

Royal Naval Writers' Association

Newsletter – December 2016

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Foreword from the President

Fellow Scribes

I was pleased to receive all the feedback after the Annual Reunion Dinner. I together with others thought it was a good evening.

The arrangements were first class as usual, thanks to the Secretary and his wife Lyn. A special thanks to those who attended the AGM and elected Tony Webber onto the Committee. Now we look forward to the festive season once again and I hope you and your loved ones all have a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. It may prove to be a very interesting New Year with the Trump and BREXIT factors.

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Election of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting of 2016 held at the UJC the following were re-elected

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

Les Heyhoe – *Secretary*
& Membership Secretary
Committee Member

Mike Moncur
Tony Webber

Once again, an appeal to any member who wishes to support and be part of the Committee, meeting every two months at 19:00 (3rd Thursdays bi-monthly commencing January 2017) and all are welcome to attend if in the area: -

19th January
16th March
18th May
20th July
21st September
16th October

Meetings are held at the Gosport & Fareham Royal Naval Association, 66 Fareham Road, Gosport, Hants., PO13 0AG.

Tel: 023 9258 8885

Tuesday 4th April a meeting will be held for the Grand National draw.

Membership

In recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the RNWA as the longest serving President (15 years), Colin Hughes was made an 'Honorary Member' and presented with his certificate at the 129th Reunion Dinner by the guest of honour, Rear Admiral Chris Gardner, Assistant Chief of Naval Ships (ACNS) – seen left.



Facts & Figures (18/12/16)

3 Honorary Members
30 Life Members
218 Members
251 *Total Membership*
40 - Female Members
i.e 18% - please let's try to push this to 25% so 'you/we' need to recruit another 15 plus ladies during 2017!

A celebratory 130th Anniversary Directory is scheduled to be issued in 2017 so please ensure your details are correct.

New Members – 2016

(in order of joining during the year)

Fredrica McCarthy of
Thornton-Cleveleys
Henrietta Goodrum of
Locks Heath
Jonathan Richardson of
New Milton
Roy Myers - Wickham
Dennis Alger - Plympton
Andrew Arnold of
Ottawa, Canada
John Cotter of
Qawra, Malta
Frank White of
Marshchapel
Gerald Beard of
Monmouth
Paul Johns - Swindon
Peter Easton - Ramsgate
Neil Hitchcock of
New Milton
John Hart CBE - Arundel
Doug Lewis CBE of
London
David Marsh - Banbury
Francis Rawlings of
Paulton
Teresa Johnson - Carlisle
Jamie Reid - Blackpool
Amy Pryde - Blairgowrie
Megan Johnson of
Shoeburyness
Mark Penfold - Llanishen
Richard Geal - Gosport
Robert Gelder of
Pyworthy

“Crossed the Bar”

A Member who in 2016
has ‘Crossed the Bar’: -
John Wood - Portchester
Former Member ex-FCPO
Wtr. & WO1 Wtr: -
Peter Grocott of Gosport

Legion d’Honneur



Frank Davenport (aged
95), seated left.

Front page of ‘The News’
Saturday 12th November
2016 ‘I’m No Hero’. Like
millions of his
generation, he risked his
life for his country during
WW2. Like many others,
Frank did not seek
personal glory from
doing his duty but on
Armistice Day with 3
other D-Day veterans
they were rightly
awarded the Legion
d’Honneur by the French
government as thanks
for their wartime service.
Lt. Cdr. Davenport RN
(Rtd) laid a wreath
during a service at RN
HQ.

Known as ‘Fred’, he
joined the Royal Navy in
November 1940, aged
21

He was ordered to join
HMS Dunnottar Castle
and from there went

onto serve in HMS Eagle.
To read the full story
visit the RNWA’s
website.

Grand National – Saturday 8th April ‘17

Please note that you will
be receiving two books
of tickets in March i.e.
£1 per ticket and £5.00
the book x 2. If you do
not want 2 books, or any
books then please let me
know; likewise, if you
wish to receive more
than please inform me?



130th Reunion Dinner Friday 13th October at the UJC London

Full information and
details will be announced
in the March Newsletter!

Photographs from the
2016 Reunion Dinner
can be found on the
RNWA’s website.

Treasurer’s report

A/C = £4,479.38 –
Grand National profit of
£968.75
2016 Reunion Dinner
subsidized by £566.40

WRNS 100th Anniversary Year 2017 –
see this website for information
www.wrns100.co.uk

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