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Dear Shipmates

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that as of the 8th October Isle of Wight Tours ceased trading. I spoke with Shirley yesterday and as you can imagine she was very distraught. She has done everything in her power to keep the company afloat but alas with no help from the government it wasn't to be.

My heartfelt thanks go out to Shirley and her team who have supported the Cavalier Association and many other associations over the years. I feel for Shirley, Ian and the staff who have become great friends to all of us.

I was also informed that all money paid for the 2021 reunion is held in a bonded account therefore all members will get their money back. How long this process will take I am not too sure. I've barely had time to take all this in, therefore I'm unable to assist anyone in the required process, hopefully by the time Capers hits the streets we will have a better idea of the process.

I am aware that there is information On the IoW Tours web page, please take a look.

I received an e-mail from Katie Ironton with the following information regarding refunds and I quote "it has become apparent that legally, each member who booked and paid for our 2021 Bristol reunion needs to request a refund themselves. Therefore please follow the link www.bch-uk.org, the information on claiming back your funds will be posted on this website as of close of play Tuesday 13th October.

Should you require any help then please contact a member of the committee who will only be to happy to help.

As you can imagine the 2021 Bristol reunion has been cancelled by the administrators, therefore, we are back to square one.

I have had a discussion with the committee and feel that for the next reunion we should wait until covid 19 has settled down and it is safe to continue as before.

In the meantime, the committee will take this opportunity to look at alternatives, bearing in mind that other travel companies could be in the same position. Any positive suggestions from the membership will be judged on its merits.

We hope that members will be sympathetic and understand that the committee will do all we can to right the ship, so we can once again enjoy meeting at the next reunion.

On another note, Armistice Day, as far as we know it is still on and anyone wishing to go, can, but at their own risk and to please check with the dockyard the day before for updates,

Yours Aye
HMS Cavalier Committee.