



Newsletter Volume 4 – No 7. November 2013.

Opening Comment:

I recently received an e-mail from someone informing me they had received newsletters for a person not residing at their address. Being a little busy at the time, I saved it for later, **however** on attempting to return to the message in order to action it, I was surprised to find it no longer in my box? **I had apparently developed a bit of a glitch!** If this person would kindly resend me their message I will attempt to rectify things; in the meantime I apologise most profusely for their inconvenience.

Secretary's Piece: - Hi Shipmates, we seem to have had a very quiet year, nothing happening and not a lot of contact, which must mean everyone is okay? Things are progressing well with the arrangements at our next reunion – **the Anchorage Hotel at Babbacombe** – and I hope you all make early bookings; so far 30 rooms have been booked. The manager informs me that any rooms still vacant next March will be let to 'all-comers'. There are 56 rooms – **including a few singles** - in total at the hotel, so let us look to the possibility of having the hotel to ourselves; a most desirable situation!

The establishment has good disabled access with only the odd step and there is lift access to the first and second floors.

Entertainment will be provided for the three nights and hopefully the outside heated pool will be operational at the time of our visit!

There is some on-site parking and plenty of street parking bays - "**no meters**"!

A bus service (No 32) to Torquay runs every 15mins, Monday to Saturday and every 30mins on Sunday and the bus stop is just a couple of minutes from the hotel. This bus is convenient for those wishing to be dropped off in the middle of Torquay's shopping centre.

Having visited the Anchorage, I can safely say that we will be well looked after; the hotel deserves more than a 2 star rating and at just over £100, I think it is far too good to miss!

Please specify any special requirements such as dietary or disabled needs at the time of booking. Those yet to book are requested they specify the number of nights they wish to stay; the management did not put that on the form! The price quoted is of course for three nights!

Due to the fact that we like to have everyone sitting down at 1830 for the Gala Reunion Dinner on the Saturday evening, (**during which we do 'toasts'**) a set meal will be arranged. This will comprise three courses, with the main course having a vegetarian option. The hotel will need to know the number of people requiring the vegetarian meal by Friday evening, **or Saturday morning at the very latest!**

Friday and Sunday night dinners will be 'casual dining' with the restaurant opening for seating between 18.30 and 19.30. Breakfast each morning (Sat/Sun/Mon) will be between 08.30 and 09.30.

We have booked a coach for the Saturday morning so that we can visit our friends at the White Ensign Club in Exeter. A snack lunch will be laid on, with the 'Rum Bo'suns' dishing up a "TOT" (**wine alternative for the ladies**); cost will be £10.00pp; inclusive of driver's tip. This will be on a first come first served basis, so if you do not wish to be disappointed, please send to Andrea the names of those wishing to take up on this offer, together with a cheque made out to "HMS Ceylon Association" - **we would like names as soon as possible, because the club needs advanced notification on numbers!**

At the bottom of page 3 is a cut-off section on which to write the name/names of those wishing to come along on this trip. Please forward this, together with your remittance to Andrea. (**Contact details per contacts list on page 4**).

For any other information or query, contact me

All the best,

Cliff



Treasurer's Report: - There are still a few members whose subs – **due last May** - have not been paid and the association would appreciate their contacting me with their renewals. In the event that people do not do this, their names will be removed from the mailing list.

We are looking forward to seeing once again familiar faces at the Anchorage.

Mr J C Rickwood from Stourbridge on renewing his subs, wrote in his letter that he would like send his regards to any of the '52/'54 commission who might remember their old SBA! He said he had recently been hospitalised, but is okay now!

Andrea.

New Members: - (1) Dudley Baines

Crossed the Bar: - 1. We were saddened to learn of the passing of ??? wife of John Beard, condolences on behalf of the association were sent by Cliff and I am sure that those who remember her are saddened to hear of John's loss. We probably remember her mostly for the way she enjoyed the reunions she attended with John, obviously enjoying each and every moment.

Resignation: - Shipmate Keith Walkley from Chesterfield, LEM – 1952/55. We were contacted by Keith's wife who regretfully informed us that due to illness - MSA & Parkinson's - he felt the need to relinquish his membership. It is indeed sad that we lose people in this manner!

C30 Surfers: - The website recently received two requests for help re relatives who have served in the Ceylon: -

1. I am attempting to find any available information regarding my late father, Earle Harold Campbell, who served on (**amongst other ships**) HMS Ceylon during WW2; I do not have the dates of his period of service in the ship. He was a South African volunteer seconded to the Royal Navy at the outbreak of the war. I realize that this is a "long shot" but any guidance or advice you might be able to give me to assist in my search would be much appreciated. Kind regards, **Barry Campbell**.

2. I write on behalf of my father James Albert Lidbetter, POME who was on the Ceylon in Korea. He is now 84 and has always wanted to try contact anyone he might have known. Please can you help him get in touch? Thanks, **James Lidbetter**.

It seems that the website is still serving a useful purpose,
Ron Boniface.



Well friends it seems that yet another year has flown by and with Christmas looming, on behalf of the committee Barbara and I would like to wish you all the best for the season ahead, bearing in mind each person's individual circumstances!

The old ship spent many a Christmas in foreign parts and each of us probably has a memory or two to think upon.

The best of fortune to you all and might a blessing go with you,

Terry & Barbara.

White Ensign Club Exeter visit - Saturday 3rd May 2014.

I/We wish to be included on the list for this trip -

Herewith cheque to the value of £....., made out to HMS Ceylon Association.

Name 1.....

Name 2.....

Your Latest Contacts List.

PRESIDENT. Lt/Cdr David M Scott RN.

VICE PRESIDENT Brien Harrison.

CHAIRMAN. *Position vacant* - due to Tony standing down and no volunteers!

VICE CHAIRMAN. *Position vacant* - no volunteers!.

SECRETARY. Cliff Pell.

TREASURER. Andrea Maynard.

COMMITTEE:
Terry Randall.
Ron Boniface.
Frank Hawkes.
John Wyeth

Having gone the route that some people were demanding, in that they felt the 2nd commission were too dominant on the committee and that people from other commissions should have the opportunity to serve - particularly as chairman - we remain in the unenviable position of that office still vacant!

I hope that anyone possibly needing to contact me by e-mail, has noted the change of my provider! I would advise you to make the alteration while it is still fresh in mind, having learned from bitter experience that putting it off, means ***it does not get done!***

I am always willing to accept any little 'dit' anyone might wish to send in and I am sure that there are many interesting tales out there among you? For now it is cheerio and all the best to each and every one,

Yours aye, ***Terry.***

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