

## Hotels & Clubs we have visited

**RNA Club Leamington.** Our first meeting & AGM was held here. A very welcoming & enjoyable club, much sort after.

**Midland Hotel Bournemouth.** Our 2nd Reunion & AGM. A friendly hotel a bit too old fashioned, no entertainment laid on.

**Commodore Hotel Scarborough.** No longer exists but was a friendly and pleasant hotel.

**King Charles Gillingham.** Our 1st 3 night visit to this hotel was very good, we enjoyed it so much we decided to return another year. However the 2nd time was a disaster. Although arrangements were made over a year earlier, they were not adhered to, the hotel reneged on the entertainment leaving us to organise it the day we arrived, the cost born by our funds. Our Raffle prizes were stolen from a room that was left unlocked, although replaced, they were not of the same quality. Bottles of Wine etc replaced with ones from Tesco.

This hotel would not be recommended by us.

**Queens Hotel Llandudno.** One of the best hotels we have found. Family owned, we could not ask for more, all our wants were covered, entertainment was top notch. We visited the hotel again 9 years later, decor had changed but the welcome had'nt. Very highly recommended.

**Leofric Hotel Coventry.** Bang in the middle of the city. A modern 4\* hotel, terrific staff and entertainment. Its own free parking bays in the adjoining Multi-story car park. Shops & Cathedral right outside the door. Recommended, maybe a bit costly now for a reunion. Offset by car safe parking.

**Russell Court Hotel Bournemouth.** Our 2nd disaster. We reserved the whole hotel a year in advance by visiting and arranging the reunion with the Owner/Manager. But when arriving found some rooms had been let for a stag party, our members had to revert to a overflow hotel. Stag party crashed our entertainment that night. \then Manager started charging

our members more for their rooms. This ended in a terrific row which we won by overwhelming the manager. We could not fault the staff or in fact the hotel, and the entertainer was magnificent, it was just the manager. One of our honorary guests was a local councilor and she later sorted out the manager who lost a lot of trade through his treatment of our association. Providing he is not in charge now, we would recommend a visit.

**Rivelyn Hotel Scarborough.** A small hotel of 50 rooms with a great staff. On road parking 15p per day, on double yellow lines too? Entertainment good, food well presented, various menus and top quality. Would we use the hotel again? Certainly and did so two years later and received the same wonderful treatment from the manager and the owner, who liked us so much he spent the week end with us. Sadly the hotel was sold, what it is like now we do not know, so cannot recommend it.

**Coventry Hill Hotel. Coventry,** Terrible time here. Visited the hotel over a year in advance, spent hours with the events person arranging the reunion, entertainment and a coach trip. Arrived on the first day and found nothing had been arranged the events person had left the previous Monday and the office had lost all our venue details, no coach had been arranged and two visiting coach loads of guests sat down to dinner before we could, consequently it was gone 10 pm by the time the entertainer we had hired was able to do his turn. Saturday night dinner was made up from left-overs after the coach parties had eaten their fill from carvery. I had to hire a coach privately and pay cash. Never again would we use this hotel, Definitely not recommended.

**Afton Hotel Eastbourne.** This was a marvelous hotel for us, food was first class as was the service, bar prices were the same as local pubs, entertainment was very good. Manager Jason & owner Marco were in attendance all the time, nothing was left to chance. On arrival cases etc were taken to our rooms. The only thing to mar the weekend, Eastbournes awful car parking, it was cheap enough paying through the hotel, but designated hotel parking was hard to find, often a few streets away. Wardens were red hot with on the spot fines. We do recommend the hotel, ships associations are most welcome. The local RN club entertained us to a Sunday lunch time buffet, free tots as well and entertainment, even a huge welcome cake with our name on it.

**Hinton Firs Hotel Bournemouth.** The welcome and service we received here was so good we have booked in again for next year. There was nothing that we could fault, rooms were perfect, the meals were hot and served quite quickly. Various menus to choose from. Bar was a bit more expensive but not alarmingly so. Entertainment for 3 nights was very good, even to having a sing-a-long, much enjoyed by all. 3 car parks, 2 swimming pools, a Jacuzzi and Sauna. Highly recommended for a reunion. HMS Phoebe Association.