



The Type 21 Club
Dedicated to the Royal Navy Type 21
Frigates

From: Morgan Phillips

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Dear Shipmates,

I hope you have all had a great summer season and are now getting ready for the Type 21 Reunion, which is just about a month away on 12-13 October. David Woollard and Cliff Cowling have done a great job in making all the arrangements again for this year.

Paul Gower has attended a number of events throughout the year, to promote the club, so hopefully many of you have seen him out and about. I attended the Armed Forces Day Event on Plymouth Hoe with Paul and Gareth on 30 June and saw a number of you there.

Turning to the Reunion, the committee of the Type 21 Club is always asking our members for ways in which we can improve the reunion weekend and the club in general. One of the suggestions was for an alternative venue for the Friday Night event. Traditionally, we have always held the Friday Evening Ice Breaker Event at the St Levan Inn, on St Levan Road just up from the St Levan Gate in the Dockyard. Paul Bodenham is the Landlord, former Royal Navy. Paul supports a lot of the reunion groups and puts on 9 O'Clockers for us for free.

We will still be holding the Friday Evening event at the St Levan Inn but as some of our shipmates have requested a Barbican Venue, this year we have also arranged for an event at the Navy Inn, which is right in the middle of the Barbican. It would seem some of you want to recreate your time in the Royal Navy and go on a run ashore on the Barbican. Just remember, you are not as young as you once were and it is highly unlikely that any self-respecting young lady is going to want to take you home, so don't get offended when you get "Blown Out"! Paul Gower and Gareth Thomas will be on the door at the Navy Inn from 1900. There will be an entrance fee of £5.00 to cover the cost of 9 O'Clockers and the room, so even if you don't want to eat, it is still £5.00

At the St Levan Inn, the doors also open at 1900, 9 O'Clockers are free, so you have a choice of which venue you attend.

There will be an AGM meeting with the committee at the Royal British Legion at Crownhill on Saturday at 1200. We would like as many of you to attend this as can,

as this is your forum to tell us your thoughts on the running of the club, our reunions and other events.

The Saturday Evening event is at the Royal British Legion at Crownhill as usual, so we would like as many of you to attend that as possible. It starts at 1930 and David Woollard has arranged for Woods Navy Rum to provide us with “Up Spirits”, so don't miss out on your Tot.

Peter Mosse has arranged for quite a few COs to be at this year's event, so the chances are that your COs will be there for you to reminisce with, probably about the time you were in front of them for defaulters! Our President, Sir Rob Woodard will also be there, so it will, as always be a good night.

On Sunday nothing official is planned but you can make your own arrangements to meet up with your shipmates as you wish.

At a previous reunion weekend, a suggestion was made for us to hold a Black-Tie Event, which we planned to do in April. Unfortunately, there was some confusion over the advertising of this event and subsequently we did not get enough numbers of our shipmates wanting to attend to make the event viable. I would like to apologise to you all for this and I will be looking to get this event reorganised for next year.

I would like to thank all the other members of the committee, that I have not already mentioned, for their very valued and continued support and if any of you would like to join us on the committee to help us make the Type 21 Club, and especially the Reunion Weekend better, you would be more than welcome. We are specifically looking for someone to take over the Treasurers position from David Woollard. David does a huge amount for the Club and it would make things easier for him if someone would take over the role of treasurer.

If you have not already booked your ticket for the reunion weekend, please do so at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/type-21-club-reunion-2018-tickets-45510171147?ref=ebtn>

Please also keep an eye out on our Facebook Page for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/type21club/>

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th October.

Yours Aye,

Morgan Phillips

Chairman

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