Atkinson, Chairman, We Remember Submariners

f. Email from National Treasurer on the National accounts:

Main Account

Start Balance £76 620.23

Out £844.98

In £325.00

Closing Balance £76 100.25

Reunion Account

Start Balance £5 127.30

Out £0.00

In £1 035.00

Closing Balance £6 162.30

Slops Account

Start Balance £888.92

Out £0.00

In £115.50

Closing Balance £1 004.42

Blue Plaque Account

Start Balance £1 992.30

Out £0.00

In £0.00

Closing Balance £1 992.30

Kind Regards, Andy Bain, Submariners Association National Treasurer

g. Newsletter and seasonal greeting from the SA of Canada

h. Association Secretaries zoom meeting took place on Sunday 12 December: Notes from zoom meeting:

Commodore Jim Perks spoke about the SMF - The Submarine Family. In the first instance the RNRMC Charity made £100k available to the SMF to cover costs of the TSF Website currently in development, an App to work with the Website, costs for full-time Administration for a period of settling down and Funds to cover Grants. This will be covered in a paper from the Chairman very shortly.

Grants. COSM stated that Charities cannot pay the Subscriptions/Members fees of other Charity however it is allowable to make Grants.

Should the SA agreed to join the Submarine Family instead of National Subscriptions we would be invited to submit an Annual Bid to the SMF for a Grant to cover SA running costs for the following year. This will be a significant change to the way we do our business. The National Treasurer has already done an exercise to establish the average level of National Running Costs but, in future, Branches would also need to provide figures to the NMC to cover their Branches planned expenditure for the following year. Minor Grants to cover additional costs arising in year will be dealt with separately. Once the level of Grant is agreed TSF will forward the Funds as to the SA Treasurer as a Grant.

Other questions/concerns raised included

Q. What about SSAFA?

A. SSAFA will be available but the SMF will be our first call when issues arise, then on to other charities according to the needs.

Q. Membership fees, are they going to change?

Q. Serving members fees, do we still ask then for sub's if they are in the SMF already?

S. The NMC take our fees and give nothing back!

Q. Will we be using MS forms for voting?

Q. With one man one vote how do we debate a conference?

P. Reduce sub's for the next two years until the SMF is settled down?

These are some of the questions, statements and proposals made by the branches during the meeting. Suggested that the topics covered at the Meeting are best viewed on the recording of the Meeting to hear the replies in full. 2018 was the last time Subscription levels were proposed/discussed at the Conference - now outside the three year rule.

The NMC are working on Recommendations for:

1. Joining the Submarine Family
2. One Man One Vote.

Branches have just 18 days left to submit any Proposals for the Conference

Slops. Now in Faslane. The Faslane Shop will host the Slops with ordering via the Website when ready but questions about Slops should be raised through Andy Knox. andyknox@hotmail.com .

From Australia Branch Ian, thanks very much for the link to the secs zoom meeting, well worthwhile, my guys will learn a lot from Jim Perks words.

Most encouraging feedback, I have had a look at the zoom meeting and I would suggest starting at minute 17.30 to cut out the general chat before the meeting started.

Regards, Ian Vickers, National Secretary, Submariners Association

j. Email from National Chairman with regards to inputs for the January In Depth Newsletter.

Any late submissions for the next In Depth? It is due out for 1st January so any submissions should be with me as soon as possible!

Barrie Downer. Chairman, Submariners Association

David A J Smith
SA Barrow Branch Secretary

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hi Shipmates

Happy January everybody, hope that this finds everyone well.

Yours Aye
Alex

JANUARY 2022 BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting
Tues 4th Jan
K13 W/E 28th-30th Jan
Committee Meeting
As Required

FEBRUARY 2022 BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting
Tues 1st Feb
Morecambe Branch First Footing
Fri 4th Feb
Committee Meeting
As Required

MARCH 2022 BRANCH CALENDAR

Branch Meeting
Tues 1st Mar

SA NCC Leicester 25th-27th
Mar
Committee Meeting
As Required

NOTE: January, February & March Meetings and Events may still be subject to cancellation at very short notice - dependent on further Government advice!

