

Royal Naval Writers' Association Newsletter 2013

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Pictured left are Back Row: Phil 'Darby' Allen MBE, Roland 'Nick' Carter, George Mytom-Hart BEM & Les Heyhoe. Seated left are: Vice Admiral David Steel CBE Second Sea Lord, Colin Hughes & Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE ADC, the First Sea Lord.

Election of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting held 15.11.2012 Officials were appointed as follows: -

Colin Hughes – President
Les Heyhoe – Secretary & Membership Secretary
George Mytom-Hart BEM - Treasurer
Committee Members -
Phil 'Darby' Allen MBE
Mike Moncur
Roland 'Nick' Carter



Committee Meetings

Are held bi-monthly at the Royal Naval Association Club at the Gosport Branch 66 Fareham Road PO13 OAG Tel: 01329 310060.

You are welcome to attend with the meetings commencing at 19:00.

All the 3rd Thursdays of the months as follows:-

21st March / 18th July / 19th September and 21st

November 2013. Note:

The meeting of the 16th May will take place at the Royal Beach Hotel Southsea.

Change of Venue
126th Reunion Dinner
11th October (Friday)
at The Best Western
Royal Beach Hotel
Southsea PO4 0RN

Whilst 98% of those that attended the Royal Maritime Club in 2012 had an enjoyable night regarding food, service and the hospitality etc (see the favourable comments on the RNWA's website), it has been decided to try another venue so as not to appear complacent and to see what else is available to offer value for money. Hopefully this venue will prove to be a good choice and comes highly recommended so please see the enclosed information and details to book now to attend.

Dear Members, I and the Committee would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, perhaps the former is possible if not the later. We would also like to thank you all very sincerely for the support you gave us last year on our 125th Anniversary and for the excellent turn out at the Reunion Dinner. I'm sure you will agree it was a great success and due to the hard work put in by our Secretary ably assisted by Lyn his wife. I'm sorry I didn't get around to having a chat to you all especially those I had not seen for many years and I hope I get the opportunity at this year's Reunion Dinner?

Colin Hughes

RNWA President

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Engraved wine glasses were commissioned last year depicting the Writers' badge and above the words RN Writers' Association and below 125th Anniversary 2012. A few remain available for sale at the cost price of £15.00 *plus* postage and packaging = £18.00 per glass order. If interested then please email les@heyhoe.com

Treasurer's Report

Brought forward 1/1/12
£ 587.66
£12349.94 Received
£12937.60 Sub-Total
£ 9411.69 Expenditure
£ 3525.91 Total

Brought forward balance as at 1st January 2013 – verified by audit as at 9th January 2013.

Discussions have been held to a view of aligning membership to be mid-year for everyone,

together with collecting of membership by Direct Debit Mandate. This is an option being considered to be applied and effective from 1st July 2015. Your thoughts and comments would be most welcome in respect of this proposal to: - g.mytomhart@btinternet.com

Membership

2012 saw an increase in interest of new members but this was mainly due to the 125th Anniversary and special Reunion Dinner. Hopefully the momentum will continue in 2013 but only with your support so please continue to promote the Association to all your oppos and their friends.

As at 31 December 2012
2 Honorary Members
40 Life Members
196 Members
238 Total

Of the above total, only 10 are Serving members.

A total of 56 members have 'crossed the bar' since 2003.

372 members have lapsed their membership since 1998 but this is mainly as a result of moving on and being uncontactable.



2013



Remembrance Parade Sunday 10 November Cenotaph London

Interested in attending and being part of a RNWA contingent, then submit your name and details to Les Heyhoe (Did you know the word 'Cenotaph' literally means "empty tomb").

Grand National - April

Please either purchase, one or two of the books enclosed or do your best to sell the enclosed tickets for this year's Grand National i.e. a £1 per ticket and £5.00 a book; £10's worth enc.

Any profit made from the sale of tickets helps to maintain the running of the RNWA. Without your effort and support the RNWA would find it extremely difficult to survive financially on its existing costs and stagnant membership contributions.

Les Heyhoe

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