

## SI Runcorn, Frodsham and District The story behind the Club panel for the Region Centenary Banner



The club was chartered on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1948 as SI Runcorn and District - Frodsham was added to the name much later.

At a meeting of the Executive committee on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1948 the members were shown several designs and it was decided to use the ship design as on the Runcorn crest. The secretary was asked to write to Runcorn Urban District Council for permission to use the design, which was duly approved, and on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1948 the secretary was instructed to write to Miss Ibbotson (enamel designer) giving definite instruction that the ship shall be in enamel and coloured as in the submitted design.

In September 1948 the Insignia was received and the design was very much admired by all, but the lettering and finish of the insignia were felt to be unsatisfactory, and the secretary was asked to return it to Miss Ibbotson for correction.

In February 1949 the Insignia had still not been received, and the secretary was asked to write to Miss Ibbotson again to ask if the club could sure of receiving it in time for the Charter dinner in March.

In September 1949 the President's Insignia was finally received. It was unanimously approved by members and Miss Ibbotson's account was fully paid - £27 9s 0d.

For the Region Centenary Banner, there was no question of using any other design for our club's panel. The ship is so striking and unusual for a President's Insignia and we are all very proud of it. It clearly recalls Runcorn's long history as a port, and sums up the area very well.

The design of the ship was rendered for cross stitch by Helen Owen and the stitching was done by Pat Mercer. Sarah Froggatt stitched the lettering for the Club name.