JANUARY BRANCH BIRTHDAYS

L. (Lou) Budden 02/01/1971
K (Kate) Pearson 02/01/1947
D. (Danny) Cargill 06/01/2001
R.S. (Bob) Sherriff 10/01/1949
P.C. (Peter) Hearn 22/01/1957
B. (Brian) Reed 27/01/1944
I.W. (Ian) Moore 29/01/1948

P (Piya) Das 20/01/1987
Happy Birthday All!

**REMEMBERING FORMER
BRANCH MEMBERS
'CROSSED THE BAR' - JANUARY**

Morris Voce	1982
James G W Tiffney	1993
George Green	2007
Peter Bell	2007
Brian Kerr	2008
J S Hards	2010
Leslie Willcox	2012
Colin Lee	2015
Ted Budgen	2016
Norman Hart	2017
Frank Pretty	2019
Thomas S Fell	2020
Richard Watling	2020

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INFORMATION**

Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the Newsletter - then ring Barrie Downer on 01229 820963 or, if you wish to send me an article, my postal address is The Firs, Dundalk Street, Barrow Island, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA14 2RZ. You may also send your contribution by e-mail to me on frozensnorth55@gmail.com. Come on - every Submariner has a story to tell -

some more than one! Let's see yours in print!

Constructive suggestions about the Newsletter are also very welcome. The Newsletter will be published in the last week of each month i.e. the last week in January for the February 2022 Issue. Please ensure you have any information with me by the 15th of the month to ensure its inclusion in the next issue. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition - keep them stories coming!

**SUBMARINE LOSSES OF WWII
JANUARY 1942**

One Submarine was lost in January 1942 and one other Submariner is reported to have died. The Submarine was HMS TRIUMPH which was lost in the Aegean Sea on 9th January 1942. It is believed that the Submarine hit a mine and was lost with all hands. The Crew was:

Officers:

Lt John Symonds Huddart

CO

Lt Robert William Douglas Don DSC**
IL

Lt Michael Claude Janvrin DSC

Temp Lt Edward Arthur Collins RNVR

Temp Lt Alfred Kenneth Peterkin DSO,
RNR

Mid George Desmond Waterall, Royal
Navy

Lt (E) Geoffrey Michael Denys Wright,
DSC, MBE

Ratings:

