



# Greenwich 2018 - The Last Hurrah

## Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th June 2018

It seems hardly possible but 2018 will mark a half century since the closure of our college. At that time our youngest member will be sixty seven years old and the Council of the Association have decided that we should commemorate and celebrate the occasion with a last major event centred round 'The Prime Meridian' in London. The 2018 sub-committee which has been formed to organise and plan the event has come up with an outline programme which will allow members to meet up and socialise at leisure whilst being at the geographical heart of Britain's nautical heritage.

Our Portsmouth 2012 Reunion proved a great success and although our 2018 will not be as big or complex we plan to make it just as enjoyable and memorable. Greenwich is the home to the National Maritime Museum, The Queen's House, Royal Observatory and of course the newly restored Cutty Sark. Private guided tours for members are planned during the event. Our Friday evening reception and formal dinner will be held in the City in the magnificent Middle Temple Hall and the adjacent Bench Apartments. It is here, in 1618, in the finest example of an Elizabethan hall in the country that a Master Mariner unsuccessfully pleaded for his life. His name, Sir Walter Raleigh!

The following day we will be having a Church Service at Greenwich Naval Chapel followed by lunch on a cruise vessel sailing between the Pool of London, downriver through the Thames Barrier and on to the stretch of the river so familiar to those of us who sailed from London docks.

### Outline Timetable of Events

**Thursday 7th** : Midday – Hospitality desk opens in Novotel in Greenwich.

Welcome package available with schedule of events. Private OW guided tours for Cutty Sark, the Royal Observatory and the Admiral's House.

**Friday 8th** : AM/PM - Guided tours and free time to visit sights and socialise.

1800 hrs. - Coaches for formal dinner at the Middle Temple.

2330 hrs. - Coaches return guests to Greenwich Hotels.

**Saturday 9th** : 1000 hrs. - Church Service at Greenwich Naval Chapel.

1130 hrs - Board cruise vessel at Greenwich Pier for river trip and lunch.

1530 hrs - Arrive back at Greenwich Pier. OWs/guests disembark and depart home.

We will be keeping all members up to date with detailed plans for the Greenwich 2018 event in the forthcoming issues of the Dog Watch, the next issue of which is due on 1st June 2016.

In order that we can plan well in advance and block book hotel rooms at advantage rates we need to have some idea of the numbers of members and their guests who may be attending. We would therefore appreciate if you could fill in and return the form attached.

We understand this is well in advance but filling in and returning the form will be of great help to the organising committee.

Thank you in advance for cooperation.

Clive Bradbury (57-61)

Chairman – Greenwich 2018 Committee