

# Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)

20:00 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

(Held 'Virtually via Google Meet' - <https://meet.google.com/vqp-saee-kqj>)

**Present:** Colin Hughes (CH) - President  
Pat Prior BEM QVRM (PP) - Vice-President & Treasurer  
Les Heyhoe BCAv (LH) - Secretary & Membership  
Tony Mason (TM) - Committee Member  
Mike Moncur (MM) - Committee Member  
David Spicer (DS) - Committee Member

**Guest:** Murdo Morrison (MMo)

**Apologies:** Jim Donaldson (JD) - Committee Member  
Lyn Gannon (LG) - Committee Member  
Tony Webber (TW) - Committee Member  
Peter Danks (PD) - Jeremy Hurst (JH)  
Alfred Parr (AP)

## 1. 'Crossed the Bar'

A minutes silence was held in memory of former member Ian Taylor RIP 20/05/2021 the only person known to-date to have passed away in 2021. Postscript: At the time of writing, the RNWA has been advised that Peter Robilliard of Bodmin, Cornwall, 'crossed the bar' in October 2019.

## 2. Minutes

Unfortunately, due to technical reasons, the minutes of the previous meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were unavailable and not issued but it was subsequently discussed nothing of significance had to be recorded.

## 3. Treasurer's Update

The Opening Balance as at 5pm Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was:- £9,471.36

Liabilities of £40 from Grand National (Barry White, David Cooper, Sylvia Bett and Doug Sparks) paying in details remained outstanding. It was agreed that these amounts were to be donated back to the RNWA accounts. For 2022 and onwards, it was agreed that participants in the draw would be advised from the outset that if no details for payment or a cheque not cashed within 6 months then the prize money won would be donated back to the RNWA.

Balance includes £1506.50 'ring fenced' for the National Memorial Arboretum.

Payments received 2019 to 2021 for RNWA Reunion Dinner 8/10/21 = £2,690.00 \* see AOB i.

## 4. Membership

A total of 245 members of the RNWA comprised as follows:-

3 Honourary, 32 Life & 223 Members = 258.

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#### 4. Membership continued

Due to a website 'glitch, unfortunately some new members were 'missed' so to ensure they are recorded (as per RNWA August Newsletter) the following joined 2021:-

February	-	Robert	<i>Hoyland</i>	of Worsbrough Dale, Yorkshire.
March	-	Carole	<i>Shields</i>	of Callander, Stirlingshire.
		Jeremy	<i>Feakins</i>	of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, USA.
April	-	John	<i>Glover</i>	of Great Boughton, Cheshire.
		Ian	<i>McGinn</i>	of Whallasey, Merseyside.
		David	<i>Ireson</i>	of Malvern, Worcestershire.
June	-	David	<i>Bailey</i>	of Ipswich, Suffolk.
		Wtr. Lucie	<i>Apted</i>	of HMS DRAKE, Devon.
July	-	David	<i>Browne</i>	of Torksey, Lincolnshire.
		Ann	<i>Carr</i>	of Locks Heath, Hampshire (nee Collier)
		Brian	<i>Coulthard</i>	of Locks Heath, Hampshire.
		Julie	<i>Jones</i>	of Newton Abbot, Devon.
		Paul	<i>Lister</i>	of Leatherhead, Surrey.
		Grahame	<i>Long</i>	of Taunton, Somerset.
		PO Samantha	<i>Smith</i>	of Portsmouth, Hampshire.
		June	<i>Brogan</i>	of Chesham, Buckinghamshire.
Cdr. Helen	<i>Wright</i>	of Southsea, Hampshire.		

All the above were 'Proposed by LH' and 'Seconded by CH' and welcomed as members

#### 5. Any Other Business

- i. To-date there were 62 members and guests scheduled to attend and an updated list of names will be provided one week prior to the event.
- ii. 2022 Reunion Dinner venue to be discussed at next scheduled meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40 - Until advised otherwise, future meetings will be held virtually – all members welcome to join.

**Next 'Virtual Meeting' via the link at 20:00 (able to log in from 19:30) Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.'21**

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