

# **BROADSWORD ASSOCIATION**



**NEWSLETTER SPRING 2005**

## Message from the Editor.

May I first take this opportunity to wish all our members and non-members a belated happy new year and welcome you all to what I hope will be a successful and informative newsletter of which the Association has unfortunately not provided for various reasons for some time.

## New committee structure.

At the last re-union in Chester on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004 a new committee was formed due to some of the existing committee members wishing to stand down. May I take this opportunity to thank those members for all there hard work and for getting the association to where it is today? I hope we will continue to see those members at future re-unions.

The committee now is as follows:

**President.** Captain W R Canning DSO MBE RN

**Chairman.** Mr Peter Philips.  
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## Membership

To continue with the successful running of the Association and to ensure we continue to have re-unions in Chester it is very important that we continue to receive annual subscriptions from current members and to also encourage non-members to join the association.

Without your subscriptions (which at £10 is of great value) the association will not be able to continue. For those of you that have attended the re-unions in Chester I am sure you will all agree that they are great fun and many friendships have been struck, not just between the gentlemen, but also their wives and girlfriends.

For those of you that wish to become members a standing order annual subscription form is enclosed with this newsletter.

All you have to do is complete it and send it to your bank. It has also been decided that for £5.00 a year wives, girlfriends etc can become associate members.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 only fully paid up members will continue to receive newsletters, which will be published twice a year.

Also included in the newsletter is member's detail update form. If you change address please send one of these to George Roche so he can keep the members list up to date and to ensure you receive future newsletters.

## Forthcoming Events

Mini re-union Pompey.

To coincide with the fleet review in June this year it is planned to meet up for a weekend in Pompey. As yet it has not been confirmed which weekend, but it will be either the 17/18 June or 24/25 June.

Steve Bullock is currently serving on HMS Scott and she is due in Pompey as part of the review, but due to her recent operations in the Indian Ocean he is still unsure which weekend she will be alongside.

As soon as we receive confirmation these will be published on the Broadsword website. [www.hmsbroadsword.co.uk](http://www.hmsbroadsword.co.uk).

Remembrance Sunday parade.

Anybody wishing to take part in this years parade in London on 13<sup>th</sup> November please contact Dave Bracken. I am sure if we get enough we can make a weekend of it and perhaps stay in the Union Jack club.

I will need to confirm numbers with Kevin O'Kane (The can man) who has kindly agreed to assist with our application by the end of March.

### Chester re-union 17/11/2006.

Further details of the next re-union will be published nearer the time. Please check the website for further updates. Details will also be printed in forthcoming newsletters. It was raised at the last re-union that perhaps a sit down meal rather than a buffet would be more suitable. This I know was very successful for the 2002 re-union. If anybody has any comments on this matter could they please address them to the chairman who can then raise them at the next committee meeting.

## Memorabilia

Please see enclosed for a list of slops currently available.

## Ships Ensign

At the last re-union we were unable to find the battle ensign from the Falklands conflict. If anybody knows the whereabouts of this historic piece of history could they please contact Tanzy Lee, as the Association would very much like it back.

If anyone has anything they would like to see or be included in the next edition in September could they send them to me by the end of August. I hope this newsletter has been informative and hope to receive your ideas and ditties for future editions. For those of you planning on going to Pompey in June mines a JD and coke.

Dave Bracken.  
Newsletter Editor.

## **A Message from your new Chairman**

The Broadsword Association had their biennial re-union in Chester last November. All those attending had a great time meeting up with old friends and comrades. As usual Chester City Council provided the amenities of the Town Hall for free. Our President Captain Bill Canning was in attendance as usual and he being the modest man that he is, did not let us know that he had been awarded the MBE for voluntary work in the 2004 new year honours list. He also has been selected to be a Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset. The Chairman and committee sent their congratulations on behalf of all members past and present of the association.

After the AGM there was a major re-organisation of the committee and we are committed to pushing the association forward again as it has declined over the last 2 years.

Spider Webster is continuing to run the website and Dave Bracken has taken on the task of Newsletter editor. Please log on to the website to keep up to date on the association and proposed events.

Terry Lee continues as Treasurer and George Roche is the new Membership Secretary.

At the 2002 re-union the subject of associate members was raised and the constitution has been revised. Many members wanted their wives to be associates and it had been brought up about widows and widowers of members. Some of you may not be aware that Alan Wimpenny Royal Marine 1982 was murdered in Iraq by insurgents whilst working for a security firm. His Widow asked if she and her sons could attend future re-unions and this was another reason for the Associate member.

I know that many of you have other associations that you belong to but I think this one is special.

I belong to St Brides Bay Association, my first ship and Broadsword my last. I took a long time before taking the decision to join the Fisgard Association, yes I am a thoroughbred!

We intend to try to put on functions in different parts of the country in between the re-unions. I advertised a get together in Port Solent last March in the News nobody from the Portsmouth area responded we had seven people and the Portsmouth Sailing club produced an excellent a la carte meal on the night.

Come along and renew your membership it only costs £10 by standing order and £5 for your wife or partner the latter being optional.

Peter Phillips  
Chairman

## **Broadsword Association Constitution**

### **Background**

The Broadsword Association was established in 1996, in order to foster links between those who have served in Her Majesty's Ships of that name and also with the City of Chester. The Association is affiliated with similar associations through the Federation of Naval Associations under the patronage of the Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command (CINCNAVHOME) and, as such, enjoys charitable status.

### **Membership**

Membership of the Broadsword Association is open to all ranks that served in any of Her Majesty's Ships of that name who have paid and maintained their annual subscription. Annual subscriptions will ONLY be accepted by the Association in the form of a bank transfer payable via the Association bank account. Associate Membership is also open to direct relations of full member's (current or deceased) families. Any such Associate Member would be Ex- Officio and would therefore not be able to cast a vote on any matter at AGM's or on any other matter concerning the running of the Association. A 50% discount of the full membership annual subscription will be enjoyed by Associate Members. Associate Members' annual subscriptions, also to be paid, by a bank transfer to the Association bank account.

### **Regulation**

The Association is served by an elected committee whose members are elected/re-elected at the bi-annual meeting of the AGM. The Association is a non-profit making organisation of which the accounts shall be presented for verification at the AGM. The annual subscription should be set at such a level such that the costs of postage, printing, telephone calls and essential travel by members of the committee (i.e. for setting up of AGM's and reunions) is covered with a small margin for contingencies and any deserving causes as agreed at the AGM. Such a margin should not normally exceed £500 in the Number One Account. A Second account shall be used to hold larger amounts of monies for the payments to caterers etc at reunions.

A quorum of the committee is deemed to be the Chairman (or his representative) and a minimum of two other committee members. The President of the Association (an ex-Officio post) shall be elected/re-elected as and when it is deemed necessary on the understanding that the office holder may either request or be invited to stand down as the occasion arises.

## City of Chester

In view of HMS Broadsword's (1979 – 1995) adoption by the City of Chester the continuing link with the City is regarded as crucial.

### Reunions

Bi-Annual AGM's & official bi-annual reunions shall be held at Chester with the permission of the City of Chester Council unless otherwise voted for by the membership or permission by Chester City Council is withdrawn.

### Termination

**The Association may be wound up if that is the wish of at least 50 per cent of the current membership. Any funds held at the termination shall be audited and distributed among charitable organisations as stipulated by the committee.**

# MEMORABILIA

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