

Yes, it certainly does take some believing. Ever since I joined submarines in 1958 I have kept records of my life and career including all my pay statements and the like. I joined in October 1953 so I don't have records from that time to 1958 although the figures on this web page subject [the matrix] tell me how much I earned in that five year period. During this 25 year period, I was a WO for 8 years, a CPO for 4 years, a PO for 9 years and a Killick for 4 years, so taking the slowness of lower deck promotion of my time into account, I was no slouch.

Stripping out all entries like:

- KUA
- HTD claims
- TE claims
- Warrant Convert claims
- Boarding School Allowance claims
- Etc

and leaving in just:

- Basic pay
- Long Service Pay
- Instructors Pay
- Specialist Pay – in my case submarine pay

these are my **GROSS** earnings for the EXAMPLE YEARS 1966 to 1983: I was paid for 7<sup>th</sup> months of that year and my final pay day in the navy was the 28<sup>th</sup> July 1983 – I had to serve one day extra because many many years ago, I was awarded 1 days C.P. for a civilian offence – poaching! I shudder to think what my NET pay must have been after all stoppages. All sums expressed in decimal currency and not LSD.

1966	£1088.88 [£20.94 per week] – I had been married since 1962 and had 2 children.
1967	£1113.25 [£21.41 per week]
1968	£1183.50 [£22.76 per week]
1969	£1038.00 [£19.96 per week – left boats for general service]. Bought our first house {first of five} for £4850.00. Took LSAOP loan for £682 to be repaid at £24-3-1 per ledger period + a premium of £1-8-5. Mortgage was for £4253.00 @ 7½% - monthly payment £29-8-0. Had our third and last child.
1970	£1825.80 [£35.11 per week – big pay rise]
1971	£2531.14 [£48.68 per week]
1972	£2948.47 [£56.70 per week]
1973	£3155.91 [£60.69 per week]
1974	£3619.14 [£69.60 per week]
1975	£4405.26 [£84.72 per week]
1976	£5108.00 [£98.23 per week]
1977	£5142.78 [£98.90 per week]
1978	£6893.38 [£132.56 per week]
1979	£7588.72 [£145.93 per week]
1980	£8966.49 [£172.43 per week]
1981	£10107.12 [£194.37 per week]
1982	£11362.33 [£218.50 per week]
1983	£7014.96 [£1002.13 per month January to July]

Not for your eyes [of course] but when I look at my income now, in retirement, and I think of my fathers £8.20 a month pension and all those figures above, I wonder what my grandchildren will think of all this?