



April 2020 Anti-Submarine Warfare Association Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate CPO Red McEwen currently serving at FOST(S) on his selection to WO(UW)1 at the recent promotion board.

The Association is now approaching its 65th year of existence and I thank you all for your continued support. We are currently still planning to hold September's 65th Anniversary Dinner so please continue to book; hopefully the current Coronavirus crisis will subside by September to enable it to take place; otherwise Bob Burton has come up with the following plan:

Dinner date is 26th September at the Royal Beach Hotel

<http://www.aswassociation.org.uk/social-events/65-2017-3.html?date=2020-09-26-18-45>

There are reserve dates 20th November 2020, if necessary a January or March date may become available; as soon as the situation becomes clearer, we will be able to firm up on dates. I do understand the dinner cost will be low down on your priorities during the lockdown but if you do book now then you will get 100% refund should you not be able to attend the dinner. Click on the link to get the details

<http://www.aswassociation.org.uk/social-events/65-2017-3.html?date=2020-09-26-18-45>

To Book click on the following link remember a full refund if the dinner gets cancelled.

<http://www.aswassociation.org.uk/social-events/65-2017-3/registration.html>

A lot of Ship Association dinners have been cancelled. Why not have a table (10 per table) just for your Ship / Commission or Career Course?

We currently have over 562 Facebook Members, 658 on the Members List, with 125 members paid up so far this year. Membership continues to grow.

We are always looking for serving rates to offer visits to ASW Association Members to either a Ship or Establishment for either a visit or social; please let me know if you wish to hold an event.

I enclose a link to the First Sea Lord's Speech to Defence and Security Equipment International which lays out the future for British Maritime Operations:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2019/september/11/190911-1sl-speech-dsei>

And two articles on the S2050 replacement S2150 for your perusal:

<https://www.janes.com/article/95393/first-sonar-2150-sonar-fit-completed-on-type-23-frigate>

<https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2020/04/first-s2150-sonar-fitted-aboard-royal-navy-type-23-frigate-hms-portland/>

Finally, I am currently serving in a broadening job as the Executive Officer of HMS DASHER; a draft which I will now fulfil until September 2022. I am therefore out of the loop on current ASW matters and I am consequently looking for either a PO / CPO / WO (UW) to take over as Chairman of the Association later this year; please let me know if you are interested.

I hope you and your families are all keeping safe during these turbulent times and I hope to see you at the dinner either later this year or early next year.

Yours Aye,

Dave Coleman

ASW Association Chairman