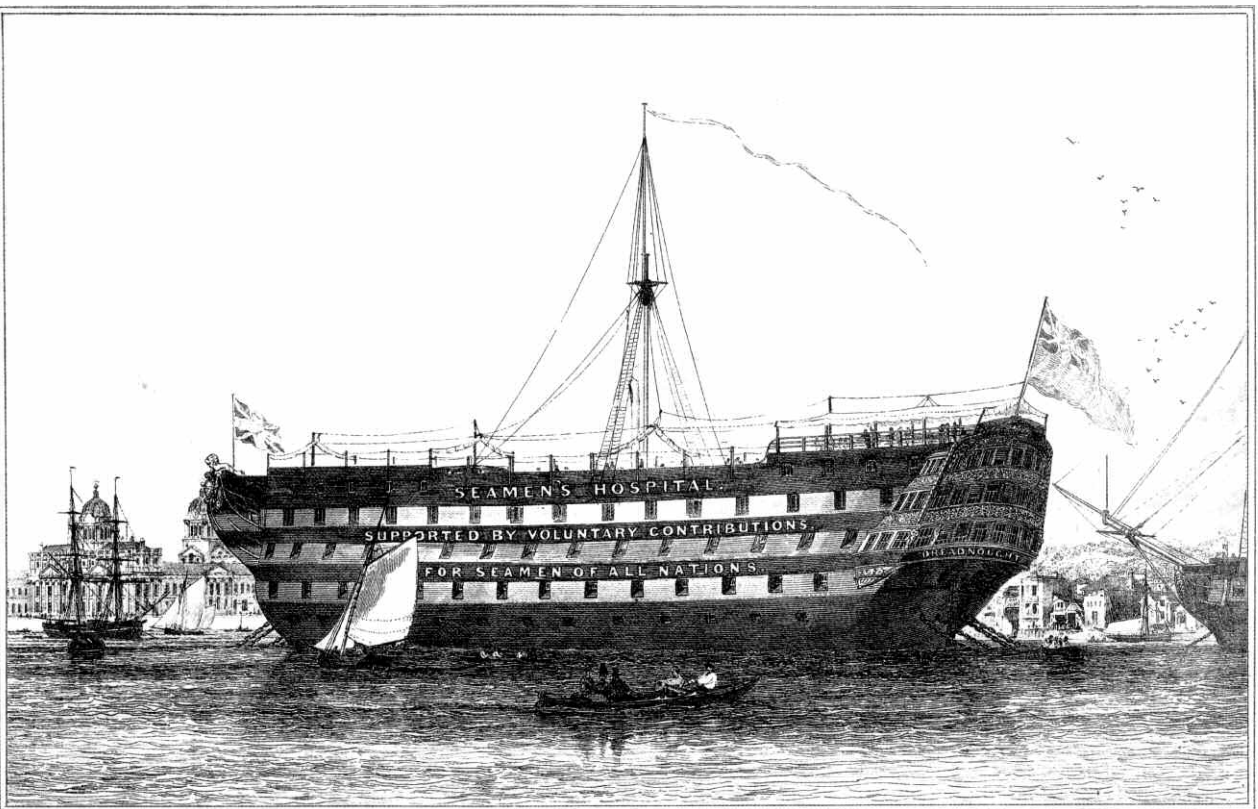




SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY



Circa. 1831

THE DREADNOUGHT, 104 GUNS, UNTIL RECENTLY LYING OFF GREENWICH. *Drawn & Etched by E. W. Cooke.*

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HRH The Duke of York KG KCVO ADC
Patron

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Object of the Seamen's Hospital Society incorporated under Act of
Parliament 1833 and amended under Statutory Instrument No. 73
the Charities (Seamen's Hospital Society) Order 1999:

“The Object of the Society shall be the relief of seamen and seawomen of
all nations within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and their
immediate dependants (including widows, widowers and children of deceased seafarers)
who through sickness, misfortune or age are in need of assistance and providing such
persons with medical and surgical aid, lodging, support and clothing.”



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the Seamen's Hospital Society, and for all maritime charities, the outstanding event of 2006 was completion of the wide-ranging research programme commissioned by the Maritime Charities Funding Group – of which the Society, of course, is itself an active member. An excellent report, commended by the Charity Commission, has now been published and I draw encouragement from it for the Society in several important respects, two of which I should like to emphasise.

First, the report concludes that although the number of working seafarers will continue to decline, potential beneficiaries of maritime charities will remain at broadly current levels for many years to come. This was, quite frankly, a surprise to me and makes the work of the Society seem that much more worthwhile.

Secondly, the report enthusiastically endorses both the main areas of activity supported by the Society, that is to say health and advice. On health matters, the Dreadnought Medical Service, with which the Society has always been so strongly linked, is identified by the research as a priority which deserves thought on how to make it available effectively on a wider geographical basis. Advice is delivered mainly through the Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line, which was highlighted by the report as being of special value and capable



of further development. This has also been acknowledged by Seafarers UK who have provided additional funding, a gesture I much welcome.

Two events in the last twelve months have provided me with still more assurance that the Society continues to do good work. The tenth anniversary celebration of SBAL on board HQS 'Wellington' attracted a remarkable number of friends and supporters and generated widespread interest and useful publicity. Then, in May this year, I was honoured to meet our Patron, HRH The Duke of York, at Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home in Greenock. Prince Andrew took a close interest in visiting and talking to staff and patients in the SHS Korsakoff Unit and unveiled a plaque which commemorates the Society's funding of the Unit.

Once again, I commend the Chairman and his colleagues for their dedication and diligence and I was particularly saddened by the death of Mr Ian Allen, one of the longest serving and hardest working members of the General Committee.

