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Opening Comment: - Hi everyone, Barbara and I enjoyed our latest reunion in Coventry, the first I believe when we were not blessed with decent weather; in fact it was indeed extremely wet! We did however have a dry spell on Saturday morning and those of us who went on the Arboretum visit luckily remained dry, although a very cold biting wind managed to spoil things somewhat. I am happy to report our tree is thriving and although yet seasonally leafless, has grown considerably since it was planted; see note attached to picture below.



We can see from this photograph, just how well the Ceylon's tree has grown since its dedication on the 30th July 2005 (7 years). Although leafless at the time of this picture, one can tell just how well it has thrived! What a wonderful thing this tree will be when mature and we are all away to that Great 'Quarterdeck in the Sky'

New Committee List: - At the AGM changes came about and from the proposals and nominations received, a 'shuffle' took place with changes in respect of the Chairman and Secretary; please note the latest update committee list on page 3; it is recommended that this is saved for future reference!

Reunion Venue for 2013: - Next year's event will take place at the Russell Court Hotel, Bath Road, Bournemouth; an A5 size booking form is enclosed with this letter and it contains all the necessary information needed. For my part I think this hotel is an excellent choice, but because the maximum number with which it can deal is around the 80 mark, early booking is certainly recommended!

Subs for Current Year: - For members who pay their subs to the treasurer, these were due from May 1st and Andrea will be pleased to receive your payment **at any time**; her contact details can also be found on the new committee list.

Postage Costs: - One other important decision made at the AGM was in respect to the appalling rising costs of postage. It was decided that in future there would be only three issues a year because we are loathe to raise the subs above that of now. In the final analysis, Royal Mail will be a loser.

Newsletters Delivered by e-mail: - in the further interest in saving on postage, some members who are 'online' have volunteered to receive their copy by this medium. I would be pleased to hear (*by e-mail*) from anyone wishing to add their name to this list; my contact details of course being on the new committee list. It would simplify matters if they all went out in 'pdf' form, but if this is not suitable to anyone, just let me know and I will send theirs as a word document.

Yours aye, Terry.

Outgoing Chairman's Final Message: - having served for two periods on the committee, three years as Vice-Chairman and five in the chair, I thought it was timely for me to stand down at the AGM. There was just one nomination for the vacant post, Tony Mendoza, and he was therefore voted in; my best wishes are extended to Tony and I hope everybody will support him in his new position. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the chair and send my thanks to all who supported me, especially my fellow committee members. The reunion went well and was enjoyed by those who managed to get along. Frank and Leah again are once again to be congratulated on arranging another successful Sunday Church Service, while Cliff deserves a mention for producing an impressive 70th anniversary card, marking the ship's launch. At the Saturday Gala dinner our esteemed president had the pleasure and honour of reading a message received from Her Majesty the Queen in reply to the greetings we sent on her Diamond Anniversary; Brien Harrison followed this with a special toast to also mark the occasion. Pony Moore was the winner of the 'Name-Badge' draw and on receiving his prize of a bottle of whiskey he promptly shared it with fellow members. At the end of the evening, Cliff produced a '*donated*' bottle of 'Pussers' and held a mini-draw, the proceeds of £68 being donated to the 'Help for Heroes' fund; the lucky winner was Alan Hadley.

Sunday Quiz at Coventry: - this event was well attended and I suspect that the heavy rain that day kept people inside and it gave them something to do for the afternoon! There were seven tables taking part, with six categories of ten questions starting with "1950's – Sport – Entertainment – Nautical – Prominent People – General Knowledge. There was also a page of 20 "Faces to Name", plus a list of some 30 Ship's Badges to put a name to; this last proved quite difficult; amazingly table five did extremely well getting 22 right and one of the team had not even been in the navy! This was Andrea and David's table and they had Helen Robinson and her family on their team; they won a bottle of wine. Arthur Lakin very quickly solved the anagram section, winning a packet of Jaffa Cakes. Thanks go to all for tolerating my many mistakes, which caused much merriment. I also gratefully thank Rosemary and Cliff for their hard work in making things go smoothly. Have a good and healthy year; best wishes to you all,

Yours Aye, John.

