



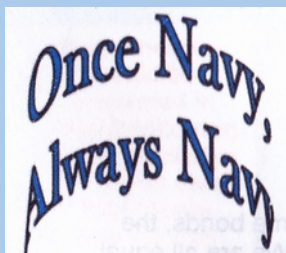
Getting Underway

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Bridlington Branch
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April 2017

*"More than Just a
drinking club"*

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Ahoy Shipmates!

Welcome to another edition of 'Getting Underway'. Firstly the Chairman and committee would like to say a very big thank you to our outgoing branch president, Shipmate Brian Hill, who despite a very busy personal life always made himself available to carry out the duties of president. This year Shipmate Mike Adams takes up the post. Mike has already served on the committee in various posts most recently having spent several years as branch secretary only stepping down in 2015.

Thanks also go to the outgoing branch treasurer S/m Lee Broadbent. Work commitments mean that Lee is unable to continue in the role and he has been relieved of his duties by the incoming treasurer S/m Mike Cook. As mentioned in last months newsletter the position of social secretary has been reinstated and the position has been filled by S/m Vicky Barton. We wish her every success in the new role and look forward to some "run ashores" imminently. The position of welfare Officer sees S/m Chairman, Martin Jolly continue in the role. This year he will be aided by an unofficial deputy S/m secretary Mike Rubery. If you know of any welfare cases or have any concerns about fellow members or their families please let either one know. A branch delegate has also been voted in position, S/m John L'Amie takes up the role and will hopefully be attending local area meetings as our representative in the near future.

All other positions on the committee remain the same. Contact details for committee members can be found on page two of this newsletter



Outgoing President
s/m Brian Hill

Outgoing Treasurer
s/m Lee Broadbent, .



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION BRIDLINGTON BRANCH OFFICIALS



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President: Mike Adams



Chairman & Welfare:
Martin Jolly



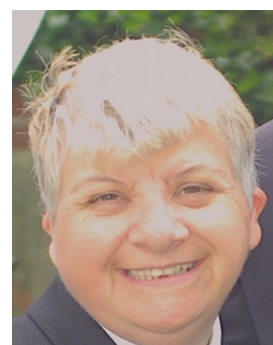
Secretary: Mike Rubery



Treasurer: Mike Cook



Std Bearer: Martin Barmby



P.R.O. Mikki Jackson



Delegate: John L'Amie



Social Sec: Vicky Barton



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If you have anything you would like entered in Getting Underway please telephone or email on the above number or at bridrna@gmail.com



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More sad news to impart again this month. Our longtime associate member Jean Hudson sadly crossed the bar early in February. Jean along with her husband, Eric were/are two of the branch's longest serving members.

Eric and Jean moved to Bridlington from Heckmondwike in the early 2000's, where both had very been active members of the local RNA branch. Jean attended many branch activities including helping to man stalls, Traf dinners and Bridlington Armed Forces Day. She had her 90th birthday last year but still supported and accompanied Eric on many engagements, especially when Eric held the position of branch president in 2015. Sadly Jean had been diagnosed with dementia a few years ago but remained active and was cared for by Eric.

Jean's funeral took place at Octon on 3rd March where our standard was in attendance and there was also a guard of honour. Following the service members attended a wake at RBL Alderson House. Jeans ashes were interred at Bridlington cemetery on Friday 31st March following a short service from Rev. Matthew Pollard. Jean and Eric's family and close friends were in attendance.



*Jean Hudson enjoying the Poppy Club in
November 2016*

Membership

Welcome to new members of Bridlington Branch of the Association. At present we have around 50 members and associate members. We have a strong contingency of serving officers and ratings which is good to see. If you know of anyone that may be eligible to join our ranks then please invite them along to one of our branch meetings so that we can show that what we are about.

Just about all subs have now been collected and forwarded to HQ who have in turn returned this years membership stamps and new members membership cards so if you have paid your dues please see shipmate secretary for your new stamp or card.

If you require any Association SLOPS (Badges, Ties, Berets etc) please contact our SLOPS co-ordinator Mike Blake or secretary Mike Rubery. You can also visit the HQ website www.royal-naval-association.co.uk click on members area and enter the password (contact s/m secretary if you do not know the password) you can then go to the shop and buy RNA memorabilia and uniform.

Some useful websites for members:

Royal Navy: www.royalnavy.mod.uk

Navy News: www.navynews.co.uk

WRNS Association: www.wrns.org.uk

Naval Families Federation: www.nff.org.uk

Naval History: www.naval-history.net

Royal Naval Benevolent trust: www.rnbt.org.uk

Sailors,Soldiers,Air force Association: www.ssafa.org.uk

Veterans Agency: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterans-uk

Sea Cadets

Bridlington SCC are on the road towards commissioning by being taken under the direction of the District Officer. PO Jolly is working towards a rowing qualification whilst Lt. Barmby and CPO Riley are eligible to go for power boat instructor. Lt. Barmby is also a qualified range conducting officer and the Unit Management Team is considering buying an air rifle for supervised instruction.

