

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 2001. 54 members attended.  
Apologies were received from 12 members.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
The Chairman said it is always a pleasure to welcome a new member to the Branch. S/M Maria Flack's application will be processed in the New Year. She is a former Wren and wife of our Mayor. There will be no stand-easy at the meeting tonight so we can get the business out of the way quickly to allow Alex, Pam and Santa's helpers to hold the Christmas Raffle.  
Maureen and I will not be sending greeting cards again this year but will be making a donation to Branch Funds
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Alex Oswald seconded by S/M Howard Trotter. 44 for with 10 abstentions.  
There were no matters arising.
4. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE  
Card from Dick & Anne Barton  
RNBT Diary.  
A thank you letter was sent to the Conservative Club thanking them for the refreshments on Remembrance Sunday.
5. WELFARE REPORT
6. Margaret McMurray has had an eye operation.  
Jan Evans has had a foot operation.  
Sue Harvey has been visited.  
John Jeffries has had some falls.  
Pete Connor has eye problems  
Mrs Pearce has been in hospital.  
Liz McCloud has had a hip operation.  
Charles H still has eye problems.
7. LIASON OFFICER  
A letter has been received from the SNO of HMS Portland. It is displayed on the notice-board.
8. PRO  
S/M Maureen Sherren said good reports have been reported in the Navy News. She is also collecting membership's fees for 2018.
9. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT  
There was a good turnout on Remembrance Sunday. Thanks to the Conservative Club for the refreshments.  
Carol Service this Sunday at 1830 in the Methodist Church.
10. TREASURERS REPORT  
S/M Shoemith read out the Branch Account which stands at £3859-87. The report was accepted.  
Proposed by S/M Barry Hudson seconded by S/M Mick Maynard. 44 for with 10 abstentions. There were no matters arising.
11. WEBMASTERS REPORT  
Project Semaphore – Central Office project team have advised that there is now an embargo on the issue of iPads for the time being.  
IPad training will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Pilgrim House, in Hope Square.
12. SOCIAL REPORT  
Christmas Social Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the Jubilee Hall. Entertainer B J McCabe. Cost £10 per person including buffet. Wrapped raffle prizes appreciated. List is on the notice-board. Please pay this evening.  
Annual Dinner 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Masonic Hall. Victoria Square. Entertainer Paul Iaming.  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Frome Branch are once again hosting the Royal Marines Band Concert. The price will be £18 per head, which includes invitation to the post-concert buffet. If sufficient interest, we could perhaps hire a minibus.  
Another trip to the Ageas Bowl for a 20/20 match next summer could be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Will keep a lookout for the fixture list.  
Away weekend 2018 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Llandudno. Cost £140. £5 deposit required tonight with the balance required in August 2018.  
Christmas Social Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

13. VOTING ITEM

S/M Sherren said we have been actively engaged in raising funds for Portland Sea Cadets TS Penn. We have obtained £200 from Area and would like your support in matching that amount if possible. It was proposed by S/M Chris Gover and seconded by S/M Dave Thompson that the Branch donate £200 to Portland Sea Cadets. 50 for with 4 abstentions. Presentation will be made at the January meeting.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Burlinson thanked the Branch for her Certificate of Appreciation.

S/M Shoesmith said the balance of money (£120) for the Bideford weekend will be required at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

15. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2031. The Christmas raffle followed on afterwards.

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