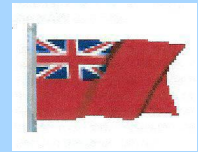




# Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Newsletter



*Happy New Year Shipmates.  
Best wishes and plain sailing to you  
and yours for 2024*



Apart from Barry Branch it has been a bit quiet on the meeting front but we were still active attending events throughout the year. Photograph shows the attendance at the Mansion House Cardiff for the Raising on the Red Ensign in September. This was one of many events attended by members during 2023. Others include our Remembrance Service at Cardiff Bay in May, supporting our Shipmates at Armed Forces Day in Newport In June, Sea Sunday Service in Barry in September, Field of Remembrance Service in Cardiff Castle in October, visits to Barry and Newport to support our shipmates at their Remembrance Services, and our Remembrance Services down Cardiff Bay in November. Many thanks to all for your support at these and other events, and we look forward to seeing you during 2024.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined since the July 2023 Newsletter.

### **EMMA LOUIS WALTERS, RFA.**

Emma joined the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service in January 2001 as a Communications Rating. Her first ship being RFA Fort Victoria. She has sailed in many ships of the RFA Fleet working her way through the ranks to Second Officer (Comms). She is currently attached to Navy Command HQ as AFSUP Chief of Staff with the Rank of Second Officer Communications.

The following Members were accepted into the Barry Branch of the Association during September 2023

### **DOUGLAS ALBERT CHARLES PROCTOR B.E.M.**

Douglas, of Grangetown Cardiff, was at sea between 1966 and 1990 as an Assistant Purser. Ships he sailed in include Edinburgh Castle, Silvers Shore, Bamburgh Castle, Hermitocus, Temple Inn, Port Caroline and Various Geest Boats. Decorations award British Empire Medal.

### **COLIN ANTHONY UREN.**

Colin of Rumney Cardiff, was at sea between March 1978 and February 1990 in the Catering Department. His rank on leaving the Service was Chief Cook. One of the Ships he sailed in as Galley Boy was the M.V. Temple Inn, between March and December 1978.

### **JONATHAN TREVOR UREN.**

Jonathan of Rumney, Cardiff was at sea between August 1984 and December 1989 as a Steward in the Catering Department. He joined his first Geest ship on 10th August 1984. He later served on the P & O ship Canberra as First Class Steward. He left his last ship R.F.A. Tidespring in 1989 where he was Officers Steward.

Total membership now stands at 46, with 24 Barry Branch Members and 22 National Members.

## WELCOME ABOARD

## MNA (WALES) TIES



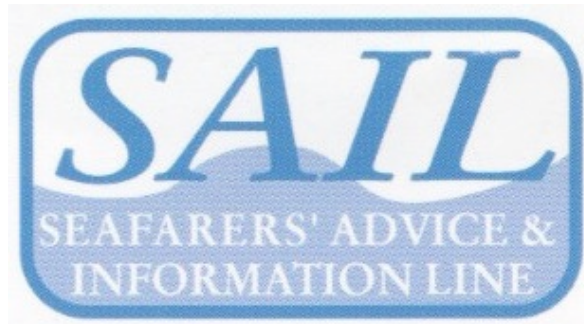
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## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**The Membership Secretary reminds all members that subscriptions for the year 2023/2024 are now due. Subscriptions for 2024/2025 are due on 1st May 2024. The annual subscription is £10.00. Please advise the Secretary (01443 815013) of any sickness or bereavement which may come to your notice.**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**The first “Newsletter” was issued in the Spring of 1996 and has continued in various forms to this day. As you know we currently issue a Newsletter in January and July every year. I have been writing the Newsletter since August 2006 and it is getting more difficult to find suitable content, so if you have any comments, articles, stories or photographs you would like included in the Newsletter and Web site please send them to:**

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