The Queen as approved, in principle, the commissioning of Sea Cadet Officers in the future instead of them being appointed. This however is yet to be fully approved in deed.

March saw the sea cadets receive a donation of £93.00 from Bridlington Veterans. Chairman of Bridlington Royal British Legion, Dave Standaloft, RNA branch secretary Mike Rubery and forces veteran Mick Cox, went along to Swindon Street to present the money. This donation was purely from **Bridlington Veterans** (not the RBL or RNA) and was raised during several fund raising events by Bridlington armed forces veterans.

The Sea Cadets go from strength to strength. There are now 25 cadets and meetings take place twice weekly. Adult instructors and volunteers for the UMT are always welcome and if you can spare anytime then why not contact CO, Mikki Jackson or XO Martin Jolly on the phone numbers on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Sea cadets meet:
Tuesday nights at
RYYC on Windsor
Crescent 18:45 – 21:00
and the same times
Friday Swindon Street.



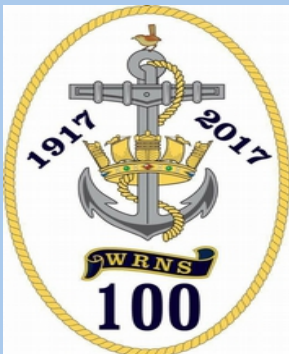
PO Jolly receives a donation from
Bridlington veteran Dave Standaloft



Red Nose Day at the Sea Cadets



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COMING EVENTS

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Our new social secretary, S/m Vicky Barton, has been very busy on our behalf investigating and inquiring about events that we as a branch can partake in. The first of these events is well underway in and in conjunction with the Poppy Club, Bridlington RNA will be visiting the ceramic poppy display “Weeping Window” in Hull. The date for your diary is Saturday 22nd April 2017 and will leave RBL Alderson House on South Marine Drive at 10am. The display has been set up from a window within the Maritime Museum. It is envisaged that on completion of viewing members will have a few hours in Hull at their leisure thus allowing us to discover the museum, Ferens gallery or other delights that Hull has to offer. On the return journey a stop at The Nags Head, Routh for a meal and liquid refreshments is also planned. Return to Bridlington will be late afternoon/early evening.

Seats are now very limited but if you wish to go places are £5.00 per person you should see S/m Secretary, Mike Rubery with your money ASAP.



WRNS 100 CELEBRATIONS

There will be a commemorative service to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the WRNS at the Hull Cenotaph at 11:00am on Saturday May 20th 2017. Attendees are requested to arrive by 10:30am. In attendance will be the Lord Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant of Hull.

All ex-serving and serving members of the WRNS and Royal Navy are invited along with all serving personnel and veterans from local Armed Forces.

Our standard will be in attendance along with other branch standards that will be there to help celebrate the WRNS special year



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Wolds Brewery Trip

Another visit our new social secretary has lined up is a trip to the Wold Top Brewery. Situated high on the Yorkshire Wolds the brewery is a small, family run, micro brewery, located between Scarborough and Filey, where the Yorkshire Dales run down to the sea.

High quality Real Ales are traditionally brewed from Wold grown crops and pure chalk filtered water to produce great beer! Originally founded in 2003 the family run business pride themselves in brewing superior quality beer with water from the farms own borehole.

Initial inquiries have proved positive. A tour would last 3 hours usually 18:00 to 21:00 but not exclusively and the brewery is flexible so that we could do a daytime visit if there is enough interest from members. The price for entry would be £10 per head, transport cost depends on how many we take. Included in the price is 2½ pints of real ale and a meal can be added for an extra charge.

If you are interested please contact the social secretary at: vicky_barton@hotmail.com or 07713 823114



A Trip on the Yorkshire Belle

We've all seen her in the harbour and many of us have been out on her, some several times, however it is our intention to give members the opportunity to come along as a branch and have a social event aboard the Yorkshire Belle. Again still in the early stages of planning please inform social sec of your interest on above details ASAP. Once we know numbers prices can be promulgated. We hope to do this before school summer holidays.



Sponsoring Bridlington Town AFC

Following a very successful day when some of our members, as part of Bridlington Royal British Legion, sponsored Scarborough Athletic FC it has been suggested that an effort should be made to see if it would be feasible for us as a branch to sponsor Bridlington Town AFC, thus giving support to the club, community and of course advertising Brid RNA.

