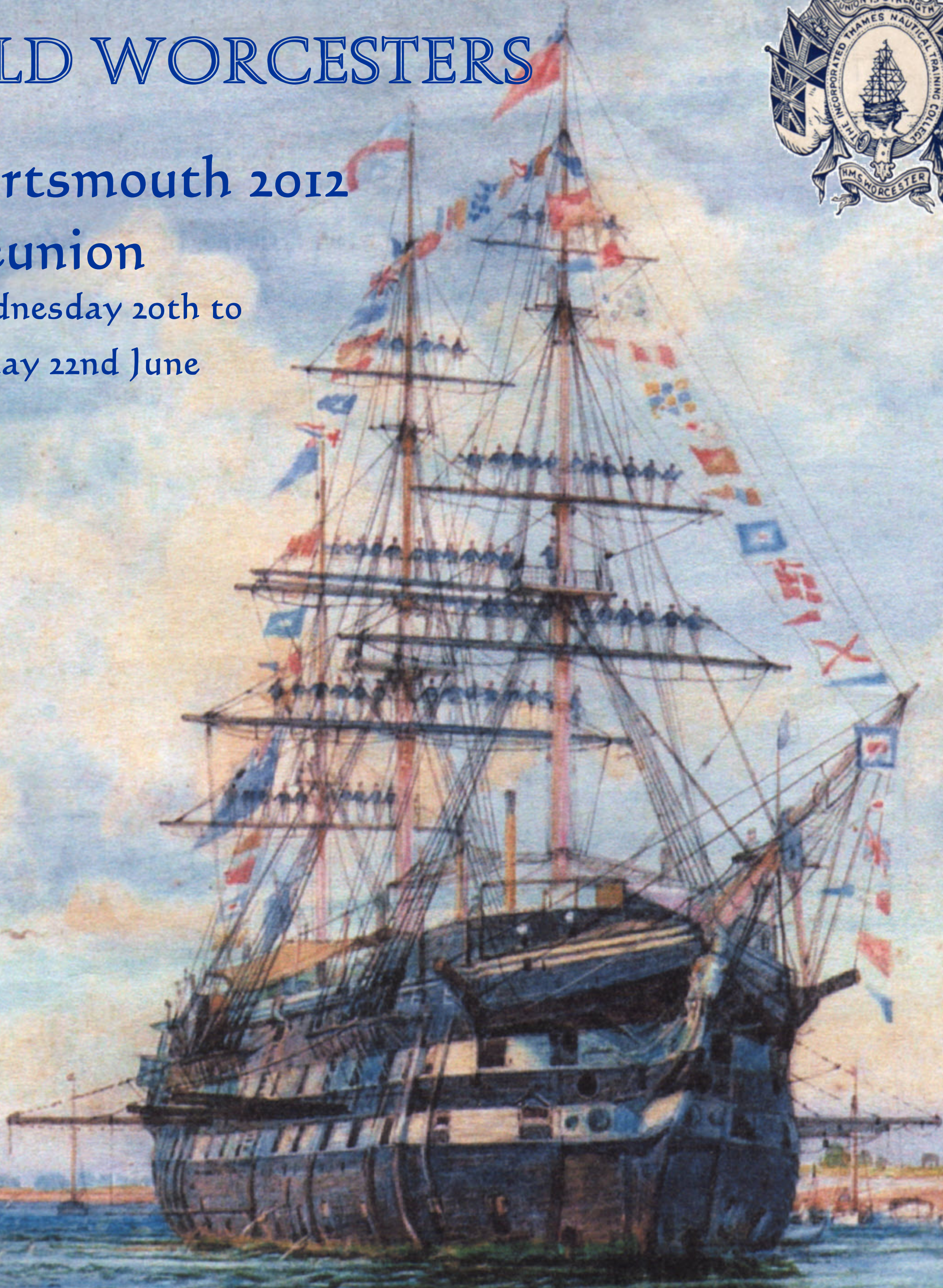


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## MEMBERS OF PORTSMOUTH 2012 SUB-COMMITTEE

In 2008, when the Council of the Association agreed that we should have a 150th Anniversary Event, a Sub-Committee was formed to meet regularly and to take responsibility. Following the results from the 'Expression of Interest' survey, it soon became apparent that it could well be one of the largest reunions to date. With 20% or more of attendees coming from overseas, expectations would be very high and the event would require a high degree of advanced planning and organisation. Various members of the sub-committee have generously volunteered their time and to take responsibility for separate events planned for the three days.

This is your reunion, so if you have any ideas or thoughts on the reunion or just want further information on an individual event then these are the members who should be contacted.

