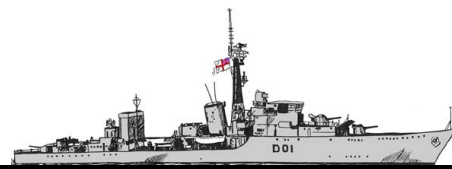


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Many thanks to all members who returned the questionnaires, this has enabled us to carry out a thorough update on all member's contact details and enclosed with the posted News-sheet is a full list – please **treat this as confidential** and do not post any details on the internet or on e-mail lists without obtaining permission from the person involved. Because of this updated list we have posted this News-sheet to every member, including those who indicated they would be happy to download it from the web in future. If your e-mail address has changed or if it is marked **Original address undeliverable** please let us know your current address.

The **Next Newsletter** will be in printed booklet form and issued in August just prior to the reunion – amongst other items it will contain detailed info on the 2006 reunion and Peter Fowler will be presenting the case for defence in the great egg raid saga!

New Members

Welcome back aboard to **Roy Critchlow**, **Dave Jennings** and **Peter Cook**. This brings the total members past and present to 70 from a Ship's Company of around 250 - well over a quarter and heading for a third! I bet Phil Evans never imagined our Association would blossom to this size.

2006 Reunion Update

Quality Hotel in Bournemouth for the weekend **15-17 September**
List of Members Attending to date

<i>Phil & Jackie Evans</i>	<i>Michael Smith & Susan Roberts</i>	<i>Mike & Rita Walsh (from Spain)</i>
<i>Phil & Barbara Rowe</i>	<i>Graham & Jean Latter</i>	<i>Lonnie & Shirley Skeet</i>
<i>Bob & Donna Mason (+ guests)</i>	<i>Roger & Jennie Rivett</i>	<i>Tony & Vanda Vanson (+ guests)</i>
<i>Phil & Pat Briggs</i>	<i>Harry & Hilda Winterbottom</i>	<i>Gordon & Linden Chapman (from USA)</i>
<i>Brian & Pat Hobbs (+ guests)</i>	<i>John & Jean Bishop</i>	<i>Dave & Linda Silva</i>
<i>Arthur & Connie Ginn</i>	<i>Syd & Anne Pawley</i>	<i>Graham & Jacquie Wood</i>
<i>Bob & Frances Logan</i>	<i>Alasdair & Margaret MacFarlane</i>	<i>Robin & Veronica Davis</i>
<i>Roy Johansen & Lorraine Emerson</i>	<i>Bill & Liz McCutcheon</i>	<i>Dave & Diane Hughes</i>
<i>Roger & Eileen Thompsett</i>	<i>Keith & Rita Vaughan</i>	<i>Gordon Duffy</i>
	<i>Ron & Sandra Kirkpatrick</i>	

**Any other members wishing to attend must let us know ASAP
if they want to ensure accommodation at the Hotel.**

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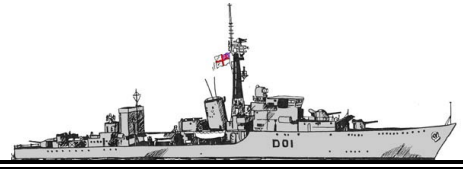
We are introducing a modest increase to £12 per annum for 2007 onwards, which should be sufficient for the foreseeable future.

We hope as many members as possible will pay by standing order – **it is less hassle for us and for you!** From the returned Questionnaires most members have indicated they are willing to pay this way.

We have obtained Standing Order forms that will be handed out at the reunion and posted to members not attending.

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Reunion Plans

The Quality Hotel Bournemouth has been an exceptional venue and excellent value for money. However the general feeling at the last reunion and from member's comments since is that we really should give members living north of the Watford Gap (particularly the north East and Scotland) a closer option than the long journey down South where we have been gathering for the past 7 years.

So, for **2007** we are looking at the York/Harrogate area and are in contact with several possible venues. The cost will be a bit more than we have been enjoying at Bournemouth, however this area is reasonably accessible to all members (by road or rail) and we trust we shall have the normal excellent turn-out. Your hard-over Jack Dusty Treasurer will ensure we get the best deal possible in a very attractive area. We would appreciate some idea of numbers, as we shall be dealing with an entirely new set-up to that in Bournemouth. Projected dates are for the end of September or early October 2007.

