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Greetings to all Shipmates

Editor's log

Date 30/05/2011 Time 11.45hrs Position 52° 29' 50.33" N, 1° 45' 05.14" E. Situation confused due to external factors – see later in newsletter.

From the Office

Since before Christmas both our Secretary, John Dunn and our Chairman, John Street have been absent from the Museum due to illness and both have had a very rough time of it. Only in the last couple of weeks has John Street started coming down again and is slowly starting to find his feet again. John Dunn has been stopped by his doctor from climbing the stairs to the Museum but we are going to try and fix him up with a "mini office" in the bottom room.

During their prolonged absence Vice Chairman Charlie Harris, June, Brown, Ted Thompson and Alf Muffett have been keeping all the balls in the air and it has to be said that they all assumed the added burden of leadership like true professionals, helped of course by amply supplies of Charlie's tea.

Reunion 2011

The main reason for the lateness of this Newsletter is that we have had a major set back in the reunion arrangements. At last year's meal at the Wherry Hotel we approached the Manager and Area manager and booked again for this year. Some while ago I started on this Newsletter and decided to go down to the Wherry to finalise the menu so that it could be printed here for you. When I spoke to them about our booking they told me that it was not going to happen because they were closing the week before for a major re-build programme. To say I was dumbfounded is an understatement, I tried appealing to their better nature but they were not going to move on their decision. We looked around and approached two local venues of a suitable size but – you guessed it, they were already booked for that night. After talking through all the possible options we approached a local hotel who can accommodate us but it will be a smaller venue than we are used to. We will therefore hold the Friday evening dinner and raffle at the Ambassador Suite at the Hotel Hatfield, Esplanade, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 0QG which is on the sea front. There is actually a Patrol Service connection with this new venue as during the war it was used for accommodation and my father was billeted there while at HMS Martello, on the docks, before being posted to Gibraltar. So, with the panic seemingly over, can we ask you to complete the menu form at the end of this Newsletter making sure to indicate your choice of menu.

So, the programme for the reunion is -

1. The service of remembrance will NOT be changed, this remains at 11.00 on Sat. 8th Oct. (muster 10.45)
2. The rest of the reunion will be as follows, nothing booked for Monday to Thursday.
3. Friday 7th the AGM will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Park Road at 1.30
4. The annual Dinner will be held on **Friday 7th** at the Ambassador Suite, Hotel Victoria, Lowestoft, 6.30 for 7.00 and the cost will be £23 per head. There will be no coach transport due to the costs but there is a small car park opposite plus street parking. See booking form at the end of the newsletter to make your menu choice.
5. The reunion will end after the service on Saturday with "Sunset" outside the museum by the mast.

Wreaths

Any wreaths that people or Branches wish to obtain from HQ to be laid at the memorial at the reunion, or at other times, i.e. Remembrance Day, must be ordered well in advance from HQ and also paid for in advance.

Draw books

If you live in the UK and have indicated to HQ that you wish to receive the annual reunion draw books then there will be 5 books included with this Newsletter. The cost is £1 per book and the counterfoils, money and any unsold tickets should be sent back to the Secretary as soon as possible. It has always been Association policy that the annual reunion is funded from the sale of the draw books and does not draw on general funds, with this in mind and our slowly decreasing number of members, please do your best to sell / buy the tickets to help the Association.

Diving on wrecks

We have recently had an enquiry about the legality of diving on wrecks and removing bits from them particularly when lives were lost and bodies never recovered. We took advice from two sources, the first was from one of our Honorary Life members who runs the Joint Services Diving Club in Gibraltar and the second was from Navy Command Headquarters in Portsmouth and their responses are as follows.

1. To answer your question on wreck ethics, very few wrecks are legally designated as war graves, however for all wrecks where there was loss of life, there is generally a moral obligation to leave the wreckage as it is, unless there are very good reasons to do otherwise. If anything is removed, this must be reported to the Receiver of Wreck, otherwise the remover is liable to prosecution. Further details are available on the receiver's website row@mcca.gov.uk

2. From Navy Command Headquarters: It might be useful if I provide some background to the issue of wrecked military vessels and their protection. If such ships were lost with loss of life, the Ministry of Defence considers them to be military maritime graves and in general believes that they should remain undisturbed and be protected as far as is practicable. The Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 allows for two levels of designation for maritime military remains. Designation as a Controlled Site is very restrictive and virtually prohibits any activity in the vicinity of the wreck unless a licence is obtained from the Secretary of State. The second and more common type of designation is that of a Protected Place which is not as restrictive and does allow diving but on a 'look don't touch basis'.

