



**ROYAL NAVAL
ASSOCIATION**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting details: RNA BRIDLINGTON Meeting

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

Time: [19:30]

Date: 03rd July 2025

1. 17 Members present.

Apologies: S/M's Martin BARMBY, Amanda GILL, Kevin O'NEILL, Juliette JONES, Neil & Ann STEVENS, Barry RILEY, Vicky BARTON, Pete JONES, Bill JONES, Mike RUBERY (Duty SRE Operator!), Ian ELLIS, Wendy ADAMS, Mike COOK.

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,

2. Chairman

- a. Toast Thursdays - A Bloody War and a quick promotion.
- b. Opening Remarks – Thank you to S/m Pat WADDINGTON for the use of her Beach Hut for RNA Social Gatherings.
- c. Congratulations to S/m Barry CLARKE who completed his charity sponsored walk.
- d. AFD Bridlington is 12th July, we have a stall booked. We need volunteers for setting up and manning the stall and gazebo. S/m ADAMS said that he will not be marching and can man the stall, and he believed S/m Secretary had stated the same. S/m Secretary to action a proposed timetable. S/m Chairman gave his apologies for the day as he will be out of area.
- e. 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.
- f. Next year Race the Waves (RTW) is very late (11-13th September). This is two weeks before autumn/winter let season and S/m



WADDINGTON will not have her beach hut. As she has graciously hosted us for the past few years I would like to know thoughts on RNA booking the beach hut for the two weeks prior to RTW at a cost of £150 (I believe there is a deal of pay for one week and get one week free but will confirm this). After a brief discussion at the Committee meeting on 19 June 25, S/m ADAMS proposed that we pay for the two weeks, this was seconded by S/m COOK and carried unanimously by committee. This was put to the members present who unanimously voted in favour - **CARRIED.**

3. *Welcome new Members (Joining Packs with the Sec)*

- a. No new members

4. **Secretary Report –**

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

S/M Sarah NEWALL
S/M Gail CLARKE

- b. Matters arising.

1. Volunteers for AFD stall. Names to Secretary.
2. If you are interested in marching with the RNA at the Cenotaph on the 9th November for Remembrance, please let us know by filling in the online form here. We have a limited number of places so book yours if you want to be with us. Your ticket will be reserved for the RNA column, but can only be issued by RBL, which will contact you with instructions about how to get your ticket. You must respond to RBL's email to get your ticket.
3. Conference weekend seems to have been a resounding success, according to those shipmates who threw themselves into the business and social events throughout the three days, ending with the cutting of a 75th anniversary cake at a garden party in Portsmouth Naval Base. And after delegates rejected a proposal to consider splitting the AGM and social gathering into two separate events, it's full speed ahead for Salford 2026 and Durham 2027. I'll promulgated the minutes when I receive them to anyone who's interested.

- c. Members: I've been in touch with RNA HQ and the numbers of members on record is: **81**



Serving	10	Full	29	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 months 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.
5. **Treasures Report** : S/M Treasurer was absent, but S/M Chairman gave the report on his behalf.
 - a. £2972.05 in the bank.
 - b. All bills and Insurances' have been paid.
6. **Standard Bearers Report** :
 - a. The funeral of George Evans, RCT Veteran at Octon.
 - b. The funeral of Peter William MOORE – Army Veteran – 08/07/25
 - c. Scarborough AFD
 - d. The funeral of William DARNELL REME (102 years old) WWII veteran.
 - e. The funeral of Robert Francis (Frank) SMALL RE
7. **PRO Report** :
 - a. **Nil to report**
8. **Welfare Report** :
 1. Contacted Wayne's care home and Cliff Wilson's son, to make sure it was ok to visit. Home was very eager as he likes to talk apparently. Then received a return call from son who had spoken to his brother and they both decided they didn't want me to visit as not necessary.
 2. Continues to contact RNA members.
9. **SLOP's Report** :
 - a. £164.70 collected from local businesses.



10. Social Report :

- a. Gin cruise booked for Saturday 26 July 2025. Sails at 19:30
- b. Start canvassing numbers for PICKLE NIGHT. We need numbers of attendees.

11. Forthcoming events.

- a. 12 July 2025 - Armed Forces Day
- b. 26 July - Gin Cruise – Vicars & Tarts
- c. 07 Sept – Eden Camp – All services parade and service of remembrance.
- d. 14 Sept – Biennial Parade at Cenotaph London.
- e. 4 Oct – RNA world Uckers championship @ Portsmouth
- f. 7 November – Pickle Night at Seacourt Hotel - TTBC

12. Updates and news

- a. Nil

13. Invited Guests Updates and Presentations.

- a. Nil

14. Any other business.

- a. Due to Personal Commitments S/m Cook will be stepping down from the role of Treasurer. Therefore, any member who would like to stand for this vital role, please contact S/m Chairman.

15. Matters arising not covered in Agenda. :

- a. Veterans Coffee mornings have now been confirmed for The Cook House at Premier Inn on Mondays and Thursdays both 9 am -12 noon. Parking free for 3 hours, an unlimited breakfast and unlimited tea/coffee for veterans and their partners for £4.00. If you are looking to eat it is suggested, you are there earlier rather than later but no later than 09:45. The new manager is very keen for the RNA/RBL and other veterans associations to use the Cook House for any events at a negotiated price.

16. Meeting closed at 20:04

17. Date of Next Meeting – 07th August 2025