

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 4th JULY 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2007. 52 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 21 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Shipmates, what a fine turnout for the funeral of S/M Alan Harvey. Thirty two members from the Branch attended and eight Standards were paraded. The Chapel at the Crematorium was overflowing, proving what a popular guy Alan was. Former Field Gunners from Devonport and some of Alan's fellow submariners also attended to support Sue and the family. Thanks have been received for the RNA involvement.

June was a busy month for the Branch.

On Saturday the 16th June Branch members and five Standards attended the short service at the HMS Sidon memorial to mark the 63rd Anniversary of the tragic sinking of the submarine in Portland Harbour. Two surviving members of the crew laid a wreath.

On Saturday the 23rd June I represented the Branch at the Weymouth War Memorial where a plaque was unveiled and dedicated to those residents of Weymouth & Portland who have lost their lives in the service of the country since 1945. Our Branch Standard was paraded by S/M Dan Sherren in Ben's absence. Other Standards paraded included RNA Weymouth Branch, HMS Ajax, The Merchant Navy and the RNLI.

The Service of Remembrance and Veterans Parade took place on Sunday 24th June in Weymouth. On a very hot day it was well supported by members of the Branch. Our Branch Standard was once again paraded by S/M Sherren

On Monday 25th June myself, Dan & Alf attended the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony at the Council Offices in Commercial Road. After the Ceremony Dan & Alf carried Standards at the funeral service of a Dorchester Shipmate at Weymouth Crematorium.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Micky Fox seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 42 for with 10 abstentions.
5. MATTERS ARISING

S/M Len Christopher and his daughter walked 86 miles along Hadrian's Wall and raised £800.
6. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Not Forgotten Association Annual review booklet.
7. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

S/M Cartwright's expenses for attending the National Conference.
Cost of the coach fare to Buckham Fair.
8. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

S/M Cartwright thanked S/M Larkin for carrying the Standard when he was unavailable. He also thanked the Branch members who have attended all the ceremonial events up to date.

It was a very good turnout for Alan Harvey's funeral at the Crematorium. The place was packed. Sue has sent her thanks to us all.

Unfortunately a rather vicious viral infection laid me very low during the Veterans Weekend celebrations and I was unable to attend the Flag raising Ceremony, the Plaque Laying and commemoration and, of course the Veterans Parade on Sunday.

Lastly, there will be an Armed Forces Services Day in Dorchester this weekend. Unfortunately, there will not be a march through Dorchester. The idea is to muster at the Bandstand in the Town Gardens for a Civic Service at 1345. On completion of which the Town Mayor will be awarding Veterans Badges.
9. FUND RAISING REPORT

Saturday 28th July at Weston Road Sports Field. Help required on the stall. Donations would be appreciated.

Saturday 4th August stall at Southwell Street Fair. Help required setting up at 1030 and manning the stall during the day.
10. WELFARE REPORT

Beryl Helliwell is in hospital. Waiting for a knee operation.

Sue Harvey has been visited. Gill will contact her when she is back home.

Keith Tubbs has been in hospital and is now back home and doing well.

John Jeffries is in Maumbury Nursing Home in Dorchester.

Micky Fox has been in hospital for a trapped nerve procedure.

Jan Isaac's wife Pauline is in intensive care in hospital.

Les Dilley is still undergoing treatment. Due to go back in hospital in five weeks' time.

11. S/M Lynn Stanley said she has a new supplier for the sweets. Cost £1.00. She can also get some special sweets which will cost £1.20. Don't buy if not allowed nuts.

12. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3622-16. Proposed by S/M John Rowden, seconded by S/M Les Dilley. 49 for with 3 abstentions. The raffle raised ££62-50 with donations of £10-50 to the Branch funds.

13. CONFERENCE REPORT

S/M Cartwright gave a detailed report of the National Conference which was held in Dublin. S/M Shoesmith thanked S/M Cartwright for attending the conference.

14. WEBMASTERS REPORT

S/M Gray said he is stepping down as Semaphore representative.

15. SOCIAL REPORT

The skittles evening on Friday 8th June at the Trinity Club, Dorchester was a good evening. We let Weymouth Branch win this time.

T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl on Friday 3rd August at 1900. Hants v Kent. We now have 16 going. I will need another £1.00 each to cover the parking charge please. Plus the money for the minibus hire and fuel on the day.

Buckham Fair Saturday 19th August. 11 names on the list. I have booked the ICA minibus. Leaving Portland at 0900 and return departure at 1700.

Away weekend from Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish's. The balance is required by the August meeting. Many members have already paid.

Christmas Social Saturday 15th December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall. Catering – Hannah Barnwell. Entertainer Mike Walker.

16. VOTING ITEMS.

At the last Committee Meeting it was proposed that the Branch pay S/M Cartwright's expenses to the National Conference which came to £275. This was put to the floor and carried.

It was proposed that the Branch pay the Buckham Fair coach money of £77. This was also put to the floor and carried.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Oswald said S/M Dave McCaughey is going to Wimbledon this year.

S/M Cartwright said the Branch Standard will be paraded at Dorchester Armed Forces Day service this coming Saturday.

S/M Rimell said the Branch skittles team has been registered.

Next Meeting Wednesday 1st August 2018.

18. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2120.

Chairman

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