A/CPO Reginald Nott, DSM* J107537

A/PO Robert James Theobald, DSM, MiD
J103645

POTGM Frank Gerald Collison, DSM*,
P/JX 131634

A/PO Colin Gordon Hugh Duffay, DSM
D/JX 133011

L/Sea Frederick Arthur Lancaster, MiD
C/JX 154342

L/Sea John Hinds P/JX 141259

L/Sea Alfred Edward Davies P/JX
139965

T/A/LSea Donald George Hutchinson,
DSM J93910

L/Sea John Cairns D/SSX 18172

AB John Edward Underwood, DSM
C/SSX 27499

AB William Henry Neville C/JX 182358
 AB George Frederick Clements, MiD
 C/SSX 24276
 AB Geoffrey Brown C/JX 190464
 AB Luther Jones, MiD P/JX 138985
 AB Richard Howard P/JX 155046
 AB Raymond Wilson P/JX 148363
 AB John Edmund Taylor P/SSX 32650
 AB William Hollingsworth Hall, MiD
 P/SSX 21160
 AB George Robert Hedrick Harrison
 MiD D/JX 130866
 AB George Henry Cross D/JX 168092
 AB Leonard Walter Esau D/JX 199788
 AB Edward Connor D/JX 204301
 AB George Newby D/SSX 33724
 PO Tel Archibald Kellock Cochrane, MiD
 P/JX 129493
 LTel Reginald Frederick Dennis Waye
 DSM C/JX 137731
 Tel William John White, DSM* C/JX
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 Tel Harold Stone C/JX 150128
 Tel Richard Thomas Crummey, DSM*
 D/JX 137472
 L/Sig Thomas James Kilty D/JX 138661
 L/Cook Cornelius O'Brien C/MX 50147
 L/Std James Walmsley C/LX 21728
 EA A I Bigglestone, DSM M35623
 CERA T Phillips, DSM* M27338
 ERA J Glen C/MX 76056
 ERA H F Russell, MiD P/MX 58033
 ERA F Wilkinson D/MX 48140
 ERA W Dempster P/MX 73711
 ERA H Stephens D/MX 74120
 Chief Sto W H Stockham, DSM*, BEM
 K65586
 A/SPO W Wickham P/KX 85211
 A/SPO G A Sheldon, BEM, MiD* K64020
 & RFR/Po/B.19405
 LSto D Coakley, MiD D/KX 88094
 A/LSto R W Neville, MiD C/JX 182358
 Sto1 H Bowles C/KX 93859
 Sto1 W McGee C/KX 94368
 Sto1 W Ranson C/KX 96542
 Sto1 W E Harding C/KX 114393
 Sto1 C Baxter, MiD K58839
 Sto1 H J Gates K64340 &
 RFR/Po/B.18659
 Sto1 A Robinson P/KX 79424
 Sto1 E G Wilson, DSM P/KX 81816
 Sto1 C Kelly P/KX 91522
 Sto1 W J Goddard P/KX 109508
 Sto1 E Rosendale P/KX 109528
 Sto1 John James Turner D/KX 79918

The Officer lost was appointed to HMS
 DOLPHIN and is reported to have died
 on 6th February 1942. The
 circumstances of his death are not
 established. He was:
 Lieutenant Thomas Joseph Doyle, RN

SUBMARINE COMMISSIONING CREW LISTS

Commissioning and Re-dedication Crew
 Lists – are still arriving, thank you very
 much.

I am still looking for 'First Commission'
 Crew Lists as follows: PORPOISE,
 GRAMPUS, CACHALOT, WALRUS,
 OBERON, ONYX, ORPHEUS, ODIN,
 OTUS, UNICORN & AUDACIOUS

Also looking for copies of Crew Lists for
 subsequent Commissions of any 'O'
 Class, 'P' Class or Nuclear Boat – SSN
 & SSBN. Crew Lists for any
 Commissioning or Decommissioning of
 any Diesel 'A,' 'S' or 'T' Class Boat
 refitting in Home Dockyards or in
 Malta, Singapore or Sydney are also
 required. Have a look through your
 records and 'Ditty Boxes' and see what
 you can find. You can contact me by E
 Mail, Snail Mail or Telephone. Thanks,
 Barrie Downer

DONATIONS & BEQUESTS TO THE SUBMARINE MUSEUM

For anyone thinking about making a
 Donation to or possibly leaving a
 Bequest to The Royal Navy Submarine
 Museum in your Will, please be aware
 that the Submarine Museum no longer
 exists as a Charity with its own
 finances. This is because the
 Submarine Museum is now part of The
 National Museum of the Royal Navy
 (NMRN). Any future Donations or
 Bequests for the Submarine Museum
 should therefore be directed to either
 the Friends of the Submarine Museum
 or to the National Museum of the Royal
 Navy.

BEQUESTS

Should you wish to preserve the Submarine Heritage by making a bequest to the Submarine Museum in your will, you can achieve that via the Society of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum. We advise members to consult their Solicitors and use a form of words such as:

"I give, free of tax, the following legacies: To the Society of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum (Charity No 1046251), Haslar Jetty Road, Gosport PO12 2AS, the sum of.. .."

Bequeathing to the 'Friends' is one way of ensuring that the money benefits specifically the Submarine Museum.

Virtually all the monies bequeathed to the Friends go directly to the Museum to support projects approved by the Friends Committee.

Our administration costs are very low and, since 1995 a total of £428,748 has been used to the benefit of the Submarine Museum. The latest support being provided for the purchase of the Cochrane Medals & Memorabilia and funding the production of a Submariners 'Digital Book of Remembrance' - which will be accessible 'on-line'

THE DESMOND GERRISH AUTOBIOGRAPHY

(Continued from the December 2021 Issue of Periscope View)

March 1966

I was officially appointed as the Squadron T.A.S. Officer (S.T.A.S.O.) to H.M.S. FORTH and the 7th Submarine Squadron.

