

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2014

A warm welcome to everybody. Hope you have all had a good year and remain in good health. Not much to report this year. As an association we haven't done much in between reunions, a reflection on age I would think. We did hear from Whale island advising that we would be welcome to visit again but the response from members wanting to go was sparse, so I left it. This could be done if we visit Pompey for a reunion. Some of our members have been unable to attend this year for various reasons and have already been mentioned in the apologies for absence. Jerry Kelly, due to pension problems, has unfortunately had to relocate back to the USA, so we won't be seeing him as often as we had hoped when it looked like he was back in the UK for good. Jerry along with Pete and Margaret Skillbeck have made a sizable donation to the bar fund for this year which is much appreciated. Gillian Birkett was also due to join us from Australia again this year but had to change her plans due to problems with a broken bone in her foot. I have tabled a proposal that we change our reunion schedule to be on a bi annual basis. I thought this may encourage more people to attend. It is hard for the committee to come up with different venues and things to do to make the reunions more interesting. My thanks to members of your committee for continuing to work on behalf of the association,

Have a good evening tonight, and enjoy the rest of the weekend.

Jackie Carroll