

Royal Naval Writers' Association

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Foreword from the President

Dear Scribes or even Logs but I won't go there, I hope you had a very pleasant Christmas with family and friends and your Happy New Year is underway?

That said, regrettably I am a bearer of sad tidings whereupon I must write to advise you that one of our dearest and longest serving Life Members has sadly 'Crossed the Bar' in QA Hospital on the 14th January 2017 i.e. Fred Davenport. It is ironic that Fred was in the last Newsletter of the RNWA being congratulated and reported on his receipt of the Legion d'Honneur on Saturday 12th November 2016.

I, together with other members of the RNWA Committee paid our respects on behalf of the Association and attended Fred's Requiem Mass

held on Friday 3rd February at St Coleman's Roman Catholic Church Cosham.

Thinking it would be a nice gesture, Fred's daughter Elizabeth (Liz Raikes) was approached to ascertain if she and the family would like the RNWA's Standard to be paraded in front of Fred's coffin. Liz thought this was a marvelous idea and was certain her father would have too.



RNWA Member Philip 'Darby' Allen MBE kindly volunteered to be the Standard Bearer and is pictured here with the 'Last Post Bugler' HMS Collingwood Royal Marine Dave Nevatte.



130th Reunion Dinner
Friday 13th October 2017

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the RNWA has secured the presence of the Guests of Honour of the Royal Navy's First Sea Lord & Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sir Philip Jones KCB ADC and Lady Elizabeth Jones. This was one very good reason why the committee agreed to hold this event again in London to secure their attendance.

The cost for the dinner remains subsidized for RNWA Members at *£25.00 per person* and for a 3-course meal with drinks remains a bargain!

You will find an application to attend with this newsletter and don't delay in responding (the closing date is Friday 22nd September).

I'd like to finish by saying and I'm sure you'd like to join me, in congratulating the RNWA Secretary who in January 2017 attended Palace of Westminster and The House of Lords to receive a British Citizens Award hence his post nominal BCAv (v = volunteering).



Medal presented by The Rt. Hon. The Lord Dholakia OBE DL and co-hosted by Bradley Walsh.

Awarded as a result of 44 years' voluntary work in the community and fund-raising nearly £12 Million (directly or indirectly) for worthy local and national charitable causes.

The citation reads: -
"Recognised by the BCA for Mr Les Heyhoe's exceptional contribution to the Community and being an inspiration to other British Citizens"

Lastly, enclosed is a 2017 RNWA Directory, which I ask you not to share with any 3rd party and keep safe. This is for *RNWA members only* and due to cost cannot be replaced. Details were taken as held and recorded as at 31st January 2017.

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Grand National - April

Please do your best to sell the enclosed tickets for this year's Grand National i.e. at £1 per ticket and £5.00 the book. The aim is to exceed last year's net profit of approximately £900.

Without your effort and support the RNWA would find it extremely difficult to survive financially on its existing membership contribution costs and do not want to increase them without just cause.

Some of the net profits are used to subsidize the Reunion Dinner so please consider coming along to benefit from your support

Membership

You'll find enclosed a Membership Application to encourage you to 'Recruit an Oppo.' If you know of any of the 2000 serving & ex-serving Scribes who are part of the Facebook Royal Naval Writers' group, then please contact them and get them to join the RNWA.

New Members January -
Pamela Garner of Putnoe, Bedford.
Denise Shepherd of Gosport, Hants.
Richard Perkins of Greenhithe, Kent.

Congratulations to the following on becoming Life Members during 2017 and subject to good health and their availability, will be attending the Reunion Dinner to receive their Certificate from the First Sea Lord & Chief of Naval Staff: -

Lester May of Camden Town, London

David Scott of Cromer, Norfolk

Have you paid your 2016 / 2017 membership due?

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