

Royal Naval Writers' Association

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Foreword from the President

Hello and a belated Happy New Year to you all. I do hope you had a great Christmas and the New Year will bring us all good health and happiness.

I am delighted to report that the RNWA Memorial bench is back in place and fully refurbished. We are particularly grateful to Paul Rowe for his unsolicited generosity, in forwarding a cheque for the estimated cost of repair of the bench as a result of the article in the January 2015 newsletter. We are also grateful for other smaller contributions received. Please view the website for new pictures of the bench and its precise location which I hope you will take the opportunity to visit, view and use in future years to come.

Again some very good news, the RNWA Lapel Pins, the procurement

of which were approved by members at the Annual General Meeting held on the 9th October 2015 were received last month.

Joe's Legacy



It was in November last year that we learnt of JOSEPH ROE, who sadly passed away in July 2015. Joe Roe had remembered the RNWA in his will by providing £1,000 to be put to good use and it is mainly through his generosity, (other donations have also been received) that the Lapel Pins have been purchased at minimal cost to RNWA existing funds. Joe has therefore ensured that his memory lives on through the pins.

Thus the Committee have great pleasure in

enclosing your Lapel Pin with 'compliments from Joe' enclosed with this newsletter. I do hope that when you wear your pin you will wear it with pride and promote the RNWA, remembering Joe also and maybe like him remember the RNWA in your will.

If you lose, mislay or wish to obtain further lapel pins they are available at a cost of £5.00 each. All new joiners of the Association will automatically receive a pin upon joining.

I know our Secretary will have plenty to say on the arrangements for the Grand National Draw and our Reunion Dinner, so rather than steal his thunder, may I ask you to, as always support the association and purchase the GN draw tickets and attend the 129th Reunion Dinner 14th October '16

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Election of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting of 2015 the following were re-elected

Colin Hughes – *President*
George Mytom-Hart BEM
- *Treasurer*

Les Heyhoe – *Secretary*
& Membership Secretary
Committee Member
Mike Moncur

Our gratitude to Philip 'Darby' Allen MBE and Roland 'Nick' Carter for their past years support as Committee Members who stood down at the AGM.

A personal letter has been sent by the President to members (stand fast Life members) living in "Hampshire" urgently requesting their input and support as committee members. Please don't let the World's Oldest Military Association fold within the next few years as a result of a lack of committee members. George for example volunteered on a 'temporary basis' for a few months and now in his 80's has been doing the Treasurer's role (magnificently I might add) for over 8 years!

Committee Meetings

Are held bi-monthly at the RNA Gosport PO13

0AG at 7pm Tel: 01329
310060 commencing: -

17th March 2016
19th May
21st July
15th September
17th November 2016

The 2016 AGM will be held on the 14th Oct. '16 prior to the Reunion Dinner at UJC London

"Crossed The Bar"

Members who in 2015 have 'Crossed the Bar': -

Pat Brannen
Henry Marchant
Joseph Roe

Membership Contributions

As a result of a PC virus, even with a virus blocker unfortunately all RNWA database records were completely deleted (even with back-up) so all details have had to be reconstructed, therefore my apologies in advance if addresses are incorrect or contributions records are not as led to believe?

Statistics are therefore as follows and please pay-up (considering your enclosed lapel pin) if you are correctly due to have paid in 2015 or are due in 2016 (reminder letter enclosed): - Total 228

2 Honorary Members
31 Life Members
195 Members

(44 Due 2015 / 58 Due 2016)



129th Reunion Dinner Friday 14th October at UJC London £25/£35

Full information and details are enclosed separately. First time for decades held outside of Portsmouth or Plymouth.

Grand National - April

Please do your best to sell the enclosed tickets for this year's Grand National i.e. a £1 per ticket and £5.00 the book. The aim is to *exceed last year's effort.*

Without your effort and support the RNWA would find it extremely difficult to survive financially on its existing costs.



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