

# Rnwa newsletter July 2014

Fellow Members,

## **RNWA WEBSITE**

Those of you that log in to our website regularly will have noticed a change. A change, I hope, for the better. I discovered in April that our last webmaster had left his job with the computer services company responsible for our website. Following some negotiations with the company I was astounded to learn that to remain with that firm would cost over £1k per annum. This cost would have been beyond our means.

I asked around and was directed to CS Computer Services which manage amongst others the St Vincent website. I am pleased to advise you that, following discussions between the Committee, myself and CS Computer Services the Association now has a bona fide website manager at an affordable annual cost. I hope that this continues as, I'm sure you will agree, a website is a must in this day and age.

Please forward any comments or suggestions on the site, once you have perused it, to [colin.hughes@rnwa.co.uk](mailto:colin.hughes@rnwa.co.uk) I would also welcome any articles, anecdotes etc. that members think may be of interest to the Association.

Following on from this, as all enquiries, raised by individuals viewing the website are automatically forwarded to me I find that the most frequent enquiry after membership requests are "Where are they now", or "Would be great to hear news from former shipmates". I be-

lieve that a section on the website for people to get in touch with "old ships" could prove useful.

An example of this was an email I received from Bill Balmbra of Canada, ex LWtr CMX 904720 served from 1951 to 1957 asking for news of old shipmates. He served in Pembroke, Ganges, RNAS Ford and C-in-C Med. He particularly remembers Brian Quance at Ganges and Jeff Waghorn at C-in-C Med. If anyone remembers Bill his e-mail address is [b.balmbra@gmail.com](mailto:b.balmbra@gmail.com).

## **Grand National Draw.**

Once again thank you all very much for your excellent support for the Grand National Draw which brought in a profit of £576.49. The list of winners has been published on the website but for those who are reliant on the printed word only here is the list:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pineau de Re. J Phillips £200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Balthazar King. F Davenport £60
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Double Seven. G Chadwick £40
- 4<sup>th</sup> Alvarado. R Henderson £20
- 5<sup>th</sup> Rocky Creek. A Hawken £10
- 6<sup>th</sup> Chance du Roy. A Williams £10
- 7<sup>th</sup> Moonbeg Dude. I Connor £10
- 8<sup>th</sup> Raz De Maree. N Prior £10
- 9<sup>th</sup> Swing Bill. C Clarke £10
- 10<sup>th</sup> Kruzhlilin. B Quance £10

- 11<sup>th</sup> Buckers Bridge. B Jeffrey £10  
12<sup>th</sup> The Package. G Luton £10  
13<sup>th</sup> Vesper Bell. J Mytom-Hart £10  
14<sup>th</sup> Across the Bay. D Buss £10  
15<sup>th</sup> Mr Moonshine. W Walsh £10  
16<sup>th</sup> Prince de Beauchene.  
R J Dickson £10  
17<sup>th</sup> Hunt Ball. R Aiers £10  
18<sup>th</sup> Hawkes Point. Jed Stone £10

### **Financial Statement.**

Balance £5579.95 this includes £1140.00 for dinner tickets.

### **New Members.**

The following have joined the Association since the last newsletter:

Peter Phillips residing in Cape, South Africa and Richard Lawrence of East Grinstead.

### **Return of Secretary.**

The Committee is pleased to announce that Les Heyhoe is returning permanently from the Middle East and has expressed a wish to take up his old positions as Secretary and Membership Secretary. The Committee welcome and endorse his return to the fold.

### **Requests from Members.**

The request from Dixie ((Richard Dickson) misspelt in last newsletter my apologies) for a copy of the 1982 promotion signal for the widow of a PO Cook of HMS SHEFFIELD was surprisingly fulfilled very quickly much to the delight of the deceased's widow.

### **Annual Reunion Dinner 2014.**

So far there are 33 attendees (22 members and 11 guests). Please note the closing date Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 for the return of application and payment. A copy of the application form can be downloaded from our website [www.rnwa.co.uk](http://www.rnwa.co.uk). If you have Google Chrome or a PDF Reader you can complete the form on your screen and print off the completed application ready to post.

*On behalf of the Committee I wish you all the very best and hope your summer is a very pleasant one.*

*Colin Hughes*

*Acting Secretary*