



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: 07th August 2025

Apologies: S/M's Amanda GILL, Bill & Peter BOLTON,

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. Opening Remarks
 - c. S/m Chairman: I am in correspondence with Cleethorpes RNA who would like to visit our branch sometime this year. They are busy at the moment, but we will keep in touch and sort a date.
 - d. Thank you to all who Marched and helped on the RNA Stall for Bridlington AFD.
 - e. Thank you to Shipmate Max WALL and Shipmate Mike RUBERY for cleaning out the new RNA storage garage.
 - f. BZ to all who turned out for the Gin Cruise and for S/M Ian ELLIS for organising.

2. *Welcome new Members (Joining Packs with the Sec) - Nil*



3. Secretary Report –

- a. Minutes of last meeting. **Sec to read minutes from last meeting – proposed/seconded by :**

1. S/M Adams
2. S/M Newall

- b. Matters arising.

1. £138 raised at AFD stall. £8.46 in the tins. BZ to all who helped.
2. All marching places are full for RNA Remembrance March Past. See RNAHQ Website for updates.

- c. Members: I've been in touch with RNA HQ and the numbers of members on record is: **80 no change**

Serving	10	Full	28	Associate	42
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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. Semaphore Circular – all receiving via email? Details of how to apply for Remembrance Day march past are in this issue.
- f. 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 HQ

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From the General Secretary (Bill Oliphant)

Shipmates, we are endeavouring to show our support for the RNRMC charity, not only because that is a good thing to do, but also because they give us money towards welfare projects and they also give us a grant that means you do not have to pay membership fees for the Association.

Thus, Central Office will be taking part in RNRMC's Race Across the UK (which is exactly the same as TV's Race Across the World – but just from Edinburg to Dartmouth). We will be fielding four Teams, each needing sponsorship totalling £3000.



We are hoping that Branches will consider sponsoring a team or at least contributing to their costs. The Teams will race in September, and we hope that Branches will get behind each individual Team and give them a lot of encouragement. There will be chance to sponsor the teams clothing (put your own Branch name on our back!) and to get your branch into your local paper to advertise for members through this exciting event.

The Teams will be announced next week, with photos and stats (can I find my way out of a paper bag to Dartmouth from Bonny Scotland – and will I really want to?). Will Jon, the Welfare Co-Ordinator, be kind enough to stop and help an RNA teammate or will welfare go out of the window and competitive spirit win the day?

Watch out for all the Team details in next week's Semaphore, but briefly, what we are looking for is Branches to consider sponsoring a whole Team for £3000, a Team Member for £1500 or me for any donation over £200.

Secretary proposed that we sponsor S/m Bill Oliphant £200. This was agreed by the committee. Voted for by members and passed unanimously at meeting.

If you have Shipmates in your Branch who you would prefer to put forward as a Team, please do so – we would love to have them on board!

From Mem Sec (Sara Field)

Our RNA allocation of tickets to march at the Cenotaph for Remembrance is now used up. Those of you who have chosen to march with us should have received an email from RBL to register or should get it in the very near future. Please contact me on ams@rnassoc.org if you have any issues.

If you, or members of your Branch, would like to march with us on the 14th September at the Cenotaph for the Naval Association's Biennial Parade, please register your interest here: [CLICK](#)

From Welfare Co-Ordinator (Jon Everett)

Every day, across our branches, our Welfare and Wellbeing Officers are making a real difference in the lives of our members—offering support, companionship, and a listening ear when it's needed most. These acts of kindness and service often go unseen, but they are the very heart of what the Royal Naval Association stands for.

Please can I ask that BWWOs take a few minutes each month to complete the **Welfare & Wellbeing Delivery Report Form**. It's just one page, but it carries enormous value. By submitting this form, you help us:

- **Shout about the amazing work** being done by our Welfare and Wellbeing Officers.
- **Secure vital funding** that supports our services and helps us grow.
- **Identify where support is most needed**, so we can better serve our shipmates.



- **Celebrate your branch's efforts** and share best practices across the RNA family.

We know your time is precious, but this small action helps us tell a much bigger story—one of compassion, community, and commitment.

Let's make sure every act of support is counted, and every voice is heard. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more connected RNA.

You can find all the current Welfare document at ; [Welfare & Wellbeing Documents - Royal Naval Association](#)

Also, please can we ensure all branch Welfare and Wellbeing officers contact details are up to date. Please email updated details to Jon Everett wws@rnassoc.org

S/M Sarah NEWALL made aware. S/M Wall proposed that the RNA purchase the MS Word (family) edition to enable committee members to correspond with HQ has we are now being held more accountable and need to submit paperwork in a timely fashion. This would cost £104.99pa. This was put to the members and passed. Proposed and seconded by S/M's Adams and l'Amie

From Comms (Sarah Bewley)

As a matter of urgency, please can all branches ask Shipmates to confirm their current email addresses and correct them if they are out of date. If Shipmates are not receiving the Semaphores or other important information, it is up to us to help them out and make sure their contact details are correct.

The deadline for Semaphores is changing! Please be advised that the deadline for content for the Semaphores is 7pm on the Wednesday before publication on Friday. Please ensure that your PRO is updated. At the same time, please can you email me with the email address for your Branch's PRO so I can offer them support and ask them to cover events in your area that they may not be aware of.

S/M Ian ELLIS made aware.

Thanks, so much Shipmates – have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

[end of email]

4. **Treasures Report** : S/M Chairman reported that we hold £3307.66 .

5. **Standard Bearers Report** :

- a. Attended funeral of Peter William MOORE.
- b. Bridlington AFD.
- c. Funeral of Frank SMALL.



6. PRO Report :

- a. Sponsored “head shave” by S/M ELLIS and S/M Rubery for York Cancer has raised over £1000.
- b. A Gin Cruise has been booked for 30 Aug. No Theme.
- c. VJ Day “Pizza on the Moon” at the Moon Tap Pub from 1200 on Friday 15 August.

7. Welfare Report :

- a. Continues to contact members and to assist as required.
- b. Asked if we would be interested in holding a “McMillian Coffee Morning to be held at Pats Challet. Possible date 26 Sept.

8. SLOP’s Report :

- a. Doing 100% stocktake with a view to selling off stock to members. Christmas is coming !!!!!

9. Social Report :

- a. Start canvassing numbers for PICKLE NIGHT
- b. Need a duty watch to assist in preps
- c. Thank you letter received from riding for disabled for sponsorship donation.

10. Forthcoming events.

- a. 15 Aug – 1200 Pizza on the Moon (Tap)
- b. 17 Aug – VJ Day celebrations
- c. 20 Aug – 1300 Pie “n” Peas @ Seacroft Hotel
- d. 30 Aug – Gin Cruise
- e. 7 Sept – 1600 Remembrance at Priory Church Brid SCC naming ceremony “TS Pathfinder”.
- f. 7 Sept - Eden Camp All Services Parade and Remembrance Parade
- g. 14 Sept – Biennial Parade at Cenotaph London.
- h. 4 Oct – RNA world Uckers championship @ Portsmouth
- i. 9-12 Oct – Sausage & Cider Festival @ The Butchers Dog.
- j. 7 November – Pickle Night at Seacourt Hotel - TTBC

11. Updates and news - Nil



12. Invited Guests Updates and Presentations. - Nil

13. Any other business. Nil

14. Matters arising not covered in Agenda. :

- a. VJ day celebrations will be held at the Ship Inn on 15 Aug.
- b. S/M Barnby has stated that he has put forward Bridlington to be the National AFD Venue for next year. Watch this space.

15. Date of Next Meeting – 04th September 2025