

Past Master remembers



MASTERS WEEKEND IN EDINBURGH AND DINNER ABOARD HMY BRITANNIA 2013

Past Master George Borthwick writes: The visit to Edinburgh during my year as Master by the Worshipful Company of Needle-makers took place in 2013 arriving on Thursday 29th August and departing on Tuesday 4th September.

We had an exciting and interesting programme that included visits and events at various locations including, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the College Museum followed by Dinner in the Playfair Building of the College and entertained by a Scottish Pipe Band before dinner.

A visit to the National Museum of Scotland with Dinner that evening in the Royal Yacht Britannia with a tour of Britannia before Dinner. There was also a visit to Stirling Castle and a Cruise on Loch Lomond and of course a visit to a Distillery, namely Glengoyne Distillery.

On the final day a visit to Edinburgh Castle with Lunch in the Officers' Mess, a rare privilege and in the evening, Dinner at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society with Highland Dancers and a Ceilidh for all to join in !

David and Carolyn Ezekiel reported back:

The following evening we had the excitement of dinner on board HMY Britannia. Here we had the red carpet treatment on the quayside to the accompaniment of a splendidly dressed piper. "Piped music" in Scotland is a bit different from "piped music" anywhere else! This was followed by elegantly served champagne in the State Drawing Room. A short tour of the private Royal Apartments was followed by dinner in the State Dining Room. To our great surprise and delight our old friends Alderman Andrew Parmley and Commodore Tony Morrow RN, Clerk to the Butchers' Company, and their partners were guests. Tony, who was the last captain of Britannia, gave a most informative and entertaining speech.



Commodore Anthony Morrow RN, Flag Officer Royal Yachts April 1995-December 1997



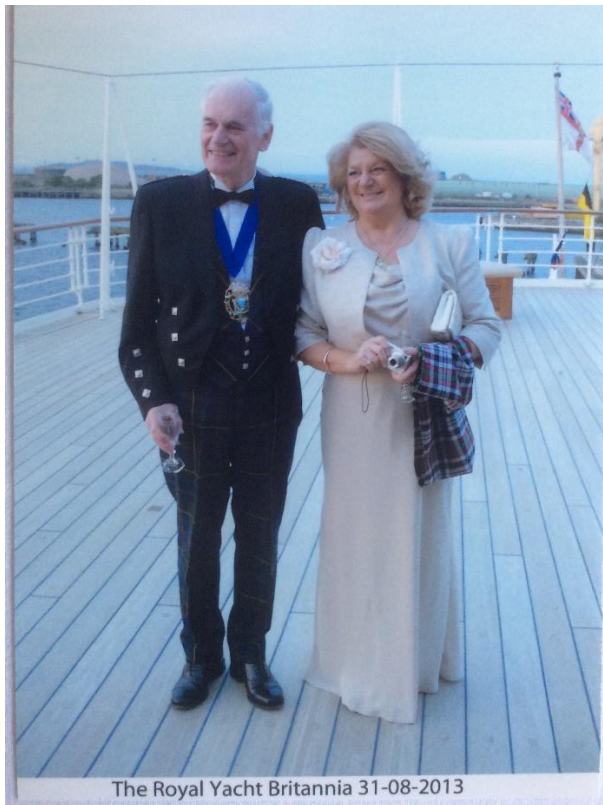
Sue and David Kent.



George and Milly with Mrs Wendy Parmley now Lady Wendy Parmley.



Piper in full highland dress on Board Britannia about to pipe us into Dinner.



The Royal Yacht Britannia 31-08-2013

George and Milly Borthwick on the deck of Britannia



George and Wendy Parmley, Milly and Commodore Anthony Morrow followed by Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley now Sir Andrew Parmley, processing into Dinner, guided by Philip Grant.



Group photo in State Drawing Room



State Dining Room laid up for Dinner