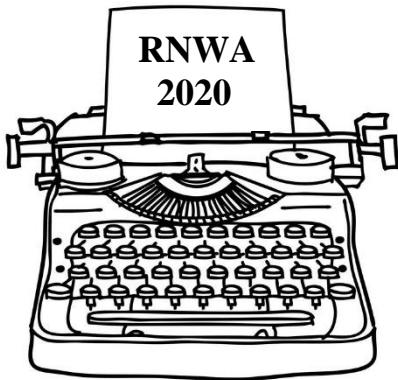


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Foreword from the President

Fellow Scribes,

I thought that we would keep to the normal routine with newsletters as having a routine seems to be the best way to get through this period of what one calls living. I sincerely hope that you and your families have escaped the clutches of this dreadful virus and are starting to return to something resembling normality.

On a personal note I have kept busy catching up with all those "getroundtoit" jobs that never get done. I have nearly crossed them all off, and the garden has never been as clear of weeds as it is now.

We are now faced with a conundrum of whether to

hold the Reunion dinner, although still 5 months away it can only go ahead if hospitality in the form of restaurants and hotels open for business and social distancing no longer exists. In all honesty I cannot see this happening this side of Christmas.

I understand everybody needs some certainty in these times, but it is impossible to predict or plan with the future so uncertain. In view of this, it is with much regret, that after considerable debate the **Committee has decided to cancel this year's 133rd Reunion Dinner.** Naturally, this means that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also be cancelled. At the time of going to press, 32 members and guests had booked and paid for the dinner. Those requiring their payment returned should contact the RNWA Treasurer, Pat Prior BEM QVRM T: 02392 601266 E: patmprior1@gmail.com

Alternatively, the money can be held against next year's dinner scheduled to be held Friday 8th October 2021 (venue to be confirmed but likely The Royal Beach Hotel Southsea) assuming we are not in the same predicament as 2020.

In view of the cancellation of the AGM, the Committee and I request your indulgence to 'rubber stamp' the re-election of the current Committee (all have volunteered to continue) subject to no objections being received by 9th October. Should anyone wish to volunteer to serve on the Committee then please forward your name(s) to the Secretary by 1st September 2020.

Those members who were due to be presented with Life Membership will be invited to attend in 2021 or receive their certificates now via post.

I would like to thank all members who purchased tickets for the 2020

Grand National draw which as you were aware was cancelled. That said, an uncomplicated simple draw was held on the 1st May by the Secretary (witnessed by me) and despite the Grand National cancellation it was still a great success. More later from the Secretary.

I hope you all stay well and can enjoy in whatever way the rest of the summer. It is great news that no deaths of our members have been reported from Covid-19, so 'fingers crossed' that this continues.

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'Crossed the Bar' & Legacy

Great News! Half-way through 2020 and no-one has been reported as Crossing the Bar – Glad to hear it so remain healthy and please keep safe in these unusual and uncertain healthy times.

It was reported in the February newsletter of the passing of member CPO Wtr Gordon Kershaw (7/12/19) based in Spain.

We are pleased to announce that Gordan's sister has forwarded a cheque for £500.00 from his estate in his memory towards the RNWA as he 'thought highly of the RNWA and all the members he had known'.

Membership

As at 1st June 2020:-

3 Honorary Members

35 Life Members

229 Members

267 Total

Reminder – Membership Contributions Due – Are you due to have paid and one of those in the following statistics? If unsure contact the RNWA Secretary, please asap.

The RNWA Database indicates that thirty-one members have for 2019 outstanding contributions due. For 2020 (Jan-May) Eighteen members due. For those outstanding for 2019 if payment is not received, in January 2021 in accordance with the rules membership will lapse. You can make a payment to :- RNWA

Lloyds Bank plc 30-96-26

Account No. 34521468

Email amount & date **

Grand National - Draw

As previously advised, the draw was held on 1st May with the full results published and available to view on the website with winners contacted but congratulations to:-

1st £250 – No.1817

Chris Clarke of Morpeth

2nd £75 – No.247

Nigel Coy of Narborough

3rd £50 – No.3845

Andrew Whitfield Hamble

4th £25 - No.104

Brian Wead of Ringwood

An additional 12 persons were awarded £10.00 pp

Awards & Honours



Marie Taylor BEM – 2019

Please see the website under Awards & Honours section to read about Marie's presentation.

Be proud of an award or a honour that you have been privileged to receive and please share a photo with us and a suitable 'dit' to accompany the photo. It will then be shared on the website to view.

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