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Still there - in Spirit.

2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the first HMS Worcester being handed over by the Admiralty to the College and arriving at her initial moorings in Blackwall Reach on the Thames

To mark this historic occasion the Council of the Association have planned what may well be one of the largest gatherings of Old Worcesters and their guests since the college was founded.

The three day event is being held at Portsmouth, Britain's, and possibly the world's, oldest naval seaport and one of the UK's major historical attractions. Being the location of HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, 'The Mary Rose', the Historic Dockyard Museum as well as many other attractions, Portsmouth and the Solent is also one of Europe's largest sailing centres. Gunwharf Marina and Quayside is located centrally to all events and this is where up to twenty OWYC yachts will be berthed, all dressed overall and flying the Worcester Ensign.

On the following pages you will find initial details of events, a booking form, payment instructions and a list of hotels within walking distance, The Association looks forward to welcoming you and your guests to our Reunion.

Lastly the programme allows you to select and book individual events or take part in the full programme. A 2012 website, whose details are at the bottom of the page, is now active and ongoing and will include further details as we get closer to the event. An up to date list of attendees will also be added and updated early in 2012.



Worcester I  
1862-77



Worcester II  
1877-1946



Worcester III  
1946-68

Website : [www.hms-worcester.me.uk/2012](http://www.hms-worcester.me.uk/2012)



# OUR PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

When deciding on both the venue and the programme for our Reunion, the committee wanted to ensure a truly memorable experience in a location with a strong historical and nautical heritage. A high priority was also to provide the opportunity for old friends to get together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere, unrestricted by the time and location constraints of just a formal dinner.

We believe that in the choice of Portsmouth we will be able to fulfil all this and more!

*Wednesday 20th June*

## The Cruise



After checking into your hotel or berthing in the marina you will have plenty of time to wander through Gunwharf Quay or visit one of the many attractions before we meet up for an evening cruise and buffet on board. There will probably be two cruise vessels departing at about 1830hrs from the cruise berth on Gunwharf Quay Marina. The cruise will take us up past HMS Warrior, HMS Victory and any warships in harbour to Whale Island (HMS Excellent) known only too vividly by all those members who did an RNR 'P' Course. Then on to the 10th century Porchester Castle and out of the harbour to the Solent and Spithead where we will see Palmerston's Follies, the sea forts built in the mid 19th century.



On our return to Portsmouth at about 20:30 hrs we will be greeted on Gunwharf Quay by the Royal British Legion Victory Brass Band. A concert will follow including the 'Sunset Ceremony' at which our ensign will be lowered to the accompanying familiar bugle call. Finally, at the end of the concert and after 'Last Post', you may wish to break ship's regulations and not retire to your hammock. Instead tour the many quayside bars and cafes or even have a tipple or two with an old colleague on one of the many OW's yachts in the marina.

*Thursday 21st June*

## The Historic Dockyard

A dockyard pass, valid for multiple visits for a full year, will give entry to an unrivalled journey through Britain's naval heritage and bring you face to face with the historic ships that helped shape British history.

Visit Henry VIII's warship 'Mary Rose' in her brand new museum due to re-open in 2012. Move on more than 300 years and experience life in Nelson's navy on HMS Victory and then in Victorian times on HMS Warrior. The Royal Navy Museum is also not to be missed with its realistic audio-visual presentation of the battle of Trafalgar. With six landmark attractions in one setting there really is something for everyone!

If time allows, you may want to take the short ferry trip to Gosport to visit the R.N. Submarine Museum at Haslar and experience life on a 1947 submarine, with a tour of HMS Alliance.

## Lunch

Positioned centrally in the dockyard is 'Boathouse 7', our venue for lunch, which has been used since the mid 1700's for the building of small craft and boats for the Royal Navy. So pause for a moment as you travel in time through Britain's Georgian, Victorian and twentieth century navy to spend a convivial lunch in the company of old friends and colleagues.

## Worcester Memorabilia Exhibition

The Nelson Room at the Royal Maritime Club has been set aside for a display of items from the ship which, when the college closed, were put into store in the vaults of Chatham Historic Dockyard. Included in the display will be silver trophies, paintings and pictures as well as many items being loaned by OWs. The display will be manned by volunteer OWs during the opening times on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st and is being kindly organised by Michael Wheeler (61) who would be glad to hear from any members who feel they have something of significance to display.

