

Royal Naval Writers' Association

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Foreword from the President

The summer is here with a vengeance and looks to outdo the summer of 1976? I had the pleasure of attending the Defence Maritime Logistics School (DMLS) HMS RALEIGH Award Ceremony on Thursday 12 July and presenting the Writer of the Year trophy to Logistician (Writer) Rebecca Young now serving at RNAS Culdrose. In addition, all the Logisticians (Writer) who were recipients of various awards were gathered together for a group photograph with the Writer Training Officer, WO1 Jen Morton, Commandant DMLS, Cdr Suzi Nielson, the Logistics Ratings Assistant Branch Manager WO T Jones the Senior Specialist

Advisor (Writer) WO K Fudge and yours truly. For a full report on the winners and their citations, please see the website.

A last and final reminder that the 131st Reunion Dinner is being held on Friday 12th October 2018 at the Best Western Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea. Cost Members £30 & Non-members £40 If you have lost or mislaid your application form, then it is available together with choice of menu from the website.

No exceptions, Friday 21 September closing date.



2SL is unable to attend, however I am delighted to advise that our guest of honour (GOH in 2016)

is Rear Admiral Chris Gardner CBE RN, Assistant Chief of Naval Ships (ACNS) and SRO for the Type 26 Global Combat Ship Programme accompanied by his wife Teresa.

I do hope you are able to attend but, in the meantime, make the most of the sunshine and good British weather

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"Crossed The Bar"

Since the March 2018 newsletter, it is with sadness that the CTB of member John Kinghorn of Gosport – RIP 31/05/18 – must be advised and recorded.

A minute's silence as a mark of respect was held at the Committee meeting of 19/07/2018.

Committee Meetings

Are held bi-monthly at the RNA Gosport PO13 0AG at 7pm Tel: 01329 310060 commencing: -

20th September 2018
15th November 2018

Even if not attending the RNWA Dinner, members are welcome to attend at 18:30 the AGM 12/10/18 at the Royal Beach Hotel

Treasurer's Report

As reported by Pat Prior BEM QVRM as at 19th July 2018:- £5.923.76

Included in this amount is £1,810.00 in respect of monies received for the RNWA Reunion Dinner. Also, a payment of £25.84 transferred from the HSBC account now closed. One cheque for £10.00 remains outstanding and not cashed from the Grand National 2018 winner's pay-out.

A reminder that payments can now be made directly online Lloyds Bank (Oldham) sort code 30-96-26 a/c no. 34521468 a/c name RNWA.

When making an online payment please complete the reference box with Surname plus

e.g. Din, Mem, GN (Din = Dinner, Mem = membership and GN = Grand National, so the Treasurer & Secretary knows the reason and context of the payment.

Grand National 2018

Held on Saturday 14th April 2018, for those that have not seen the RNWA results via the website:-

Unusually a close-run race with a photo decider outcome to see ticket No. 1892, the 62nd ticket to be drawn out of the 73 declared runners as at Sunday 8th April proving to be lucky for winning owner John Miller of Greenhythe, whose selected horse "TIGER ROLL" (co-joint favourite won at 8/1) winning John £200.00. The granddaughter (aged 8) of RNWA Secretary Sophie Brown of Gosport just losing out to be placed 2nd "PLEASANT COMPANY" to win £60.

3rd Place was "BLESS THE WINGS" winning £40.00 for Doug Sparks from Australia; pictured here turning up unannounced on the Secretary's doorstep to collect his winnings:-



4th was "ANIBALE FLY" which won £20 for Bob Muir of Spain, and £10 was presented to 8 other lucky winners from the 38 that started to pass the finishing post. All 73 names and horses are listed on the website.

GDPR - General Data Protection Regulations

IMPORTANT – If you have not returned your consent form / not been received i.e. one of the 92 (32%) then please do so otherwise *this will be the last communication you will receive* from the RNWA i.a.w. EU/UK law.

A form is enclosed for your completion and immediate return only if notification has yet to be received.

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