

ROYAL NAVAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION (RNWA) MEETING HELD THURSDAY
19th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE GOSPORT & FAREHAM RNA CLUB AT 19:00

Present:-	Colin	Hughes	President	(CH)
	Pat	Prior	Treasurer	(PP)
	Les	Heyhoe	Secretary	(LH)
	George	Mytom-Hart	Committee	(GMH)
	Tony	Webber	Committee	(TW)
	Mike	Moncur	Committee	(MM)
Apologies:-	Dave	Kelly	Member	(DK)
	'Dixie'	Dickson	Member	(DD)

1. Minutes

The minutes of the 18th July 2019 were taken as read.

2. Deaths Good news - None known or reported.

3. Treasurer's Report

i. As at today, 19th September 2019 the amount held was £7,139.75.00 which includes an erroneous amount of £200.00 received today via Tiffany's of Fareham. LH inadvertently provided the incorrect banking details to them for a charity function he was organising, so payment was required to be transferred to the DRUNK 2009 a/c by PP to correct the error by LH.

ii. Included in i. is the sum of £2,617.20 received for the 11th October 2019 Reunion Dinner and the 'restricted funds' held for the NMA of £832.31. Actual cost for the dinner will not be known until 07/10/2019.

4. Membership

i. New Members: August 2019 - AB2 Mark Cook (Writer of the Year – Complimentary) of Gosport / PO Wtr Natalie Maunder-Parkes of Plymouth / Miss Michelle D. Evans of Ilchester / Richard (Sidney) Eddy of Kardinya, Australia / * Gordon Wilkinson (aka Gordon Peters) of Surbiton / September 2019 Peter Rolston of Liverpool / Colin Halligan of Kinlough, Ireland / Gary Bower of Gosport / CPO Wtr. Dhana Morris of Gosport / WO1 Wtr. Kevin Fudge of Fishbourne - * Gordon is the RNWA's oldest known member and holds the record for joining the Royal Navy as a Writer in 1944; aka as Gordon Peters, a past TV celebrity – see attached Wikipedia write-up. Bill Walsh remains as the member to hold the record for joining the RNWA 27th November 1946 (dob: 29/12/1927)

ii. 285 Members in total – 3 Honourary, 30 Life & 252 Members.

iii. The increase in membership during the past few weeks were credited to WO1 Emma Day MBE and her sterling efforts of recruitment combined with encouragement to attend this year's Reunion Dinner; the Committee in Emma's absence commended her, and may the campaigning continue.

5. Any Other Business

- i. 132nd Reunion Dinner Friday 11th October 2019 at the Royal Beach Hotel
 - a. As at today, there were 90 attendees which was at one stage 95 but due to illness 3 have had to withdraw and 1 + guest unable to attend due to service commitment – see b below.
 - b. A letter dated 27th July 2019 had been received from AB2 Wtr Mark Cook, Winner of the RNWA Trophy advising that due to being temporarily seconded to HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH from August – December 2019 regrettably he and his guest would not now be able to attend.
- ii. NMA – CH reported that he would liaise and email, with hopefully a written response in time to report and advise at the AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 19:55.

The next meeting is scheduled to be the Annual General Meeting to be held at The Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea, at 18:20 for 18:30 – 18:55 in the Endeavour Room Friday 11th October 2019.

Advance apologies:- Pat Prior BEM QVRM – (PP).

Les Heyhoe B C Av

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RNWA Secretary
& Membership

7th October 2019

Gordon Peters

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia

Gordon Peter Wilkinson, known professionally as **Gordon Peters** (born 29 November 1926 in Durham), is a British television actor.

Peters starred in a BBC TV comedy series in 1973 called *The Gordon Peters Show*. It was a situation comedy in which he played a character with his own name. The series was cancelled after one season.

As a child, Peters sang in the choir of Durham Cathedral. He later enrolled at Durham Commercial College to learn bookkeeping. He worked as a junior clerk before volunteering for the Royal Navy.

Peters has had many roles in other television shows over the years, including *Oh Brother!*, two episodes of *Hi-de-Hi!*, four episodes of *Dad's Army*, two episodes of *Are You Being Served?*, one episode of *Grace & Favour* (also called *Are You Being Served? Again!* in the United States). He played Victor and Margaret Meldrews' family friend Ronnie in three episodes of the long-running BBC sitcom *One Foot in the Grave* during the 1990s,^[1] five episodes of *Never the Twain*. Moreover he featured in one episode of *Little Britain*, as a booking clerk in an episode of the BBC sitcom *Keeping Up Appearances* and in one episode of HBO's *Tales from the Crypt*.

He voiced the narrator and the Mr. Men in some of the episodes of Mr. Men and Little Miss.