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## Portland Just Keeps On Giving

Portland Masonic Hall hosted the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner to celebrate the commissioning of Portland Branch Royal Naval Association, formed in April 1956. 13<sup>th</sup> April was the closest date at which 53 Shipmates and guests sat down to enjoy a 4 course dinner and entertainment with Mike Walker.

Guests of Honour on the night were the Commanding Officer of TS Penn, Portland Sea Cadets , Lt (SCC) Rachael Harris and CPO (SCC) Nicky Lee.

Following the dinner and speeches, both Guests of Honour were presented with Spirit Tumblers of a nautical theme, presented by Branch Chairman Dusty Miller. They are truly an item to cherish.

In addition , presentation of a cheque for £850 for TS Penn, was made to the Commanding officer. This was raised by branch members at monthly meeting raffles and donations over the past year.

To round the evening off, the giving continued with Branch Shipmate Karen Miller, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Branch Treasurer, Pete Shoesmith. This was in recognition of all S/M Karens work as Branch Membership Secretary and Fundraiser.

Final thanks for the superb organisation must go to S/M Dave Prowse, Branch Social Secretary for a great evening, enjoyed by all.

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1, Top table, top to bottom, Vice Chairman Nige Rimell, Lynne Rimell, Branch President Ben Cartwright, Branch Treasurer Pete Shoesmith and Josie Cartwright, CPO(SCC) Nicky Law and Lt(SCC) Rachael Harris from Portland Sea Cadet Unit TS PENN , Karen Miller, Membership Secretary and Branch Chairman Dusty Miller

2.Presentation of Cheque, Branch Chairman Dusty Miller to Lt(SCC) Rachael Harris, Commanding Officer TS PENN

3,Presentation of gifts( Nautical Spirit Tumblers) , Chairman Dusty Miller to CPO(SCC) Nicky Lee and Lt Rachael Harris

4,Certificate of Appreciation presented by Branch Treasurer Pete Shoesmith to S/m Karen Miller, Membership Secretary and Fundraiser

NOTE: Serving or former serving members of the Royal Navy or Royal Marines are invited to join the RNA – there is no joining or membership fee. Equally, anyone who shares the ethos of the Royal Navy Association and would like to become an Associate Member, please get in touch with your local branch – full details can be found at <http://no4arearna.co.uk/>

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