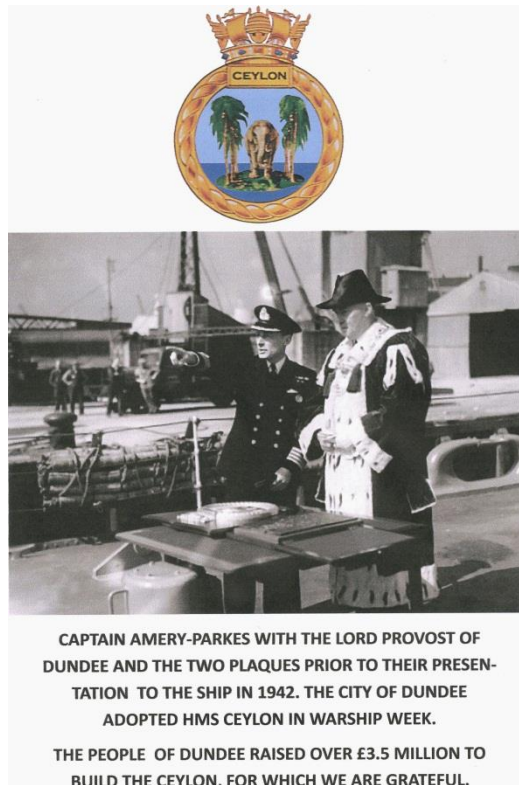
Incoming Secretary's Message: - Hi Shipmates, another reunion passes and it was great to meet you all again. I say a personal thanks to John for his time as chairman and welcome Tony as chairman, both guys having contributed greatly to the association. My sincere thanks go to all members who attended the AGM at which I was nominated and voted in as your new secretary; I sincerely hope I can live up to the confidence shown me in carrying out this new duty. Thanks to all who provided raffle prizes, it seems to get bigger each year. The bottle of 'Pussers' raised the splendid amount of £68, which is being donated to the "Help the Heroes" fund; thank-you one and all! Andy, the senior waiter, told me that his staff was surprised at the welcome collection made on their behalf and this would be shared equally between them. Next year's reunion will be at the Russell Court Hotel in Bournemouth, which can be viewed 'online'; I feel sure that we will be able to get the "70-plus" number attending which will allow us to have the hotel entirely booked out to us; this situation would of course have many advantages. Some of your committee have visited and this hotel and given their approval.

MEMBERSHIP: - If any full member wishes a son, daughter, wife, (partner, *lover* etc., to become an 'Associate Member', please contact me with details in order for me to process this.

Further, also please contact me if anyone requires any or all of the items below: -

1. A copy of Queen's letter.
2. A copy of celebration card.

3. A copy of photo of Captain Amery-Parkes with the Lord Provost of Dundee, taken at the presentation of both plaques in 1942. (*Please see reproduction*).



Best wishes Cliff

Latest List of all Committee Members – Please retain this section for our future reference.

PRESIDENT.	Lt/Cdr David M Scott RN.
VICE PRESIDENT.	Brien Harrison.
CHAIRMAN.	Tony Mendoza.
VICE CHAIRMAN.	Neither nomination nor volunteer - position thus vacant!
SECRETARY.	Cliff Pell
TREASURER.	Andrea Maynard.
COMMITTEE:	
	Terry Randall.
	Ron Boniface.
	Frank Hawkes.
	John Wyeth

New Secretary Cliff, will continue updating our Book of Remembrance, having managed most successfully so far.

Sickness Reports: -

1. Frank Hawkes has made good progress after his knee operation which had been postponed last December to the 29th January this year and it was good to see him in fine fettle at Coventry; he has now been given

the date of 18th July for the other knee to be fixed. I feel sure that you will all join me in wishing him well for this and also join me I wishing both Frank and Leah all good health and fortune. By the way, their efforts in arranging this year's church service was appreciated by everyone and the collection on the occasion made £82-35 which was rounded up to £83 and shared equally between the churches of, the minister who conducted our service, and the church of Frank and Leah at Frinsbury in the Rochester diocese. Incidentally, this church was again attacked by some low-life thieves recently and had the lead stripped from the roof! Why is it that these 'lead-thieves' seem to be so prolific and never apprehended?

2. Arthur Findlay hit us with the bad news that he has been diagnosed with 'Parkinson's' and has to be admired for the manner in which he has come to terms with this devastating illness. He said he made a special effort to get along to Coventry for one last reunion which he said he enjoyed more than ever! As he has always been a stalwart supporter of our 'get-togethers', he will certainly be missed.

That's about it shipmates, please allow me to apologise for the lateness of this issue, but I picked up a very invasive chest infection a couple of weeks ago and ended up on anti-biotics. I really was not at all interested in **anything** and I certainly do not know what I would have done without Barbara being there to see me through!

Yours aye

Terry.

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