**Please see "contacts" page for details.**

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## The Formal Dinner - 1930 Hours

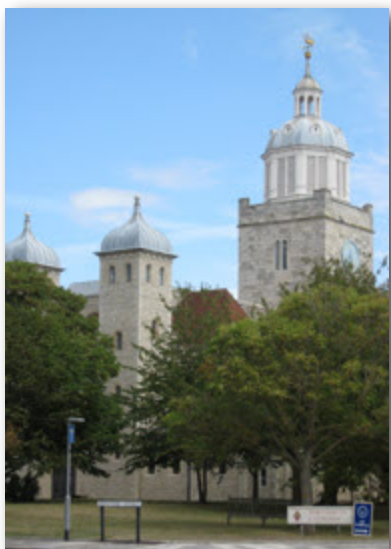
Our formal Reunion dinner will be held at the impressive Portsmouth Guildhall and will be preceded by a drinks reception. The Royal British Legion Victory Band will welcome you as you arrive in the square outside the Guildhall'. We hope to give further information on who will be our principal guest of honour nine months before the event. The four-course dinner will include wine and port and unless requested otherwise members and their guests will be seated on tables coinciding with their year of leaving the ship. A shuttle bus service will be provided which will collect members and their guests from the main hotels listed as well as from outside Gunwharf Quay at 20 minute interval both prior and after the dinner.



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## The Service at Portsmouth Cathedral - 1100 Hours

The Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral has kindly granted permission for the Association to hold a service to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the college and to remember all OWs, both past and present. The service is being organised by Lay Reader Capt. Robert Watson (59), who acts as Padre to the OWYC and conducted by Rev. Ian Steward (50) all the way from Maine, USA and assisted by Pastor Paul Whittles (62)



## Lunch at the Royal Navy and Royal Albert Yacht Club

Just a short walk from the Cathedral is the Yacht Club where we will have our concluding buffet lunch. Established in 1860, the club overlooks the Governors Green with views over to Spithead and the Isle of Wight. Whilst having lunch you will be able to enjoy the magnificent oil paintings, ship models, silver and memorabilia collected over 130 years. The library contains one of the most comprehensive Navy Lists in the world – You can even look up “Nelson, Horatio”.

At the conclusion of our Reunion, overseas visitors may wish to explore the many other attractions in the area including Charles Dickens birthplace in Portsmouth, the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea or Queen Victoria’s personal residence on the Isle of Wight, Osborne House, which later housed Osborne Naval College.



## Dress Code for the Reunion

Members and particularly their wives and partners often appreciate guidance on dress code for social events. We therefore now follow with a schedule covering all the events and suggested attire.

Our formal dinner in Portsmouth Guildhall is the highlight of our Reunion and the Association would ask that all our members make a special effort and break, out their dinner jackets, and where appropriate wear miniature medals in honour of the occasion.

For those coming some distance, with possible travel weight constraints, who may not be able to include a dinner jacket then we would request a dark lounge suit. (Possibly with a Worcester tie obtainable in advance from Bob Baldwin – We will do anything to boost Association slop chest sales!)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> : The Cruise.** **Casual.** Would suggest a sweater could be useful as it can be colder on the water than on the land especially as the evening draws near.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> : Lunch at ‘Boathouse 7’.** **Casual**  
**: Guildhall Dinner.** **Black tie or dark lounge suit.**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> : Lunch at RN & RAYC.** **Smart Casual**

# HOTELS AND ACCOMODATION

All of the events for our Reunion are within walking distance of Gunwharf Quay.

The organising committee felt that members and their guests would want to stay within this area and avail themselves of the shuttle bus, which we plan to run at key times between the hotels on the list below, and the various events. After surveying the hotels and other accommodation on offer, we have come up with a number of suggestions all of which are within walking distance of the various venues and are reasonably competitive.

The committee also wanted to find a central location at which there would be an Association reception desk to welcome our members and guests with an information pack as well as a suitable secure room in which we could have our 'Worcester Memorabilia Exhibition'. The Royal Maritime Club (RMC), close to HMS Warrior, with over 100 double rooms seemed to meet our requirements on both cost and position. In anticipation of a good response to the Reunion we have therefore reserved 80 rooms at the RMC on the basis of first come first served.

Details now follow of the selected hotels all of which can also be accessed and in the majority of cases booked through their own websites. When doing so online, by letter or phone, please mention that you are an 'Old Worcester' attending the Reunion.

## **The Royal Maritime Club.** (100 Double Rooms)

[www.royalmaritimeclub.co.uk](http://www.royalmaritimeclub.co.uk)

Queen Street, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3HS

Tel: 02392 824231

Fax: 02392 293496

Email: [info@royalmaritimeclub.co.uk](mailto:info@royalmaritimeclub.co.uk)

Close to HMS Warrior and Gunwharf Quay. In anticipation of a good response we have reserved 80 rooms at a special rate of £80.00 per night (for two inc breakfast), or £40 for a single, on the basis of first come first served.

