

News-Sheet November 2005

As those of you who attended the meeting at the reunion in September will know, I have now taken over the running of the Association from Phil & Jackie Evans and Brian (Harry) Hobbs is now acting as Treasurer. We all owe Phil and Jackie a tremendous amount for all the hard work and very successful reunions over the past 10 years. At the Reunion the Association presented them with an engraved Ship's Decanter as a token of our thanks (after a spoof presentation by Phil Briggs of a bottle of non-alcoholic wine – 99p from Asda!)

Following Phil's decision to step down many members feared that the Association might collapse – NOT SO! We are certain we can keep it alive, indeed we had another new member only last month – Alan (Wacker) Payne ex ME1. This brings the total members past and present to 66 from a Ship's Company of around 250, which is remarkable after 38 years. We have designated 3 honorary members – partners of members who have crossed the bar or persons who have made a contribution to the Association over the years.

Inevitably we may make a few changes, which will hopefully benefit the Association and attract even more members. To ensure that our records are up to date and your preferences noted we have attached a joint questionnaire / reunion booking / membership subscription form that we would ask you to return in the enclosed envelope even if you cannot attend the reunion.

Annual Reunions

First and foremost is the continuation of the Annual Reunions and Phil, Harry and myself are in agreement that these are absolutely central to the objectives of the Association. To this end (and to save the new team a bit of work during the change-over period) we have re-booked the **Quality Hotel in Bournemouth** again for the weekend of **15-17 September 2006** with only a fractional increase in price. However, for 2007 we feel we need to move on, so if anyone has any venue suggestions please enter them on the questionnaire. We hope to involve more members with various reunion events – Phil Briggs has volunteered to prepare next year's Quiz!

The 2006 Reunion Package (per person)

Friday dinner & accommodation, Saturday breakfast, Banquet & accommodation, Sunday breakfast	£101
Saturday Banquet & accommodation, Sunday breakfast	£71
Saturday Banquet only	£46
Additional nights bed & breakfast	£30
Additional nights dinner, bed & breakfast	£40

Newsletters

We hope to continue producing Newsletters in booklet form, although probably twice yearly. We need CONTRIBUTIONS! So please send me any articles, jokes, stories, photos etc. All News Sheets and Newsletters will be available as pdf files on-line, with the benefit of colour. Postage (especially to members abroad) is very expensive and we could save money by asking members with Internet access to view or download these on-line - there is a question on the form regarding this.

Subscriptions

We are keeping these at £10 per annum for 2006 and we will see how the finances look beyond that. It would make our job much simpler if as many members as possible could pay by standing order - there is a question on the form regarding this.

Website - www.hmscaprice1968.org.uk

We intend to further develop the website to communicate more effectively with members.

Graham Latter

Member's Questionnaire

Please make out any cheques payable to *HMS Caprice 1968 Association*

Attached are your details- are they correct and up to date?

YES (✓)		Member No
NO	Please provide details.....	

Have you paid your subs for 2006? (or 2005? – still 4 outstanding – *no names no pack drill!*)

YES (✓)	
NO	Please return us a cheque for £10 (for each year)

Will you be attending the 2006 Reunion at the Quality Hotel Bournemouth? (Sept 15 –17)

NO (X)	
YES - please indicate what nights you are saying, and then send us a deposit of £10 per person as soon as possible – balance is due to hotel at the Reunion.	
Friday & Saturday Night (✓)	
Saturday Night (✓)	
Banquet only (✓)	
Additional Nights – indicate dates	
Please indicate name (s) of partner or other persons accompanying you.	

Would you be prepared to pay future subs by bank standing order?

YES (✓)	
NO (X)	

Would you be prepared to receive Newsletters and News Sheets on-line to save us postage costs?

YES (✓)	
NO (X)	

May we publish your e-mail address on the Association website?

YES (✓)	
NO (X)	

May we include your e-mail address on our members e-mail update list? (only sent to members)

YES (✓)	
NO (X)	

Please write here (or overleaf) any suggestions you may have for future reunion venues and any other suggestions you have about the Association....