The MOD has had previous correspondence on HMT ***** and a proposal to remove the helm. I can reassure you that it was made clear to the individual concerned that the MOD would in no way give consent to the removal of the helm from the wreck.

I can confirm that although neither the HMT ***** or the HMT ***** are specifically designated under the Protection of Military Remains Act (PMRA) 1986, the Department views the wrecks as military maritime graves and as such believes that they should be accorded the dignity and respect they deserve. For these sites the Department requests that any diving activities on these sites should follow these guidelines:

- No attempt should be made to gain access to the inside of the wreck or touch or disturb or in any way interfere with the wreck.
- There should be no attempt to remove artefacts of any kind from the wreck.
- Whilst there is no objection to still photography or filming of the wreck, this should be limited to photographing /filming the exterior of the wreck.
- Every effort must be made to avoid photographing or filming any human remains.
- Any photographs/film inadvertently taken of human remains should under no circumstances be published/broadcast.

Information sought

One of our Associate members and former Guest of Honour, Graham Salt, is a Naval researcher and has asked for our members help in a piece of research he is undertaking, he writes –

At the moment I am doing some research on how the three services used the Ardamurchan Peninsula in Western Scotland for training purposes in the Second World War, especially during the build up to D-Day.

One thing I came across was that members of the Royal Naval Patrol Service were trained at Loch Ailort to command and crew landing craft. This training became known as the "Lochailort System".

Graham is after any information on this training system and the men who were sent to Scotland and if possible any photographs. If you can help contact Graham at 6 Flamingo Court, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 8PQ

Standard Bearer



When I was 9 years old I proudly carried the flag for the 6th Tolworth Cub Pack, now 52 years later I am still at it with our National Standard but thankfully without the short trousers!



New book

We have been notified by Honorary Life member, Peter Mulvany, of a new book. It is written by Frances Evans, titled **Quiet Endurance**, about her parent's exploits when they left Argentina during the war to return to England aboard the "Afric Star" and their subsequent imprisonment by the Germans after they sunk the Afric Star.

With each book sold a donation goes to the Royal British Legion.

Copies can be obtained from
Peter Mulvany B.C.L (Hons) HDip Arts Admin
51 Conquer Hill Road
Clontarf
Dublin 3 Tel: 00353 1 8053908
quietendurance2001-books@yahoo.co.uk

War grave photographs

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is now working in association with **The War Graves Photographic Project (TWGPP)** to supply photographs, either emailed or hard copies, of gravestones or memorials to those that request them. The TWGPP is a volunteer based organisation who are digitally recording every war grave around the world. If you would like to use the service or volunteer your help please visit the site using the link shown.

The aim of **The War Graves Photographic Project** is to photograph every war grave, individual memorial, MoD grave, and family memorial of serving military personnel from WWI to the present day and make these available within a searchable database.

Now working as a joint venture with the **Commonwealth War Graves Commission**, this will enable families, scholars and researchers to obtain, via the CWGC or TWGPP websites, a copy of the photograph of a grave or memorial which for many is impossible to visit due to the location.

This service has only been made possible through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers, from all walks of life, who feel the need to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and who realise the importance for families to see where their loved ones are laid to rest or commemorated. This emulates the CWGC ethos to 'Remember in Perpetuity'

This project aims to photograph in excess of 1.75 million graves or memorials from Commonwealth Nations and many from other military forces around the world. You can see their work at www.twgpp.org or write to The War Graves Photographic Project, 17 Falco Road, Horndean, Hants PO8 9BY or email steve@twgpp.org

Ron Head

Regulars at our reunions will be sorry to hear of the passing of our popular Parade Marshall, ex Chief Stoker Ron Head. 2009 was Ron's last parade with us, he was still "ram rod" straight and extremely smart and greatly liked by all the veterans on the parade who always addressed him as "Chief". After the parade he acted as Rum Bosun for the Standard Bearers where he always remembered who had already had their tot and were trying for a second and after telling them the error of their ways then proceeded to give them a second tot! Ron was a volunteer at our Royal Naval Patrol Service Museum and his wealth of stories and dits were like a museum in themselves.

