

**Type 21 Club**  
**Second Annual AGM and Reunion**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 2011**  
**Plymouth**

Following the very successful inaugural meeting of the Type 21 Club in October 2010 it was agreed that similar events should be held annually.

The Committee that was elected at that time therefore organised a similar event for the current year, 2011.

These notes are intended to report on the weekend's events.

The first event of the weekend was an informal get together at the St Levans Inn in Devonport on the Friday evening. This was attended by about 60 members and was an excellent opportunity to meet old and new friends. The landlord, Paul Bodinham, looked after us all very well, providing an excellent spread as 9 o'clockers. We didn't quite manage to drink him dry!!

On the Saturday morning, the Committee had its first face to face meeting since the inaugural meeting the year before. Despite not being able to meet face to face the committee managed to do business during the year utilising Skype conference calls.

The Annual General Meeting was held immediately following the Committee meeting. Attendance at this was disappointing at about 30 members, possibly because of the get together the previous evening! The chairman reported on the progress made during the year and the Committee's intentions for the coming year.

The membership database has now been consolidated from the various inherited lists updated by later incoming members. Membership now stands at around 1200 and rising. The Membership Secretary made the usual plea that when your contact details change please try to remember to let him know, otherwise you will get "lost".

The Treasurer reported that the club bank account had been established and that the finances were in good order with a healthy balance. The committee agreed to maintain a balance of above £2000 to cover any unforeseen expenditure and that from amounts above this, donations would be made to charity.

A club crest design was agreed and shown to the members. This was well received. It is intended that, when the detail is finalised, this will be used for stationary, including cards, tee shirts, lapel pins, etc.

A club tie design was also produced and this will be developed to production for sale to members.

Details of how the club intended to mark the "crossing the bar" of members were presented, together with the request to members to tell committee members when they hear of the death or serious illness of any Type 21 shipmates.

As a final request, the chairman asked that all members bring the existence of the club to all Type 21 shipmates as they come into contact with them and advise them that website is where all news of the club is, and will be, posted.

Two Type 21 ship pictures were presented to the Royal British Legion to be hung alongside their others, and the ships' crests, in their Type 21 corner.

The Reunion social event commenced at 1930 and was attended by something over 110 members, some with guests. The senior member present was Chris Craig who had commanded Alacrity and later had been Captain F4.

Amongst the long distant travellers who made it were Kevin Digweed and his partner who came from Malaysia and Mick Brain who came over from Perth, Australia with his daughter to be with us.

The event followed the pattern established at the inaugural reunion. The committee members attempted to record who attended and update membership records. The Chairman made a few observations and Peter Mosse read various messages of support from senior officers who were unable to attend.

Our Life President, Sir Hugo White, was unable to attend, but, after a difficult year of health issues, is making progress and hopes to be with at next year's reunion.

A very successful raffle was held in aid of the RBL which raised some £250. This was the Club's way thanking the RBL for providing the facilities for the Reunion. The RBL made a £100 contribution to the Club's funds from the raffle profits.

An excellent buffet supper was provided and enjoyed by the members.

Informal photographs and Ship Group photographs were taken by Stephanie Parker and Trevor Hidden and are available to view and buy via the website.

This is your Reunion and we need to know your views on how it could be made better. Please feel free to make suggestions or observations to any Committee member via the web site, direct be email, or via the Facebook site.

A very good reunion though with fewer attendees than last year. This was possibly due to late advertising of the event. However, everybody enjoyed themselves and welcomed the Committee's intention of organising another reunion next year. Dates for your diaries are October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Plymouth.