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Winter 2014 Newsletter

A belated happy new year to you all. I had planned to publish this newsletter just before Christmas to coincide with the publication of In Depth Number 47.

Unfortunately I was unwell over the festive season then a computer crash caused me to lose my original newsletter, luckily I regularly back up the National and branch databases I must now do the same with my other documents. Since the new year I have been tied up on my National Membership Secretary duties.

I apologise to those of you that can only get In Depth by snail mail that you will be getting your copy a month late.

Subscriptions

I have yet to receive 2015 subscriptions from 80 out of 281 branch members. I would be pleased to receive outstanding subscriptions as soon as possible. Please make your cheque payable to *Submariners Association-Dolphin Branch*. As a reminder subs are £12.50, and for residents outside the UK £7.50

If you would prefer to pay by bank transfer please contact me for our bank details.

If you would prefer to pay by standing order please contact me for a mandate.

2015 Diaries

I still have a few 2015 Diaries. The cost is £2.20p plus postage. Let me know if you would like one, either by telephone or email. There is no need to send any money until you receive the diary.

Branch AGM & Social

I was disappointed to have to cancel the social in Southsea back in November due to a lack of response. I would like to put the following ideas forward for your consideration;

a, We hold our AGM on the same day and at the same venue as the National Conference.

b. As the National Family's weekend has been amalgamated with the National Conference we have a branch weekend and AGM in October each year.

Obituaries

I regret to report that the following branch members have crossed the bar.

Roger Whitby aged 58, suddenly on Saturday 10th January. Roger leaves behind Camilla, his wife, and two teenage children. Our condolences go out to Camilla and the children. The funeral details are not yet known. Roger served on Otus(81), Otter(82-83) and Opportune(84-86).

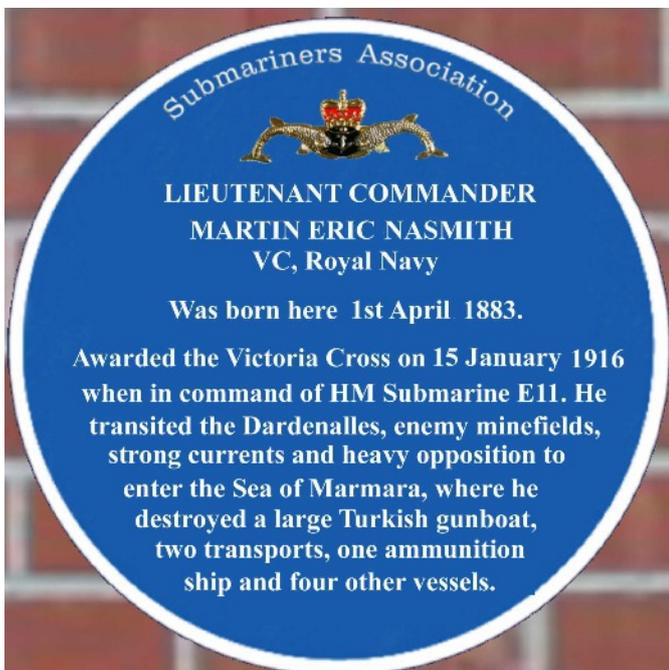
John Anderson aged 94, on 26th October last. John served from 1941 to 1946 on Tribune, Una, Sportsman and Sea Rover.

His funeral was in Easy Wemyss and I sent a wreath from the branch. There was no branch member living nearby so I asked Sandy Stuart, Chairman of the Grangemouth Branch, to take the wreath and represent us at the funeral.

Note, I subsequently received a donation of £50 from John's son. Sandy Stuart, who piped the still at the interment, also received a cheque for £50 from John's son. Sandy donated his £50 to us. The Grangemouth Branch is a newly formed branch and I would like to propose that we donate the £100 to the Grangemouth branch to kick start their branch funds.

Lt Cdr Martin Eric Nasmith VC

A Blue plaque, provided by the Association, dedicated to Lt Cdr Nasmith will be unveiled at his birthplace in Barnes London on Saturday 11th April.



HMS Truculent

A picture of two magnificent cakes that were made for the service to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the loss of HM Submarine Truculent. The Memorial Service took place on Saturday 10th January 2015 at St. George's Church, Chatham, formerly HMS Pembroke, the event as always was hosted and organised by the Medway Towns Branch



Society of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum

I've been requested to make you aware that the Society of Friends of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum are actively seeking new Members. This is to help ensure that support for the Heritage of the Submarine Service is kept alive for future generations and to also help fund specific projects to improve the Museum and its collection.

Membership of the Friends is on a personal basis.

- The minimum annual subscription is £20 but many give more and the majority of members sign a Gift Aid certificate which enables the Society to reclaim tax.
- Members have unlimited free entry to the Museum with one guest
- Members receive a Year Book 'All Round Look' which has articles and book reviews of wide submarine interest
- Members receive bulletins keeping them up to date with progress at the Museum
- The Annual General Meeting is in late June/early July followed by a reception at the Museum

Contact the Museum for a joining form.

After seven years involvement with the Royal Naval Submarine Museum, with the Alliance project very successfully completed and the Royal Navy Submarine Museum fully integrated into the National Museum of the Royal Navy, Vice Admiral Sir Tim McClement has decided to step down as Chairman of Trustees. He has handed over to Captain Dan Conley.

Thanks to Sir Tim's tremendous commitment and drive together with his very successful fundraising efforts, *Alliance* is in excellent shape and proving a first rate visitor attraction reflected by visitor numbers which since April have approached the 100,000 total.

Humour

Had an Irish mixed grill !! New potatoes, roast potatoes, boiled potatoes, mashed potatoes, waffles and hash browns with chips.

Got a text saying: "Congratulations you have won either £1000 cash or tickets to see Elvis Presley.

Press 1 for the money, 2 for the show....."

My wife just asked me if her appendix scar made her look unattractive. Apparently the response of "don't worry babe, your tits cover it" wasn't the answer she was looking for.