



## NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2013

***Merry Christmas to all our readers!***



*Photo by Editor*



**BVF v Royal Navy in pictures**  
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## Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

First, I must thank the many of you who sent me best wishes whilst I was in hospital. They were really appreciated during those 5 weeks and I am pleased to let you know that I am now home and things are progressing well after two of my six chemotherapy treatments.

I plan to return to committee duties as soon as possible in the New Year after my last treatment at the end of February. My thanks go to Gillian for her agreeing to assume the Vice Chair role whilst I was laid very low.

As many of you know, I was unwell at the time of the World Championships in October, so this is the first opportunity I have to congratulate our 7 medal winners on their achievement in taking 9 medals for Great Britain. Very well done.

Not long before the New Year is upon us, so looking forward to next year we have a change to the Age Groups Qualifying event which nearly didn't happen this year due to the weather.

The event will take place at the same Bletchley venue but on June 7th and 8th. The only problem I have encountered is that our usual hotel, the Holiday Inn, has two weddings that weekend and doesn't have the accommodation available nor the room for our usual dinner. There are plenty of hotels in Milton Keynes and I will issue details of these to you in good time. We may have to forego the dinner however, but I'm working on that and will keep you informed accordingly.

It just remains for me, on behalf of the BVF Committee, to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

**Frank Mills**  
**Chairman**



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# BVF Calendar 2014



BVF CALENDAR 2014	
Jan 2 -5	Training camp, Rome
Feb 28 - Mar 2	BVF Championships 2014, Gloucester - CHANGE OF DATE Fri - Sabre; Sat - Foil; Sun - Epée Event Manager - David Sweeney
Feb 28	BVF AGM, Holiday Inn, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3RX - CHANGE OF DATE
Apr 3-6	Copa Venezuela, Veneta Island, Venezuela
Apr 12-13	West Midlands Open 2014, Dudley, West Midlands Event Manager - Peter Baron
Apr 26-27	Veterans Home International, Edinburgh
May 15-18	European Team Championships, Porec, Croatia Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
June 7-8	Age Groups 2014, Newport Pagnell Event Manager - Frank Mills
Sep 6-7	Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall Event Manager - Frank Mills
Oct 11-12 (tbc)	Welsh Veterans Championships, Wrexham
Oct 21-26	World Championships, Győr, Hungary Event Manager - David Sweeney
Nov 16-19 (tbc)	Veterans Commonwealth Championships, Largs, nr Glasgow



See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - [www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)



*Who are they?*



## Competition results (top half)

### Derry Open - 16/11/2013

ME (25) 2 Duncan Salter

### Miller-Hallett - 23/11/2013

ME (138) 22 Neal Mallett  
30 George Liston  
38 Stephen Domek  
58 Adam Steiner  
60 Bill Osbaldeston  
67 Chris Howser

### Beazley British Championships - 7/12/2013

ME (92) 14 George Liston  
29 Robert Flatt  
32 Stephen Domek

WE (64) 2 Georgina Usher  
17 Nicola Hull

WS (38) 14 Jane Hutchison  
16 Rachel Lasance

### Milner-Barry Cup - 24/11/2013

WE (80) 9 Georgina Usher

## Merseyside Open - February 2014

The Merseyside Open 2014 will have a Best Veteran medal at all six weapons, which will be awarded to the highest-placed member of BVF or similar national veterans organisation.

The tournament will be held at the Greenbank Sports Academy in Liverpool over the weekend of 15/16 February 2014, with the Men's Foil, Men's Sabre and Women's Sabre events on the Saturday, and Men's Epée, Women's Epée and Women's Foil events on the Sunday. The Men's Epée event sold out last year and Men's Foil was not far behind, so fencers are advised not to leave it until the last minute to enter.

Full details are available from the tournament website at [www.moft.co.uk](http://www.moft.co.uk) from where fencers can make online entries or download the entry form for postal entries. The closing date for entries is Saturday 1 February 2014.

**Gary Longthorn**  
**Merseyside Open Organising Committee**



# Happy Faces in 2013



# Christmas Word Search

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- BAUBLE
- BRANDY
- CANDLES
- CARDS
- CHRISTMAS
- CHURCH
- CLAUS
- CRACKER
- ELVES
- HOLLY
- LIGHTS
- MINCE PIE
- MISTLETOE
- PRESENTS
- PUDDING
- REINDEER
- RUDOLPH
- SANTA
- SNOWMAN
- STOCKING
- TINSEL
- TREE
- TURKEY
- WINE



## Christmas fun

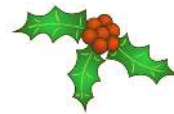


I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

***Shirley Temple***

Christmas at my house is always at least six or seven times more pleasant than anywhere else. We start drinking early. And while everyone else is seeing only one Santa Claus, we'll be seeing six or seven.

***WC Fields***



***How many sprigs of holly can you find in this newsletter?***



**Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
to all our readers!**



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**Caption  
Competition  
December**

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**Editor's Note:**

The BVF newsletter is your voice: a chance for you to put forward your views, send reports, letters, photos or articles.

Please speak up!

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*Photos by  
Editor*



**Caption  
Competition  
November**

*Editor's choice*

*'Steady on ol' boy, of course I'm damn well wearing a plastron...'*  
**Cary Zitcer**

*'The usual suspects'* **Mark Thompson**

*'BVF sponsors remake of Reservoir Dogs'*  
**Paul Brenda**



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