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Greetings to all Shipmates

Editor's log Date

18/05/2009 Time 19.12hrs Position 52° 29' 50.33" N, 1° 45' 05.14" E Heading 04° Speed, 0 knots – land locked. Stores sit rep – rum stocks still good, to be sampled at very regular intervals to ensure quality.

Here we go with another helping of dits from "The Nest" which we hope will keep you up to speed with what is happening in the world of the RNPSA.

Ship's badges

We are all familiar with the HMS Europa badge but before the Lowestoft base was given the name of Europa it had two other names, HMS Pembroke X and HMS Romola. Reproduced here are the badges but the one for Romola, given the round surround, is probably from the later Algerine class Minesweeper commissioned in May 1945 but the rest of the badge would have been the same.

The site at Sparrow's Nest was first requisitioned on 23.08.1939, the first staff arrived 25.08.1939, the first recruits arrived 26.08.1939 and the first draft out was 27.08.1939. The site was known as HMS Pembroke X (the 10th sub base of HMS Pembroke at Chatham). This name stayed until 15.02.1940 when it changed to HMS Romola until 14.03.1940. The base was named HMS Europa on 14.03.1940 and paid off 01.06.1946 but was re-commissioned as a tender to HMS Pembroke IV (Chatham accounting base) finally closing down on 27.08.1946. The Nominal Depot ships were MB 39663 to 05.1944 and Harbour Launch 42752 from 05.1944 to 06.1946. HMS Romola was the name for the commercial port of Lowestoft from 01.09.1939 and commissioned as the Minesweeping base on 07.11.1939 and then, as above, the Central Depot of the RNPS from 15.02.1940 until it changed to Europa.

On 1st June 1940 the plan was to move the Central Depot from Lowestoft to the Lion Hotel in Shrewsbury and then to the Barge Hotel in order to draw the attention of German aircraft away from Lowestoft but this was cancelled as it could have been seen by the Germans as "running away".

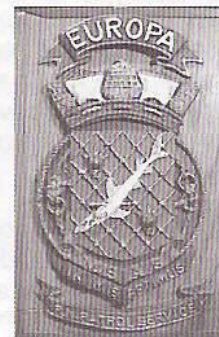
HMS Europa II was the overflow camp at Bungay airfield, commissioned on 25.09.1945 and paid off on 31.05.1946 when it transferred to the Air Ministry and later the RAF. HMS Europa II was set up to deal with the large number of RNPS men on demob.



HMS Pembroke X



HMS Romola



HMS Europa

From the Secretary, John Dunn

Well Folks, here we go again. To try to bring you all up to date with the latest state of affairs.

The New Memorial at the National Arboretum has progressed very well and we must thank S/M J.Hodge of the West Midlands Branch for all his hard work. Now for the details of the unveiling of the memorial. The date of the unveiling of the Memorial Service will be Sunday the 23rd August 2009.

1, Parade will muster at the Chapel for march off at 11.00am to the Memorial. The Service will start at 11.30am and will be conducted by the National Padre of the RNPSA Rev. Jim Izzard.

2. The National President, Commander Gary Titmus R.N will do the unveiling of the Memorial. A Piper will lead the Parade from the Chapel to the Memorial. Hymns will be played by the Band of the Salvation Army. After the Service, parade is dismissed.

Meals are Available at the Centre. The arrangements are as follows. (1) In the main Room to seat 120 and the cost of the meal is £16.50 and must be booked in advance through S/M J. Hodge. Of West Midlands Branch.

(2) There is a public restaurant providing meals for around £8.00. (3) A Picnic Area where you can bring your own food or purchase a picnic bag. Members opting for items 2 or 3 must make their own arrangements. Rigs of The Day will be blazers and full medals.

The Next Item is the Annual Reunion and will be from Monday the 28th September and the Service of Remembrance will again be held in Belle Vue Park on Saturday the 3rd October commencing at 11.00. Members muster at entrance to Park from 10.30 to March to the Memorial. The Annual Dinner will again be held at the Ocean Room on Saturday 3rd Oct and we have held the cost at £23.50. The menu will be as follows.

