

## 2020 and 2021 Reunions

Good news and bad news. I have cancelled the 2020 reunion at Chester planned for September this year, I apologise to those of you who have paid a deposit and were looking forward to meeting your shipmates and friends. There are a number of reasons for this principally the uncertainty of there being enough relaxation of the social distancing rules by the end of September for the event to be viable. After all a reunion is meant to be a pleasant sociable experience obviously you can not be sociable remaining 1metre apart at all times. I took the view that visiting Chester (or anywhere else) was not going to be the pleasant experience it should have been and was not worth the effort of travelling to get there. Very few members had booked so clearly many of you were reticent to commit for much the same reasons.

The good news is that Isle of Wight (IOW) tours have managed to negotiate much the same terms with the hotel for us next year and also at the end of September, the new dates being Friday and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Further the bookings for this year will be carried forward to next year including any extra days and the type of room requested.

Amendments to the bookings including return of deposits if you wish to cancel will be possible shortly. I say shortly because IOW tours office is still closed although some staff are working from home and others are furloughed and consequently there is some disruption within the organisation. The office will reopen soon and business as usual will be the order of the day and those who have booked will be contacted by IOW tours directly.

Meanwhile any queries should be raised with myself by phone on 07841104374 or e mail [capriciousd01@btinternet.com](mailto:capriciousd01@btinternet.com).

I look forward to meeting you all again eventually!

Gordon Duffy.