



29 YEARS



HMS GANGES ASSOCIATION DEVONPORT DIVISION

AGM & GENERAL MEETING

By E-MAIL/PHONE CONTACT: APRIL 2021

These minutes are at the agreement of Committee Officers who physically met and following discussion with all members either by e-mail or phone by the Secretary.

Minutes of the last AGM. Attached

Matters Arising. None

Chairman's Annual Report.

Here's hoping that this report finds you all in good health and in fine Ganges spirit

I cannot really say, as in previous years, that we have had another successful and enjoyable twelve months. I can however be sure that we all have made the best of a very trying and unusual situation, whilst bearing in mind that eventually the storm will abate, and we can look forward to sunny times ahead, when we can renew our social gatherings.

The only thing left for me to do, is once again thank all the committee for their continual support, especially to Sue, for keeping our finances fluid, and of course, Basil, who tirelessly keeps us all in touch, and informed on all matters. Also to mention that Davey, our standard bearer has not been idle over the past months.

Finally, and not least, to the whole of the Devonport Division for supporting us, the committee. I look forward to meeting you all, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Secretaries Annual Report. Basil fully endorsed the Chairman's Comments. With covid restrictions hopefully being reduced he will start looking at future events. Throughout the lockdown Basil has sent out various e-mails with jokes and items attached in an effort to give members a smile this has also been done by few other members and are always welcome. He also thanks Sue our treasurer for keeping a firm control on funds. Basil is aware that not only our members but the whole country has been going through stormy times but with true Ganges Spirit he is confident that we will get safely back in harbour and enjoy happy runs ashore again.

Treasurers Annual Report. Sue reports that the funds are still healthy with current balance being £1,132.43 but due to the current Corona virus health situation the accounts will be updated and audited at a later date. No luck yet on the lottery. **Sue will be accepting Gangway Fees @ £15.00 per member. This can be paid by Cheque/cash, BACCS ect sent to Sue Maries. 38 Tappers Lane, Yealmpton, PL8 2PL. 01752 880947** Cheques made out to Ganges Devonport. Sue apologies that there may be some delay in having cheques submitted being processed.
Charity Donation. Guzz Division has donated £200 to the Ghurkha Veterans housing project.

Election of Committee 2020-21: The following agreed to stand forming the committee for 2021-2022 and were elected en-bloc. Proposed by Ken Verrall, Seconded by Bernard Smith Carried unanimously by members responses on line/phone. **Mike Phillips:** Chairman, **Brian Hill:** Vice Chairman, **Basil Downing-Waite:** Secretary, **Sue Maries:** Treasurer, **Val Downing-Waite:** Ladies Rep, **Dave Hutson:** Federation Delegate, **Dave Skinner:** Standard Bearer..

Future Events: These are the main events to (hopefully) be carried forward from last year. There will also (hopefully) be some other socials at the Agaton in between times. Members will be informed as a when one is to be held.

August. Monday 2nd Black Tot Social at the Agaton Social Club
October. Saturday 23rd Trafalgar Dinner (Mount Edgecome Masonic Hall)
December. Friday 3rd/10th. Christmas Dinner (Mount Edgecome Masonic Hall)

Welfare Report: No Blue Coats currently in the Sick Bay. Those who currently do have medical problems are all holding their own.

Any Other Business.

Retired Members. **Greg Peck** Has moved from the area and sends his best wishes to all members. **Ann Cocks** has also moved from the area and is now living near her Daughter and send her best wishes to members, **Penny Reid**. Is doing fine and improving well after her operation to repair her broken pelvis following her accident. I have spoken to **Audrey Dawson** who, is also recovering from surgery following an accident but she is still the lively and happy lady that a lot of us knew.

. **Scouce Mansfield** I received this report from his wife Christine: *All as well as can be expected here. Unfortunately Bill suffered a seizure during the night last month and was found unresponsive by the care home staff during the nightly checks. They called out an emergency ambulance. I was phoned at 3 am and headed over there with our son. They called us en-route to say the paramedics had managed to stabilise Bill and we arrived just as they were leaving..We weren't allowed to see Bill but waited till two sets of checks were done on Bill to make sure he was ok then we went home.No apparent lasting effects and he actually seems a bit brighter on Face-time chats with the children. He is still in recovery, gets tired easily but he's a tough cookie! We've both had our first jabs and awaiting our dates for the second one.I am still ok and will be so glad when visits are allowed. Can't wait to see family and grandchildren..Do hope all is well with you and your family and*

Thelma Main is still a resident in Plymbridge House Residential home I have tried on several occasions to talk to her but staff tell me she is very poorly and confined to her room and cannot take phone calls. I recently had a call from a relative of Thelma who was involved in sorting out the contents of Thelma and Joes house after Thelma had moved into the residential home, I was asked if I could comment on two mugs they had found. They were HMS Ganges Cardiff Friday While Mugs that Joe and Thelma has purchased when they were with us at one of the weekends. The end result is that I collected the mugs and in Joe & Thelma's name they were donated to the Ganges Museum who are delighted to have them



National Donation. The National Association has made a donation of £2,000 to South West Blood Bikes. We were asked to do the presentation of the cheque. . This was done on Monday 29th March in the RBL Car Park Crownhill. Chairman Mike Phillips accompanied by Basil, Dave Skinner with the Standard attended and Vice Chairman Brian Hill attended.



Note Face Coverings. Please stay safe.

Prince Phillip

A online condolence message has been left on the Royal Memorial Book of Remembrance in the name of HMS Ganges Association Devonport Division. Several Flags & Ensigns were flown at Half Mast in respect



Next Meeting if held. T.B.A

As lockdown eases please be careful and continue to protect yourself following the advice and regulations being given.

We will start to gather again as and when it is considered safe to do so.

Meantime, Stay Safe, Stay happy.

Basil