Soup of the Day or Fruit Juice
Roast Leg of Lamb with seasons Vegetables
Trifle and Coffee.

The Beaconsfield Club has been booked for the Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October and we would like to see more members here as it is not very nice for a D.J. to play to himself all evening.

Friday 2nd October sees us once again at the Ocean Room where we again have music from K-SYL-R. who are also playing for the Dinner / Dance on Saturday 3rd.

We now come to the unpleasant part. The Office had a great shock when a phone message received on the 30 Dec that our great Friend "Jock" Taylor of Norwich had died suddenly that day. Since then we have lost S/M Alf Baker of the West Midlands Branch who did so much to get the New Memorial off the ground also Albert Shorter who died in his sleep in February, then the wife Ted Smith of Loughton, Lou, died in her sleep in March. So the New Year did not start off on a very good footing. Then the Office team has had a Chest infection following them around!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Trinity Methodist Church on Friday the 2nd October and will commence at 1.30 pm. All matters for the meeting must be in by the end of August as the Agenda has to be compiled and printed. Members who wish to be elected to the National Committee please submit their names to Headquarters as requested for the AGM. We would like to see as many members at the AGM as possible but please note we do start sharp at 1.30. For those who do not know, the Trinity Methodist Church is situated on the main road just above the Museum opposite the lighthouse and is a modern looking building. Vehicle access is at the rear via Park Road.

Guest of Honour

Our Guest of Honour at this year's reunion will be Commodore T P D Hennessey Royal Navy, the new Naval Regional Commander, Eastern England who is based at HMS President in London. At the time of writing he is due to take up the post at the end of July.

Queenborough

This annual parade and service to commemorate HMS Wildfire III will be on Sunday 13th September with all the usual times and places as per previous years. They always treat us very well when we go there and some members travel quite a long way for what has become a firm fixture on our calendar. Their HMS Wildfire museum will also be open and is well worth a visit.

The program of events is as follows:

- 13:30 Parade muster, outside The Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Queenborough.
- 13:45 Parade march off.
- 14:00 Memorial Service in Queenborough Park.
- 14:30 Parade and march past, with salute taken outside the Guildhall.

Following this there will be a reception at the Borough Hall, Main Road, Queenborough. Transport has been arranged, if needed.

Sunset - a distant memory

For a period of my service I managed the carpenter's shop and the maintenance of St. Lukes on Kirkley Cliff in Lowestoft and we used to get visits from a very elderly Chief Petty Officer concerning various aspects of my duties and he would often tell us little stories of his experiences. He was leaving one day and said "No Little story today Chief?", he paused and thought for a moment then said "We came across the Pacific and docked in Panama in company with some American Navy ships, in the evening we had the traditional Evening Colours and Sunset service and twenty or thirty Negroes stopped and listened, the next evening there were hundreds and then for the rest of our stay each evening there was an ocean of black faces, the Yanks did not like it at all, they did not get that kind of attention." The Chief said goodbye and left, I never saw him again as shortly after I was drafted to Chatham, my first evening I made a point of attending Evening Colours, the tradition, the still, the beautiful evening hymn, the flag slowly descending, the bugles ringing out into the evening sky, Magic just magic. I know why those thousands of Negroes had attended each evening. I have attended Colours on several occasions since but that first experience remains one of my most treasured memories, I wonder if any other old sailors share with me?

I thought it would be a pity if Chiefs little story should be lost in the mists of time, I forget the name of his ship but I feel certain it was one of the great battleships.

This was sent in by Jack Dewell ex RNPS & RN and is certainly a sentiment I agree with, Sunset performed by the Royal Marines is the envy of all the other services! (ed.)

Membership Renewals – a repeat reminder

Following on from the previous item, if you know of anyone who has not received their Newsletter this time it is for this reason but it is not too late to pay up and look happy! The membership rate for this year is £8 and our Treasurer will be overjoyed to receive renewals. This next part is VERY IMPORTANT. Since the changes to the postal system, we have had to collect some member's subscriptions and books from the Post Office and pay an extra £1.06 because they were too thick for the 5mm slot and therefore the ordinary postage did not cover it. We cannot sustain these extra costs. SUGGESTION. When sending in your subs, please remove the plastic cover and open up the insert and lay it flat, then enclose your stamped addressed envelope (6½" x 4½") laid flat. Send to HQ in a (7½" x 5") envelope, or in new money, (190mm x 127mm).