The price is £20 per head and a minimum of 10 people are required to take part. What do we get for our £20 sponsoring a game? :

- **Match entrance**
- **A half time hot meal and refreshments (liquid) throughout the match.**
- **PA announcements recognising you or your company as sponsors.**
- **Recognition of your company sponsorship on the front page and inside the programme.**
- **A match day memento for display at your company or in your home (groups of 5 or more).**
- **Your choice of man of the match.**

As it is close to the end of the 2016/17 season this maybe something we take up next year if we can not arrange for a game this season. This would be a great way of getting our name out there so please help us support this opportunity.

If you would be interested please contact the social secretary at: vicky_barton@hotmail.com or 07713 823114

ARMY v NAVY Rugby

The Babcock Trophy

Saturday 29th April 2017 kick-off at 3pm

Why not join us at the New Crown public house on St. John's Street at 2pm when in London 80,000 people will take in the unique atmosphere of the Royal Navy against the British Army for the Babcock Trophy at Twickenham Stadium. The 100th time this fixture has been played.

A large screen TV helps us join in along with our friends from the other branches of the armed forces. Last year an excellent match saw The Navy retain the trophy following a spirited fight back.

Although the match was drawn 29-29, the navy team retained the trophy that they had won in 2015, and we received a lot of banter until the fantastic come back silenced a few critics of the Navy team.

The atmosphere in the New Crown is electric and there is pub grub on the menu so if you fancy an afternoon of Rugby, scran, beer and banter then come and support the boys in blue!



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Project Semaphore

Enabling communication for isolated veterans

Following a successful bid to the Aged Veteran's Fund the RNA has secured funding for Project Semaphore. The aim of the project is to reach out to isolated veterans - who are judged by a BT reach survey to be worse off by at least £1,000 due to lack of access to the internet - and to provide them with an iPad and iPad/internet familiarisation training. With modern and mobile technology, those previously isolated will be able to connect with their friends and regain some of their independence.

Benefits to the veteran

Some of the benefits of being online include:

- ☐ Ability to facetime or Skype family and friends
- ☐ Claim benefits, internet banking
- ☐ Order shopping when unable to get out
- ☐ Secured cheaper insurance, travel etc
- ☐ Can access Veteran's information and find out what is going on, stay connected
- ☐ Can get up-to-date entertainment such as BBC iPlayer
- ☐ Research
- ☐ Access to social media, Youtube, ibooks etc.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR THE IPAD

To qualify you must be a **full member** of the RNA, over 65 years old and currently digitally isolated. There is an online application process for candidates; it is envisaged that a branch or area sponsor will assist the candidate with the completion of the form in our case S/m Mike Cook or S/m Mike Rubery.



Several Bridlington branch members have benefitted from this project including S/m Cliff "Tug" Wilson who can be seen here relaxing at home whilst surfing the internet.

If you think you qualify for the project or know of a member that would then please contact either s/m secretary or s/m treasurer who will help you to apply for your free iPad.



HMS RODNEY
1927-1947



HMS *Rodney* (pennant number 29) was one of two Nelson-class battleships built for the Royal Navy in the mid-1920s. The ship was named after Admiral Lord Rodney. The *Nelsons* were unique in British battleship construction, being the only ships to carry a main armament of 16-inch (406 mm) guns, and the only ones to carry all the main armament forward of the superstructure. As her superstructure was located aft of midships like RN fleet oilers whose names carried the ...'ol' suffix, she was sometimes derisively referred to as "Rodnol". Commissioned in 1927, *Rodney* served extensively in the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

Rodney played a major role in the sinking of the German battleship *Bismarck* in May 1941, while commanded by Captain Frederick Dalrymple-Hamilton. *Rodney* was ordered to sail to Canada, along with the ocean liner MV *Britannic* and four destroyers. *Rodney* was intended to travel on to the United States for repairs and refits; the ship carried a number of passengers, as well as additional materials, such as boiler tubes and anti-aircraft guns intended for use in her refit. *Britannic* was taking civilians to Canada and would be bringing Canadian troops and airmen back to Britain. Early on the morning of 27 May 1941, along with the battleship *King George V* and the cruisers *Norfolk* and *Dorsetshire*, she engaged *Bismarck*, which had damaged rudder machinery, due to a torpedo launched by the aircraft carrier *Ark Royal*'s *Fairey Swordfish* bombers the day before. Unable to manoeuvre and listing to port, *Bismarck* scored no hits before her forward guns were knocked out, after which *Rodney* closed with *Bismarck* until she was firing on a virtually flat trajectory and spotters could actually follow the shells to the target. One 16-inch shell was tracked from the gun to where it hit the face of *Bismarck*'s #2 turret *Bruno* and exploded, blowing out the back of the turret, with the resulting splinters killing most of the crew on the bridge. *Rodney* fired 340 16-inch shells, some in 9-gun broadsides and 716 6-inch shells during the battle, scoring many hits from a range of under 3,000 yards (2,700 m) and inflicting most of the damage suffered by *Bismarck*, whose stern was blown off. During the battle, *Rodney* also fired twelve 24.5-inch (622 mm) torpedoes at *Bismarck* whilst zig-zagging across her bow; most of the torpedoes missed but one hit *Bismarck* and exploded amidships on the starboard side, making *Rodney* the only battleship in history to have torpedoed another battleship. *Rodney* and *King George V* finally broke off the action; *Dorsetshire* was then ordered to finish *Bismarck* off with torpedoes.