Sir Brian Shaw *President*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I have great pleasure in delivering my annual report for 2006, my third since becoming Chairman.

Annual Review and Annual Accounts

The Annual Review for 2006 and the Annual Accounts for that year will be distributed at the Annual Court to those present or by post to those on our mailing list, and on request to others. As usual, we always welcome any comments and suggestions.

Finances

The value of investments under management rose from £9.1 million at the beginning of the year to £9.8 million at the end of the year. This underpinned the rise in total funds to £10.1 million at the year end compared with £9.5 million at the end of 2005.

Total resources expended in the year were £511,000 against incoming resources of £411,000. This was well within the Society's policy of drawing up to £150,000 per annum from reserves to meet any shortfalls in income compared with expenditure on assistance and administration.

Investment income in 2006 totalled £397,000 compared with £334,000 in 2005, an increase of £63,000 largely attributable to

a one-off exceptional dividend. The underlying portfolio return for the year was 12.5% against a benchmark of 12.2%, somewhat under the investment objective of an annual return of 1% above the fund specific composite benchmark.

Following a detailed review of investment management, instigated by the General Committee at the end of 2005, it was decided in early 2007 to cease segregated management of investments under Sarasin Chiswell in favour of pooled vehicles run by J P Morgan Asset Management, who were appointed as Investment Advisors. The switch of investments was largely effected at the end of March 2007, with 70% of funds invested in UK equities and 30% in bonds. It is, however, intended that, during 2007, half of the bond holding will be switched into property units.

Charitable Activities

Total expenditure on charitable activities for the year amounted to £389,000. Of this, grants to institutions, including the Dreadnought Medical Service, accounted for £261,000. Grants to 232 individuals totalled £84,000: these comprised 187 grants for general assistance and 45 for travel and accommodation costs of those attending the Dreadnought. Support costs, representing staff time and other resources directly dedicated to advising and assisting applicants, totalled £44,000.



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line (SBAL) on board HQS Wellington, 1st November 2006.

Left to right: Geoffrey Ellis, Treasurer Seamen's Hospital Society (SHS); John Guthrie, Chairman SHS; Deana Reed, Administrator SBAL; Cllr S Ajid Jawaid, Deputy Mayor of Greenwich; the Revd Canon Bill Christianson, Secretary General the Mission to Seafarers; Peter Lee, Chairman Greenwich CAB; Peter Gibbs, Adviser SBAL; Sir Brian Shaw, President SHS; Emma Knight, Chief Executive Greenwich CAB; Peter Coulson, General Secretary SHS; Sue Hillier, Administrative Assistant SHS; Bridget Brehm, Senior Adviser SBAL.

Collaboration with other Maritime Charities

The Society, as ever, greatly values its close working relations with other maritime charities including fellow members of the Maritime Charities Funding Group (MCFG) – the Merchant Navy Welfare Board, Nautilus UK, Seafarers UK and Trinity House – as well as those case workers who provide such essential support in helping to evaluate individual grant applications: notably those from SSAFA Forces Help, the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society and the Fishermen's Mission.

The Maritime Charities Funding Group Research Programme

The Society is delighted to have been closely involved in the far reaching MCFG research programme whose findings were published and launched at the major conference of maritime charities, Supporting Seafarers 2007, in May 2007. The importance and quality of the report were highly commended by the Chief Executive of the Charity Commission.

To highlight just a few points, the findings indicate that, although working seafarer numbers will continue to decline, the potential beneficiary population, including former seafarers and dependants, will remain at broadly current levels for many years to come – contrary to what many expected, and with important implications for the use of charities' resources. They reveal much unmet need, and they emphasise the value and importance for the future of developing new approaches, and collaboration between the charities, if those needs are to be more successfully addressed.

Of particular interest to the Society is strong confirmation of the importance of its agenda in the areas of health and advice, emphasising the need and potential for further developments, including quite specifically the desirability of building on and expanding the role and work of the Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line.

In addition to the Advice Line and the Society's long standing support for the Dreadnought, particular initiatives over the last few years – in funding expansion of the SHS Korsakoff Unit at Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home, in providing pump priming funds

for the Physical Initiative's shipboard health and fitness work, and now in pilot funding treatment for fishermen at the Harbourside Physiotherapy clinic, Newlyn – all chime encouragingly with health themes specifically identified by the research in the areas of long term health problems, prevention and rehabilitation.

Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line (SBAL)

The Advice Line's co-location with the Society at its Greenwich offices has continued to prove very successful and the last year has once again seen an increase in activity to record levels. Advice was provided to almost 1,600 clients on nearly 4,000 issues, resulting in specifically identified financial benefits of £235,000.

A highlight of the year for both SBAL and the Society was the very well attended 10th anniversary celebration which the Society was delighted to host at the beginning of November on board HQS Wellington, and at which Canon Bill Christianson, Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, was guest of honour.

A further very welcome event was the decision by Seafarers UK to provide funding for an additional Adviser, initially for one year, in order to expand services, and resulting, from June of this year, in the Advice Line's advertised opening hours increasing to those of a regular office day, significantly improving accessibility for users. This development is all the more timely in view of the findings of the MCFG research programme in identifying a considerable unmet requirement for advice services, and strongly advocating expanding and building on SBAL's unique service.

The Dreadnought

The Society, as ever, takes a close interest in the Dreadnought Medical Service for seafarers at Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and continues its support in various ways. From the beginning of the year, and following the retirement of Mr Anthony Young, Mr Abrie Botha took over as consultant with responsibility for the Dreadnought: the Society much appreciates his active interest, and the care and support provided to seafarers by all staff involved with the Service.

The Seafarers' Medical Care Review, established by the Society to address concerns about the delivery of priority healthcare to seafarers, and independently chaired by Captain Trish Hambling, identified the need to explore issues around the provision of rehabilitation services, as well as wider ones of access arising from geographical considerations.