Branch and member information

Following on from the above item, this is a well rehearsed request but nevertheless one that seems to fall by the wayside in a lot of cases. Can you please inform the Secretary at "The Nest" of any changes to your address etc. Each time we do a mailing run we get a lot returned by the Post Office marked "Not at this address". Can we again also remind all Branch Secretaries to keep HQ up to date on their membership records in all classes of membership such as Life, Associate and Widows.

New Memorial



Smiles all round

The lads at the West Midlands Branch have yet again championed our cause for the new memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas and put in another sterling fundraising effort. On this occasion an event at Smethwick Baths raised £1,056 and the picture shows the Centre Manager handing over the loot to S/M Norman Leavesley watched by fellow Branch members and fellow fund raiser, Standard Bearer Arthur Young. Arthur has single handedly raised almost half of the total cost of the memorial with sponsored walks and various other fund raising events. The memorial is now on site and erected but unfortunately the instigator of the project, Alf Baker, died 2 days before it was erected but he had seen photographs of it in the stone masons yard.

Memorial Dedication, National Memorial Arboretum - From John Hodge

1. Memorial Dedication

Date: - Sunday 23rd August, 2009.
Venue: - National Memorial Arboretum,
Croxall Road, Alrewas,
Staffordshire. DE13 7AR.
Telephone: - 01283 792333.

2. Parade.

Fall in at 1100 outside the marquee, where there will be a reception table manned by two RNPSA volunteers. There will be a short march to the memorial, where the Service will be at 1130.

Rig of the Day.

Uniform or Association Blazers with medals. Standards will be paraded.

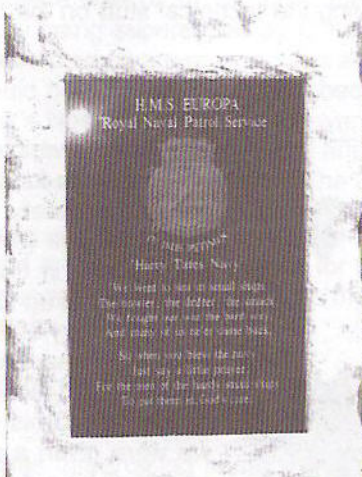
3. Dining Arrangements.

Reserved Dining Room: This is for a Carvery Meal, cost £16.50 which must be booked and paid for in advance, to John Hodge.

Public Dining Room:

The meal provided will cost about £8.00. For this option you will have to make your own arrangements.

Picnic Area: This is available for those providing their own meal, free of charge.



2 views of our new memorial on the day it was erected

If you are going for the **Reserved Dining**, the tables are circular seating 8 people. If you wish to be seated with old shipmates please signify when booking.

4. Chapel Service.

There is a Service held in the Chapel at 1000 which is well worth going to if you arrive early.

5. Enquiries and bookings.

These should be made to:-

John Hodge, Midlands Branch Secretary, 17, Irnham Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. B74 2TP.
Telephone: 0121 308 4596. E-mail hodge2tp@btinternet.com

Calling all Standard Bearers

Following on from the last two articles about the new Memorial and its dedication at Alrewas, we would like as many Standards there as possible to attend, not just RNPSA Standards but other ex-service associations as well. Standard Bearers have always supported each others events and this makes the event more colourful as well as giving the event a more important feel, so come on lads, if you know any Standard bearers have a chat with them.

Welfare

We have been able to advise on grants that are available and of other bodies that offer both actual and financial help to ex-service men and women. Bonnie Whisstock is just a phone call or letter away and can offer help in starting the ball rolling. The various funds that are out there are not just there to help out with a few pounds. If, for example, a disability means that alterations have to be made to your house then this is something that some of the charities can assist with.

There is no shame in asking for help and your details and circumstances are strictly confidential and go no further than the case worker dealing with your case.

Bonnie's contact details are - Mrs Bonnie Whisstock, 133 Corton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4PR. Tel. 01502 584555 or via e-mail at bonnie@theharbour.fsbusiness.co.uk

A tale of equality – or not!

