

What a super day! That was the overwhelming verdict on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Air Show Boat trip on the S.S. Shieldhall. 52 members boarded The Shieldhall at Poole Quay. The crew, all volunteers, made us so welcome. There were actually 170 on board but there was so much space and different places to sit, it felt spacious and comfortable. The two course buffet lunch- specially provided for our party - was good quality and tasty. This could be supplemented through the day with a variety of hot and cold foods plus the bar opened at exactly the right time!

And we had a spectacular view of absolutely everything air borne! Indeed at one point- with the mock battle raging, we were bang in the middle. It's the first time I've seen people take hearing aids out to dim the noise. Most of the close encounters flew straight above us- round us and- at one point- flew straight towards us!

The day flew by and allowed members, who hadn't met before, to get acquainted. (If you haven't heard the tale of Babs, Margaret and the Kite which was reported as far away as Melbourne Australia news, then you have a treat for the future.)

Members came to our wonderful organiser, Daphne to thank her for the excellent day out. This was Daphne's last event before she steps down from both the Main committee and the Outings committee. Thank you from us all Daphne.

Do think about coming next time. The ship is so stable; no rocking about...just a great day with friends and friends about to be made.