In anticipation of this known move, Hazel, Sue, and Bill had vacated our Married Quarters in Plymstock and returned to our own house in Alverstoke. During this interim of leaving ADAMANT in Plymouth and joining FORTH in Chatham, I spent weekends at home in Alverstoke by commuting by train - Hazel needed our Morris Traveller car at home.

My Captain S/M7 in H.M.S. FORTH was Ken Martin, another submariner who had fought through the war and who had survived. I had briefly met him before, when he was a Commander, in command of H.M.S. BROADSWORD - a Destroyer - which took my section of Long T.A.S. Course to sea for high-powered Anti-Sub Exercises in appalling weather conditions in the Irish Sea. Ken remembered that saga well as soon as we met in FORTH, admitting to me he thought BROADSWORD was going to capsize, when she took her worst roll of 40 degrees as we turned beam to sea while closing a submarine contact. Submariners have little knowledge of surface ships until they get promoted and get command of one! We got on well right from our start in FORTH and over the years since FORTH days, became close family friends. When he retired from the Navy, years later, he bought a house close to ours in Alverstoke, so we became neighbours too. The Officers of FORTH were all new acquaintances to me:

STAFF

Cdr. S/M - Johnny Moore, running the 4 Subs already, based in Singapore: preparing for our arrival.

S.O.O. - Alfie Noakes, initially, to be relieved by Charles Pope (thank heavens) on arrival Singapore

Squadron Navigator John Allen, became a lifelong close family friend

Sqn. Weapons Officer

Sqn. Engineer

Sqn. Comms

The Sqn. T.A.S. Officer -myself

FORTH'S OFFICERS :

Commander - Schofield, well on the way to becoming an alcoholic and never seen a submarine in his life.

First Lieutenant - Dickie Dunne, one of London's Mayfair 'Set' - quite lost among gruff submariners. He had, years ago, qualified as an Interpreter in Russian - you studied with the White Russians in Paris - and inevitably had to work for Naval Intelligence in London for years. How unkind to bounce him in-charge of all seamanship in a huge S/M Depot Ship!
Supply Commander -Grimwood, an expert in paperwork.

Or did someone, in Admiralty, deliberately put an abrupt end to Dickie's genteel and highly social life in London - for malice or as a joke? We all 'mothered' Dickie through his traumas of hoisting FORTH's flotilla of boats, grappling with giant anchors and chain cables, berthing the mighty FORTH with ropes as thick as your arm etc. His very sophisticated and dry sense of humour never failed, his gorilla-type squads of sailors loved him and we, his fellow Officers, had some of our best laughs listening to Dickie's accounts of every 'horrendous' day's activities in his new role.

Then there was the usual numbers of Seamen Officers and Engineer Officers, plus the specialists, Doctors, Dentist, Comms, Schoolie and the Supply Officers.

Looking back, the Officers of ADAMANT and FORTH, collectively, were very different. Those in ADAMANT, confident and always stuck together as a team. The more senior Officers in FORTH were hell-bent on getting promoted, so the main departments vied with each other while the Heads sought to score more promotion points from Captain S/M.

And the expertise of running a Submarine Squadron was thin on the ground in FORTH - Captain S.M and several other submarine qualified Officers had been away from submarines for long periods serving in the more normal Navy posts and these often as office jobs. Worse, their time away from submarines occurred in the period of great advances in Submarine Warfare, culminating with the advent of the Nuclear Submarine. So, while FORTH spent her last weeks in Chatham Dockyard and the nearest submarines in far way Portsmouth, I was the sole up-to-date submariner around.

The first Staff Meeting that Captain S/M called made my professional hackles rise, when Commander Weapons reported he had arranged with the Armament Depot to ship FORTH's full outfit of three hundred torpedoes to Singapore ready for our arrival there. To begin with, I simply said, "Change that plan right now, today." There was a deathly silence around the table, until Captain S/M said, "Desmond, what is your reasoning?."

