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This is my first attempt at a newsletter, so forgive the cock-ups, and anything else that doesn't seem correct.

First of all I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given, as without you I would have nothing to publish. We have only been going for around 6 weeks now and so far we have 17 published members and a further 18 that have made contact with me and am still awaiting their information to publish. I have written to Naval Officers Associations to spread the word and try to get some of the many officers that served with us to join. If you are in touch with any other crew members that are not on the lists below, then pass on the information.

I have been making a few enquiries with regard to our first full all commissions reunion at Bolton. I have a travel agency (where I support their pc network) looking into it as regards costings, hotels and excursions for our wives/partners while we do the business. I thought of Bolton for obvious reasons, I know that when we visited for our freedom of the city we had a wonderful time, well the rest of the crew did, unfortunately I had to attend a funeral on the day of the celebrations so I missed out. I do need to hear from you all, if you are interested or not, so I can be sure that I have reached everyone. For those that haven't got web access that you may know, can you pass the word on, and either let me know or ask them to contact me direct, my details are on the site under contact.

I will be looking for articles for the next newsletter, so if anyone has anything that they would like entering, just drop me a note

Members so far

Bruce Harris
Paul Davies
Des Cage
Roy Baylis
Roy McKee
John Day
Keith Blackburn
Eddie Howarth
Paul Haigh
Rob Gradon
James Dunbar
Alan Pickthorne
Kevin Horn
Colin Bell
David Crabb



I have negotiated with the travel agency and they have agreed to offer substantial discounts on any holidays that are booked, just quote the Dido when you ring, details on the web.



If anyone is looking for any webspace I have also negotiated very reasonable rates with Serendipity Web Hosting, once again just mention the ship, details on the web.

Contact with

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