These issues were incorporated within the remit of the MCFG research programme whose findings emphasise the fundamental importance of health issues for the seafaring community. For the Dreadnought, the findings reinforce and amplify the concerns identified by the Seafarers' Medical Care Review regarding the effective delivery of priority care for all those in need in terms of speed of response and geographical access, as well as the inadequate provision of rehabilitation services.

Specific findings include disproportionately high levels of Dreadnought usage by those over retirement age (45%) and those residing in the south east, and disproportionately low levels of usage among fishermen, apparently due to both low awareness and geographical factors (45% live in Scotland and 25% in south west England).

The findings and recommendations from the MCFG research programme call for initiatives on a number of fronts to build on and supplement existing services, and to address unmet need, and the Society will be looking to play its part along with other interested parties in taking forward this agenda in the coming year and beyond.

Visit by Patron to Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home SHS Korsakoff Unit

The Seamen's Hospital Society Korsakoff Unit at Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home in Greenock continues to be fully utilised



The Society's Patron, HRH The Duke of York, meets with residents at the Seamen's Hospital Society Korsakoff Unit, Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home, Greenock. The Patron visited the Unit on 21st May 2007 when he unveiled a plaque commemorating the Society's funding of the Unit's expansion to a 12 bedded facility, the Society having funded its initial establishment in 1999.

and provide first class facilities for those unfortunate enough to develop Korsakoff syndrome. I am delighted to report that the Society's Patron, HRH The Duke of York, visited the Unit on 21st May 2007 when he met with staff and residents and unveiled a plaque commemorating the Society's funding of the Unit's expansion to a 12 bedded facility – whose completion I reported last year, the Society having funded its initial establishment in 1999. The Society was represented on the occasion by our President, Sir Brian Shaw, accompanied by Lady Shaw.

The Team

I am most grateful to all the Trustees for their commitment and support throughout the year. My special thanks once again to Geoff Ellis, our Honorary Treasurer, who puts in so much time to assist in the smooth running of our affairs, working closely with the General Secretary on all financial matters. My thanks also to our staff, Peter Coulson and Sue Hillier for all their efforts on a day to day basis.

It is with great regret that I have to report the death at the age of 80 years of Mr Ian Allan, one of the Society's staunchest supporters, who died on 4th May 2007 following some months of illness. He was appointed a Trustee in 1976, was later General Secretary for a number of years, and again a Trustee up to the time of his death. He always cared about the Society and its role in the maritime charity sphere, and took a special interest in the Dreadnought Medical Service. He will be greatly missed.

General

In a historical vein, Trustees and guests made a visit to the Museum in Docklands this April to view the John Lydekker Memorial, now refurbished and relocated from Lloyds. John Lydekker, the ancestor of our Deputy Chairman, died in 1832 from cholera and left his whole estate, about £60,000, to the Society – a magnificent gift which transformed the Society's fortunes and put its activities on a secure foundation for the future. The Memorial has pride of place in the entrance to the museum at the West India Dock.

Outlook

With the unprecedented work and findings of the MCFG research programme there will be plenty to think about for all of us in the maritime charities. The Society looks forward to playing its part with all concerned in helping to formulate increasingly effective responses for the benefit of the UK's seafaring community.

John D Guthrie FICS Chairman

GRANTS IN 2006

The Society seeks to achieve its Object (see title page of this Review) principally through the awarding of grants, whether to individual seafarers in need or to organisations which support them.

It aims to maximise the impact of its grants through active co-operation with the work of other maritime organisations – notably within frameworks operating under the auspices of the Merchant Navy Welfare Board – as well as by its funding of the Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line, through whose assistance seafarers are often able to obtain greater financial or welfare benefit than would be possible through grant making alone.

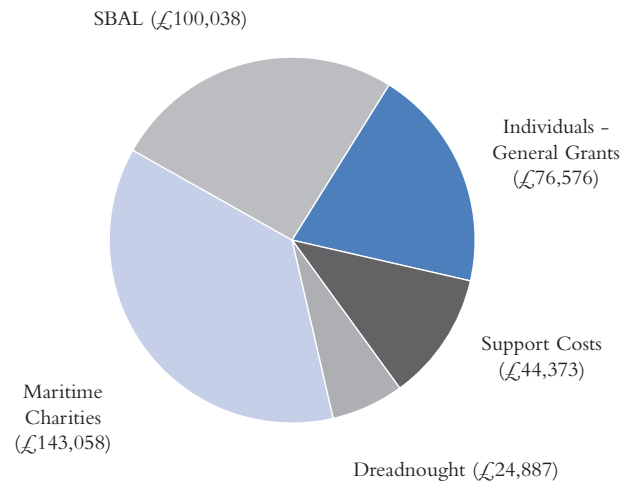
Of the £389,000 expended by the Society on charitable activities in 2006, grant expenditure amounted in total to £345,000; the balance of £44,000 comprised support costs, representing staff time and other resources directly dedicated to advising and assisting applicants, and liaising with caseworkers and other charities, in seeking to best serve the Society's clients when awarding grants.

Grants to Individuals

During the year the Society awarded 187 general assistance grants to individuals, to a total value of £77,000, for medically related



Mr Richard Pockley of Bridlington with Supt Graham Dolby, Port Missioner of the Fishermen's Mission, Grimsby and Honorary Agent for the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society. Following an accident at sea, after 16 years working on trawlers, Mr Pockley now relies on his electrically powered scooter for mobility. The Society provided a grant of £975 for a power assisted hoist so that the scooter can go with Mr Pockley when travelling in the family car.



