

# SSN 18

## HMS TALENT – Family Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

Commander  
Paul Jamieson

*Dear Friends and Families,*

It is a privilege to have taken Command of HMS TALENT. From the very outset I want to make it clear that I view support to our Friends and Families, particularly when we are deployed, as one of our most important jobs. I would like to thank you for your continued patience and support during the busy deployment at sea last year and subsequent maintenance period alongside in Devonport.

I am working hard to ensure that there is a programmed leave period during the summer and we are looking at enhancing the level of support to Families while we are deployed. I am also keen to make sure that our imminent Base Port Change to Faslane is done with the least possible impact to personnel and their Families, more information can be found at the other side of this newsletter.

## TALENT ON THE SLOPES

In a much needed change of pace for members of Ship's Company, in January HMS TALENT sent two groups to the annual RN Ski Championships in Tignes, France. The groups were a mixed range of abilities from most being complete novices in either snowboarding or skiing, through to some very accomplished winter sportsmen.

The event was organised fantastically with the RN Winter Sports Organisation providing lessons for all abilities, enabling everyone to learn at their own pace and - more importantly - to have as much fun as possible! Everyone who attended had a great time trying something outside of their comfort zone, which also promoted and enhanced team work across departments.

### SECURITY

As ever, we need to remember the importance of Personal and Operational Security. It is crucial that you never discuss the Submarine's programme via telephone, e-mail or social media. Doing so could put your loved ones at risk. For more guidance visit:

<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/welfare/keeping-in-touch/social-media>



## LOOKING AHEAD TO FASLANE...

With planning for HMS TALENT's Base Port Change to Faslane in mid 2019 well underway it is highly recommended that Ship's Company and their families start thinking about the impact it will have on them. Are you considering moving to the Faslane / Helensburgh area? Would you and your family like to visit the area to see what it has to offer? Aggies 'Welcome to Scotland' are currently offering a free two night stay in B&B accommodation if the Service Person has been assigned to HM Naval Base Clyde, for further information visit: <http://www.aggies.org.uk/welcome-to-scotland>

Do you need local information on housing (including Service Families Accommodation) schools, doctors, dentist, or unit info? Please e-mail [NAVYNPS-PEOPLESPTNRNRMWINFO@mod.gov.uk](mailto:NAVYNPS-PEOPLESPTNRNRMWINFO@mod.gov.uk) with Scotland in the subject box or pop into the Plymouth Royal Navy Royal Marine Welfare (RNRMW) Information Office, Fenner Building in HMS Drake.

Why don't you join the official dedicated RN Facebook Community Group? This is a closed group with membership being reserved for Submarine personnel and their families. Whilst this group is hosted by RN Welfare, its purpose is to provide a central point to gain relocation information and a safe and friendly environment to ask questions and engage with other members of the Submarine Community. Group members include RN Welfare Information Officers, Service Providers, Command Staff and other families who have already relocated to the area. You can find the group on Facebook [www.facebook.com/submarinetransitioncommunity](http://www.facebook.com/submarinetransitioncommunity)

## LAST YEAR IN PICTURES



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