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Reunion Next Weekend

Hi Shipmates,

Well here we are at another Reunion, how the time flies by. As most of you know I am unable to attend this year and “Jimmy” Syred and Mike Starky will be running things. They have asked me to remind those attending to bring a Raffle Prize as usual. I am sure that you will all ply them with drinks and insist on tedious speeches after dinner.

The address once again is:

The White Hart Inn, Calne, Wiltshire. SN11 0AB. Tel 01249 812413

You need to book direct with the White Hart at the address above to get a room. If you haven't already done so please let me know if you are attending the reunion so that I can pass the information on to those that need to know!!

On a personal note, I have had my operation and am making made a good recovery, thanks to all those who wrote with good luck messages, they do make a difference!. While its fashion in some papers to have a go at the NHS I can only say that my experience has been a pleasant surprise.

The consultant said “...your far to young to bugger about with catheter's, I'll mark you up as urgent for an operation”. That was on a Thursday, on the Friday his secretary phoned to ask if I was up for the following Monday!! I was home within four days, (though I was walking funny!!).

Clean wards, great staff who pitched the advice and conversation just right for an old sailor who was to be honest scared of the “procedure” and what they might find in the pipes. Well done St Mary's IOW.

To all of you who read this with “plumbing problems” and are avoiding the issue, get down to the “quack” and get yourself sorted. A.S.A.P

SCRAN BAG

(or little items that I thought might be of interest if you don't get the Navy News)

There are a couple of interesting articles in this month's Navy News that caught my eye this time.

One is about a big exercise with 13 nations including the Russians to test submarine rescue and escape procedures. At least they have learned from the “Kursk” disaster and now realise that co-operation is the way and has less political fallout than going it alone and failing.

The other is a picture of HMS Dauntless in company with the Russian ship Admiral Chabanenko about to enter harbour in Norfolk, Virginia. Apparently the ships exchanged crew members for tours!!

I think back to the time our Daring spent in Gibraltar when a Soviet research ship came into port and their crew went ashore with a Political Officer (who refused my request to swap his Red Flag lapel badge for a Daring ships Zippo lighter).

Then there was the time the Moskva came into the Med and as duty destroyer we went to have a look and tried to photograph the radars because they were hidden in canvas bags when she came through the English Channel. That caused a bit of a flap as I remember!.

That's it for this newsletter, enjoy yourselves at the reunion, sink some for me. Cheers!