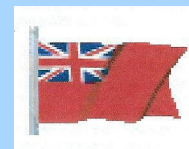




Merchant Navy Association (Wales)

# Newsletter



*Happy New Year Shipmates.  
Best wishes and plain sailing to you  
and yours for 2017*

**HARRY PARRY  
CHAIRMAN  
MAY 1999 TO DECEMBER 2016**



Mr. Harry Parry stood down as Chairman on 14th December 2016 having served in the post for nearly 18 years.

He joined the Association in February 1996 shortly after it was formed. In May 1997 he was appointed Vice-Chairman and then Chairman in May 1999.

The Association was formed in the Spring of 1995 by Bill Henke and friends which included our President Oliver Lindsay and our ex-Treasurer Ray Newbury. The first meeting was held in Cardiff County Hall in June 1995. After a slight hiccup Oliver was elected Chairman in July 1995. Harry was appointed Vice-Chairman at the AGM in May 1997 and Chairman when Oliver stood down on medical grounds in May 1999. Right from the beginning the

Association set out to raise the profile of the Merchant Navy. They attended numerous events and functions which Harry and his committees have continued to do during his time in office. Through their hard work and persistence the Merchant Seafarers Memorial in Cardiff Bay was unveiled and dedicated on Saturday 24th May 1997. Another important event during Harry's watch occurred on the 3rd September 2001 when the Association was presented with the Freedom of the City and County of Cardiff in recognition of the huge debt which the City and County of Cardiff owes to Merchant Seamen. Cardiff was the first city in the United Kingdom to honour Merchant Seamen in this way. Whatever the event and whatever the weather, Harry was there to represent us and became a well recognised and highly respected ambassador for MNA (Wales).

Tony Meade, our Vice Chairman, was appointment Chairman and Byron Jones Vice-Chairman.

A presentation and buffet followed the meeting when Harrys' family and Gwen Mumford, widow of John Mumford, joined us. Gwen made the presentation to Harry of a hip flask with the MN Wales emblem on the front and Harrys' details on the rear and, of course, a bottle of rum.

Harry received the following letter from the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff and has given his permission for it to be reproduced here and on our web site. The sentiments outlined in the letter reflects the high esteem in which Harry, and MNA (Wales), are held in the City and County of Cardiff.

Thanks Harry for keeping us on course and up to speed.

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*30<sup>th</sup> November 2016*

*Mr Harry Parry  
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*Dear Harry*

*I write to thank you for your loyal service to the Capital City of Wales as Chairman of the Merchant Navy Association Wales.*

*Your commitment in this role has proved exemplary and you have always been a wonderful ambassador for the Merchant Navy Association.*

*On a personal note both I and the Protocol Team are always grateful for your invaluable support, not just during my year of office but I feel sure my predecessors would also agree.*

*My very best wishes for the future to both you and your wife.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Cllr Monica Walsh  
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017

**Wednesday, January 11th**

Regular meeting at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m.

**Friday, January 27th**

Holocaust Memorial Day. City Hall, Cardiff at 1100

**Wednesday, February 8th**

Regular meeting at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 8th**

Regular meeting at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 12th**

Regular meeting at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 10th**

AGM at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 20th**

MNA (Wales) Service, Cardiff Bay at 1100.

**Wednesday, June 14th**

Regular meeting at Canton Liberal Club, Cardiff at 2.30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 24th**

Armed Forces Day, Caerphilly.

You will be notified of other events as dates and times become available. Notification will be provide at our regular meetings, via email and our web site.

## OUR WEBSITE WWW.MNAWALES.ORG.UK

The National Library of Wales have invited us to participate in the UK Web Archive by archiving our web site. The UK Web Archive is a partnership between the National Library of Wales, the British Library, and the National Library of Scotland, to preserve websites for future users. They have identified our web site as an important part of Wales' documentary heritage and would like it to remain available to researchers in the future. The archived copy of our web site will form part of their permanent collections.

There are some benefits in having our web site archived by the UK Web Archive; They will not only take the necessary preservation action to keep our publication accessible as hardware and software changes over time, but will also catalogue our publication through the websites of both the National Library of Wales ([www.nlw.org.uk](http://www.nlw.org.uk)) and the UK Web Archive ([www.webarchive.org.uk](http://www.webarchive.org.uk)), thereby increasing awareness of our publication among researchers. Another feather in the cap of MNA (Wales).

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Membership Secretary reminds all members that subscriptions for the year 2016/2017 are now due. The annual subscription is £10.00. In accordance with our Articles of Association, any member who is three years in arrears, may be removed from the membership list.

Please advise the Secretary of any sickness or bereavement which may come to your notice.

**If you have any comments, articles, stories or photographs you want printed in the Newsletter and Web site please send them to:**

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**Or e-mail them to**

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**Please keep your entries short if you can. Photographs and articles will be returned if accompanied by a S.A.E. (or at monthly meeting)**

## NEW MEMBERS

**Mr. George Anastasi, of Barry.** Mr Anastasi served at sea from 1953 to 2000 as a Donkeyman. Ships he sailed in include Norricia, Cape Sable, HMT Asturias, Newbury, Corinthus, Athel Monarch, Regent Royal, Dagestan, Knightsgarth, and European Ferries.

**Mr Daniel Weeden, of Barry.** Mr. Weeden is an Associate Member.

Both were accepted into the Barry Branch in November 2016.

Welcome aboard

## SUPPORTING SEAFARERS DAY - 23 JUNE 2016

We were invited to join members of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) to take part in a bucket collection on behalf of Seafarers UK which was held at Cardiff Central Railway Station. Unfortunately the patch they gave us was at the rear of the station where passenger traffic was, to say the least, poor. We did however manage to collect £76.36 which as they say is better than nothing. Photograph shows Louise Harries, on the left, and her colleagues from MCA with Byron Jones in support.



As a result of our support for this event, MCA invited us to attend their service in Westminster Abbey on Sunday 13th November. Jan Kramer and Byron Jones attended accompanied by their wives.

## CROSSED THE BAR

Sadly the following Member has Crossed the Bar since the last Newsletter

*Mr Bill Harding of Aberdare - 2016 age 76*

Late notification of passing



We will Remember them.