## **The George Hotel & Inn.** (7 Double Rooms).

[www.thegeorgehotel.org.uk](http://www.thegeorgehotel.org.uk)

84, Queen Street, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 3HU

Tel. 02392 753885

E-mail: [contactus@thegeorgehotel.org.uk](mailto:contactus@thegeorgehotel.org.uk)

An historic listed Inn right next to the Royal Maritime Club, basic but convenient for all our events and at a rate of £70.00 per night for two (for two inc breakfast) or £50 for a single

## **Express Holiday Inn.** (120 Double rooms).

[www.holidayinn-expressportsmouth.co.uk](http://www.holidayinn-expressportsmouth.co.uk)

The Plaza, Gunwharf Quay, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 3FD

Tel: 02392 894240 Fax: 02392 894241

E-mail: [Portsmouth@kewgreen.co.uk](mailto:Portsmouth@kewgreen.co.uk)

A modern, more expensive hotel, centrally located in the middle of the Gunwharf Quay complex.

## **The Holiday Inn.** (160 Double rooms).

[www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/portsmouth/pmehp/hoteldetail](http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/portsmouth/pmehp/hoteldetail)

Pembroke Road, Portsmouth PO1 2TA

Tel: 02392 856320 Fax: 02392 756715

*Bookings can be made online.*

Situated within 100yds from the RN & RAYC and close by the Cathedral where we have our Friday events. Please quote 'Association of Old Worcesters' when booking to take advantage of the special arranged rate of £90.00 per night for a double room.

## **Hotel Ibis.** (144 rooms)

[www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1461-ibis-portsmouth-centre/index.shtml](http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1461-ibis-portsmouth-centre/index.shtml)

Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth PO1 2LX

Tel: 02392 640000 Fax: 02392 641000

*Bookings can be made via the website online.*

Close to dinner at the Guildhall but about 1 mile from the Historic Dockyard and Gunwharf Quay, the Ibis is a budget hotel with a competitive rate. (About £43.00 for two per night but not inc breakfast). Suitable for those attending just the dinner as well as the Cathedral service and lunch the following day.

## **The Duke of Buckingham.** (16 Double rooms)

[www.dukeofbuckingham.net](http://www.dukeofbuckingham.net)

119 High Street, Old Portsmouth PO1 2HW

Tel: 02392 827067 Fax: 02392 827095

Email: [buckingham119@aol.com](mailto:buckingham119@aol.com)

An old Inn full of character situated in Old Portsmouth, fifty yards from the Cathedral and a few minutes walk from the Royal Navy & Royal Albert Yacht Club. (£65.00 per night for two inc breakfast)

## **Fortitude Cottage Portsmouth.** (6 Double & 1 Apartment).

[www.fortitudecottage.co.uk](http://www.fortitudecottage.co.uk)

51, Broad Street, Spice Island, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2DJ

Tel: 02392 823748

E-Mail: [info@fortitudecottage.co.uk](mailto:info@fortitudecottage.co.uk)

A luxury B&B situated in cobbled streets of the Spice Island area of Old Portsmouth and close to the Cathedral and RN & RAYC. Highly recommended by reviewers in national newspapers as well as being listed in the Michelin guide. A five/ten minute walk to Gunwharf Quay. (From £60.00 up to £100.00 per night for two inc breakfast and free parking). **Bookings at this stage will only be accepted from September 2011 onwards.**

## **Cecil Cottage.** (2 Doubles & 1 Twin)

[www.cecilcottage.co.uk/index.html](http://www.cecilcottage.co.uk/index.html)

45, Broad Street, Spice Island, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JD

Tel: 07894 072253

A B&B close to Fortitude Cottage in the Spice Island area of Old Portsmouth. A five/ten minute walk to Gunwharf Quay. (£75.00 for two per night inc breakfast with free parking for guests)

## **Alternative Accommodation**

Should the hotels listed be fully booked or if you have your own transport and wish to stay outside the Gunwharf Quay area, then we recommend that you contact the Portsmouth Information Centre by phone or e-mail or accessing their website where details of other accommodation can be found. Give details of your requirements and mention that you are attending the Association of Old Worcesters Reunion based around the Gunwharf Quay area.

[www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/site/where-to-stay](http://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/site/where-to-stay)

Tel: 02392 826722

E-mail: [vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:vis@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

BOOKING FORM - MEMBERS COPY

Portsmouth 2012 Reunion

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Name: ..... Year of Leaving: .....