When Ron told one of his stories they were told like a book in that he described every scene. For example, instead of just saying "the Captain went ashore to the Base office" he would tell you the captain's name, where he came from, what the family did for a living, about his dog etc. etc. and when he eventually got back to him going to the base office he would describe the route and what the various offices did and other events that had happened at the base so by the end of the story which you or I would have told in about 30 seconds he had given you 15 to 20 minutes of fascinating detail from which you could picture the scene and almost feel as if you had been there and knew all the characters.



Ron's last parade

Ron can, with no shadow of doubt, be described as one of life's characters and one I am very proud to have known and admired and will never forget.

RNPS honoured by Royal Navy

March 2011. Petty Officers from HMS Gloucester visited the British cemetery on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina to conduct a service of remembrance for the crew of HMT Bedfordshire.

HMS Gloucester is on the final leg of her Atlantic Patrol South deployment where she has been on patrol around the Falkland islands.



Royal Navy with US Coast Guard at the British Cemetery

Whilst the Gloucester was berthed in Miami 6 Petty Officers hit the road for a 965 Mile journey to visit the British cemetery on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina to conduct a service of remembrance for the crew of HMT Bedfordshire, an armed anti-submarine trawler during World War II.

The 6 POs also took the opportunity to thank the US Coastguard and local residents of the island who currently maintain the memorial.

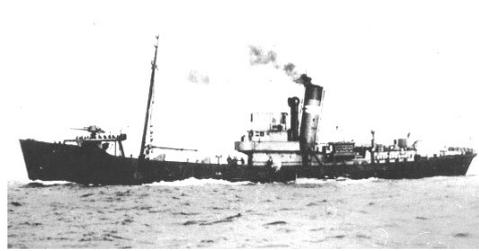
Personnel involved were PO(AWW) Bomber Mills, PO(AWW) Dusty Rhodes, PO(EW) Jim Anger, POET (WE) Paul Shannon, POET(WE) Chris Parnell-Smith and POET(WE) Billy Walton

After the ceremony they hit the road again for the 761 miles trip to New York to rejoin the ship, managing to catch an Ice Hockey game in Raleigh and some sightseeing in Washington DC along the way. by PO (EW) Jim Anger

HMS Gloucester was one of the first of the Type 42 Destroyers and built by Vosper Thornycroft at Southampton and launched in 1982. Unfortunately due to defence cuts she is now to be de commissioned at the end of June this year.



HMS Gloucester, the "fighting G"



HMT Bedfordshire



HMS Gloucester present ship's badge to US Coast Guard

Members may recall that for many years our Canadian Secretary, Patrick Griffiths used to travel down to North Carolina annually to represent the RNPSA at the HMT Bedfordshire service. Patrick was always very passionate about this memorial and the annual service and so it is very gratifying to know that the Royal Navy still regard it as a worth while exercise and our sincere thanks go the Commanding Officer of HMS Gloucester, Commander David George MA RN and the 6 senior rates for allowing this to happen.

Scarborough branch

We have just been informed that due to the Secretary's illness and the loss of the "watering hole" they used to use, that Scarborough Branch have reluctantly taken the decision to disband. I know this will not have been an easy decision to take but one we respect and thank them for many years of active RNPSA work and support. It is their hope that their standard will be laid up in their local parish church.

From the Treasurer – Ted Thompson

With reference to the reunion, the applications for the annual dinner **must** be in by the closing date together with the payment. Last year this caused considerable trouble with the organising, with bookings actually arriving the day before the dinner.

RNPS Memorial, National Memorial Arboretum - From John Hodge

Following on from the successful 1st anniversary service last year, a remembrance service will be held in the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas at our memorial on Sunday 21st August at 11am. It is hoped that as many as attended last year will support us this year, especially the Standard Bearers who added great dignity to the occasion. The order of service will be similar to that of last year with a wreath laying ceremony. This will include wreaths from dignitaries, HQ, Branches and individuals who wish to remember those who perished in the conflict or who have since crossed the bar. A 2 course carvery meal costing £15 (which must be pre booked) with waiter service will follow at 1pm in the Rose dinning room. There is also an alternative area for snacks, teas and coffee and a picnic area. Contact me as soon as possible if you require the carvery meal on 0121 308 4596 or hodge2tp@btinternet.com

Queenborough

This annual parade and service to commemorate HMS Wildfire III will be on Sunday 11th 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. We are running a 17 seat mini bus from Lowestoft.

