

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON
WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2010. 53 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 22 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

July was a very quiet month for the Branch. We had a stall at the Portland Town Council Fete on Saturday 28th July. After all the sunny weather we have had, the weather decided to break on Saturday. The RNA Pusser's Rum gazebo was erected in what seemed like a Force 8 gale. It was great to have so many helpers to set up and man the stall. Thanks to all who helped on the day. Due to the stormy weather the attendance numbers were down on last year but we still managed to raise some money for Branch funds. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us this Saturday when we man the stall again at Southwell Street Faye.

The Branch recently received a request from the family of an ex-RN Petty Officer – Ernest Dodd from Dorchester – asking if Naval Veterans could attend his funeral at Weymouth on Monday 30th July. Five Standards attended along with members from Portland, Weymouth and Dorchester.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Nigel Rimell seconded by S/M Mick Maynard. 44 for with 9 abstentions.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Andy Christie RNA HQ re visit to HQ on the 10th August.
Thank you card from Len Christopher.
Various Navy News and Steam Railway Magazines.
There were no matters arising.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING

No new items were discussed..
7. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

S/M Cartwright said the Branch Standard was paraded at the Armed Forces Day in Dorchester.
Thanks to those who attended the funeral on Wednesday 30th July for Ernest Dodd.
8. FUND RAISING REPORT

S/M Lynn Stanley said the Southwell Street Faye is on Saturday 4th August. Help required setting up the stall and manning it during the day. Several donations have been received tonight.
S/M Shoemith thanked S/M Stanley for all her efforts at the Weston Fields Fete last Saturday.
9. WELFARE REPORT

John Jeffrey's is in Maumbury Nursing Home in Dorchester.
Micky Fox is still waiting for his operation..
Pauline Isaac is back home and feeling much better.
Les Dilley is feeling better. Goes into Bristol Hospital on the 16th August.
Nice to see Sue Harvey with us tonight.
10. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

S/M Karen Miller said there are still 11 forms to come back.
11. TREASURERS REPORT

The Branch Account stands at £3423-56. Proposed by S/M Mick Fox, seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 47 for with 6 abstentions. The raffle raised £62-50 with donations of £11 to the Branch funds.
12. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Nil report.
13. SOCIAL REPORT

T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl on Friday 3rd August at 1900. Hants v Kent. We now have 15 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. We will be leaving at 1400 hrs.

Buckham Fair Saturday 19th August. 11 names on the list. The ICA minibus has been booked. The cost will be paid from the Social Fund. We will be leaving Portland at 0900 and return departure at 1700. Keith Bedford is driving.

Away weekend from Friday 5th to Monday 8th October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish's. Everyone has now paid.

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

Annual Dinner 2019 will be held on Saturday 27th April at the Masonic Hall.
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Stan Hallwell thanked S/M Gill Essom and Branch members for their help and best wishes.
S/M Malcolm Baldwin thanked the Branch for his bottle of medicine.

**Help required setting up and manning the stall at the Southwell
Street Faye this Saturday 4th August.**

S/M Lynn Stanley was thanked for all her help with the
fundraising events.

Next Meeting Wednesday 5th September 2018.

15. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2110.

Chairman

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