Our good friend, Pat Griffiths our Canadian Secretary, has sent me some information which some of you may not be aware of. It seems that Canadian ex- service men are given quite a bit when they leave the services. Pat writes..... Lately a good friend of mine who served in the Royal Canadian Navy and not even went to sea, died having been given all the handouts when he was discharged such as a land grant to build a house and in more recent times as old age crept up on him, a variety of free medical aids such as a walker and special electric chair that reclines and also raises up to help you get out of it (cost approx \$1,500 Canadian). On his death his relatives contacted the Veteran's Affairs dept. In order to return these items for further use but were told to dispose of them as garbage as they had no use for them. The main point of Patrick's moan is that he served in the Royal Navy on a Destroyer on loan to the Canadian Navy and then on a BYMS sweeping around Halifax and Newfoundland before sweeping off Cherbourg for D-Day. After the war he settled in Canada and became a Canadian citizen and has lived for over 50 years in Canada BUT he is not entitled to anything from the Canadian Government as an ex-service man, unlike his Canadian born friend. Patrick has taken the issue to his MP and also to the Canadian Prime Minister but has not had the decency of a reply yet. It makes you think.

Curator

The work that Alf and his helpers are doing in the museum is moving along nicely and the present work is to copy and log all the photographs – this goes into thousands but it will mean that we should be able to preserve the originals and display copies. June tries to keep Alf in his place and James has got the right idea and keeps out of it, staying in the Curator's room doing the technical stuff on the computer, copying and digitally "cleaning up" the old photographs.

Charity Donation



S.L.P./ B.P. which is a Lowestoft based company making Modules and Rigs etc for the offshore oil and gas industry runs a scheme called the Safety Observation Scheme and is run on the basis of any employee who notes down a possible Health and Safety issue and pops it in the box benefits the fund to the tune of £25, this soon mounts up to the benefit of many Charities.

The secretary of the scheme, Jane Zachariades (who just happens to be our Treasurer's daughter), put our name forward as a worthy recipient and along with other local charities we were invited along to the new Orbis Centre in Lowestoft for the presentations where we were given a cheque for £1000 for which we are very grateful and it will be put to good use.

The picture shows from left to right Mr. Chris Ruthven, (SLP/BP Safety Officer), John Street (RNPSA Chairman), Jane Zachariades (SOS Sec. & Our Sponsor), Alf Muffett (RNPSA Museum Curator) and Mr. Chris Sabberton (Project Manager) at the Charity Presentation of £1,000 from their Safety Observation Scheme.

HMT Kurd

On the Sunday evening of April 26th S/M Ted Godding from the Wirral passed away very suddenly. In fact he had telephoned me on the Saturday to say how much better he was and that he was coming to the reunion. His long time local friend Ron Balshaw spoke to him on the Sunday and nothing seemed amiss. Ted was one of the survivors of the trawler HMT Kurd which was sunk by a mine on 10th July 1945 off the Lizard. Just recently divers recovered the bell and bracket from the wreck of the Kurd and these were returned to Portsmouth for cleaning and preservation. The news got back to Ted and he was over the moon and he contacted both the RN Museum Curator and myself about getting some pictures. I went down to the RN Museum in Portsmouth Dockyard and the Curator took me "back stage" to the items in store and showed me the bell and bracket and it is hard to believe that they had been in the water for 63 years as they had cleaned up exceptionally well as can be seen from the accompanying photographs. Ted's dying wish was for the bell to come to our Museum in Lowestoft, if not permanently then at least for the duration of the 2009 reunion. Both he and I have broached the subject with the Curator and I will be seeing him again in July and will pursue it further. HMT Kurd was the last RNPS ship to be lost during the war. Of the thirteen ships lost after her, there were 2 Algerine class sweepers, 2 MTBs, 2 MLs, 4 Landing craft, a Tug, a Collier and a fuelling ship.



