

# Royal Naval Writers' Association

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## Newsletter - March 2015



Dear 'Scribes'

Now that Christmas is well behind us, and I hope you all had a very merry one, we are now looking forward to Easter as if we could forget with the supermarket shelves loaded down with Easter Eggs. It is nice to see the evenings drawing out and the promise of some warmer sunnier weather. Thoughts turn to barbecues and drinks on the patio, but importantly it's time for the Grand National Draw. As usual the committee wish you all luck and appreciate your support for this event. Now that the new website is nearing its anniversary, can I ask members to submit any reminiscences and stories that might amuse fellow members for publication? Finally The Committee and I wish you all the best of health and hope we see you at the Reunion Dinner?

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### "Heroes Return 2"

WWII veterans from the UK, Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland who are yet to take advantage of the scheme, now have more time to apply for grants which cover travel and accommodation expenses, enabling them to return to places where they served across the world and in the UK. Grants can also be used to take part in an official commemoration in the UK. Visit the website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/heroes-return](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/heroes-return) or telephone 0845 0000 121.

The Big Lottery Fund has extended its "Heroes Return 2" programme for WWII veterans. To enable as many veterans as possible to have this opportunity, only one visit for each veteran, widow or widower will be funded. Thus a veteran, who has already received funding for a commemorative visit since April 2009, will not be able to fund a second visit. Grants range from £165 to £8,140.

Inform and advise your fellow comrades / oppos

### Grand National 2015

Please do your best to sell the enclosed tickets for this year's Grand National which is being run on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Ticket stubs are required *to be returned by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April*. Cost is a £1 per ticket and £5.00 the book with two books being enclosed with this newsletter.

This is your opportunity to provide the RNWA with additional funds other than through membership to ensure the future operational existence of the Association.

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

### Treasurers Report

An update of the RNWA accounts as at 28.02.2015

Net Total = £3,454.02

An independent audit of accounts was undertaken by Messrs. Allen and Moncur in January which confirmed that George Mytom-Hart BEM continues to do a great job.

## RNA Barnsley

24th March 2015 is our 25th Anniversary.

The Barnsley Royal Navy Association is seeking new members to jump aboard and join them. Membership is open to anyone who has served in the Royal Navy (Regular or Reserve), Woman's Royal Navy Service or Royal Marines, or anyone who simply supports those who have served. Please help take the association forward for its next 25 years.

If you are interested in joining please come along on Tuesday 24th March at 1930 (7.30pm) to Shaw Inn, Barnsley

For further information please take a look at the website of:-

<http://barnsleyrna.weebly.com/>

## Writer Classes

The Defence Maritime Logistics School (DMLS) where they train Writers, has introduced naming classes after ships i.e. the first class to receive this honour in December was given the name of HMS AVENGER. The current class is known as HMS AMAZON. If you served on either of these we would like to hear from you with accompanying pictures.

## Holiday Service

The RNWA is a member of the Federation of Naval Associations (FNA). This entitles members to use the offers available via the Conference of Naval Associations (CONA) Holiday Service.

Members can take advantage of the Holiday Service operated by their appointed partner – The UK Holiday Group. Their promotions can be found on the CONA website of [www.cona.org.uk](http://www.cona.org.uk)

As a member of the RNWA you are a member of CONA and you are therefore entitled to join the Travel Club for free. If you register you will receive priority notification when new offers go on sale. Email: - [conatravelclub@theukholidaygroup.com](mailto:conatravelclub@theukholidaygroup.com)

Alternatively call 0844 264 2120 or write to CONA Travel Club, c/o The UKHG, The Old Bakery, Queens Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 3PL.

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015

128<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner at The Best Western Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea.

**RNWA Member £25.00**  
**Guests £35.00** – see the website for full details and an application.

## Guest of Honour

Ascertained at going to print, the GOH at this year's Reunion Dinner will be Commodore Michael A. W. Bath RN, the Commodore Naval Personnel Strategy.

## Membership

Renewal reminders have been issued to those due to renew in January to March 2015. For those due to renew in April to June an enclosed note of request has been produced. For renewals July to December, they will be enclosed with the May newsletter.



A lot of time and effort has gone into ensuring you are aware when your contribution is due. On that note, special additional sub-headings have been created under 'Membership' on the RNWA's website of [www.rnwa.co.uk](http://www.rnwa.co.uk) which details every member, informing of 2015 renewals due plus various facts, figures and stats.

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