



**ROYAL NAVAL
ASSOCIATION**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting title: Minutes

Meeting details: RNA BRIDLINGTON Meeting

Venue: *The Old Ship Inn, 90 St Johns Street, Bridlington, YO16 7JS*

Time: [19:30]

Date: 04th September 2025

Apologies: S/M's Martin BARMBY, Juliet JONES, Bill & Pete BOLTON, Wendy Adams, Gail & Barry CLARKE, Amanda GILL.

Serving Member's: Michael Davies, Oliver Everett, Phil Fordham, Richard Jones, Christopher L'Amie, Luke McLaughlin, Jessica Metcalfe, Emily Riley, Matthew Smith, Paul Smith, Sam VELICKOVIC-SMITH,

Agenda:

1. Chairman
 - a. Toast - **Thursdays - A Bloody War and a Quick Promotion.**
 - b. A moment to remember and reflect for S/M Sandra GRIMSHAW Crossing the Bar. Funeral at Octon on 11 Sept at 14:30.
2. *Welcome new Members (Joining Packs with the Sec)*
 - a. *S/m Diane WILSON*
 - b. *S/m Nick GOODHAND*
 - c. *S/m Diane "Diddley" SOUTHALL*
3. **Secretary Report –**
 - a. Minutes of last meeting. **Sec to read minutes from last meeting – proposed/seconded by.**

1. S/m Mike BLAKE



2. S/m Mikki JOLLY

b. Matters arising?

- a. S/m Sarah NEWALL has bought the MS 365 (family) edition at a cost of £104.99. Paid out of petty cash. – See Welfare Report
- b. Need bank details to sponsor S/M Bill Oliphant (just giving page).
ACTION - AMW has tried to pay but due to RNA account not having a payment card has had to pay using his own personal bank account and to be reimbursed by RNA funds. It was discussed about the possibility of obtaining a card for the account to be able to make future payments. S/m Chairman to investigate. – Secretary paid by Chairman – **HOT OF THE PRESS Team Ready and Able are top of sponsorship leader board.**
- c. Members: I've been in touch with RNA HQ and the numbers of members on record is: **82 up Two**

Serving	10	Full	29	Associate	43
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- d. Please remind all members to check if they are members on the RNA HQ website. If they have a member card, they are a member. Please check with Sec if any ?
- e. Please contact Secretary if you have changed your details – phone No, email, address etc.... Secretary can update your membership details for you on the RNA HQ Members Register.

Email Received from RNA Chairman S/m Bill Oliphant.

Dear Shipmates,

As we approach this year's Remembrance Sunday, I write to you with a deeply personal request - one that carries the weight of history, gratitude, and enduring pride.

This November marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War. Eight decades on, the courage and sacrifice of those who served remain etched in the soul of our nation and in the heart of our Association. It is with this in mind that I ask each Branch of the Royal Naval Association to reach out to any members within your ranks **who served during that extraordinary time.**

We would be honoured to welcome them to join us at the Cenotaph in London this coming Remembrance Sunday. Their presence would not only pay tribute to fallen comrades but also stand as a living testament to the resilience and spirit of the



wartime generation. We want to celebrate them - publicly, proudly, and with the reverence they so richly deserve.

In addition, **we would be privileged to also offer these veterans the opportunity to share their memories on film. These stories - of service, of hardship, of camaraderie - are treasures that deserve to be preserved for their families and for future generations. If any of your WWII members would be willing to speak with us, we will ensure their recollections are captured with dignity and care.**

Please pass this invitation on with warmth and encouragement. We know that time is precious, and so are the voices of those who lived through it.