The bell and bracket at the RN Museum, Portsmouth

New CDs

There can't be many, if any, RNPS men who have not heard of the Blue Mariners dance band. Made up from serving RNPS men but with the benefit of all being professional musicians before being called up, they entertained not only at Lowestoft but made numerous radio broadcasts to the point that they gave the RAF band The Squadronaires a run for their money. Lead by PO George Crow they were basically a six piece band but numbers and line up sometimes changed due to men being posted. The hard core that made most of the recordings were George Crow (piano), Freddy Gardner (alto sax and clarinet), Reg Pink (tenor sax), Hughie Radcliffe (trumpet), Ron Clitheroe (trombone), Al Jennings (bass), Freddy Latham (drums and vocals) and Ivor Pye (vocals). Even to this day Freddy Gardner is regarded as one of the world's greatest saxophone players with CDs of his work still being released.



L – R George Crow, Freddy Gardner, Al Jennings, Freddy Latham, Hughie Radcliffe, Ron Clitheroe & Reg Pink

Some years ago the late Jimmy Brown had a cassette tape of 3 radio broadcasts by the Blue Mariners which he used to copy for interested people. With tape now being superseded by CD and a recent request for a copy on disk, I decided to make some enquiries. A local recording engineer who specialises in "cleaning up" old recordings for recording companies to issue said that he would do it for me at no cost because we were such a good cause and also because he used to work in the Sparrow's Nest Theatre after the war. He has managed to take out as much hiss and crackle as possible without interfering with the actual music and we are now in a position to offer the CD, which runs for 59 mins, to members and will become a slops item. The cost is £4.00 plus postage.

Still on the subject of CDs, many years ago a member, Dick Burgess, recorded the story of the Patrol Service on tape which ran for 90 mins and gives a great insight to the RNPS especially for those of a younger generation who did not experience it. Again our friendly recording engineer took the tape into the studio and has re-recorded it into a 2 CD set which we are selling for £5.00 plus postage.

Please order the above CDs using the Slops list at the end of this Newsletter.

Researching family history

I was contacted last year by a gentleman who was undertaking some of his family history research which had thrown up the information that there was a RNPS connection (an incident involving the Trawler Alberic). I gave him my usual contact details such as MoD and RN records etc. and he followed this up with a visit to our Museum. We had a very interesting time and he promised to let me know the outcome of his research. I have taken his "general observations" (with names removed) as a rough guide for anyone embarking on such a search:-

General Register Office Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths are usually available in County Records Offices on micro-fiche. Copies of the full certificate can be ordered by 'phone and cost £8.50. They can be accessed on-line. Some Government Departments and Agencies will require proof of your kinship relationship before releasing

information about servicemen and their dependants. In this instance, copies of my birth certificate, that of my mother and that of Charles proved sufficient.

Initial contact with potential sources by telephone or e-mail can save a lot of wasted time. Some sources of information can take up to five weeks to reply and the response can be negative. Be prepared to part with money – some make a charge of £30 to make a search of their archives.

Expect to get replies which are little more than standard letters topped and tailed to appear as a reply to your query. These letters will almost certainly refer you to other agencies and departments – but simply as a list of options not because any of them necessarily have anything of use to you.

If you are confident that the source should have information of use to you, then be prepared to apply a little pressure by 'phone or e-mail. At times I suspected that the policy was to avoid the work of searching their archive if possible and to hope that you would turn to another of the listed sources.

Having seen a full and detailed report of the particular search in question it is easy to see some of the hurdles that had to be crossed, such as:- ... in response my letter was returned asking me to return a completed form with a kinship form, a cheque for £30 and supporting birth certificates. Some six weeks later my cheque was returned together with a letter telling me that the records were now at National Archive, Kew.

From another line of enquiry:- The response to my letter answered none of the questions. A standard letter giving directions to other agencies. I 'phoned and complainedfour weeks later I received a letter from the section giving me the answers to all three questions.

The moral is don't take "no" for an answer.

Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA)

The Veterans Agency is a very useful contact on all aspects of veterans affairs and don't forget that a veteran is anyone who has served in the armed forces, up to the present day, for at least 24 hours and not been dishonourably discharged. Their contact details are as follows:-

Freephone 0800 169 22 77 (UK only) BT Mobile, Orange, Virgin or 3 mobile, Customers will not be charged for the call by their provider. +44 1253 866043 (Overseas). 0800 169 34 58 Textphone facility (UK only)

Telephone lines are open: 8.15am to 5.15pm Monday to Thursday; and 8.15am to 4.30pm Friday.