The Society's charitable activities in 2006 : total expenditure £388,932

items such as electrically powered wheelchairs or adapted shower facilities, essential household goods or maintenance, clothing, payment of priority debts, respite breaks, other pressing welfare requirements or, in certain cases, funeral costs, all on the basis of assessed financial and personal need. In addition, 45 grants totalling £7,000 were awarded for the fares, and in certain cases towards associated accommodation costs, of seafarers in need attending the Dreadnought Medical Service at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in London.

In all such cases the Society aims to provide a practical and flexible response; its eligibility criteria are not rigidly specified and it always seeks to consider the overall picture when evaluating a grant application.

In dealing with general assistance applications the Society works closely with the Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line with a view to ensuring that clients are best advised, and Society funds put to most cost effective use, where benefit/debt/legal or other technical questions arise. The assistance of caseworkers greatly benefits clients in helping to evaluate their needs and present their applications; this is normally done on a face to face basis in their own homes. The Society greatly values the help and co-operation it receives from caseworkers and colleagues from the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association – Forces Help (SSAFA), the Shipwrecked Mariners Society, the Fishermen's Mission, the Royal British Legion and other maritime agencies.

At the end of 2006 it was agreed to fund Newlyn fishermen in need of physiotherapy – in order to continue or return to work – to receive treatment at the local Harbourside Physiotherapy clinic. An outline sum of £12,500 has been earmarked for this purpose on a one year pilot basis in the first instance.



A guest in one of the newly refurbished rooms in the guest wing at the Merchant Seamen's War Memorial Society's Springbok Estate. The Seamen's Hospital Society provided a grant of £25,000 towards the cost of holiday and respite breaks for seafarers at Springbok in 2006, and the refurbished wing was officially opened by Mr John Guthrie, Chairman of the Society, during the year.

Grants to Institutions

A total of almost £261,000 was awarded to institutions in 2006, as detailed in the table on this page.

As well as grants to the Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line, the Dreadnought and the Maritime Charities Funding Group (MCFG) research programme (see also pages 8-10), awards were made towards the following: care home and care service costs at NUMAST Mariners' Park; holiday breaks and convalescence at the Merchant Seamen's War Memorial Society (Springbok Estate); hospital visits and the transport of sick and injured seafarers and fishermen by the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen; care home nursing costs at the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society; welfare work at the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest and Scottish Nautical Welfare Society; the shipboard health and fitness work of the Physical Initiative; disabled facilities access at Hull Seafarers' Centre (a partnership project of the Apostleship of the Sea, British & International Sailors' Society and Mission to Seafarers); the Sports of the Seven Seas programme of the International Committee on Seafarers Welfare, and medical and welfare costs at the Royal Merchant Navy School Foundation.

The Society is very pleased to acknowledge the valuable role of the MCFG – of which it is a member, along with the Merchant Navy Welfare Board, Nautilus UK, Trinity House, and Seafarers UK – in informing and developing grant making policy for all involved in the maritime charity sector. With the commissioning of the wide ranging MCFG research programme the last year has been a particularly notable one in this respect, as discussed elsewhere in this Review.

Grants to Institutions 2006

Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line	£100,038
NUMAST Welfare Fund – Mariners' Park	£35,000
MCFG Welfare Research Programme	£35,000
Merchant Seamen's War Memorial Society	£25,000
Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen	£12,000
Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest	£10,000
Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society	£10,000
The Physical Initiative	£5,949
Apostleship of the Sea – Hull Seafarers' Centre	£5,000
International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare	£5,000
Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home	
- Korsakoff Unit (interest on loan)	£4,509
Scottish Nautical Welfare Society	£4,000
Mission to Seafarers	£4,000
Royal Merchant Navy School Foundation	£2,500
Dreadnought Medical Service	£2,743
Annual National Service for Seafarers	£100
	£260,839



A fisherman receiving treatment from Elizabeth Laity of Harbourside Physiotherapy clinic in Newlyn, Cornwall, where the Society is funding a pilot project for the treatment of working fishermen.

SEAFARERS' BENEFITS ADVICE LINE

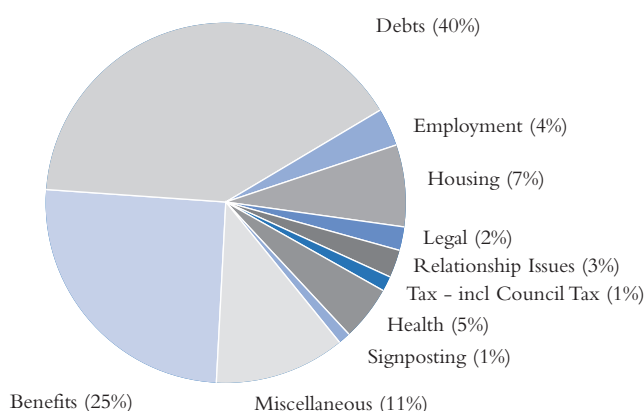
The Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line (SBAL) offers free advice and help exclusively to seafarers on a range of issues including benefits, employment, housing, debt, consumer problems, legal matters, personal relationships and taxation. Its services are provided to active and retired seafarers, fishermen and their dependants, and assistance is also offered to charities and other organisations involved with seafarers. By making extensive use of telephone, fax and e-mail, services are accessible nationally as well as by those at sea.

In addition to providing advice, detailed casework for individual clients is also undertaken where appropriate, including correspondence and negotiation with third parties – for example, with creditors – as well as, where necessary, representation at tribunals.

Established in 1996 at the initiative of the Seamen's Hospital Society, it is managed and operated by Greenwich Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) on behalf of the Society, which has, for some years, provided full funding for its operation at a cost, in 2006, of £100,038. Further funding has been agreed until at least 31st December 2009.