I expounded what to me was blindingly obvious. H.M.S. FORTH was programmed to take three months on passage from Britain to Singapore, doing some carefully planned visits as we voyaged through the Med., the Suez Canal, round India and down the Malacca Straits to Singapore. We were going to rendezvous with several submarines at places along this route - some of our own, newly allocated to our Singapore Squadron and some on Patrol from Malta and the U.K. If something flared up during this long passage, which diverted FORTH to controlling an ad hoc Submarine Force in any form of war situation, I needed those torpedoes to re-arm our submarines. Captain S/M hoisted this simple fact in straight away. To be caught ½ way round the world without those vital torpedoes if something occurred, would be the end of his career.

The Weapons Commander began countering, explaining the work involved on daily tests of the torpedoes and that no one in the Staffs of F.O.S.M. or Admiralty had objected to his plan.

He was quietly cut short by Ken Martin, who said, "Phillip, those torpedoes must be embarked in FORTH before we sail from the U.K. That is paramount." "Aye, aye, Sir" acknowledged Commander Weapons.

To be fair, the art of fighting at sea remained the sole prerogative of us Seamen Executive Officers. The Technical Weapons and Engineer Officers were, of course, vital to our fighting efficiency but, not being required to act as Commanders in battle, often lost sight of the whole reason for our very existence. Phillip had been in charge of FORTH for two years while she underwent her modernisation rebuild and had no Seamen Officers with him. Flag Officer, Submarines was at fault in not spotting the need to appoint a T.A.S. officer to FORTH as she neared completion after her three-year

re-build. My appointment came after FORTH was transferred back to the active Navy from the Dockyard Department.

Phillip, a senior Commander and in the zone for promotion to Captain (Weapons), gracefully accepted that I had merely done my job in having his previous decision reversed – just in the nick of time fortunately. Three hundred torpedoes of mixed types, was a big job even for the Navy's Armament Depots and this order had been worked on over the previous 6 months to have them ready for shipping to Singapore in an R.F.A. We moved like lightning to have the three hundred torpedoes coming from Armament Depots at Portsmouth and Glasgow, diverted to be embarked by FORTH at Portsmouth. His generous comment to me was how much he wished I had been with him over the last 6 months, when things began to move along fast.

As they did in the two weeks now, FORTH had to be ammunitioned (shells etc. for FORTH's own guns), fully stored with food, fuel (for FORTH and for submarines), a huge bulk of spare parts for repairing submarines and embarking FORTH's considerable fleet of boats and launches. A busy fortnight and we all enjoyed rolling up our sleeves to get this job done.

The Wardroom took one night off, to go as guests of Gordon's Gin in London – after all, we were big customers, filling FORTH's Wardroom Wine Stores with a large proportion of their product! The venue was Gordon's H.Q. Distillery amongst the Docks of East London, where a couple of their directors, plus minions, entertained us to a tour of the Distillery and Dinner in the Boardroom. As back in my days being entertained by Bushmills Whiskey, at dinner we drank nothing, save variations of the host's product! This time, gin cordials, gin cocktails and gin liqueurs. Or, during the several courses of a very good dinner, you could opt just to drink gin and water! Captain S/M – a drinking connoisseur – accompanied us with so much élan, that some of the Officers put him to bed that night in his stately Cabin suite rather than rouse his personal Steward.

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AGM/FAMILY WEEKEND 2022

The Family Weekend - including the AGM for 2022 - will be held at the Holiday Inn, Leicester over the weekend of 25th – 26th March 2022. The AGM will be held on Saturday 26th March.

General

The address of the hotel is Holiday Inn, 129, St Nicholas Circle, Leicester, LE1 5LX. The hotel is located 5 minutes' walk from the city centre and has various ale houses to suit all.

Car Parking is right next to the hotel and is run by NCP, a deal has been negotiated with the hotel so make sure you inform them when booking in that you are using the NCP.