To keep the cost down we could exclude a Friday night meal at the Hotel - just include the Banquet on Saturday – it is an option and we would welcome feedback from members regarding any aspect of reunions.

Once the **2007** reunion is finalised we will be planning for **2008**. Would any member with any ideas, and who could help with the planning, please contact us.

Website

www.hmscaprice1968.org.uk

The Caprice website has been fully updated with a new picture archive page added - have a look at <http://www.hmscaprice1968.org.uk/picture-archive.htm> Could any members who have pictures of Caprice (that you have not sent previously) please send us a copy? - any originals will be returned after they have been digitised. The Website has attracted several new members and we also receive quite a bit of correspondence from visitors to our site – here are a few comments (if any member is interested we can supply their e-mail addresses).

From Roly (Jan) Lock MBE

I joined Caprice as a 16 year old Junior Seaman 2nd Class in 1970 while she was in refit in Gibraltar, she was my first ship and my first draft from HMS Dryad where I trained as an Radar Plotter (RP), before that I was at Ganges. Having only recently retired from the service, I still regard the Caprice as the one great ship among the many ships and submarines on which I have served.

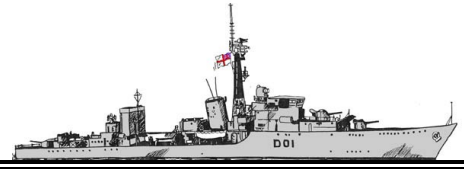
I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting your web site and wished to mark it in some way and by sending you this email I have been able to do that, so thank you and all Ex Caprice shipmates. I have only (knowingly) met one other Ex Caprice shipmate from when I was serving on her and that was PO Electrician Jim Halliwell, I met him in 1983 on HMS/m Tireless, he was a CPO Electrical Mech then, I to his amazement was a CPO Control Electrical Mech.

From Ray Lester 1967 – 1984 RN (ex Petty Officer Gunner)

I came across the site through the Google search engine, its great to see the interest in the 'ole girl'.....she was my second ship where I served as a young Able Seaman April 1971 to Feb 1972.....although my memories of shipmates at the time are a bit vague the time spent on board was always adventurous, it seemed every time we put to sea there would be an incident.....'sub miss'towing stricken vessels.....during rougher's the iron deck was closed and the sailors living down aft had to starve till we reached calm waters.....one time when returning from a jolly in Pembroke we were going through the Western Approaches and unbeknown to most there was a big gash in the ships side below the water line where a tug had pushed us on to a catamaran when leaving harbour, so we were taking on a few gallons of oggin in a force 10, three times a scuttle in our mess up fwd burst open, needless to say 'potmess' was the only scran leaving the galley.....All in all I enjoyed my time onboard.... you have a great site and I wish you and your members all the very best and good luck. I have my web site www.hms-danae.co.uk if you get a chance please have a browse.

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Free Drinks - from Phil Rowe (not literally - just the title of this joke!)

An Irishman an Englishman and a Scot were sitting in a bar. The view was fantastic, the beer excellent, and the food exceptional.

Y'know said the Scotsman, *I still prefer the pubs back home. In Glasgee there's a little bar called McSweaty's. The wee guv'nor goes out of his way for the locals so much that when you buy 4 drinks he will buy the 5th drink for you.*

Well said the Englishman, *at my local, the Cottage, the barman there will buy your 3rd drink after you buy the first 2.*

Ahhh that's nuttin' said the Irishman. *back home in Dublin there's Murphy's Bar. Now the moment you set foot in the place, they'll buy you a drink, then another, all the drinks you like. Then when you've had enough drinks they'll take you upstairs and see that you get laid - all on the house!*

The Englishman and Scotsman pour scorn on the Irishman's claims. He swears every word is true. Said the Englishman in disbelief, *Did this actually happen to you?*

Not me myself, personally, no, said the Irishman*but it did happen to me sister.*



The picture to the left shows Caprice lurching some 20 degrees to starboard in heavy seas and was possibly taken in the Pacific en route to San Francisco.

Both of these pictures are in the Caprice picture archives on our website.

We still have several members who have not sent their 2006 subs - a cheque from them would be appreciated!

Graham Latter



This is one of the last pictures of Caprice in 1973, with guns and equipment removed, and awaiting disposal

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