Peter Gibbs and Deana Read remained with the Advice Line during 2006 as an Adviser and Administrator respectively, while Emma Knight continued to take operational management responsibility as Chief Executive of Greenwich CAB. Sarah Mountjoy, who had made a valuable contribution as an Adviser during her 18 months service, left and was replaced by Bridget Brehm, transferring from other duties within Greenwich CAB. Local IT support continued to be provided by three dedicated volunteers, John Farrow, Devon Vernal and Don Chapman, and Anthony Pieris joined the team as an administrative volunteer. The Society greatly appreciates the continuing active interest, and support for the work of the Advice Line, of Peter Lee, Chair of Greenwich CAB.

The Advice Line's co-location with the Society at its Greenwich offices has continued to prove very successful and the last year has once again seen an increase in activity to record levels. With 10 full years of operation now completed, the Advice Line has been approached on 11,000 occasions by clients seeking help over 20,000 distinct issues and, while not all advice results in a measurable financial outcome, it has been possible to identify over £1.5m in



Advice Line issues by subject for the year 2006 : total - 3,937 issues

financial benefits achieved on behalf of seafarers and their dependants to date.

To mark SBAL's first 10 years the Society was delighted to host, towards the end of the year, a very well attended and enjoyable celebration on board HQS Wellington at which Canon Bill Christianson, Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers, was guest of honour. A further very welcome anniversary boost followed with the decision by Seafarers UK to provide funding for an additional Adviser, initially for one year, in order to expand services. This has taken effect with the arrival, in May 2007, of Michael Payne, a step which has already, from June, enabled the Line's advertised opening hours to be increased to 10.00am - 4.00pm five days a week, significantly improving accessibility for users. This development is all the more timely in view of the findings of the MCFG research programme (reported more fully elsewhere in the Review) which identified a considerable unmet requirement for advice services, and strongly advocated expanding and building on SBAL's unique service.

The Seafarers' Benefits Advice Line may be contacted as follows: telephone - 0845 7413318; fax - 020 8269 0794; e-mail admin@seabal.org.uk. Further information is also available on its website at the following address: www.seabal.org.uk.



Mr Peter Coulson, General Secretary of the Seamen's Hospital Society, Mr Ahmed Dubad (centre) and Ms Bridget Brehm, Senior Adviser, SBAL, at SBAL's 10th anniversary celebration on board HQS Wellington. Mr Dubad's story as a client of SBAL is outlined in the case study opposite.

CASE STUDY

Mr Dubad is a 69 year old former Able Seaman, with 25 years sea service, living in East London. Having applied for his pension he had been in dispute with the Pension Service who claimed, inaccurately, that he had not made NI contributions over an 18 year period. SBAL became involved and the Pension Service passed the case to the NI Contributions Office. Following lengthy enquiries and pressure by SBAL, and after establishing that Mr Dubad's name had been incorrectly spelt on many records, 13 years of NI contributions were confirmed. The remaining 5 years were traced following negotiations with the Isle of Man office, where Mr Dubad's employers had for a time been based, and whose records were poorly linked with those of the mainland. After over a year of pursuing Mr Dubad's case he was awarded a sum of just under £6,500 in backdated pension entitlement and compensation, and an increase in regular pension payments equivalent to almost £2,500 per annum.

THE DREADNOUGHT

As the provider of a special medical service for seafarers the Dreadnought Medical Service at Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is the successor to the former Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital in Greenwich, and the ultimate successor, within the NHS, to the original hospital function of the Seamen's Hospital Society. While there are no longer dedicated wards, with seafarers now being treated in the most clinically appropriate in-patient and out-patient areas, there is a special administration section staffed by Mrs Irene Bonnici, Dreadnought Administrator, and her colleagues, Miss Ruth Wallis and Mrs Sandra Jones.

From the beginning of the year, and following the retirement of Mr Anthony Young, Mr Abrie Botha, Consultant Upper GI and General Surgeon, took over as consultant with responsibility for the Dreadnought. The Society much appreciates his active interest in the Service.

During the year 671 new patients were treated at the Dreadnought. The Society provides a degree of financial support on the administrative side by funding, among other things, publicity material and for individual patients by paying, where there is need, for travel costs incurred when attending the hospital as well as, in certain cases, contributing towards associated accommodation costs. During 2006 the Society provided grants totalling £9,887 for these purposes.

In addition, the Society renewed a grant to the Mission to Seafarers, assessed this year at £4,000, to cover the cost of regular visits to Dreadnought patients by their accredited visitor, Mrs Sue McBryan, who holds an honorary position with the chaplaincy of Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

The Society is an active participant in the Standing Joint Policy Committee – comprising representatives from various interested groups, and with links to the National Maritime Occupational Health and Safety Committee – whose role it is to keep under review the operation of the Dreadnought.

The Seafarers' Medical Care Review, established by the Society to address concerns about the delivery of priority healthcare to seafarers via the Dreadnought and elsewhere, and independently chaired by Captain Trish Hambling, a trustee of the Society, identified the need to explore issues around the provision of rehabilitation services, as well as wider ones of access arising from geographical considerations. These issues were incorporated within the remit of the Maritime Charities Funding Group (MCFG) research programme whose findings were launched in May 2007 (see also page 10 of this Annual Review).

The findings of this wide ranging research are extensive and emphasise the fundamental importance of health issues for the seafaring community, highlighting the special risks and requirements, and the high levels of injury, ill health and disability



From left to right: Mrs Sandra Jones, Mr Abrie Botha, Consultant Surgeon, Mrs Irene Bonnici, Dreadnought Administrator and Miss Ruth Wallis, Deputy Dreadnought Administrator.

associated with it. Lifestyle and fitness, timely availability of appropriate diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation, personal aids, home adaptations, and care provision – all are highly relevant and serve to confirm the continuing validity of the health dimension as a core interest for the Society.

