Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer, such as it is in the UK.!!!!!!

I have almost finalised the July/August edition of Log Book and I thought you might be interested to know something of what you have to look forward to.

In an effort to be topical we have a colourful article on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the River Pageant. Unfortunately there was a lot of rain and it was cold but, stiff upper lip and all that, it was a success, although the Duke of Edinburgh ended up in hospital with an infection. Nevertheless, it is a most interesting article which I hope you will enjoy.

I received an email from the owner of the "Louisa Anne Hawker", a lifeboat featured on a Lundy cinderella stamp. He purchased the vessel and had it transported to Port Klang in Malaysia and then sailed her 260 miles to Langkawi, Malaysia, where he lives. The journey was quite an adventure and makes an interesting read.

Howard Pell has written a series of articles covering the development of destroyers in the Royal Navy from 1894 - 2012. I know you will enjoy these articles which will be spread over a full year. The first article covers the period 1894 - 1914. He has done a tremendous amount of work.

Previous Log Books have featured Stewart Wilson's "Cunard Collection", and this edition of Log Book adds some more information. Stewart has his collection in the Libraries on the three Cunard Liners so, if you are planning a Cunard cruise, you must stop by and take a look. He now has 19 volumes!

We have our usual features of "Jottings From the Journals" by our President Peter Bolton and also some more album pages, this time from our Treasurer, Eddie Robertson.

Don't forget, if you would like to send me anything for publication, it would be most appreciated.
I would particularly like to receive some half page articles or even just some comments to help fill in the smaller gaps.

That's all for now, John Sefton (Editor)