

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION – PORTLAND BRANCH  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB ON  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman 2005. 46 members attended.
2. APOLOGIES – were received from 24 members.
3. CHARMANS REPORT  
The funeral Service for Peggy Bartholomew was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints Church where we said goodbye to a lovely lady. Supporting the family were many Branch members, with our standard in attendance.  
On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February TS Penn held their prize giving evening where some of the prizes were presented by Branch members. A full report with pictures is available on our website and Facebook page.  
S/M Ben Cartwright won the Area Standard Bearers Training Competition at Bridgewater. S/M Dennis Matthews from Dorchester won the award for the most improved.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – were read and accepted. Proposed by S/M Nigell Rimell seconded by S/M Mick Maynard. 41 for with 5 abstentions.
5. MATTERS ARISING  
S/M Shoesmith said he has purchased a bottle of Baileys as a present for Annie Lynham as a thank you for all the catering she has done for us.
6. SECRETARIES REMARKS & CORRESPONDENCE  
Warship Magazine – March 2018.  
Letter from Portland Sea Cadets.  
Invite from the Mayor & Portland Town Council re Ceremony of the Keys.
7. ITEMS DISCUSSED AT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Annual Dinner Guests. Local Councillor Sandy West and the SNO HMS Portland have been invited. As yet no confirmation from the SNO.  
Welfare Seminar expenses for S/M Gill Essom. Agreed by Committee. This was put to the floor. 41 for with 5 abstentions.  
Inclusion of Members physically unable to attend meetings through long term issues. They are to be sent a copy of the minutes so they can keep up to date with things.  
New Data Protection Act which will come into effect in April. S/M Shoesmith gave an update on this.  
The vacant Membership Secretary post. S/M Karen Miller has volunteered and has been co-opted onto the Committee. Thank you Karen.  
PRO vacancy –will be covered by the Committee until a volunteer can be found.
8. WELFARE REPORT  
Keith Tubbs is back home from hospital.  
Jean Rawson is in hospital for tests.
9. LIASON OFFICER  
HMS Portland is still in refit.
10. PRO  
Nil report.
11. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT  
S/M Dennis Matthews has been added to the list.
12. STANDARD BEARERS REPORT  
S/M Cartwright gave the following Ceremonial dates for parading the Branch Standard.  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March                      RM Band Concert. 1930 at the Memorial Theatre, Frome.  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April                      ANZAC Day. 1100 at Weymouth Sea Front.  
1040 Muster at Memorial.  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May                              US Memorial Day. 1100 at Weymouth Sea Front.  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June                           HMS Sidon. 1030 at Portland Heights.  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June                              Flag Raising. 1030 Council Offices.  
1015 muster in car park.  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July                              Dorchester Vets Day. Details to follow. May not happen due to lack  
of  
Funding.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Merchant Navy Day. Flag raising.

1030 Muster at the Memorial.

Sunday 21 October HMS Illustrious Association. 1100 Portland Marina.

1030 Muster at Memorial.

13. AREA CONFERENCE REPORT

S/M Shoemith gave a brief report of the Area Conference which was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January.

14. TREASURERS REPORT

S/M Shoemith said the Branch Account stands at £4031-57. Proposed by S/M Charles H Thompson seconded by S/M Graham White. 42 for with 3 abstentions.. The raffle raised £50 with donations of £11-50 to the Branch funds.

15. WEBMASTERS REPORT

Nil.

16. DATA PROTECTION ACT

S/M Shoemith gave a report on the new Data Protection Act coming into force in May.

17. SOCIAL REPORT

Area Reunion Rally at Bideford . We had an enjoyable short weekend. Travel from Portland on the Friday was out of the question due to ice. 11 of us managed to get to Bideford on Saturday. Mike and Iris made it on Friday along with about 30 others from various Branches. We were still 100 short of the expected total number on Sunday. My thanks to out stalwart band of ‘hippies’ who took part in the sods opera, for their time and considerable effort. We brought back the Tremlett Cup.

Annual Dinner 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Masonic Hall, Victoria Square. Entertainer Paul laming.. Please see me for the list. The menu is on our Facebook page and our Website. Copies are available for those of you without internet access. Please give me your choices plus £20 per person this evening or at the April meeting at the latest. You get a three course meal with a glass of port plus entertainment. 60 names so far. No raffle prizes required.

T20 Blast at the Ageas Bowl. We have 16 names so far, room for one more. Please see him if interested. Nobody express a preferred date so I have left it to Vaughan our driver. His preferred date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 19000 Hants v Glous. However as Buckham Fair is only two days later, we may have to change it to Hants v Kent match on Friday 3 August .Will let you know when Vaughan returns.

Buckham Fair Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Ben has kindly volunteered to drive a minibus if there is sufficient interest.

Away weekend from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October to the Somerset Hotel, Llandudno with Daish’s. Please pay your interim deposit of £30 this evening as the cheque has to be sent off shortly. You are welcome to pay what you like each month. The balance is required at the August meeting.

Christmas Social Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in the Jubilee Hall.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

S/M Oswald said nominations are required for our Annual Charity 2018/19. It will be put forward at the April General Meeting.

Next Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

19. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2115.

Chairman

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