With deepest respect and gratitude,

Yours aye,

Bill Oliphant

- S/m Mike RUBERY will contact S/m Oliphant directly to make him aware of audio transcripts from S/m Eric HUDSON
- 4. **Treasures Report :**
 - a. Funds to date £3307.66
 - b. Awaiting bank statement. Believes that it is with outgoing Treasurer.
- 5. **Standard Bearers Report :**
 - a. 7 sept 25 – Mayors Civic Parade
 - b. 7 Sept 25 – Eden Camp Remembrance Parade
 - c. 11 Sept 25 – funeral of S/m Sandra GRIMSHAW @ OCTON
- 6. **PRO Report :**
 - a. Nil To Report
- 7. **Welfare Report :**
 - a. Purchased MS (Family) edition for use of Committee correspondence. Paid out of Petty Cash.
 - b. MacMillan Coffee Moring organised for 1 Oct 25 from 12:00 to 15:00 @ The Moon Tap Pub. All contributions gratefully received.
 - c. Over the previous month I have spent 5 hours on Welfare cases and 1 hour on Welbeing cases. A “Blue Badge” and Medical equipment was obtained for members who required them. Augusts WWO Report has been sent to RNA HQ.



8. **SLOP's & Charity Boxes Report :**

- a. Secretary & Welfare have done a 100% stocktake with a view to selling off stock to members. Christmas is coming !!!!! List of stock on Facebook Brid RNA Page. FCFS.
- b. £63.60 collected from Charity Boxes.

9. **Social Report :**

- a. Start canvassing numbers for PICKLE NIGHT. Only 40 tickets available due to venue size.
- b. Need a duty watch to assist in preps for Pickle Night. Names to Secretary and Social.

10. Forthcoming events.

- a. 30 Aug – Gin Cruise - Cancelled
- b. 7 Sept - Eden Camp All Services Parade and Remembrance Parade
- c. 11 Sept 25 @ 1430 funeral of Sandra GRIMSHAW @ OCTON –
Standard requested.
- d. 14 Sept – Biennial Parade at Cenotaph London.
- e. 2 Oct 25 - October RNA meeting – Wartime Bridlington by S/m Delia SMITH
- f. 4 Oct – RNA world Uckers championship @ Portsmouth
- g. 9-12 Oct – Sausage & Cider Festival @ The Butchers Dog.
- h. S/m Pat WRAF is holding a “Traf with the WRAF” at the beach hut on 18th Oct after AFVBC at Richie’s. Bring a chair and Victuals. Open to all Veterans and Friends of.
- i. 6 Nov 25 – Novembers RNA meeting – Service hearing loss compensation by J4H
- j. 7 Nov 1900 – 2330 – Pickle Night at Seacourt Hotel
- k. 9 Nov 25 - Remembrance Day War Memorial
- l. **2026**
- m. 7 Sept 2026– 1600 Remembrance at Priory Church Brid SCC naming ceremony “TS Pathfinder”.
- n. 11-13 Sept 2026 - Race the Waves “At Not Pats, but the RNA’s Chalet” (one week only)

11. Updates and news

12. Invited Guests Updates and Presentations.

- a. S/m Delia Smith is invited to give a talk about wartime Bridlington after the October meeting. Maximum attendance is requested.
- b. Justice 4 Heros are willing to attend on 6 November after the meeting to discuss their help for veterans suffering from service-related deafness and any claims that can be made on a no win no fee basis. Maximum attendance requested.

[email]



Andrew, we have been speaking to various charity organisations, drop-in centres, and Breakfast Clubs where communities of veterans from the UK armed forces, gather for breakfast mornings, chit chat over a cup of tea, sharing experiences during their service with the forces.

We would like the opportunity to simply speak with the members at one of your regular get togethers, regarding Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) from time spent in the forces, and provide all the necessary support to help all ex-service people get the compensation that they deserve.

Basically, following a landmark case a few years back, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has accepted its duty of care to veterans and has dropped its primary argument regarding the timing of claims.

Anyone who served in the Armed Forces before 1987 was unable to claim compensation for hearing loss. This was because prior to this, the UK government had Crown Immunity from such claims.

The law was changed in 1987, allowing service personnel to claim compensation for injuries sustained during their service, including hearing loss.

The presenter will provide detailed information during the presentation and address any queries from the members at the time.

We work strictly on a “NO WIN NO FEE” basis with a panel of solicitors who specialise in military deafness claims-

J4H does not charge any fee for the visit.

13. Any other business.

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14. Matters arising not covered in Agenda. : Nil.

15. Date of Next Meeting – 02nd October 2025