



# Getting Underway

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Royal Naval Association  
Bridlington Branch Newsletter

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## Ahoy Shipmates!

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Welcome
- A few words from the chairman
- News Items
- Fundraising
- Shipmate of the Month
- Jackspeak
- Puzzles & Quiz

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter.

The primary aim of this publication is to keep shipmates informed of what's happening locally, in branch, and also of things further afield in the world of all things nautical. We will try to bring advance news of events, celebrations and occasions that might be of interest to shipmates. It will hopefully be entertaining and will try to shed light on some of the more obscure naval traditions, phrases and sayings (Jack Speak) here's where we're hoping for your help and input.

Over the coming months we will have naval biogs on some of our fellow shipmates along with dits on their escapades and adventures. (Keep 'em clean please guys!)

Your input to this newsletter will be much appreciated and if there is anything that you think would be of interest or that you want to bring to the attention of fellow members or the committee then you can email or call the secretary at the email address and telephone number on the back page of this newsletter.

So lets "get underway" with issue 1!



HMS Ocean

Once Navy,  
Always Navy



Shipmate Chairman  
Martin Jolly

### A FEW WORDS FROM SHIPMATE CHAIRMAN

Ahoy shipmates, welcome to this our brand spankers branch news letter. A word of thanks to S/m sec Mike Rubery for getting the news letter up and running, I think its another great step forward for our branch, helping to keep all shipmates in contact and up to date with things happening in the branch. I hope you will help support the news letter by contributing "ditts", photos and comments (clean and constructive please).

On another matter my thanks to all S/ms who were kind enough to attend the funeral of our late s/m Mike Charlesworth. You were all a credit to the branch, smart as guards van's, I think we gave him a great send off.

That's all from me see you all at the next branch meeting.

Yours Aye  
S/m Chairman



**Mike Adams**

Who is standing down as branch secretary after 7 years in the role.

**Everybody is welcome at Filey Sea Cadets - Bridlington Division so come and be a part of it!!**



## NEWS: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of Bridlington RNA mustered at The Old Ship on Thursday 6th February with 19 members in attendance. The chairman addressed shipmates and gave his thoughts and accounts of 2014. He stated that he was pleased that the branch was attracting new shipmates and that it was good to see so many active members attending the monthly meetings and in particular the AGM.

A number of matters were on the agenda including the election/re-election of committee members. All members were unanimously re-elected with the exception of branch secretary. Mike Adams has decided not to stand for re-election after serving seven years in the position. The chairman thanked Mike for his efforts throughout that period and this was echoed by members in attendance. Mike Rubery volunteered for the position and was elected unopposed. It was agreed Mike would take up the position on completion of the current meeting.

had sadly crossed the bar. He stated that Mike had been a loyal and supportive friend both to the RNA and of himself personally. Mike had over the years held just about all of the committee positions available including that of chairman.

Mike Charlesworth's funeral took place at Bridlington Priory on Tuesday 10th February at 13.00 hrs. Shipmates formed a honour guard as requested by Mike's family. A wake followed at the Expanse Hotel and members of the RNA were kindly invited to attend.

The chairman informed those that were unaware that shipmate Mike Charlesworth

## Bridlington Sea Cadets

The official opening of the Bridlington Division will take place Friday 6th March 2015 at The Drill Hall, Swindon Street, Bridlington. Enthusiastic young people aged 12-18 years are being sought to join our newly formed unit.

Bridlington Sea Cadet Division is led by Officer in Charge A/Lt (SCC) Mikaela Jackson and her extremely enthusiastic team.

The division is 'parented' by Filey Sea Cadets which is led by PO (SCC) Woods and his knowledgeable and skilled team boasting various disciplines to enable the cadets to learn new skills and partake in exciting fun activities, which will provide the knowhow and memories for many years to come.

The remit of the Sea Cadets is

to provide fun, adventure and Learning new skills based on waterborne and land based activities which Filey Sea Cadets - Bridlington Division find is the most valuable of all.

Everybody is welcome at Filey Sea Cadets - Bridlington Division so come and be a part of it!!

If you know any possible recruits please contact either shipmate Jackson or Barmby.



Following the tragic death of the Human Cannonball at the Kent Show, a spokesman said

"We'll struggle to get another man of the same calibre."

## Fund raising

Over the coming months shipmate Danny Blanchard will be working hard to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation now simply known as JDRF, which carries out research into type 1 diabetes.

