



EDITORIAL

On 17th April a group visited Southwick House, the coordinating centre for the D Day Operation followed by lunch at Southwick Golf Club. Numbers for this event were few possibly because it was a repeat of a visit undertaken several years ago. However, I understand that it was much enjoyed by those who took part.

On **Friday 7 June**, the Association has arranged to have Lunch at the Army and Navy Club in Pall Mall details of which accompany this Newsletter.

At Mike Price's request I have attached the second part of the HMS FITTLETON story.



OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT

At the AGM **CAPTAIN JULIA SIMPSON ROYAL NAVY** was elected to be our Vice President. A graduate entry Meteorological Officer, WRNS she was a forecaster at various air stations and at NAVSOUTH in Malta. She spent time at sea in RFA Engadine supporting the helicopter training programme - opening the door a crack for women at sea!

With a permanent commission she transferred to computer simulation projects being developed for training at HMS DRYAD. RN Staff Course was followed by SACLANT, Norfolk, VA working on the NATO coordination for OPCON with the US World Wide Military Communication System. Then to the Defence ADP Centre, Blandford as Deputy Commandant responsible for project management training. On to DGSW(N) as Project Manager, Naval Shore Telecommunication Network digitising RN signal traffic. As Superintendent attended the NDC, Rome and in 1990 was appointed to the IMS, Brussels as Deputy Secretary, Military Committee - an exciting time welcoming the Russians and Warsaw Pact officers to NATO.

She swapped her blue stripes for gold and became the RN's first female Captain when the WRNS and RN merged. She returned to DGSW(N) as AD Communications responsible for

developing the Future Frigate communications programme. Her final appointment was to CFS staff as Director Naval Environment and Safety Systems introducing the new H&S regulations and Environmental requirements into RN practice. On RN retirement she became Director Sussex Wildlife Trust before fully retiring in 2001.

HMS AGAMEMNON

The sixth of the Royal Navy's leading-edge Astute-class hunter-killer submarines has been formally named – a key milestone on the road to front-line operations.



HMS Agamemnon will act as both sword and protector – able to strike at foes on land courtesy of her Tomahawk cruise missile – and fend off threats on and beneath the waves with Spearfish torpedoes.

Nearly 11 years after the first steel was cut on the 7,000-tonne Fleet submarine at BAE Systems' yard in Barrow-in-Furness, the state-of-the-art boat was unveiled to VIPs, led by the submarine's Sponsor Lady Sedwill, affiliates, friends and family and those who have toiled on 'Awesome Aggie' as she's known by crew, since 2013.

In a ceremony which mixed a hi-tech light show and displays with Royal Navy tradition inside the cavernous Devonshire Dock Hall which dominates the Barrow skyline, it fell to Lady Sedwill, who visited the boat late last year to catch up on progress with construction, to address the crew and then smash a bottle of locally brewed beer – in keeping with the yard's tradition – to bless Agamemnon and all who will serve aboard for the next 25-plus years. (Royal Navy News).

SANO Website – Security

At this month's EC meeting the topic of cyber security was raised. The Newsletter is sent digitally to all members with an e-mail address and by post to those who have not yet ventured into the digital world. The Newsletter rarely contains classified information but it does contain some personal details and a copy of the programme; all of which are removed from the publicly available copy posted to the website. A full copy is still available for members to view on the 'members only' pages. It is likely that at some time in the future, members will need to log into the restricted pages in the same way as they do for their personal banking – a user name and password, unique to each member. Full details will be passed to members before (and if) these changes are introduced.