Accommodation

I have reserved a total of 80 Doubles, Twins, and 45 Singles. I cannot stress the point too much to **BOOK EARLY!** All bedrooms are accessed by lifts that are well maintained. Although there are fully disabled rooms there is a number of what are called easy accessible rooms. The showers are of the over the bath type.

We viewed a selection of rooms and found them all to be clean, spacious and all had TV, with Tea and Coffee making facilities.

Meals

The Friday evening meal will be a Carvery with a choice of Lamb, and a Vegetarian dish. Various sweets will be on offer.

Saturday afternoon there will be complementary sandwiches and French fries (sorry I am getting above myself) Butties and Chips supplied at 13:00. If you require choices of sandwiches that will be at your own expense.

The Saturday Evening Reunion Dinner will be a 3-course dinner with a 3-choice starter, a 3-choice main course plus a vegetarian option a 3-choice desert with 1/2 bottle of Wine per person and Port for the toast.

The Most Important Room – Bar

The bar tariff negotiated is 25% a reduction to their normal prices, this includes all drinks bought across any bar or waiter service.

Room Rates

Note all rates are per person

2 Night package Fri 25th - Sat 26th March. Double/Twin DBB Person	£140.00 Per Person
2 Night package Fri 25th - Sat 26th March. Single DBB	£190 Per Person
1 Night package Fri 25th Double/Twin DBB	£75 Per Person
1 Night package Fri 25th Single DBB	£90 Per Person
1 Night package Sat 26th Double/Twin DBB	£85 Per Person
1 Night package Sat 26th Single DBB	£90 Per Person
1 Night Package Thu 24th Double/Twin BB	£60 Per Person
1 Night Package Thu 24th Single BB	£85 Per Person
1 Night Package Sun 27th Double/Twin BB	£60 Per Person
1 Night package Sun 27th Single BB	£85 Per Person
Friday Night Carvery only	£25 Per Person
Saturday Night Gala Dinner only	£46 Per Person

The Friday & Saturday rate, the Saturday only rate and the Non-Resident Saturday Dinner includes your tot, Saturday afternoon sandwiches, 1/2 bottle of wine and port for the toast.

PLEASE NOTE. There are two application forms, one for your Accommodation Requirement(s) and the other for the Saturday Reunion Dinner Meal Choices. These have been forwarded to your Branch Secretary but are also attached to this Newsletter. Whilst applications via your Secretary are welcome, I am happy to accept an application from individual members, indeed that is the preferred method so that I can quickly ascertain the room requirements.

I would prefer full payment up front, but a £50 deposit per person for packages greater than that will be accepted, but I do need the FULL BALANCE by Friday 14th January 2022. I have to declare the room requirements at that time and pass back any not sold. Please remember to include your contact details including your postal address so that I can contact you if there is a query. Although this circular and application form will be sent to all those members on email, I would ask all branch secretaries to get it out to your members as quickly as you can.

Please send your applications and cheques to Iain Mackenzie at Dolphin Cottage, 41 Grafton Road, Worthing, BN11 1QY. Tel 07403 433 178. Email coxswainmackenzie@yahoo.com. Please make your cheques payable to the "Submariners Association Reunion 22" and NOT me. This causes a delay while I clear the cheques through my own bank before I pay the treasurer. You may pay by BACS/Electronic transfer but if you do, please let me know via email. The reunion account is Nat West. Sort Code: 60-13-15 A/c Number: 52930645. Please include your Name & Reunion 2022 as a reference.

You will be aware that if there is a very low take up by the time I have to declare the room take up to the hotel I will be forced to cancel room to avoid payment for those rooms. This may mean late bookers will find no rooms available at our discounted rate.