Current events that Danny has already confirmed for the coming year are:

1.) A Beverley - Whitby bike ride, date to be confirmed.

2) Mt Kilimanjaro climb, this will be commencing 15th Oct.

Danny would also like to have a family fun type day in the summer which he is looking into possibly having at Alderson House with the intention of sharing funds raised between JDRF and Bridlington RNA.

If anyone would like more information on any of these events Danny can be contacted at the RNA meetings.

## Car Boot Sale

Another event taking place to raise funds for Bridlington branch RNA is a car boot event at Strawberry Fields or Skirlington by shipmate David Wilson who along with his wife, Ellie, have offered their time. If you have any donations that Dave can sell he can be contacted at the following email address or at monthly meetings

Eanddwilson@hotmail.co.uk

**A car boot sale at Strawberry Fields or Skirlington in March will hopefully raise funds for our branch**

## Shipmate of the Month

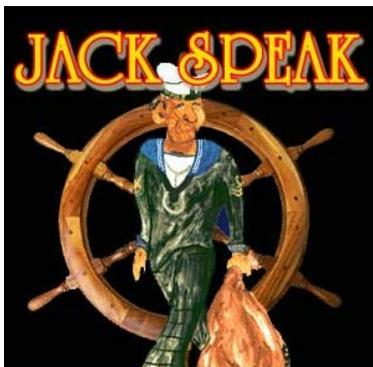
### A/B (S) Cliff "Tug" Wilson S/N CJX658820

Tug joined the national fire service in 1941 at the tender age of 15 and after a couple of years joined the RN at Ganges in 1944. On completion of initial training he volunteered for the submarine service. He served on board HMS/M Tacu during the last year of the war and was then drafted to HMS/M Token on which he served until shortly before leaving the Andrew in 1947. He vividly remembers being on the showboat for the victory parade in June 1946 which he says is his proudest moment whilst serving.

On returning to civvy street Tug had a successful career as a civil servant in his home town of Bradford. He was an avid shower of Pointer dogs and eventually became a show judge.

Ships: 1945 HMS/M TACU  
1946-1947 HMS/M TOKEN

Tug has been a member of Bridlington RNA since 2010 and regularly attends monthly meetings



## Do you know what the following naval terms mean?

To "Swallow The Anchor" means to .....

What does "to Bleed The Monkey" mean ?

What would you be having if you had "Figgy Duff"?

What are "Gammies" ?

What would you be doing if you were to "Marry The Gunner's Daughter"?

**Answers next month!**

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Come and meet us for a social drink , some banter and a few dits. All serving and ex-serving members of the Royal Navy and there families are welcome, as well as our comrades from the Army or RAF.

**We muster on the first Thursday of the month at 19:30**

In "The Old Ship" St Johns Street Bridlington

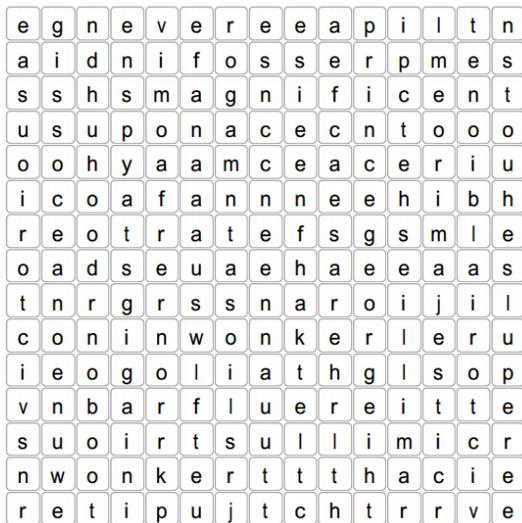
**EVERYBODY WELCOME**

**Once Navy, Always Navy**  
**Unity, Loyalty, Patriotism, Comradeship**

We're on the web at  
[www.bridlington-rna.co.uk](http://www.bridlington-rna.co.uk)

**Wordsearch**

**Late 19th Century Battleships**



**Words to find:**

albion, barfluer, caesar, canopus, centurion, empressofindia, goliath, hood, illustrious, jupiter, magnificent, majestic, mars, ocean, princegeorge, ramillies, reknown, reknown, repulse, revenge, vengeance, victoria, victorious.

**Name That Knot**

Answers next issue



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2.....



4.....