By post:- Service Personnel and Veterans Agency

FREEPOST NAT18006

Norcross

Thornton Cleveleys

FY5 3ZA (1st Class) or FY5 3ZZ (2nd Class)

Website www.veterans-uk.info

Heroes Return 2

The Big Lottery Fund has announced the opening of its funding initiative, Heroes Return 2, pledging funding for veterans, spouses, widows and carers wishing to mark overseas anniversaries throughout 2009 and 2010. Second World War veterans across the country can sign up for a new multi-million pound commemorative funding scheme that will provide Lottery support for anniversary trips to the places where they saw action. The Fund has opened up a Heroes Return 2 hotline for all veterans to ring for further information: Heroes Return 2 Helpline: 0845 00 00 121.

Further Information: Public Enquiries Line: 08454 102030 Textphone: 0845 6021 659

Full details of the Big Lottery Fund programmes and grant awards are on the website:www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Museum visits

For information, the Museum and office are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings until about 11.30 (ish). What we do recommend is that if you are travelling some distance that you telephone a few days beforehand to either the office on 01502 586250 or my home on 01502 584555 and we can arrange, if necessary, to open up for you at a suitable time. When you do arrive at the top room of the Museum please turn to your right and wave!! as you will be on CCTV. This new "toy" help us when we are busy in the office as we can see when someone comes in and we can then go out to them and offer them assistance and our extensive wealth of knowledge.

Web sites

Don't forget, if you have access to a computer, to keep checking the 2 web sites connected to our Association which are: www.rnps.lowestoft.org.uk run by Mike Sims and www.harry-tates.org.uk run by Nick Clark. Both offer a wealth of information. There are also plenty of other sites where you can search for old oppos or look for things to do with the war and the Royal Navy. Nick is looking for anyone who can supply a story for his "Veterans Stories" section. Take a look at some of the photos, how did they get their hats to stay on "flat aback"?

If you have any items for inclusion in the next Newsletter or comments on this one, please send them to me at , Leo Whisstock, 133 Corton Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4PR. Tel. 01502 584555 or via e-mail at rnpsa@theharbour.fsbusiness.co.uk

Yours Aye, **The Duty Watch**

Shipmates Corner

If you do not have access to e-mail or you have information on any of the following enquiries that do not have contact details, then you can pass the information to me (Leo) at the address above or to Nick Clark, 174 Manton Crescent, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2GA Tel: 07841 107641 info@rnpatrolservice.org.uk Please note this is a new address and telephone No. for Nick.

I am trying to find out some information about my grandfathers time in the Navy. His name is **Samuel Clarke** and he is from Belfast, he was an ABS and joined on 14th July 1942 and was released on 1st July 1946. He once served on **HMS Northern Gift**. Email Susan susmck0@hotmail.com

Does anyone remember my dad '**Spud**' Taylor who is now 88? He was at the Sparrow's Nest after training at Pembroke, Chatham in 1939/40. He served as a cook on **HMS Solon** (minesweeping trawler) and the **Jacqueline Classine**. He went on the Queen Mary to USA to collect **BYMS 205** from where he tells of the Newfoundland men eating seagulls and having to jettison things overboard when they met icebergs. He also patrolled Irish Sea running into German U boats and picking up a German pilot. Carole Brunton. Email carole.brunton@btopenworld.com

My grandfather **Stanley Ellarby** was lost on the **Ocean Retriever** in the Thames Estuary. He had only been re-deployed that very day after shore leave after being torpedoed on another vessel. I'm trying to find out which vessel that was or if anybody served with him remembers him. James Jessop Email: i3syj@yahoo.co.uk

Alexander[Sandy]Sinclair stood by **BYMS 2171** building at Henry C Grebe Boatbuilders on the Chicago River along with some really good mates upon whom he reflected occasionally when in a mood of recall of the times they had together and what a large part that luck played in their lives during those difficult years of the War on those fantastic little minesweepers. They left Chicago and made their way down the Mississippi to New Orleans for commissioning and then to Europe and then on to the Med, Adriatic and possibly the Aegean? One mate he had been in touch with was **Jimmy Fullerton** from Shetland and he was happy about this albeit by post. Any further information would be most welcomingly received, such as other crew names etc. Email jd.carmichael@virgin.net