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 Queenborough Social Club, North Road, just near the park where the service is.

Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is a national event and this year it is on Saturday 25th June. Here in Lowestoft we are having a stand at the large event on the sea front and also taking part in the drum head service. The object of the event is to honour service personnel past, present and future and I would urge you to visit an event near you to show your support and also to show that you are proud to be a veteran. For those in or near Blackpool can I suggest you take a look at what is on offer to veterans during the Town's week long celebrations – amazing! – free shows, the lot. See their web site at <http://www.visitblackpool.com/site/events/festivals/blackpool-armed-forces-week> or contact the Blackpool Tourist Office.

RNPS / Silver badge files come to light – by Mike Sims, RNPSA web site

Late last year I was asked if I would like to give a short talk to the local Rotary Club about the Royal Naval Patrol Service. Flattered that anyone should think that I knew enough about RNPS to take it on I readily agreed and then

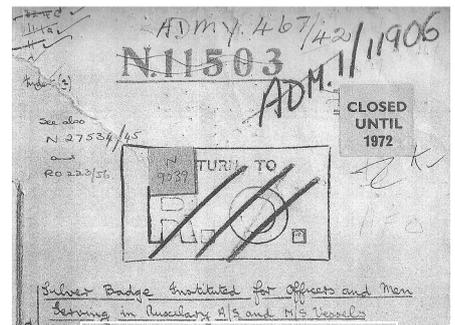
wondered if I could really get away with it. This would be to a Lowestoft audience, men who could well have served or whose fathers had served in RNPS and I needed to get my facts right. I knew my limitations but fortunately I had a couple of months in which I could refresh my memory and try to fill some of the gaps in my knowledge.

I was a bit hazy about the sequence of events surrounding the development of different sweeping methods. I re-read all my reference books and all that I could get hold of from elsewhere. Amongst the sources I examined were the cabinet papers of the first few months of the war, when Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty. These are held in the National Archives and fortunately most of them seem to be online. It was while I was searching in the National Archives that I checked to see what they had on the silver badge. I came across a file from 1940 with the name: **HONOURS AND AWARDS (85): Institution of silver badge for personnel serving in Auxiliary, Anti-Submarine and Minesweeping Vessels**. It sounded intriguing but unlike the cabinet papers, this file was not online. I could not dip into it to confirm what it was about and there was no mention of the Patrol Service in the heading. To have confirmation I would need to get it copied and there would be a cost involved (unless I wished to travel to Kew to view it in person).

As I hadn't previously heard of this file before deciding what to do I checked with our museum curator, Alf Muffett, to see if already had a copy or even knew of it. He hadn't heard of it so I asked the National Archives to quote for supplying a copy.

The basic information available about the file did not give any indication about its size. The scale of charges by National Archives is a very reasonable 43 pence per A3 photocopy plus a charge for post and packing. When you ask for a quote they promise a reply within ten working days and after about a week the quote duly arrived.

They set out the number of pages and the cost of copying and shipping. Although the per page cost of 43p had seemed very reasonable it was a bit of a shock to find that the file contained 120 separate pages and the quote including carriage was £65.00. This was, however, a record that needed to be investigated and I am delighted to say that it was worthwhile.



The original front

Although there appear to be gaps in the file it contains copies of correspondence between Admiralty departments and between the Admiralty and the Ministry of Shipping, the Patent Office, The Royal Mint, the Naval Press Bureau etc. on all aspects of the design, production and distribution of the badge. There is even a covering letter from the Royal Mint to the Admiral Commanding Reserves for the fee of 50 guineas charged by Mr Kruger Grey for designing and modelling the badge, asking for sanction for its payment.

Unfortunately there are copyright issues with showing the contents of the file which I have not yet cleared with the National Archives. There is much more of interest in the file which needs more time to detail than I have at present but I hope to have a better description and permission to supply images available by this year's reunion in October.