During the entire war *Rodney* steamed over 156,000 nautical miles (289,000 km) with no engine overhaul after 1942. Because of the frequent machinery problems, hull defects, and the fact that *Rodney* had not been upgraded to the extent of her sister *Nelson*, starting in December 1944 she became the flagship of the Home Fleet based at Scapa Flow and rarely left her mooring. HMS *Rodney* was scrapped at Thos W Ward Inverkeithing, starting on 26 March 1948



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MEET A SHIPMATE: Lt. Cdr. Chris L'Amie **Executive Officer HMS Westminster**



Chris joined the Royal Navy in 2001 and has served in a variety of ships, enjoying a broad range of operational assignments including: counter smuggling, embargo operations and security operations in the Middle East, Northern Ireland and Caribbean, MCM Operations, ASW tactical development and Fishery Protection in UK waters.

Following appointments as a small ship navigator, bridge watchkeeping officer and First Lieutenant of a RCOPV, he had a short period ashore as EA/COORD to the Assistant Chief of Staff (Surface Ships and Submarines) in the Navy Command Headquarters.

Chris was selected for Command in 2009, as the first Commanding Officer of TS JACK PETCHEY, during which time he brought the Ship out of build along with training and mentoring over 200 cadets at sea.

Whilst on Principal Warfare Officer's course, Chris was promoted to Lieutenant Commander before serving as the Operations Officer of the Type 23 Frigate HMS IRON DUKE during the first of class Radar 997 trials and acceptance, following which IRON DUKE was awarded a Fleet Efficiency Prize as the most proficient AWW platform.

After graduating as the top student of his Advanced Anti Submarine Warfare Course, Chris joined the UK Maritime Battle Staff. He was the staff ASW Officer advising on operational level underwater warfare and task force ASW for the UK's Very High Readiness 2* headquarters generating for the NATO Response Force. During his time at COMUKMARFOR Chris served afloat as the UK Liaison Officer to the Italian Navy for the migrant crisis off Libya (OP WEALD). Following OP WEALD, Chris was the Deputy Current Operations Officer to a multi national staff in the Italian Flagship ITS CAVOUR during the establishment of the EU Mission to improve security in the Mediterranean and North Africa.

Selected to be Executive Officer of HMS WESTMINSTER he joined as Senior Naval Officer in January 2016 whilst the Ship was regenerating.

His education includes an honours degree in Politics and the Intermediate Command and Staff Course. Chris lives in Hampshire with his wife, Kate and has two young children Ralph and Alice. He is a keen skier and enjoys running and cycling.



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Blazer Badge £12.50



Enamel Cuff links £16.63



Lapel badge standard
Size £2.50 Minature £1.10



Tie pin gilt £1.50 or



RNA Tie or clip on tie £8.50



Bow tie £5.84

RNA logo Pewter hip flask £31.74



enamel £1.96



Pewter tankard £40.98

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BRIDLINGTON BRANCH MEETINGS

Come and join us for a social drink, some banter and a few dits. All serving and ex-serving members of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and their families are welcome as well as our comrades from all other branches of the Armed Forces

**We muster on the first Thursday
Of the month 19:30 hrs**

The Old Ship Inn, St. John's Street, Bridlington

The Royal Naval Association has over 20,000 members across 370 branches in the UK and overseas, we are a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy.

Whether we are catching up with friends at our regular social events; fundraising; advising on welfare and employment matters, or just providing an arm around the shoulder, our natural willingness to help others stems from the tradition and camaraderie that only Naval Service life can instil.

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ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

RNA core values:

Unity

Shared backgrounds and equality in rank. We share the same bonds, the same mindset, and even the same language (Jackspeak!). We are all equal. We are the heart and soul of the RNA.

Loyalty

To each other and our dependents We will always support and look out for each other. Our loyalty is to all our shipmates, our local communities, the personnel and dependents of the Naval Service, along with other charities or organisations with naval connections.

Patriotism

We are proud to serve and proud to represent our country and the Naval Service. Our pride in serving our country never leaves us. Nor do we forget those who have fallen for our country or who fight now. We are deeply honoured to represent them on both a national and international level.

Comradeship

Friends in fun, fellowship and need. Your shipmates will always be here for you, whether it's about a job, ideas for a fun day out or just an arm around the shoulder. We will never leave you or your dependents in despair.



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