

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2011. 57 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 14 members.
3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
The funeral service for S/M Jim Holt took place at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The chapel was filled with family and friends, with some having to stand at the rear. Eulogies were given by family members, including his wife and former shipmates. The Branch was well represented with S/M Ben carrying the Standard, and S/M Shoesmith and myself acting as escorts. After the service everyone was invited back to the Masonic Hall in Victoria Square for refreshments.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Jan Isaac seconded by S/M Karen Miller. 46 for with 11 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
5. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE  
Thank you letter from S/M Joan Stevenson.  
Thank you letter from the Not Forgotten Association which is now on the Website.
6. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING  
The proposed guest for the Trafalgar Dinner and the Annual Diner 2020 were discussed.  
The No 4 Area Meeting in September 2020 will be hosted by Portland on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
7. CEREMONIAL REPORT  
S/M Cartwright gave the following Ceremonial Dates.  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. D-Day Service. 10-30 Victoria Gardens, Portland. Muster 10-00ish at the Memorial.  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Drumhead Service. 1030 Borough Gardens, Dorchester. Muster 1015 at Bandstand.  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. HMS Sidon Service. 11-00 at Portland Heights. Muster at 1030ish.  
Sunday 23 June. Weymouth Veterans Parade. 11-00 at Weymouth War Memorial. Muster at 1015 Weymouth Esplanade. Revised routine.  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Flag Raising. 10-30 at Weymouth Council Offices. Muster car park at 1015.  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Merchant Navy Day. 10-30 on Weymouth Sea front. Muster at the Memorial at 10-30.
8. FUND RAISING REPORT  
Nil report.
9. WELFARE REPORT  
Kevin Tuck has had an eye operation.  
Jan Evans is getting on alright.  
Ann Tuck is in Dorchester Hospital.
10. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
Nil Report.
11. AREA REPORT  
S/M Shoesmith gave a brief report of the Area Meeting which was held in Bodmin.
12. NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
S/M Shoesmith said there are only 3 motions due to come up at Conference.  
Nottingham will be hosting the 2021 National Conference.
13. TREASURERS REPORT  
The Branch Account stands at £3488-07. Proposed by S/M Nigel Rimell seconded by S/M Charles H Thompson. 50 for with 7 abstentions. There were no matters arising. The raffle raised £62-50 with donations of £12-50 to Branch funds.
14. WEBMASTERS REPORT  
Nil Report.
14. SOCIAL REPORT  
Skittles evening at Dorchester on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1900 for 1930. 17 on the list. We will arrange the minibus pickup times with Ben this evening.  
Summer Social Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We have only 44 names on the list so I have booked the Manor Bar instead of the Jubilee Hall. If anyone else wishes to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. Entertainment Bill Solo. Cost £10.00 per person including buffet. Wrapped raffle prizes appreciated.  
20/20 Cricket Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 1900 – Hants v Somerset at the Ageas Bowl. Approximate cost £30 per person. We now have 16 on the list, thanks to members from Bridport and Dorchester plus

one of my bowls team. The balance to cover minibus hire, fuel and parking will be required on the day.

Away Weekend 2019 at the Barrowfield Hotel, Newquay from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. I will collect whatever you want to pay this evening and at next month's meeting. The balance is required in August.

Trafalgar Night Dinner. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainers Mike Walker plus the Dorset Wrecks.

Xmas Social Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Jubilee Hall. Entertainers Gut & Steel. Hannah Barnwell booked for catering.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Rimell said volunteers are required for the skittles team for the next season by the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

S/M Cartwright said there are still Grandstand seats available for the Veterans Parade. See S/M Tony Seal.

S/M Rich Gray asked members to be very careful on the internet as it is so easy for Emails to get hacked.

Next meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019.

16. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2140.

Chairman

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