My father, **William Henry Neill**, joined up on 5 August 1940. He was rated Stoker 2nd Class and joined **HMS Caswell** on 21 September 1940. On 25 March 1941 he was awarded the Silver A/S+M/S Badge (pin type) of which he valued much more than his campaign medals. He transferred to **HMS Ythan Braes** on 26 February 1943, and returned to the UK, Ythan Braes was a water carrier, but was converted to a floating petrol station to refuel landing craft off the Normandy beaches on 6 June 1944.

I would be very grateful for any pictures or information about my father, his shipmates, or of the ships they served in. I have a few photographs and my father's yarns which I will willingly share.

David Neill mailto:dwneill@hotmail.com

I am researching my uncle **William James Stokes**, Stoker 1c, C/KX 141146 he was a crew member of Motor Torpedo Boat **MTB 93**. Sadly, he was killed in a collision off Harwich on 18 August 1944 with **MTB 729**. If any members can help with any information or photo's I would be most grateful. Email d.keen@live.co.uk

I'm looking for any information on my Dad, **Frederick Cook** of Sutcliffe Avenue, Grimsby. He was a skipper of a fishing vessel, and also an acting lieutenant on a mine sweeper during WW 2. I'm particularly interested to find reports of his accidental shooting of a crewman during drill exercises on board ship, for which he lost stripes.

Colin Cook Email: colindouglas2007@yahoo.com

My Great Uncle, Seaman **Thomas W Innes**, who was in the Royal Naval Patrol Service served on **HMS St Kilda**. Looking for someone that may remember him or who served aboard the trawler? Email: cwmoran@gmail.com

Keep the odds and ends coming, they all make interesting reading – I already have a couple of items for the next Newsletter as space was tight in this one.

Obituary for Spring 2008

S/M A Baker	Solihul	W Midlands	S/M A Shorter	Meopham	Kent
S/M H Blackie	Rugeley	Staffs	S/M J Silcock	Leeds	Yorkshire
S/M F Clough	Ripley	Debyshire	S/M J Stone	Wheatley	Oxfordshire
S/M J Davenport	Clacton	Essex	S/M J Taylor	Norwich	Norfolk
S/M R Dunn	Radcliffe	Manchester	S/M J Wilcox	Newton le Willows	Merseyside
S/M J Griffiths	Rochdale	Lancashire	S/M H Ironmonger	Lowestoft	Suffolk
S/M F Hill	Stourbridge	W Midlands	S/M C King	Aldeby	Suffolk
S/M C Jones	Blakley	Manchester	S/M E Godding	Eastham	Wirral
S/M S Sorenson	Cleethorpes	Lincolnshire	S/M C Anderson	Colchester	Essex

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them

Draw books

Those of you who have indicated that they wish to receive our annual draw books will find 5 books enclosed with this Newsletter. The tickets are 20p each (£1 per book) and the completed counterfoils plus £5 should be sent to the Secretary at "The Nest" as soon as possible. If you require extra books these will also be available from The Secretary.

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BOOKING FORM FOR ANNUAL REUNION DINNER - SAT 3rd OCTOBER 2009

The dinner will be at the Ocean Room, Gorleston, doors open at 6.15 for 7.00pm

Name _____ Membership No. _____ Tel No. _____

Address _____

I would like _____ Tickets (£23.50 each) Roast Leg of Lamb / Vegetarian (please indicate choice and number)

I would like to sit with _____

I would like _____ coach tickets for Friday evening at £5.00 each £ _____

I would like _____ coach tickets for Saturday evening at £5.00 each £ _____

PLEASE CHECK WITH MUSEUM OFFICE FOR COACH TIMES AND CONFIRM PICK UP POINTS

Preferred pick up point _____ TOTAL PAYMENT £ _____

Refunds on dinner tickets will only be possible up to 1st October. After this date NO refunds will be made.

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