

ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2014

Dear Members,

Once more the Festive Season is upon us and naturally our thoughts are centred on family, loved ones and Christmas family gatherings. The Committee and I wish you all a very happy and holly Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We look forward to another year serving the Association and would like to remind you all that we are as always grateful for your continued support especially with the Grand National draw and your attendance at the Annual Reunion Dinner. Please visit the website www.rnwa.co.uk to keep in touch. We are always pleased to receive articles, anecdotes etc., that you would like to share with other members, please forward to the Secretary for inclusion on the website. The Committee would also like to hear any suggestions you have on expanding or improving the website. One last thought, it's not long to the shortest day 21 December after which it's all downhill to spring.

Going into the New Year it is with great pride I am honoured to be advised by the Secretary that in 2015 I will become the longest serving President in the RNWA's history, and may I take this opportunity to thank the Committee and members for their past and continuous future support



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Annual General Mtg.

Held prior to the 126th Reunion Dinner, a vote of thanks and gratitude, on behalf of the members, was made to the RNWA Committee who were unanimously re-voted into office:-

Colin Hughes *President*

Les Heyhoe *Secretary & Membership*

George Mytom-Hart

BEM *Treasurer*

Philip 'Darby' Allen

MBE *Committee*

Mike Moncur *Committee*

Roland 'Nick' Carter

Committee

Treasurer's Report

An update of the RNWA accounts as at 20.11.2014

Net Total = £3,547.01

The Treasurer wishes it to be known that payments have been made in advance for 2015 in respect of a £250.00 deposit for next year's Reunion Dinner, £60 annual membership of the Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth. £20 to renew the Lotteries Licence held with Fareham Borough council to enable the 2015 Grand National draw, and £15 annual membership for the FNA (Federation Naval Association),

Grand National 2015

A reminder that next year's Grand National Race is being held on Saturday 11th April so in the next Newsletter, due to be issued in February, you will receive two (2) books of raffle tickets – 5 to a book priced at £1 each i.e. £10's worth. Apart from membership fees this is the only financial means of supporting the RNWA. If you require more books let us know?

Crossed the Bar



In memory of the following members:-

Ian Liddel

RIP 09/01/14

Joe Dolman BEM

RIP 30/03/14

Frank Curran

RIP 01/05/14

David Doole

RIP 12/07/14

Dennis Le Marquand

RIP 06/09/14

Membership

Sad to say that it is on the decline, due to a variety of reasons, one of them being change of personal contact details so please ensure if you move address then you notify The Secretary otherwise annually in January if membership fees are not forthcoming from the previous year then membership is lapsed.

Current Membership is:-

Life Members = 32

Honorary Member = 2

Members = 184

Total = 218

“Don't Delay Recruit A Scribe Today!”....30+ yrs ago membership was in excess of 900!

128th Reunion Dinner

Once again next year's annual reunion dinner will be held, as always on the 2nd Friday of October, i.e. **9th October 2015** and at the same venue as this year, The Best Western Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea. If you want to ensure you have accommodation for the evening then book your room(s) in advance and quote the RNWA Tel: 023 9273 1281. B&B at £85 Twin/Double room and £60 per single.



The cost to the RNWA is £36.00 per head, however to encourage and entice more members to attend, tickets will be subsidized by a greater % than in previous years. For the three course meal (a choice of four options available for each of the 3 courses and different to 2014), including wine, port and drink on arrival will be:-

RNWA Member £25.00

Guests £35.00 – see the website for full details and an application.

129th Reunion Dinner

Subject to favourable terms and conditions and value for money, a tentative proposal has been made to hold this event at a new location, i.e. The Union Jack Club, London, on Friday 14th October 2016. Upon a deposit being made details will follow at the 2015 AGM. Any ideas or suggestions for the 130th in 2017? are welcome.

Website

The President mentioned in his opening about the new looking website and how it has been enhanced to provide and include more details and information, past and present but your input is urgently required to make it appear and be even better. This in turn will hopefully encourage the Writers of today to join and also those ex-Scribes to remain in touch with past oppos. The RNWA would particularly like to hear from current or past Female Writers so if you have a 'dit to tell' let's hear from you and share it with your fellow members. Pictures from all eras and ages are certainly welcome. A 'Rogues Gallery' has yet to be introduced!

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