For the Dreadnought, the findings reinforce and amplify the concerns identified by the Seafarers' Medical Care Review regarding the effective delivery of priority care for all those in need in terms of speed of response and geographical access, as well as the inadequate provision of rehabilitation services. Specific findings include disproportionately high levels of Dreadnought usage by those over retirement age (45% – a fact that does not readily emerge from data about new patients) and those residing in the south east, and disproportionately low levels of usage among fishermen, apparently due to both low awareness and geographical factors (45% live in Scotland and 25% in south west England).

The findings and recommendations from the research programme call for initiatives on a number of fronts to build on and supplement existing services, and to address unmet need, and the Society will be looking to play its part along with other interested parties in taking forward this agenda in the coming year.

The Society is pleased that charitable funds held on behalf of the Dreadnought by Guy's and St Thomas' Charity are being used to enhance, in various targeted ways, the treatment and facilities funded from NHS sources. It welcomes the decision during the year to make a contribution from those funds to the costs of the MCFG research programme, in recognition of its relevance to the work and objectives of the Dreadnought.

The Dreadnought may be contacted as follows: tel - 020 7188 2049; fax - 020 7188 2051; email - irene.bonnici@gstt.sthames.nhs.uk

THE MARITIME CHARITIES FUNDING GROUP RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Last year the Maritime Charities Funding Group (MCFG) comprising, in addition to the Society, the Merchant Navy Welfare Board, Nautilus UK, Trinity House and Seafarers UK, commissioned and, in large measure, funded a wide ranging programme of research into the current and future welfare needs of seafarers. The work was overseen by an appointed project manager and undertaken by a number of research teams examining five subject areas, namely demographics, older seafarers, working age seafarers, dependants and families, and maritime youth groups.

The findings were launched at a major conference, Supporting Seafarers 2007, held on 21st-22nd May 2007 and attended by representatives of about 100 charities. The accompanying report was highly commended by Andrew Hind, Chief Executive of the Charity Commission, who, in his key note speech on the second day of the conference, described the report as the best of its kind that he had seen.

With the summary report running to 70 pages the findings are extensive. Among other things they indicate that, although working seafarer numbers will continue to decline, the potential beneficiary population, including former seafarers and dependants, will remain at broadly current levels for many years to come – contrary to what many expected, and with important implications for the use of charities' resources. They reveal much unmet need, and they

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In addition to the Advice Line and the Society's long standing support for the Dreadnought, particular initiatives over the last few years – in funding expansion of the SHS Korsakoff Unit at Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home, in providing pump priming funds for the Physical Initiative's shipboard health and fitness work, and now in pilot funding treatment for fishermen at the Harbourside Physiotherapy clinic, Newlyn – all chime encouragingly with health themes specifically identified by the research in the areas of long term health problems, prevention and rehabilitation.

The Society looks forward to continued active participation with fellow MCFG members and others in helping to formulate increasingly effective responses to the needs now identified with unprecedented clarity by the research programme.

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS 2006

The Society has benefited greatly throughout its history from individual donations and bequests, which have provided valuable additional income to support the welfare of seafarers and their dependants in need. Although the Society does not engage in active fundraising, such contributions in support of its work are always most welcome, and the present time is no exception.

With the loss of the recoverable tax credit on charities' UK dividend income – currently estimated to be costing the Society over £40,000 per annum – and with the continuing demands on its resources, the Society has been running annual revenue deficits for some years which inevitably means drawing on reserves. It is planned to continue this policy in the coming year.

Under these circumstances, additional voluntary contributions are all the more welcome and the Society will be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to make a donation or considering making a bequest.

The value of donations can be considerably enhanced by making use of the Gift Aid scheme which enables the Society to recover a further 28% of the net donation from the Inland Revenue. Advice on the Gift Aid scheme, which is very straightforward, may be obtained from the General Secretary at the Society's Greenwich office: tel - 020 8858 3696, email – admin@seahospital.org.uk.

Legacies

The Society was most grateful to receive a legacy of £2,000 from the estate of the late Mrs Eleanore Millington-Syngé.

Donations

The Society is most grateful for a donation received from Her Majesty The Queen during the year. The Society records its grateful thanks to Her Majesty for her generous support.

The Society is also most grateful for donations from the following :

Mr & Mrs J Alexander
Miss D Banfield
Mr K J Budge
Mrs Anne Cameron
Champion House Social Club
H Clarkson & Co Ltd
Mrs W J Constable
Mr Jonathan Evans
Dignity Funerals Ltd
Mr D Gatiss
Mr N Guibarra
Miss A Gurr
Mr & Mrs R Hall

Mrs V Hawken
Mrs I M Henderson
Mr S Horton
Mrs A P Jones
Mr & Mrs J Love
Mr & Mrs I Marshallsay
Mr & Mrs Maxwell
Mr B E Medd
The Rt Hon Sir Patrick
Nairne GCB MC
NUMAST
Mr & Mrs J Parsons
Mr & Mrs G Pedrick

Mr P Z Pedrick
The P&O Steam Navigation Co.
Poth Hille & Co Ltd
Mr & Mrs J Offert
Mr & Mrs R Rainbird
Mr & Mrs A Reed
Mr Salvage
Mr & Mrs A Seaward
Mrs J K Seaward
Mr & Mrs R Smart
Mrs D R Smith
Mrs VI Smith
Mr M Smith

Mrs S M Staveley
Mrs M Stevens
Mrs S A Taylor
Mrs A Thompson
Mr & Mrs S Tuffen
Mr & Mrs M Tugwell
Mrs J E Twynam
Mr K Twynam
Mr & Mrs D Ullyett
Mrs J White
Whitechapel Bell Foundry
Mr & Mrs J Winder
Captain M J Winter

