

## Merchant Navy Association (Wales)



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

The AGM was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May with the President Oliver Lindsay in attendance. In the absence of any nominations the committee was re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer. Sadly Ray Newbury crossed the bar in May and Byron Jones agreed to take on the roll until a replacement could be found. The following officers were appointed:

Chairman:

18, Kilgetty Close  
Caerau  
Cardiff, CF5 5BQ

Harry Parry



Vice Chairman:

32 Apollo Way  
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Tony Meade



Secretary/Treasurer/Mem. Sec.

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Byron Jones



Minutes Secretary

19, Dyfnallt Road  
Barry  
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Joe Norton



Standard Bearers: Tony Meade and John Mumford.

Members Representatives: John Mumford, Malcolm Mort and Bill Harding.

Representatives of the Barry Branch were confirmed as Jim Greenway and Joe Norton.

## END OF AN ERA?



The lightship which has been a floating Christian centre and Cardiff Bay landmark for more than 20 years was closed in October 2013 and has remained closed ever since. It's future still has to be determined but looks bleak.

The ship was built and commissioned by Trinity House in 1953 and was a working light-vessel in a number of locations around the UK. It was stationed off Rhossili, on the Gower peninsula, from 1984 until its withdrawal from service in 1989, to warn of the invisible threat of the Helwick sandbank. It was brought to Cardiff Bay in 1993 and refurbished as a floating Christian centre with a cafe and chapel. The ship is moored in the Bay free of charge, the light on the top of the ship's light-tower still works and the engines still run and generate electricity, but the ship needs to be dry-docked to check the hull and meanwhile overheads have swamped the income – making closure inevitable.

### Dates for your Diary

**Regular meetings** are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Canton Liberal Club, Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff, commencing at 14.30.

**Saturday 7th September** - Merchant Navy Day, London

**Saturday 20th September** - Barry Branch Annual Service at 1040

**Saturday 8th November** - MNA (Wales) Service Cardiff Bay at 1100

**Sunday 9th November** - Armistice Service Cardiff at 1030

**Saturday 15th November at 1115** - Newport MNA Service

You will be notified of other events as dates and times become available.

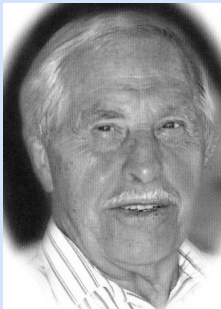
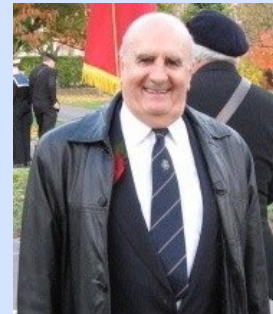
Notification will be provide at our regular meetings, via email (if you are on line) and via our web site [www.mnawales.org.uk](http://www.mnawales.org.uk)

## CROSSED THE BAR

The following members have crossed the bar since the last Newsletter

*Mr. W. Kirwan of Barry, Jan 2014*

*Mr. Alf Thomas of Cardiff, age 82. 22 Feb 2014*



*Mr. Ron Powell of Bridgend, age 86. 27 Feb 2014*

*Mr. Mike Hayes of Barry. February 2014*

*Captain Ray Newbury of St. Nicholas, age 87*

*5 May 2014*



## Their sailing hath ended

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have signed on:

*Mr. H.C. (Clive) John of Taffs Well - February 2014*

*J. D. Kramer, ex-Dutch Merchant Navy, of Cardiff - May 2014*

Welcome aboard

## ARMED FORCES DAY - CARDIFF CASTLE



Photograph courtesy of Cardiff Council.

On Monday 23rd June we were invited to attend the Flag Raising ceremony for Armed Forces Day 2014 at Cardiff Castle. Oliver, Harry and John were joined by the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan Dr. Peter Beck and his wife Lyn, and the New Lord Mayor of Cardiff Councillor Margaret Jones and her husband and consort Lawrence Jones.



Armed Forces Day on Saturday 28th June was slightly marred by some very heavy rain showers that played havoc with our display stands. But spirits were high and we were honoured with a goodly number of visitors which included, once again, the First Sea Lord Admiral Sir George Zambellas and Commodore Jamie Miller, Naval Regional Commander (Wales and Western England). Career information leaflets were provided by the Merchant Navy Training Board and Harry, John and Tony provided the refreshments which were enjoyed by all. Harry provided the Gazebo ably assisted by his son Steve.

## VISITS TO NATIONAL ARBORETUM/HOUSE OF COMMONS

We are attempting to arrange a visit to the National Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffs but before we can decide on a date and order the bus etc. we need to know the level of interest. If you are interested please let me know using the contact details on the attached form.

We also have an invitation from Mr. Stephen Doughty, MP for Cardiff South and Penarth to visit the House of Commons. Once again if you are interested please let me know so that I can make the arrangements with Mr Doughty.