STARTERS	S1	Leek & PotatoeSoup Croutons & warm bread (v)												
	S2	Chicken Liver & Cognac Pate Plum chutney and toasted bread												
	S3	Tomato & Mozzarella Salad Pesto dressing and pine nuts												
MAIN COURSE	M1	Pan-Seared Chicken Breast. Thyme scented roast, seasonal vegetables & a mushroom cream sauce												
	M2	Braised Rump Steak. Herb mash, seasonal vegetables and a red wine jus												
	M3	Baked salmon filet. Crushed new potatoes, seasonal vegetables and a herb cream sauce												
	VEGETARIAN	Mushroom Ravioli. Arabiatta sauce & parmesan												
DESSERTS	D1	Baked Vanilla Cheesecake. Forest fruit compot												
	D2	Chocolate Caramel Tart. Chantilly cream & berries												
	D3	Profiteroles. Chantilly cream & warm chocolate sauce												
WINE	R or W	Red or White - 1/2 bottle per person												

Please enter your selection with a 'Y' in the appropriate boxes		REUNION DINNER MEAL SELECTION												
		S	S	S	M	M	M	V	D	D	D	WINE		OTHER DIETRY REQUIREMENTS
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SUBMARINERS 'CROSSED THE BAR' REPORTED DECEMBER 2021

Branch	Date	Name	Rank/Rating	Official Number	Age	Submarine Service
Ex Colchester Branch	2 nd December 2021	David A Clutten	Radio Supervisor	D093319E	72	Submarine Service from 1969 to 1978 in ONYX (1970), CONQUEROR (1970/74), OPOSSUM (1976) & ORPHEUS (1976/78)
WRS	December 2021	Michael (Mick) Berry	Petty Officer (UW)	Not given	TBA	Submarine Service TBA
Wales Branch	7 th December 2021	Gerald Bevan	Stoker Mechanic	D/SKX 833045	91	Submarine Service from December 1949 to December 1952 in ALDERNEY, XE7 & XE8
Serving Submariner	9 th December 2021	Stephen Cashman	Engineering Technician	TBA	25	Vanguard Class
WRS	10 th December 2021	Noel Gillam	NCOW	TBA	TBA	Swiftsure Class
Australia Branch	12 th December 2021	Peter R B Greenfield	Leading Signalman	P/JX 836340	89	Submarine Service from 1953 to 1958 in SEASCOUT (1953), SENESCHAL & TALLY HO (1953/58)
North Staffs Branch	13 th December 2021	Stanley Gould	Leading Seaman (RP3)	TBA	94	Submarine Service from 19** to 19** in SENESCHAL, ARTEMIS, TELEMACHUS & TACTICIAN
Gatwick Branch	13 th December 2021	Colin Leonard Hunt	Telegraphist	D/JX 361055	97	Submarine Service from 1944 to 1945 in UNRULY, U1105 & SURF
Australia Branch	17 th December 2021	Anthony (Tony) Richards	Leading Seaman (RP2)	P/J948882	82	Submarine Service from 1963 to 1967 in OBERON & FINWHALE
Submarine Officers Association	19 th December 2021	David William Ward	Lt Commander (E) (MESM)	Not given	TBA	Submarine Service from 1980 to 1995 in RNC Greenwich (1980), SUPERB (1981/82), TURBULENT (AMEO 1983/85), MoD Bath (1986/89), SPLENDID (1990/93) & SM2 (1994/95)
Ex Blackpool Branch	22 nd December 2021	Graeme Hall	Marine Engineering Mechanic (L)	D221077F	49	Submarine Service from 1989 to 1998 in CONQUEROR, ORACLE, SPARTAN, VANGUARD & VICTORIOUS

Scottish Branch	25 th December 2021	David J Macleod	Chief Petty Officer MEM (M)	D124046Y	87	Submarine Service from 1974 to 1994 in RENOWN (1974/77), REPULSE (1978/81) & RENOWN (1985/91)
Southampton Branch	27th December 2021	William Hoy	Chief Radio Supervisor	P/JX 581956	94	Submarine Service from July 1948 to March 1973 in ALCIDE, TOKEN & REPULSE
Submarines Association of Australia Queensland	31 st December 2021	John Arthur Francis Beams	Temporary Sub Lieutenant (Sp Br) RNVR	N/A	96	Submarine Service from 1943 to 1946 in VARBEL, BONAVENTURE & X-Craft including XE-3