SIR HENRY BURDETT KCB KCVO (1847-1920)

AN OUTSTANDING SECRETARY AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

Over its almost two hundred year history, the Society has had many great secretaries. Silas Kemball Cook (1819-74) guided it during the transition from the last of the hospital ships to dry land at Greenwich in 1870, and Sir James Michelli (1853-1935) was the Secretary when the London School of Tropical Medicine was established at the Albert Dock (Branch) Hospital in 1899. However, the most distinguished occupant of this post was arguably Sir Henry Charles Burdett (1847-1920).¹

Burdett was born on 18th March 1847; his father was the Rector of Gilmorton, Leicestershire. He was first employed as a bank clerk in Birmingham, and later studied medicine at Queen's College, Birmingham and Guy's Hospital; however, he failed to complete the course, the reason for this being unclear. Combining a knowledge of business technique and hospital routine, he was appointed to the Secretaryship of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham and remained there for six years; on 25th September 1874 he was unanimously elected to a similar position at the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, succeeding Kemball Cook, who had recently died in the Hospital.

At Greenwich, he rapidly impressed the authorities with his 'industry, capacity, and power of organisation'. While there, he 'greatly raised [the Society] in the estimation of the public as shown by the increased subscriptions and donations which [were] given in support of the [Society's] objects'. The 60th annual report continued 'the Committee also recognise Mr Burdett's administrative power in having raised the character and discipline of the Staff of Management ... by promoting unity of purpose and harmony of action amongst the officials, and thereby conducing to the peace and comfort of the patients and others within the walls of the Hospital'.² Burdett had also reorganised the 'whole system of management' together with the fact that 'all the nurses [were then] trained within the Hospital, and the area of the Society's work [had] been extended by the establishment of a free Dispensary for Seamen in the East End of London'. During his six years at Greenwich, he had in fact raised the annual income of the Dreadnought Hospital from £7,000 to £13,000. He had also established a Seamen's Shipping Agency. While with the Society, Burdett had also been an originator of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Following these six years at Greenwich, Burdett was appointed Secretary of the Share and Loan Department of the Stock



Cartoon of Burdett by 'Quiz', published in *Vanity Fair* in July 1898. (Courtesy :The Wellcome Library, London).

Exchange where he remained for 17 years, but he continued with his great interest in the voluntary hospitals.

Burdett is probably best remembered for his work on the voluntary hospitals and staunch support of the nursing profession; he established the (Royal) National Pension Fund for Nurses. In addition, he founded and became editor of the journal *Hospital* which later gave birth to the *Nursing Mirror*. Burdett also founded the Home Hospitals Association and was a champion of Cottage Hospitals (on which he wrote a book) – a movement which had been founded in 1859. In later life, he was the 'active spirit' behind King Edward's Hospital Fund for London – now the King's Fund – and also took an active role in the foundation of the League of Mercy. He introduced clinical audit, a uniform method of accountancy in hospitals, and hospital league-tables.

Burdett was an extremely prolific author, whose greatest literary contribution was his massive four-volume work *Hospitals and Asylums of the World*. Another well-known publication was his annual yearbook of philanthropy: *Burdett's Hospitals and Charities*.

Regarding his philanthropic contributions, the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) considered '... what Mr Burdett has done for the great charitable institutions of this country his name will always go down to posterity, and will remain as at present a household word'.³

From his six years as Secretary until his death, he retained strong links with the Society, and from 1896 he was a Vice-President.

Prof G C Cook,
Honorary Archivist
May 2007



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SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2006

The following Summarised Balance Sheet at 31st December 2006 and Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year then ended represents a summary of information extracted from the audited Annual Accounts. These summarised Accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Society. For further information the full Annual Accounts, the Auditors' Report on those Accounts and the General Committee's Report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from the General Secretary, 29 King William Walk, Greenwich, London SE10 9HX.

The Annual Accounts were approved by the General Committee on 9th May 2007 and have not yet been submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

Signed on behalf of the General Committee



J D Guthrie FICS
Chairman



G P Ellis FCMA
Honorary Treasurer

Summarised Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2006

		2006 £	2005 £
Fixed Assets	Tangible assets	95,053	95,102
	Investments	9,895,780	9,267,058
		<u>9,990,833</u>	<u>9,362,160</u>
Net current assets		24,967	8,457
Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		75,000	100,000
Net assets		<u>10,090,800</u>	<u>9,470,617</u>
Unrestricted funds		10,053,663	9,412,646
Restricted funds		37,137	57,971
		<u>10,090,800</u>	<u>9,470,617</u>

Summarised Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2006

		2006 £	2005 £
Incoming resources	Donations	2,390	1,898
	Legacies receivable	2,000	9,591
	Grants receivable	3,819	5,581
	Investment income	396,850	333,565
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Rent receivable	6,500	3,250
Total incoming resources		<u>411,559</u>	<u>353,885</u>
Resources expended	Investment management costs	58,605	51,747
	Charitable activities	388,932	423,440
	Governance costs	63,690	65,277
Total resources expended		<u>511,227</u>	<u>540,464</u>
Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses		(99,668)	(186,579)
Net gains on investment assets		719,851	1,066,143
Net movement in funds		<u>620,183</u>	<u>879,564</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' STATEMENT TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY

We have examined the summarised financial statements of the Seamen's Hospital Society for the year ended 31st December 2006 on page 12.

Respective responsibilities of the General Committee and Auditors

The members of the General Committee are responsible for preparing the summarised financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of the charities SORP.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and General Committee's Report. We also read the other information contained in the summarised annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In our opinion, the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and the General Committee's Report of the Seamen's Hospital Society for the year ended 31st December 2006.