Address: .....

.....

Tel No.: ..... Mobile: .....

E-mail: .....

My party will include a total of ..... guests (Please include forename and surname)

1. .... 2. ....

3. .... 4. ....

5. .... 6. ....

PLEASE FILL IN THE NUMBER ATTENDING EACH EVENT & THE TOTAL PRICE OF EACH EVENT

DATE	EVENT	COST	No. Tickets Reqd	TOTAL
Wednesday 20th	Harbour & Solent Cruise inc Buffet on Board & Concert	£ 22.00		£
Thursday 21st	Lunch in "Boathouse 7"	£ 24.00		£
Anytime	Dockyard Pass for HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, Mary Rose, the Naval Museum & all attractions, valid for multiple visits over one year.	£12.50		£
Thursday 21st	Reunion Dinner at Portsmouth Guildhall	£ 55.00		£
Friday 22nd	Lunch at the R.N. & R.A. Yacht Club	£ 22.00		£
GRAND TOTAL				£

Payment Option: Cheque Enclosed or Instructed bank online transfer to AOW Account or I will pay in full by 30th November 2011

(DELETE AS APPLICABLE)

Your booking will be confirmed by the Association via e-mail or post, on receipt of payment

NOTES:

1. Please complete this and the enclosed separate Booking form and return the separate copy to Roger Boatman. (Address Below).
2. Payment instructions – Payment is not required until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 but would be gratefully received now or at any time prior to 30/11/11.
- Please see separate 'PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS' on next page of this Brochure.

The early return of your completed 'Booking Forms' would be greatly appreciated by the committee planning the events as it will enable the Association to firm up on many of the arrangements well in advance. Please return your completed booking form to :

Roger Boatman, 83 Bradford Street, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9AU, UK  
Telephone: +44(0)1376 321147



# PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## 1. FOR UK RESIDENTS & OVERSEAS MEMBERS WITH UK BANK ACCOUNTS

- a) Payment by cheque: Please complete the BOOKING FORM and return with your cheque for the GRAND TOTAL payable to – **Association of Old Worcesters - 2012**
- b) Payment by Internet Banking: Please instruct your bank to transfer to this account -

Account Name : AOW Reunion 2012  
Bank (in UK) : HSBC Bank plc  
Account No. : 21489720  
Sort Code : 40-45-32  
Reference : Please include your forename & surname so that we can easily identify your payment.

When paying by internet banking please ensure that your booking form is returned by post **or** via the Portsmouth 2012 Reunion website to Roger Boatman, whose address is at the bottom of the booking form.



## 2. FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS WITHOUT A UK BANK ACCOUNT BUT WHO ARE ON THE INTERNET AND WISH TO PAY BY PAYPAL. (NOT FOR UK MEMBERS)

We would recommend that where possible, members who have access to the Internet pay by PayPal. This is the easiest and most cost effective way of transferring your money to the Association.

- a) Go to [www.hms-worcester.me.uk/2012](http://www.hms-worcester.me.uk/2012) ( The Portsmouth 2012 Reunion Web Site)
- b) Click onto the link marked BOOKING on the right or left of the page.

There are 5 Paypal icons  to “purchase” the 5 events on offer.

Click on whichever events you wish to pay for (hopefully all of them) and fill in the details for the purchase.

Follow the instructions for payment and money will be paid direct from your local bank account to the Assoc. of Old Worcesters account in the UK by Paypal.

The Association will automatically receive notification of your payments.

Please note that the Paypal charge of 3.4% + 50p has already been added to the event cost.

Please ensure that your booking form is returned by post to Roger Boatman, whose address is at the bottom of the booking form.

## 3. FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT ON THE INTERNET & DO NOT HAVE A UK BANK ACCOUNT

- a) Please fill in the standard BOOKING FORM with this mail out.
- b) Please note that the Association must receive the amount of the TOTAL on your BOOKING FORM and that all banking and administration charges connected with the transfer must be paid by the person making the transfer.
- b) Take the BOOKING FORM & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS to your bank and ask them to transfer the GRAND TOTAL to the Association of Old Worcesters bank account details of which now follow:

Account Name : AOW Reunion 2012  
Bank (in UK) : HSBC Bank plc  
Account No. : 21489720  
Sort Code : 40-45-32  
IBAN : GB48MIDL 404532  
Swift : MIDLGB2160N  
Reference : Please include your forename & surname so that we can easily identify your payment.

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**Website : [www.hms-worcester.me.uk/2012](http://www.hms-worcester.me.uk/2012)**