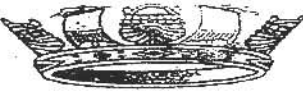
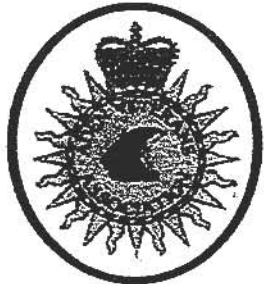
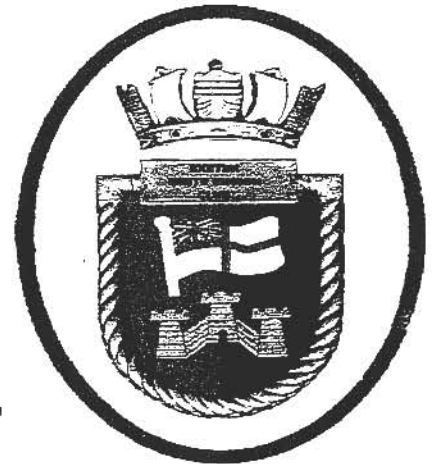


EXETER WHITE ENSIGN CLUB



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NEWSLETTER

DATE....MAY.....2013

Dear Members

With the AGM out of the way now we can inform you that the Committee elected to serve you for the next 12 months has increased by one on last year and the full list of committee members you may need to contact are as follows.

Chairman G. Teal [returned unopposed] Secretary I. Ley [elected unopposed] D Ash [now elected vice chair] M. Macpherson; [Galley Supervisor] S Read [Asst Galley Supervisor] S. Stirzaker; [welfare officer] K. Worley [maintenance and repairs] R. Hill; [without portfolio at the moment due to local elections] D. Faulkner [entertainments secretary]; Y Sercombe [Finance controller pro-tem] M. Wiseman and J. Thorpe.

By the time you read this your club will have moved into the 21st Century with your monthly magazine being published on the Club website which can be found at <http://exeterwhiteensignclub.co.uk/> This will mean that your friends and family will be able to read it at the same time as you.

Could we express our thanks to Mike Amor who has recently agreed to take on the running of the website and to update information as necessary. This approach to information sharing allows photographs and other information about important events in the Club to be accessed around the world without cost to anyone.

Back to more mundane matters and although the support for the club is growing and more and more organisations are contacting us to use our facilities this does not address the underlying issues. The Club operates throughout the week for the benefit of you the members, and while numbers on Saturday nights are slowly increasing these events like others throughout the week are subsidised by other club activities and of course "regulars" who routinely sponsor a night of entertainment from their own pockets. Those very generous members have always asked to remain anonymous and of course that will be respected but on behalf of the club a huge thanks to you.

The Club is yours and support is vital. It is appreciated that personal incomes and finances are limited but a few more visits here and there could make the difference between struggle and success. If you would like to see something different then let a Committee member know your thoughts and if it is possible all will be done to set it up for you.

The month started off in the placid and peaceful manner we anticipated but ended up with a flurry of activity the likes of which have not been seen for a long time. On Saturday 20th the Club had arranged to receive officers and men of 243 Field Hospital, recently returned from Afghanistan. We were advised that approximately 120 -150 would be in attendance after receiving the Freedom of the City.

The reality was somewhat different in that 270 arrived which included the families of the serving forces. There was a terrific atmosphere in the club and

an impromptu up-spirits was arranged. It is still not clear how Marion and all the ladies who assist in the galley managed to cater for so many and despite almost running out of food at one point (runners hastily despatched to replenish stocks!) everyone was catered for in a timely manner. It would be remiss to leave this topic without mentioning the efforts of Gary and the bar staff during the event as I am sure that at one point they were "borrowing" glasses from Wetherspoons in order to ensure everyone was served when needed; amazing effort so thank you and well done everyone.

The galley crew did not quite get to pulling rabbits out of hats but the amount of pure hard work by everyone gained a huge amount of respect from the event Organisers and the praises of all those who attended. The afternoon ended with an exchange of plaques.

Hard on the heels of this event was the reunion of HMS Decoy on Sunday 21st when another 100 or so retired crew members attended for lunch and an afternoon of relaxation. One of the men provided some 20 minutes of jokes – stories and concluded with a sing-along session. Once again there was a terrific atmosphere in the club which led to much praise and plaudits from HMS Decoy for Marion, the girls and Gary with his team.

Incidentally, the organisers of the HMS Decoy visit have asked to see the plaque they gave to the Club but it could not be found on the wall so can you help locate it please?

