

HMS Phoebe Association

December 2011



Season's
GREETINGS

Newsletter



November 25th. So far the weather has been quite kind to us, I wonder how long it will last? Lets hope the forecasters are wrong and it will stay mild right through to the new year. I expect you are all prepared for Christmas, bought all the presents and piles of food and you're now wondering where the money went, it gets more expensive each year. I had some stressful moments a couple of weeks ago, not to do with our association but the Sheffield association, I am on their committee and had a slight altercation with the treasurer who threatened to resign over it, so petty, I was only asking for an update of the members list so that I could send their newsletters out and he took umbrage? Onto Nov 11th which was Armastice Day. Lil and I drove down to Bournemouth to meet up with the TS Phoebe Chairman, Mike Fox, and our Padre Ray, we met at our memorial stone. On the opposite side of the gardens around the towns Cenotaph stood crowds of people waiting for the service to begin, but there was no service arranged, even the RBL were not in evidence. Ray began the service, we could see people over by the Cenotaph moving away and coming our way, we held our two minutes silence then laid our wreaths, Ray carried on with the service. When he finished and we turned from the stone we found at least 50 people gathered behind us, including a press photographer who was busy taking loads of photos for the Times newspaper. Unfortunately we did not get into the paper, but the photographer did send me a lot of photos. People were asking who we were, Mike and I set about telling them who we were and why we were there. We told them that we held a service at the stone every year and some said they would join us next year after the towns service. I'm Sorry to say the Memorial Stone looks a bit weather beaten, the plaque is discoloured and a chunk has broken off the side of the stone, how long it will last now is anyone's guess, perhaps we should think of a replacement later on, the plaque definitely needs replacing. We need a sponsor to pay for the stone to be replaced and have the names engraved on it instead of a plaque. No idea what the cost would be probably a few hundred pounds. "Any vollunteers"??

After the service we followed Mike to the new TS HQ, it is almost finished now, and looks really good. Plenty of room to move around, male and female toilets with showers, and also disabled toilets. There are two floors, a lift is yet to be installed, stairs both inside and outside, when completed entrances & exits will be wheelchair friendly, and main doors will be auto opening by pressing a button. Mike is doing a huge amount of work at the HQ to get it ready to use, there will be an official opening in May, most likely during our reunion weekend.



November 11/11/11 am.

The ceremony begins with crowds around the Cenotaph looking over at us. Mike Fox and Roy have laid their wreaths and stand back. The crowds around the Cenotaph have diminished, most of them coming across to join our ceremony. Roy explains to the congregation why we hold the ceremony, pointing out our affiliation to Bournemouth in 1942, also the adoption of the Frigate in 1966 the award of The Freedom of the Borough and making a point of how the name Phoebe is carried on by the Bournemouth Sea Cadet Corp. Of special note was the non showing of anyone from the local RBL



I am getting a lot of emails via face book from shipmates calling themselves The Fighting 42, can anyone tell me what this relates to. It seems these shipmates enjoy meeting and swinging the lead, perhaps they would like to join the association, perhaps they have not heard that we are open to all ex- Phoebeians including relatives. I think there are possibly a couple of our members who are Fighting 42, could you tell others of us. Any info would be appreciated.

I have a new toy?? It is a HP Colour LaserJet. It actually belongs to the HMS Sheffield Association, but we have use of it if we share the cost of the four toners, as these last much longer than printer inks, it will be cheaper and much better for printing photos etc. It came with a full set of cartridges, although the black has now run out it is being exchanged free of charge by the sellers. Each cartridge is capable of printing 11,000 pages of A4 size. It will be quite a while before new ones are required?

There has been a spot of bother with the naming of the new TS Phoebe HQ Ever since its inception we have known it as the "Phoebe Centre" which covers what it is, the centre for TS Phoebe activities, although a lot of money was donated by one person which enabled the building of the HQ to go ahead it was not a reason for naming the HQ after that person. The local council also donated a considerable sum, but there has been no mention of naming the building after a councillor. The building I understand is actually named The Howard Building, above the entrance will be a sign saying "Phoebe Centre". I take it the postal address would be. TS Phoebe, The Phoebe Centre, Howard Building. Gloucester Rd...etc Which means the benefactors name is well covered. Cant see any issue in that, especially when voted on and passed with a huge majority. No doubt there will be a plaque detailing who the main benefactors were?

Next year the TS will be planting a Oak Tree in the "Phoebe Wood" at Millets Farm Nr Abingdon, the cadets will hold a ceremony and we are invited to attend, no dates as yet, but tree planting is usually about March. Perhaps shipmates attending can get together for lunch. As soon as I know more I will publish it.

Heard From George and Josie White the other day. Josie is not doing too bad, has a bad turn now and again, but gets over it. George has been unwell, and has the flu now, we hope that goes quickly, and they both get well.

The Dedication of a Plaque and Book of Remembrance to all the Boy Seamen killed at sea and ashore in WW2 takes place at Portsmouth Cathedral on the 18th March 2012. The plaque has been made and the book will be completed soon., so many have come forward to attend the service I think the Cathedral will be overflowing. Our Standard will parade on the day. I am not sure how it stands for car parking around the Cathedral, perhaps some good Samaritan living local could take a look and let me know?? The 18th is a Sunday and as it stands at the moment the service will begin about 11am. (To be confirmed)..



Those of you who were at the The Rivelyn Hotel Scarborough 2006 reunion May remember Jean from the HMS Phoebe Chapter of the DOBS Florida. This photo is her, she is on the left, enjoying a cruise around the Bahamas. The HMS Phoebe chapter has closed down but Jean has joined the Sarasota chapter and enjoying the things they get up too, the cruise being one of them.



I am holding up the cake that the Kent contingent presented me with for my 80th birthday. It went down quite well. The bear belonged to Jim Hutchison. Lil almost purloined it, but she was not quick enough? Our thanks to everyone, It was a great day out for us. See you next year, we are booked In for week 16th - 22nd June

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: **Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.**



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Kent Shipmates Lunch Venue

⇔ S/Ms John Barratt, Derek West & Jim Hutchison

S/m Jeff Fellowe in the back ground having his ear bent.
S/m Bill Harrison filling up..



S/m Roy Talbot Filling his face.



I'll have this half ⇔



I was hoping to get some articles to make this a 12 page newsletter but it looks like this is to be the last page. I'll keep it open though in case I get an influx of items. Its happened before? I will say now though it has been a slow uneventful year except for the last couple of weeks when things got a bit hairy. Next year could be better. Especially if all those who asked to return to the hotel again book in, we need to fill it, so come on get booking. Some of you asked if you could bring your friends next year, of course you can, the more the merrier

S/Ms Alf Larkin & Doug Harris
Have had old style uniforms
made for their "UP PIRITS"
ceremony. They look the part, so
its out cameras next year. I think
we may put a pot out and ask for
donations to a charity.
What say you??




 The Rum Rats
 Doug Harris & Alf Larkin
 Dressed in their new, not sure what era,
 Maybe Edwardian or early Victorian