Alliotts
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
9 Kingsway
London WC2B 6XF

9th May 2007

Photograph courtesy of the Merchant Navy Welfare Board

GENERAL COMMITTEE

<i>Chairman</i>	Mr J D Guthrie FICS	Committee 1998 Chairman 2004
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	Mr G P Ellis FCMA	Committee 2001 Treasurer 2002
<i>Deputy Chairman</i>	Mr A P J Lydekker	Committee 1968 Deputy Chairman 1997
<i>Members</i>	Mr J Allan (<i>deceased May 2007</i>) Mr R J Chichester MA Captain D Glass Captain P M Hambling OBE ARRC Mr J C Jenkinson MVO Surgeon Commander J F Leonard MB ChB MSc MFOM RNR Mr P McEwen Mr A R Nairne Mr J T Newton Captain A J Speed Captain C M C Stewart LVO Mr S Todd	1976-1988, 1993-2001, 2002 2005 2003 1998 1974 2001 1999 1984 2005 2002 2005 2004

Seal, Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee

Mr J D Guthrie FICS *Chairman*
Mr J Allan (*deceased May 2007*)
Mr G P Ellis FCMA

Captain P M Hambling OBE ARRC
Mr J C Jenkinson MVO

Development Sub-Committee

Mr A R Nairne *Chairman*
Mr J D Guthrie FICS
Captain P M Hambling OBE ARRC

Mr J C Jenkinson MVO
Mr A P J Lydekker

Assistance Sub-Committee

Mr J Allan *Chairman (deceased May 2007)*
Mr A P J Lydekker

Mr J C Jenkinson MVO

Dreadnought Liaison Sub-Committee

Mr J Allan *Chairman (deceased May 2007)*
Mr A P J Lydekker

Mr J D Guthrie FICS

Seafarers' Medical Care Review Sub-Committee

Captain P M Hambling OBE ARRC *Chairman*

Mr J C Jenkinson MVO

GENERAL COMMITTEE AND STAFF



Mr A P J Lydekker
Deputy Chairman



Mr J D Guthrie FICS
Chairman



Mr G P Ellis FCMA
Honorary Treasurer



Mr J Allan
(deceased May 2007)



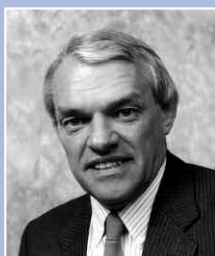
Mr R J Chichester MA



Captain D Glass



Capt. P M Hambling,
OBE ARRC



Mr J C Jenkinson MVO



Surg Cdr J F Leonard
MB ChB MSc MFOM RNR



Mr P McEwen



Mr A R Nairne



Mr J T Newton



Capt. A J Speed



Captain C M C Stewart
LVO



Mr S Todd



Mr P S Coulson
General Secretary



Mrs S Hillier
Administration Assistant

PAST PATRONS, PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN OF THE CORPORATION

Past Patrons

His Majesty King George IV	1821
His Majesty King William IV	1830
Her Majesty Queen Victoria	1837
His Majesty King Edward VII	1901
His Majesty King George V *	1910
His Majesty King Edward VIII *	1936
His Majesty King George VI *	1937
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II	1953

* Jointly with Her Majesty Queen Mary

Past Presidents

The Rt Hon Viscount Melville	1821
His Grace The Duke of Northumberland	1852
His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh KG KT	1876
His Grace The Duke of Marlborough KG	1905
Admiral His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenberg, Marquis of Milford Haven GCB GCVO KCMG	1912
His Royal Highness The Duke of York KG	1921
The Rt Hon Lord Lloyd of Dolobran PC GCSI GCIE DSO	1938
The Rt Hon Lord Moyne PC DSO	1941
Admiral of the Fleet The Rt Hon The Earl of Cork and Orrery GCB GCVO	1946
Captain Sir Ion Hamilton Benn, Bart CB DSO TD RNVR	1949
Sir Colin Anderson KBE	1962
Mr Anthony Benn OBE	1978
The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Nairne GCB MC	1982

Past Chairmen of the Committee of Management

Mr John Blackburn	1821
Captain W Bowles RN (Admiral Sir William Bowles, KCB)	1825
Mr Francis Le Breton	1869
Mr Joseph Moore	1875
Mr Frederick Cleeve CB RN (Sir Frederick Cleeve, KCB)	1886
Admiral The Hon Francis Egerton	1890
Vacant	1895-98
Mr P A Nairne (Sir Percival Nairne)	1898
Captain A W Clarke (Captain Sir Arthur Clarke, KCVO KBE)	1922
The Rt Hon Lord Lloyd of Dolobran PC GCSI GCIE DSO	1932
Captain Sir Ion Hamilton Benn, Bart CB DSO TD RNVR	1937
Sir Ernest Murrant KCMG MBE	1946
Captain Guy Lydekker OBE DSC RN	1967
Mr Anthony Benn OBE	1971
Captain R Hart CBE DSO DSC* RN	1978
Captain I B Taylor OBE	1983
Captain D T Smith OBE FNI RN	1997

PATRON, PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS
AND HONORARY LIFE GOVERNORS

Patron

HRH The Duke of York KG KCVO ADC 2001

President

Sir Brian Shaw 2003

Vice-Presidents

Captain Sir Miles Wingate KCVO FNI	1976
Mr Anthony Benn OBE	1983
Captain I B Taylor OBE	1997
Mr D R Archer	1997
The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Nairne GCB MC	2004
Captain D T Smith OBE FNI RN	2004

Honorary Life Governors

Elected for services rendered to the Seamen's Hospital Society:

Mr C Blount

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