Was it any quieter on the 27th? Not really. The 120 strong Ukulele band provided an hour or so of entertainment and although this may not seem like everyone's cup of tea, feedback so far from those that attended has been fantastic and comments like "well worth an hour of anyone's time" and a really enjoyable session" have been received. Should the opportunity arise in the future, publicity will be provided so everyone who wants to can share the experience.

That is about it for this month so until the next time.....

WHAT'S ON IN MAY 2013

- Wednesday 1st Bingo tonight
- Thursday 2nd WREN'S meeting am -Royal British legion pm.
- Friday 3rd Club night with quiz-various draws and of course the Treasure Chest
- Saturday 4th Dancing to Ann Clancy from 20:00. A night of excellent entertainment and dancing.
- Sunday 5th Bingo tonight
- Monday 6th Line dancing 19:30 -21:30
- Tuesday 7th Euchre – Skittles tonight + Exeter Jazz band in the Mountbatten Lounge – Ukulele Band in the Wheelhouse
- Wednesday 8th Bingo tonight
- Thursday 9th Wake for Mrs Yeo am – R.M.A. Branch meeting pm.
- Friday 10th Club night with quiz-various draws and of course the Treasure Chest
- Saturday 11th Visits by HMS Wizard and Cadiz am dancing to the terrific Face to Face from 20:00 onwards
- Sunday 12th Bingo tonight
- Monday 13th Canal Zoners meeting am - Line dancing 19:30 - 21:30
- Tuesday 14th RAF meeting am - Guards meeting pm Euchre – Skittles tonight
- Wednesday 15th Bingo tonight
- Thursday 16th Submariners meeting pm.

Friday 17 th	Club night with quiz-various draws and of course the Treasure Chest
Saturday 18 th	Devon and Dorset's lunch time reunion. Dancing tonight with another of the Club favourites Patches from 20:00
Sunday 19 th	Bingo tonight
Monday 20 th	Line dancing 19:30 -21:30
Tuesday 21 st	Euchre – Skittles tonight (Knockout cup final)
Wednesday 22 nd	Bingo tonight
Thursday 23 rd	Nothing scheduled for this evening.
Friday 24 th	Club night with quiz-various draws and of course the Treasure Chest
Saturday 25 th	Aden veterans meeting am- Table top sale 11:30 to 14:30 * Dancing to night to Malcolm and his very varied music to suit all comers
Sunday 26 th	Bingo tonight
Monday 27 th	Line dancing 19:30 -21:30
Tuesday 28 th	Euchre – Skittles tonight NB Committee meeting tonight 19:30 Mountbatten Lounge.
Wednesday 29 th	Bingo tonight
Thursday 30 th	Families need Fathers pm – Members meeting from 20:00
Friday 31 st	Club night with quiz-various draws and of course the Treasure Chest with Buffs meeting in the Wheelhouse.

***Please bring any goods that you may have for sale to Marion as soon as possible please. Thank you.**

Mr M Middleton
22 Lonsdale Road
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03 April 2013

Dear Mr Middleton

Thank you for your gift

Your recent kind donation of £206.82 raised from organising a skittles and darts event, is much appreciated. We value every pound donated and put all of them to good use. You are directly helping local people with life threatening conditions and their families when they need it most by donating what you can.

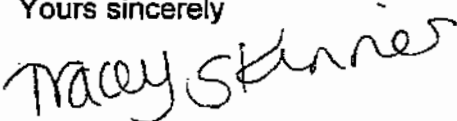
Thanks to your kind gift, specialist help and support from our team of dedicated staff and volunteers will be available for our patients in Exeter, Mid and East Devon. «Gf_Reference»

The crucial role we play in caring for those patients is perhaps best expressed by a relative of one of our patients:

"Mum was apprehensive about coming to the Hospice, we were all wondering what to expect but in no time she was smiling. Nothing was too much trouble and the care and support we all received I can never thank you enough for. She was pain free, surrounded by those who loved her and she was genuinely happy, thank you all."

From our team of nurses, doctors, support staff, volunteers and, most of all, the patients and families we care for, thank you for making a difference.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Skinner
Community Fundraiser
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P.S Did you know we are helped by volunteers? From serving lunches on our ward to helping in the office, their support means we're able to offer a high level of care to more than 2000 patients a year and raise the funds to help pay for it.



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Mr Middleton

White Ensign Club

For organising a darts and skittles event and raising

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