G. A. Michael Sims

Once permission has been granted we will publish some of the findings in the Newsletter and I think one fact in particular will surprise you all! – Ed.

REMINDERS

Branch and member information

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.

Welfare

Our National Welfare Officer is there to try and help you, she cannot perform miracles but will do her best to address any problems. 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

Curator

If you are sending anything to the Museum can you please make sure you state if it is on loan or a gift as it helps with the cataloguing and any future claims to ownership and with photographs please give descriptions. Our pool of volunteers are gradually making headway with restoring, copying and documenting all the photographs which will hopefully make locating them in the museum much easier.

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 or 07966879106 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.

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

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"?

Keep the odds and ends coming, they all make interesting reading. 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 or by E-mail at nickclark1961@googlemail.com or info@rnpatrolservice.org.uk

My father was at or on **HMS Lanka** in 1943. His name was **Hugh Teeven Gracie**. He died in 1961 due to war injuries suffered the day Japan surrendered,

If anyone out there knew him, would love to hear from you. Helen Clark

Anyone who served on **BYMS 2182** or their decendants. My father served as leading cook **Jimmy Birch**. It would be good to find any photos etc of 2182. T Birch

I am trying to trace some history of my granddad, Able Seaman **Richard Jacka**, served in the RNPS 1943-1945 ish, he was from Cornwall, that is all I know at present. Thanks, Tony Jacka.

I'm looking for more information about my wife's aunts husband who served on **HMS Twostep** at the end of the war. His name was **William (Bill) Miller** and was married to Lillian (Lil Lambert) for a few years. I know that he served on HMS Twostep towards the end of the war when it appears to have been posted to the Meditteranian. We have a number of pictures of crew members while they appear to have been in Malta and Italy. Any information about the Twostep and Bill/Billy would be really nice. I'm trying to put a website together about their times. Robert Island robert@office.robertireland.info

Eric Hart, my uncle from Newcastle Upon Tyne died in a tragic accident when going ashore in Subic Bay, Phillipines from **HMLST 403** in 1946. I understand they were in collision with a larger US vessel and several seamen died. My uncle's body was never found and his elder brother and sister have never come to terms with his death. If anyone knew Eric or has any more detail about the accident I would be extremely grateful. David Henchman.

I was wondering if anyone would be so kind as to provide any help to finding my Grand Father, **William Mason Ducker's service** History, especially Photo's etc. He was at HMS Europa 10.4.1941 He entered service 27.2.1941 at HMS Royal Arthur. The only vessels he was with **MMS 13**, as far as I am aware he finished his time on the Minesweepers. Any help links or contacts would be greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Brian Looking for anyone who may have known, or has any information on **William Dowden**, who served on board **HMS Hunda** and died on board in 1943. pspaddy@rolcc.com.au

I am attempting to find the ships / units that the following were assigned to. **Alfred Bailey** (father's cousin) **Albert Lillicrap** (father's friend). Dad knows that they both served in RNPS , Bert Lillicrap possibly as a stoker, but doesn't know their ships. They both came from Nuneaton in Warwickshire. I Hope someone can help. Jeremy.

I am searching on behalf of my partner for his uncle, **Herbert Ward**. He was a drifter/trawlerman who was on converted minesweepers in WWII. He came from the Halesworth area of Suffolk. He was born about 1904. He was injured and left in a wheelchair after being thrown down a companionway onboard after the ship was fired upon.

Does any one have any records of Second Hand **James Mayall**, of the RNPS. I am researching his history, too late as usual! Rod Mayall.

Willie Cowie of Grimsby was my grandfather, although he died while I was very young. Family knowledge of his time in the RNPS (throughout both wars) is limited and I would like to know more. Can anybody help.

Looking for information on **Manley Alexander Glennie**, Petty Officer, Chief Stoker, Served 1938 – 1949, Minesweeper, Stationed, HMS Europa. Graeme Watson.

Can any one shed any light on my grandfather **John Norgett**? Jack, as he was known, served in the Royal Naval Patrol Service, volunteering as an Ordinary Seaman on 01/10/40. He qualified as a Hydrophone Listener on 26/10/40, operating ASDIC on **HMS De La Pole** on 21/12/40 based at HMS Minos **MV 717** as an Ordinary Seaman from 12/03/41. His service record ends there but believed he was later stationed in India. Isobel Hays.

