



Newsletter Volume 5 – No 3. September- 2015.

Opening Comment

I hope that you will like my effort at producing this newsletter as a 'learner' editor, this is only possible through the help of Terry and Cliff both of whom have been very supportive and most helpful. I have also had assistance from the tutors at the local library computer class when I get stuck, which is quite often. I would like you all to get your bookings in for the annual reunion in 2016 sooner rather than later. I would appreciate any feed back you may have.

List of Committee, etc.

Yous aye, Alan Hadley [58/60]

It is recommended that this item of news is kept for future reference!

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Chairman's Chat:

What a disappointing summer this has been but I do hope that you have managed a good holiday, we can now look forward to Christmas and the New Year festivities, and then of course our annual reunion. As you see elsewhere in this newsletter the original choice, The Congress Hotel has been sold and the new owners are doing an extensive refurbishment, therefore it will not be available for our reunion in April. Our hardworking Secretary, Cliff, has been able to book another hotel in a completely new venue and looking at it on the internet it looks an excellent choice. I would now urge you to get your booking forms in as quickly as possible. On your behalf I offer our sincere thanks to Cliff for his quick response in finding this new venue and I look forward to seeing you all there in April.'

Best wishes to you all, Brien.

Secretary's Piece: -

I am sorry to inform you that the Congress Hotel has been sold and the new owners are doing a total renovation, this is scheduled to take approximately six months, this takes us to [with no problems] April. They are not taking any bookings and when they start it will be on a new computer, they cannot guarantee our total booking and have suggested that we cancel, this is what I have done.

Any member who has had their cheque cashed will have to contact the previous owners Solicitor, on 01323644222, any recent cheques sent will be shredded, if you have any queries please contact me. The Committee have agreed that we take up the offer of the Bosworth Hall Hotel at Market Bosworth, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, so we may see some new faces from "up north". It is a big hotel with ample parking and we are at present organising a coach trip, details in the next newsletter. I hope you are all in favour of the choice.

"Mr Reserved" Cliff..

Treasurer's Report:

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays, something to remember when the cold weather arrives. I would like to remind those who have not paid their dues that the dues are overdue and prompt payment would be appreciated. Treasurers details on page 1.

Crossed the Bar. Kenneth Toop aged 91 on 27th May 2015, Ken joined HMS St Vincent at Gosport and after training joined HMS Royal Oak, along with many other boy seamen, \ken survived the sinking of HMS Royal Oak and was drafted to HMS Manchester in the Mediterranean Fleet, where again he was sunk and survived, he was later trained as a Diver, Ken joined HMS Ceylon in the Gunnery Division.

David Mills crossed the bar on 9th April 2015.

Before joining the Royal Navy he worked for the Great Western Railway at Honeybourne near Evesham, where about 40 trains a day passed through the station. David joined the Royal Navy on 16th July 1947 and served for 7 years, during which time he served on several ships including HMS Ceylon, where he saw action off the Korean coast, he saw service in the Far East including Singapore and Japan,

He left the R N in 1957 and eventually joined the HMS Ceylon Association where he enjoyed the annual reunions, where he also enjoyed having a tot with his shipmate John McNeil. David's family have very generously given the Association a bequest which will benefit all members at the annual reunion being held at Bosworth Hall Hotel, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire.

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Bob Cown crossed the bar in April 2015 aged 81.

Bob was born in Glasgow in 1934 and enjoyed his summer holidays at Rothesay, he joined his schools Army Cadet Force and one of his holiday camps was, with other Cadets to have a trip on a landing craft from the Clyde to North Devon for a two weeks course at Okehampton camp. He visited Edinburgh Tattoo and was attracted by the Royal Marine Display Team, he joined the Royal Marines at the Deal depot and after training went to the Commando School at Bickleigh, Devon. He joined 42 Commando in the Suez Canal zone and then went on to join HMS Kenya for the West Indies deployment. Eventually he joined HMS Ceylon for her final commission, on returning to the U K he joined HMS Vanguard in the Reserve Fleet as a RM seamanship instructor, later transferring to HMS Sheffield. Bob was made a Sergeant and went to Singapore to join 42 Commando, early 1965 HQ3 went to Sarawak, from there he joined HMS Bulwark, in 1968 he was back in Singapore on HMS Intrepid as a Sergeant Major of the Intrepid Assault Squadron ,Bobs final posting was as Sergeant Major of R Company 43 Commando.The Company relocated to Poole in 1973 and Bob went to pension as a Colour Sergeant in 1974.

The following shipmates have crossed the bar; D.Tilley 17.1.15, John Burnett 2.8.14, Gordon Phipps [56/57] 11.9.15. The following shipmates but not members of the Association are; G Vincent, Tony Baller and E Pritchard. R I P.

Sick Bay : - (1)

David Scott has trouble with his eyes , he was diagnosed as a bleed and AMD [age-related macular degeneration], an operation cleared the blood clots but he was left with peripheral vision in both eyes, no high definition in the front but can see landscape is in touch with the Blind Veterans UK and he hopes to be at Bosworth Hall Hotel, I'm sure we all wish him well and look forward to seeing him at Nuneaton.



A picture of Terry on his trusty steed which he uses to get around his area, it is good to know that he is not housebound.

Terry is still having hospital appointments, and is in contact with helpful hints to get me on track. For which I am most grateful..

A story submitted by Lyn Barlow, wife of shipmate John Barlow, 50/52 commission, referring to an incident which took place in March of this year 2015.

Last month I met a Korean lady by the name of Hyunki, born in 1952, she is married to an American she met while teaching at the University of Seoul, Hyunki is also a teacher. The meeting came about because of the first Friday of every month two people we know here in Fountain Hills, Arizona, host a 'pot luck' dinner, after which are played cards or board games, usually about 30 people show up, large house. I have seen Hyunki socially before, but really never talked with her. Last month she and I were at the same table with four others playing cards, she asked about my background and I said I was with the British Royal Navy in Korea during the war, Her reaction was truly amazing, she sincerely thanked me for my service and said "my country is indebted to you for its existence" , she said she had

met American soldiers here in the USA who had served in the Korean war but had never met anyone from the "Royal Forces", at the end of the game, we stood up and again she thanked me and gave me a big hug, she was almost in tears!. I thought all our shipmates should know that there are still many Koreans who remember what the British did for their country.

Bosworth Hall Hotel and Spa

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Market Bosworth
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Booking Form

HMS Ceylon Reunion Weekend
Friday 22nd April to Monday 25th April 2016

3 x Nights- Dinner-B&B pp £127.50
2 x Nights Dinner B&B pp £85.00
Please circle for either – Fri/Sat or Sat/Sun
1x Night Dinner B&B pp £42.50
Gala Dinner only pp £25.00

Name : _____

Address: -

Tel Number _____ (for confirmation)

Rooms Req'd (please circle) Single: Double: Twin

Dietary Needs:
Special Requests:

Deposit - £20 pp (not refundable)

Cancellation Policy

Cancel within 0-28 days prior to arrival 100% Accommodation charge

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