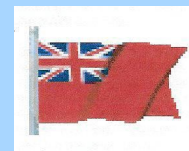




Merchant Navy Association (Wales)

Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, August 10th

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

Sunday, September 4th

Swansea Service at 1045

Wed. September 14th

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

Wednesday, October 12th

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

Saturday, November 5th

TRBL Concert and Muster, St Davids Hall, Cardiff.

Wednesday, Nov 9th

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

Friday, November 11th

Remembrance Service, Bargoed at 1800.

Saturday, November 12th

MNA (Wales) Remembrance Service, Cardiff at 1100.

Sunday, November 13th

Armistice Day, Parade and Service, Cardiff .

Wednesday, Dec. 14th

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

AGM - MAY 2016

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Harry Parry.
 Vice Chairman: Tony Meade.
 Treasurer: Byron Jones.
 Secretary: Byron Jones.
 Membership Secretary: Byron Jones.
 Minutes Secretary: Joe Norton.
 Standard Bearers: David Richards and Des Farnham
 Members Representatives: Malcolm Mort.
 Barry Branch Representative was confirmed as Joe Norton.

Our membership has dwindled from over 200 in the early days to just 73 today. Age and ill health has taken its toll. This has also had an impact on the Officers of the National Committee with a number of Officers having Crossed the Bar. Our Constitution allows for a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and six Committee members. In addition there should be 2 delegates from each Branch. As you can see three of the positions are currently held by one member and there are a number of vacancies for Members Representatives for the National Committee and one for the Barry Branch.

Our Chairman Mr Harry Parry, who has held the post since May 1999, has indicated that he intends to stand down in December 2016. So that means another position we will need to fill. Anyone interested in joining the committee, in whatever capacity, please get in touch by phone 01443 815013 or email byron@blackranger.plus.com. Barry Branch is in a similar position with Joe Norton appointed as Chairman but no other positions filled.

We are still kept busy and were invited to 31 events (including meetings) last year most of them requiring the attendance of our Standard. This included Armed Forces Day which was held in

Caerphilly. The average attendance per event was 5. Our services down the Bay were well attended and our thanks go to Joel Steed of the National Assembly for his assistance at the Senedd Building and for all those who attended. The average attendance at meetings was 14.





ARCTIC CONVOY MEMORIAL - NEWPORT

On Saturday 2nd July 2016 the Merchant Navy Association, City of Newport Branch unveiled and dedicated an Arctic Convoys Memorial on the banks of the River Usk, East Dock Road, Newport. The memorial was unveiled by Commodore Oliver Lindsay of the Reardon Smith Line, President of MNA (Wales) and a veteran of the Russian convoys. In 1942 Commodore Lindsay was a 17 year old Reardon-Smith Apprentice onboard S.S. Botavon in Convoy PQ15 on voyage from Middlesbrough, via Reykjavik, to Murmansk with Government stores. On the 2nd May, whilst at anchor, the Botavon was torpedoed by a German aircraft. The ship was badly damaged and the crew were ordered to abandon ship. The wreck was sunk the following day by convoy escort. Oliver was picked up by HMAT Cape Palister and landed at Vaenga on the 6th May where he remained in a Russian Army Camp for two months. He returned to the UK in S.S. Empire Baffin and after a few weeks joined the M.V. Houston City in Sunderland in August.



CROSSED THE BAR

Sadly the following members have crossed the bar since the last Newsletter.

Mr John Wells of Barry - February 2016 age 93

Mr Jim Greenway of Barry - March 2016 age 82.

Mr E.G.W. Powell of Barry - May 2016

Mr John Mumford of Cardiff - June 2016 age 75

Mr. Ray Clemo of Barry - June 2016 age 95

We will Remember them.

JOHN BARRIE MUMFORD

1940 - 2016



John Barrie Mumford was born in Southampton on the 9th November 1940 and died of cancer on 3rd June 2016. An ex-Vindicatrix Boy he went to sea in October 1956 serving on deck. His first ship was the S.S. Twickenham followed by the M.V. Athelking, S.T.S. Hemefusu, M.V. Ribble Head and S.S. Eskgheu. Sadly John had to leave the sea in 1958 on medical grounds. On leaving the sea he tried his hand at a few careers, working in a walking stick factory, repaired sewing machines, and decorators supplies in Canton. He later studied in college and became a grounds man with the Cardiff Council. He looked after Pontcanna

and Llandaff fields. He also joined the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) in March 2003 and it wasn't long before he was carrying the Association Standard which he continued to do until his illness prevent him from doing so in 2015. He also served on the committee. He was a very thoughtful, generous and sociable man and as his son Jason said he could walk into a room knowing no one and walk out knowing everyone. A talent he put to good use when attending the many events involving MNA (Wales) which is reflected by the number attending his funeral. He liked to see people happy and he was also at the front of the queue if you needed help. A great ambassador who will be missed very much indeed.

NEW MEMBER

Mr. John Edward Taylor joined us on the 13th July. He served with Port Line as a Refrigeration Engineer from 1960 to 1962. Ships he served on include Port Jackson and Port Wellington.

Welcome aboard

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Membership Secretary reminds all members that subscriptions for the year 2016/2017 are now due. The annual subscription is still £10.00. Please advise the Secretary (01443 815013) of any sickness or bereavement which may come to your notice.

JAMES (JIM) THOMAS GREENWAY

1933 - 2016



James Thomas Greenway, was probably better known to most as Jim. He was born in Barry in 1933 and after a short illness died peacefully on March 21, 2016, aged 82. Jim went to sea in October 1950 serving in the Catering Department. His first ship was the Gatineaux Park followed by the Maple Dore, John Hopkinson, George Balfour, Irene K, Sir Joseph Swan, Brunswick Wharf and Fulham II. Sadly Jim had to leave the sea in 1958 on medical grounds, after which he worked for BP Distillers for 25 years as a polymerisation (PVC) technician.

During his time with BP, he worked as a works convenor for the Transport and General Workers' Union. He opted for early retirement in 1983 and joined the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) in November 1995. He was a founder member of the Barry Branch which he served as Chairman until his death. He also served on the National Committee.

A major achievement, of which Jim and his colleagues were very proud, was the signing of the Friendship Pacts between Kinsale Harbour Board and Barry Branch. This took place in May 1999 in Kinsale after which he laid a wreath in remembrance of all Seafarers who lost their lives at sea.

The second leg of the Friendship Pact was signed at the Sea view Labour Club in Barry on September 29, 2001. A similar pact of friendship was sign between Barry and Kinsale Councils a few years ago. Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

