



ROYAL NAVAL ENGINEERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

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## The Society Newsletter

# A bright future for the Society

## The Society is preparing for the future with the introduction of the Technician.

**Where should the Society be heading?** At the Executive Council this year it was decided to ask the membership you what you wanted from the Society. Before the first Technicians start joining the ranks of the Society have a say in what we do.

At present the Society is representing you in the following areas:

**Health and Safety:** We are ensuring that - within the bounds of the Royal Navy being an Armed force - you are safe and that the regulations relating to Health and Safety are being followed when they apply.

**Independent representation:** We are seeking a more independent method of representation to allow people more direct and secure routes of communicating harassment in any of its many forms and if necessary whistle blowing on those that fall below the high expectations of the service while protecting the service against unnecessary attacks.

**Technical capability:** We are applying pressure to the working parties who are making decisions on the Branch Development to maintain and improve the ability of our members.

**Offices:** We maintain an

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office in the Devonport area and we are seeking to obtain a new property in the Portsmouth area to replace the one in Southsea to improve our service to members.

**Benevolence:** We have a good rate of return on your subscription offering approximately £1,200 in death benefit if you are paying at the rate of £10 per year - this is approximate as it increases with greater membership.

**What next?** We want to know where you want us to concentrate our efforts or expand our services. A number of ideas are being proposed, but we wish you to have your say and present your ideas.

We are going to send out a questionnaire with the next Naval Engineering Review to ask your opinion and ideas. When it comes please help us meet your present and future needs and tell us what you want from your Society?

**Have your say:** We need your support in this project to shape the future of the Society. When it comes please respond. You can start now by writing to the General Secretary with ideas of what we should be doing for you now. These ideas will be incorporated into the questionnaire to see what the rest of the Society think.

### Important tasks

#### For Members:

- Tell the Managing Secretary of any changes of address and nominee.
- Let the Secretaries know if you have an email address.
- Attend a Section meeting.
- Get another serving engineer to join the Society.

**Act now and help the future of the Society**

## Managing Secretary's Report for E.C. 18 June 2005.

Newsletters were distributed to around 2,440 members in September 04, December 04 and May 05. The Centenary issue of the NER accompanied the December newsletter.

The last recruitment opportunity at HMS Raleigh was in June 04, although the forms are still made available to the new entries and several joined us from the September and December classes. Membership 'renewals' also continue, thanks to General Secretary activities and media coverage.

The proportion of those paying £10 pa is now around 25%, but there are also around 25% still only paying £3 pa. The news of higher benefits and contact details still needs to be broadcast!

Max Benefit payable, on £10 pa subs, is a levy of 50p per member, whilst £5 pa is 12p (and £3 is 10p) Subscription payments must be backdated to include the relevant increase year / end of apprenticeship.

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Benefit claims this period:	sum	Mem No / joined	D o B	Deceased
REA Stephen George Butters,	£264	08536 / 1963 to 1974		March 2004
Apprentice D Cross,	£240	14233 / 2001		13 May 2004
WO (Rtd) G G Love,	£293	08623 /	(aged 58)	Novem 2004
L/C (Rtd) John L Concannon,	£1,200	07798 /	(aged 59)	09 Feb 2005
POMEA J A Hayward,	£216	13344 / 1993		26 Mch 2005

It is worthy of note that one had not completed training, one was just 30 and three were in their 50's.

also aware of the death of:

Douglas R SYMES (wife, please stop mail) 07398, / 1958 02/02/41, (3 years ago!)

These claims amounted to some £2,213, but Mrs Symes (still paying £10 pa) may claim iro £1,200.

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Income from subscriptions appears to be down on last year by £1.7k (but is still £500+ up on 2002). I can account for about £750 as refunds, claimed by previously 'lost' members who had overpaid, but I suspect that up to 200 new recruits over the past two or three years have stopped paying!

Sale of tie pinnets is obviously down on last year due to the loss of recruitment opportunities.

There was a change of tenant at Plymouth G/F & Basement in Oct 2004, who then vanished in Feb 05 (the current tenant was installed late in April and also took on Flat 1 when Ms Hoyle vacated).

In spite of considerable expenditure on Agents and Solicitors (over £3k – to be repeated in current year) the actual loss of rent was less than two months worth, leaving a net gain from 113 NH of £7,000+.

Other expenditure on 113 NH includes stair carpet, meeting room chairs and road resurfacing deposit.

The Building Society Deposit continues to draw more income than Holland House rent ever did.

I hope to achieve sale of the 'government securities' this year, and then close the LloydsTSB account.

The biggest expenditures (apart from donations to St George's) were NER printing with two issues in the period (colour almost £2.7k - mono £1.8k) Newsletter production and of course postage of those.

The 'on the books' value of 113 North Hill is doubled (to £240,000) as of December 2003.

Plymouth Meetings continue at 113 North Hill - 19:00 - 4th Tuesday monthly (ex Aug & Dec).

The May AGM at the Devonport Royal Fleet Club was as unsuccessful as last year!

