

Rnwa newsletter February 2014

Fellow Members,

It was extremely good to see such a fine turnout at last year's Reunion Dinner. Originally 56 members and 26 guests were booked to attend but unfortunately 2 members and their guests had to cancel at the last minute.

126th Reunion Dinner.

Feedback on the venue was mixed but with some members not in favour pointing out that the Royal Beach Hotel was not as convenient to the ferry and railway station as the Maritime Club but those that stayed there were overwhelmingly in favour because of the good accommodation and facilities. The committee therefore decided to book the Royal Beach Hotel for this year's dinner.

The bad news is that as we feared the price of this year's dinner would be increased and indeed has to £35 per head. However the good news is that the committee voted to keep the cost of the dinner to the same as 2013, namely £30 for members and £35 for guests.

Absent Friends.

It was good to hear from members who were unable to attend the dinner and their excuses even if they made

us feel jealous because they were soaking up the sun or on an exotic cruise. Do drop me a line or e-mail if you would like your apologies and ditty read out as part of the "Absent Friends" toast.

Dress Code

As I mentioned at the dinner the dress code has been amended to include medals and decorations at future dinners.

AGM.

I regret that I was unable to arrange for the AGM to be held before the Reunion Dinner, time and other commitments got in the way. I promise to do better and will ensure the next AGM will precede the dinner.

The postponed 2013 AGM was held on 20th January 2014 at which the amended rules were agreed and the current officials confirmed in office.

Remembrance Day Parade.

Interest in participating in the Remembrance Day March past in London was insufficient to enable the formation of a RNWA contingent, however there is still an opportunity to take part in this year's event on 9th November by linking up with another

Association. If anyone is interested please let me know.

Photographs.

I have photographs of the 2013 Reunion Dinner taken table by table at great expense by "David Bailey" if anyone is interested please let me know and I will forward the relevant ones by e-mail.

Requests from Members.

A cry for help, Dixie (Richard Dixon) sent the following e-mail regarding the 1982 S & S promotion signal "A friend of mine lost her husband, a PO Cook, on HMS SHEFFIELD and he had been selected for promotion to CPO Cook but was obviously never promoted. She would love a copy of the MOD promotion signal which will probably only exist if someone kept a copy as a souvenir".

If anyone can help and I know it is a long shot can they please contact me or Dixie by email as follows colin_hughes1@sky.com or dixiedickson48@gmail.com.

Vacancies.

As many of you will know our Secretary resigned last year and is now working in sunnier climes. This is probably obvious from this newsletter as your President is not as conversant with Word 2010 as he would like to be and is currently doing a crash course in Word 2010 and even Excel 2010 so that the database can be kept up to date. Things can only get better!!

I did mention at the dinner and re-iterate here that the position of

Secretary is currently vacant, the position pays the princely sum of £25 per month with meetings only bi-monthly a sinecure if ever there was one. Any volunteers please get in touch. 0148 9057 3101

Grand National etc

You will see that accompanying this newsletter is the booking form for the 127th Reunion Dinner, Grand National raffle tickets, a reminder where appropriate of membership dues and a payment summary. I know that it might be somewhat early to book a place at the Reunion Dinner but hope you can do so and thus get all monies paid in good time.

Please either purchase one or two of the books enclose or do your best to sell the enclosed tickets for this year's Grand National draw, your continued support is much appreciated.

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I, on behalf of the committee, would like to wish everyone of you a belated Happy New Year and hope that you are all fighting fit and have not been affected by the recent adverse weather, furthermore that 2014 turns out to be a better in all respects for all of you than 2013.

Colin Hughes

Temporary Secretary etc.

