

**Branch meeting held Ennis Square Social club,
Wednesday 14th September 2011.**

1/9b/11.

The chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs, the tribute to the fallen was given by s/m Billy Hendrie. Apologies received from s/m Jan Harper Welfare Officer.

2/9b/11. Minutes.

The minutes of the last branch and committee meetings were read and approved.

There were no matters arising

3/9b/11. Correspondence.

There were 10 items of correspondence as follows:-

- 1. A greetings card from s/ms Peter and Iris Willis.*
- 2. A greetings card from Cllr. and Mrs Goddard.*
- 3. A letter of thanks was read, written by the sec. to Morrisons supermarket.*
- 4. An e-mail from Colin Worswick, chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers, Teesport.*
- 5. From national regarding Merchant Navy records and archives.*
- 6. From national regarding Merchant Navy Parade 4th September .*
- 7. From National regarding the crossing of the bar by Alf Trafford, London.*
- 8. Letter written by the sec. to branch members regarding B. MacIntyre.*
- 9. From Middlesbrough borough council regarding Remembrance Day, 13th November.*
- 10. From Hull IMNA requiring Standards to be present at their annual Knees Up.*

Matters regarding the correspondence:-

- 1. This card of thanks from Mr & Mrs Willis is in relation to the £100 paid by the branch Welfare towards repairs to s/m Peter's wheelchair.*
- 2. This card from Cllr and Mrs Goddard is a thanks from them to the branch for the way we have took to them and brought them into the branch.*
- 3. This letter to Morrisons was by request from Norman Evens MBE in way of thanks for the £100 donated by Norman to the branch, collected in Morrisons.*
- 4. Colin Worswick congratulates the branch on the smooth running of the 4th September in the Garden of Remembrance.*
- 8. The sec had written to 4 s/ms advising them to block out MacIntyre.*
- 9. The branch can not be represented at the Cenotaph in Middlesbrough at present as Captain Parker is not to well*

Please note:- The date of the next branch meeting will be Monday 10th October.

4/9b/11. Treasurers Report.

The treasurer gave his usual up-to-date report on branch finance as follows:

Income to the 31st August stood at £247. Expenditure for the same period £157.90, giving the branch a balance of £1,167.98, Yorkshire Bank statement £1,167.98. The branch Welfare and Remembrance Fund stands at £2,479.

The treasurer went on to give a report on the branch Flag Day and the expense we had allowing us to send a cheque to national for £603.78 for them to take their 10%. The

treasurer also stated that he was pleased the way the 25 club had gone lately as only 2 names had not paid.

The treasurers report was accepted proposed s/m Taff Jenkins and seconded by s/m Ray (Sugar) Robinson

5/9b/11. Branch Representative's Report.

Following my research in to piracy for the library display I have put Save Our Seafarers in contact with Tim Brant with respect to possibly getting someone to talk at the AGM in October.

Birger Anchor Plaque

Nothing to report

Memorial Book

Dave has now passed on the names and details to me so that I can put them on the web site.

I am going to list them all alphabetically and colour code them. One colour for branch members, another colour for the Samtampa crew, and a third colour for other local seamen.

Web Site

A search on-line has revealed no site dedicated to the Samtampa, so, as the majority of the crew were local I shall be dedicating a sub-site to the Samtampa.

I am trying to keep the site up to date, but pressure of work does sometimes make it a bit difficult to do so.

Audio Books Library

Although not 100% complete I have given 3 copies of our catalogue to Jan, and I believe she has passed a copy on to Peter Willis and Doug Blenkinsop.

Library Exhibition 2011

The exhibition is now in its 3rd week and is currently at Guisborough library.

Has anyone any thoughts as to where we could also display besides the libraries?

Calendars

The calendars are now in profit to the sum of £48.08p. There are 54 to sell in addition to some in our local post office and the Tourist Information in Redcar.

Several members have still not bought, yet we have some members who have excelled.

Please let us have more effort from some members - you know who you are.

I've done a crew list and I will be marking it off against each member as the year progresses.

S/m Cyril Kitchener raised the question regarding the branch display in the Redcar library and its position. The sec. told Cyril that he had written advertising slips and put them in the library advising people where the display was. Cyril was none to happy at having to bend down to read the display. Billy replied that the new Redcar library was not as good as the old library for the display and that the smaller libraries in the area were better than Redcar.

6/9b/11. Branch Public Relations Officer.

S/m Tony Whatmore was pleased that all branch events had been covered in the media also the Coastal View had changed their printing date that had thrown us out a little, but all in all things are going along OK

7/9b/11. Any Other Business.

7.1 Football card and 25 club.

A football card was run with thanks to s/m Tommy Graham and won by West Brom, s/m Raymond (Sugar) Robinson.

The 25 club was drawn, 1st prize No. 24, Raymond (Sugar) Robinson, with the 2nd prize going to vice president Cllr Raymond Goddard with No. 9.

7.2 Honorary membership.

Honorary membership was granted to Felicity Dobson, wife of Billy, and a framed certificate presented by the vice president Cllr Goddard..

7.3. Outings

The chairman told the meeting that a trip to Whitby has been organised for 24th September and names were taken for those wishing to attend.

The annual trip to Hull will take place on 12th October; The chairman told the meeting that Hull support us and we should do likewise with them, names were taken. Royal Navy member Franky Hatton and his wife will be asked if they wish to take up spare seats.

7.4 Branch Patron.

The question of having a branch patron was raised. The sec, said that he had spoken with s/m Billy Dobson about this move, as Billy is doing work for Col Stewart and the sec. had asked Billy to run it past him which he had done and the Colonel was pleased. Although Col Stewart is not a seaman, he has worked his passage half way round the world onboard ships. All agreed that the sec would write to Col Stewart inviting him to take up the position.

7.5 Ladies Section.

The sec. read a document he had been working on regarding having a ladies section within the branch. The idea had been spoken with branch treasurer s/m Raymond Coaster and s/m Jan Harper who were in favour of such a move. The document outlined what the ladies section would have in relation to fund raising i.e. the 25 club, book stall and collection boxes. All monies raised by the ladies would be paid into the branch Welfare and Remembrance Fund. S/m Ray Coaster did not like the 25 club being paid into Welfare as the branch account needs that money. The sec said that can be overcome, but there were mutterings in the meeting, that were adverse to what was being put forward. The sec. told the chairman that that had ended the idea, packed his books and said the meeting was closed and left the room at 2025 hrs.

Secretary *Dave Buckworth* Chairman *Dave Price*

Proposed ----- Seconded -----