Looking for crew members of **HMT Ayrshire** and **HMT Hawthorn**. My father **Charles Beamish** served on both vessels. On the Ayreshire as a stoker he was on convoy PQ17 in 1942. Apart from the commander Lt Gradwell and Lt Elsdon I know no other names of the crew. Does anyone know? I have a photo of the crew of the Hawthorn taken c1944, when Dad was a CPO, as well as a photo of the vessel. Does anyone know any names of those serving about that time? Also, does anyone have any information on **Arthur Beamish**, my uncle? Any assistance would be much appreciated. olly_2sheds@yahoo.co.uk

Coincidence or what?

I have recently found that my father served aboard **HMT Ayrshire** and **HMT Hawthorn** his name was **James Alfred Gower**. I would like to hear from anyone who knew him or served with him. I don't know anything of my fathers war service I've only ever known him as working on the trawlers out of Hull finally making it as a trawler skipper. Can anyone help me fill in the gaps please. G Johnson.

Looking for crew members of **BYMS 2009** in 1946. My father **Phillip Etherton** served on BYMS in 1946 and looking to find any of the crew he served with, he was based at Trieste, Italy, please drop me a line if you have any information. Dan Etherton danieletherton@gmail.com

My grandfather was killed on the **HMT Argyllshire** that was sunk on the 1st June 1940 there were 5 survivors, I know the name of one the Officers, **Lt J S Weddle** but there were 4 others. I am researching this on behalf of my father and would like to know the names of the survivors and any stories they may have told about the night 1 June 1940 at 02:45, apart from the obvious. josephlewis304@hotmail.com

Obituary for Spring 2011

S/M H Bate	Irlam	Manchester	S/M W Holt	Corby	Northants
S/M Mrs A Baldry	Lowestoft	Suffolk	S/M P Hughes	Southport	Merseyside
S/M F Bentley	Leigh on Sea	Essex	S/M G Hunter	Eastbourne	Sussex
S/M L Cobb	Alverton	Cornwall	S/M S Johnson	Theydon Bois	Essex
S/M W Cross	Blackpool	Lancs	S/M G Miller	Alexandra Park	London
S/M K Ellerby	Hull	Yorkshire	S/M R Moufar	Fort Lauderdale	Florida
S/M L Forsythe	Chipperfield	Herts	S/M J Nonn	Ashton on Trent	Derbyshire
S/M W Gibson	British Columbia	Canada	S/M H Pallet DSM	Chingford	London
S/M R Harris	Northolt	Middlesex	S/M E Winney	Colchester	Essex
S/M R Head	Lowestoft	Suffolk	S/M G Yates	Winsford	Cheshire
S/M E Hilder	Colchester	Essex			

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

BOOKING FORM FOR ANNUAL REUNION DINNER - FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2011

The dinner will be at the Ambassador Suit, Hotel Hatfield, Lowestoft, doors open at 6.30 for 7.00pm

Name _____ Membership No. _____ Tel No. _____

Address _____

I would like _____ Tickets (£23.00 each) I would like to sit with _____

Please indicate your menu choice for each person with their names

Starter

Soup of the Day
Chilled Melon Boat

Main

Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and seasonal vegetables
Grilled Salmon and Lemon Butter
Mediterranean Vegetable and Cheese Wellington

Desert

Apple Pie with cream or custard
Chocolate Gateaux and Cream

Tea or Coffee and Mints.

TOTAL PAYMENT £ _____

All bookings MUST be made before 19th September. After this date NO refunds will be made.

Please return to - The Secretary, Royal Naval Patrol Service Association, Naval Museum,
Sparrows Nest, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 1XG

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Slops Items for Sale from HQ (Winter 2010)

Item / Title	£	Qty	£	Item / Title	£	Qty	£
Europa Plaque	27.00			Sparrows Nest Post Card	0.10		
Lg. Blazer Badge, Gold wire	9.00			RNPSA Colouring Poster	0.30		
Lg. Blazer Badge, Woven	6.50			RNPSA Multi Tool Key Ring	2.95		
Small Blazer Badge, Gold wire	6.50			RNPSA Epaulettes (pair)	6.00		
Jumper / Cap Badges, Woven	4.00			Trafalgar Board Game	10.00		
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