

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE 2017

1. The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman at 2002. 45 members attended. Apologies were received from 15 members.
2. VICE CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Vice Chairman asked member to be upstanding for a minutes silence for S/M Lionel Butler who crossed the bar recently. No details of the funeral are available at the moment. He said Alex & Dan had volunteered to be the drivers for the HQ visit on 30th June. Nominations for the Diamond Award are now required. A leaflet will be handed out during the meeting. The presentation will be held at the July Meeting.

The visit to HMS Duncan in Portland on Saturday 10th June has been arranged. (1830-2100). RNA Blazers or Lounge Suits.

The Vice Chairman then presented Micky Fox with a Hip Flask to thank him for all the hard work he has done raising money for the Branch.

S/M Rimmel said the Skittles match at Dorchester last Friday resulted in Portland winning everything (including the ladies highest score (Colleen Prowse), Men's highest score (himself).
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Micky Fox, seconded by S/M Jan Isaac. 40 for with 5 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
4. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from St John Ambulance.
Letter & Leaflets from Veterans Bereavement Support.
5. WELFARE REPORT

Joan Stevenson is doing well.
Dick Pearce is waiting for another operation.
6. LIASON OFFICER

A visit to HMS Portland in Devonport has been arranged for Wednesday 14th June. A small group of members will be going.
7. PRO

Nil report.
8. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT

S/M Cartwright said there was a good turnout for the Anzac Memorial Service. There was a D Day Service of Remembrance held in Victoria Gardens on Tuesday 6th June. HMS Sidon Memorial Service will take place at the Heights Hotel on the 16th June commencing at 1030.

The Veterans Parade in Weymouth will be held on Sunday 18th June. Muster at Astrid Way at 1030. A Mayor Making & Civic Service will be held at St Lawrence Church, Upwey at 1830.

Dorchester Veterans Parade will take place on Saturday 1st July at 1300.

Sunday 13th August service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Chief Petty Officer Ernest Pitcher being awarded the Victoria Cross. This is being held at St Mary's Church, Swanage at 14.15 hrs.
9. TREASURERS REPORT

The Chairman read out the Branch Account which stands at £3085-34. The report was accepted. Proposed by S/M Dave McCaughey, seconded by S/M Bill McMurray 44 for with 1 abstentions. The Raffle raised £62-50 with donations of £10 to our Branch Charity. S/M Rimell said S/M Shoemith has asked if any members can donation some more Raffle prizes for the afternoon raffle at the Area Meeting in September.
10. WEBMASTERS REPORT

S/M Gray said updates to pages include an easier way to log-in to the Shipmates Locker, with more POC's for the webmasters email address for those needing a password.

Falklands War 35th Aniversary –HMS Glamorgan and Flight. New web item will be posted shortly before the 12th June Anniversary.

Internet Security. A post has been added to the website providing advice on how to keep safe online following the latest ransomware attack.

Project Semaphore – So far no candidates have come forward or been identified, so now is a good time to have another push to try and raise awareness. A new web page has been created on our website giving details of the project and how to apply for an iPad, contact details for the volunteer (webmaster) and eligibility criteria.

11. SOCIAL REPORT

Cricket Nat West T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl, near Southampton, Friday 4th August – Hants v Essex from 1900-2200. He will collect the money for the minibus, fuel and parking nearer the date. We now have a full bus.

Trip to Buckham Fair Sunday 20th August 2017. 35 Seater coach booked at a cost of £220-00. This will be paid from the Social Fund. Entrance ticket is now £7 payable at the gate.

Area Meeting Saturday 16th September 2017 in the Conservative Club. Social in the evening.

Away weekend to to the Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne Friday 6th to Monday 9th October 2017.

Estimated cost £156-50. Balance required by the August Meeting.

Christmas Social Friday 15th December 2017 in the Jubilee Hall.

Annual Dinner 28th April 2018 at the Masonic Hall.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting Wednesday 5th July 2017

13. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2105.

.....Chairman

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