I have applied for yet another Keynsham (SSMG) job, so still prefer to promote the Society address: RNEBS Man Sec, 113 North Hill, Plymouth PL4 8JY; and work telephone: 01752 32 [93765] 5060

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## ROYAL NAVAL ENGINEERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31/03/2005

<b>RECEIPTS.</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Contributions, less refunds to members accounts:- . . . . .	16,393	14,689
Sale of Tie Pinnets:- . . . . .	195	40
Rents 113 North Hill, Plymouth:- . . . . .	12,750	11,753
Dividends:- Government Securities:- . . . . .	115	115
Savings a/c interest:-		
Term Investment Bonds / Building Society:- . . . . .	16,481	19,022
Barclays Bank, Postal Account:- . . . . .	2,022	1,656
LloydsTSB Flexible Account (Net):- . . . . .	2	1
Insurance Premium Recovery:- . . . . .	379	150
Donations:- . . . . .	1,574	0
Repayments (Marrack):- (£300 for expenses, £1,066 On Hold pending new a/c in 2005) . . .	287	1,366
<b>Total Income:-</b>	<b>50,198</b>	<b>48,791</b>
<b>PAYMENTS.</b>		
Review Account:- . . . . .	0	2,183
Printing, Postage & Telephone Costs (including Journal x 2 in 2005) . . . . .	352	7,731
Managing Secretary's Expenses & Mileage:- . . . . .	523	505
Managing Secretary's Salary:- . . . . .	3,500	3,938
Executive Council Expenses:- . . . . .	659	961
General Secretary's Honorarium & Expenses:- . . . . .	4,712	1,144
Newsletter Costs: incl Labour, stationery & postage . . . . .	(incl above)	4,000
Property Repair, Maintain & Furnish:- 113 North Hill Plymouth:- . . . . .	9,620	1,898
Agents Fees, New Lets & Inspections:- . . . . .	1,145	2,371
Insurance Premiums:- . . . . .	946	1,027
Lighting Cleaning & Heating:- . . . . .	170	245
Rates: Business & Water:- (05 incl rebate of £54 from 04) . . . . .	406	332
Death / Invaliding Benefits / Retiring Bonus:- . . . . .	1,208	1,998
Accountants / Auditors:- . . . . .	470	470
Income Tax:- . . . . .	0	216
Corresponding Members:- . . . . .	100	100
Recruiting Expenses:- . . . . .	288	177
Stationery:- (incl Pinnets 17/02/04) . . . . .	520	35
Office Equipment, Hardware & Software:- . . . . .	1,252	977
Marrack Prize, Fisgard Squadron HMS Raleigh:- . . . . .	292	97
Donations:- . . . . .	0	5,235
Bank Charges:- . . . . .	0	30
Solicitors Fees:- (lease renewal, land search, etc.) . . . . .	0	1,154
Outstanding Debit - to go to 'new account' for Marrack Fund:- . . . . .	0	1,066
<b>Total Expenditure:-</b>	<b>26,163</b>	<b>37,888</b>
<b>Income brought down:-</b>	<b>50,198</b>	<b>48,791</b>
<b>Profit / Loss:-</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>10,903</b>
Principality Building Society:- . . . . .	500,000	500,000
Standard Life Capital Bond:- . . . . .	0	100,000
Government Securities:- . . . . .	2,670	2,670
Scottish Equitable Bond:- . . . . .	40,000	40,000
9th Issue Index Linked National Savings Certificate:- . . . . .	10,000	10,000
LloydsTSB Flexible Account:- . . . . .	1,039	2,234
Barclays Bank, Postal Account:- . . . . .	101,779	16,435
Barclays Bank, Current Account (Subs):- . . . . .	2,983	1,407
Barclays Bank, Current Account (Rent):- . . . . .	6,306	4,002
Cash In Hand:- . . . . .	20	19
<b>Total Accumulated Funds:-</b>	<b>664,797</b>	<b>676,766</b>
<b>Creditor/Debitor</b> (2005, owing to Marrack Fund) . . . . .	<b>0</b>	<b>1,066</b>
<b>Profit / Loss:-</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>10,903</b>
<b>Property:</b> 113 North Hill (as Valued Dec 03):- . . . . .	<b>240,000</b>	<b>240,000</b>

Accountant: Shaun Walbridge & Co, Plymouth. Auditors: WO1 T Worsfold & Mr R Lampen

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## Royal Naval Engineers' Benevolent Society

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## The Society and You - News

### Feedback on the work of the Society

Recently I have received interesting feedback on some of the subject matter and the presentation in the Newsletter . All feedback is received with thanks.

I will always endeavour to improve both the English spelling and grammar contained in the Newsletter (and web-site).

The information placed in the Society newsletter is researched to the best of our ability and to a

great extent relies on you the members. If you believe that we have been inaccurate or do not have sufficient correct information to form a reasonable conclusion please inform us. Help your Society to present it's self well so that we can better represent you and the other members.

Information comes to the Society in a number of ways but the most reliable and up-to-date information always comes from you the members. We check this information with both other Society members and other serving members of the Royal Navy. We rely on you the members continuing to supply that information please keep it coming.

### "The Shearsby Suite"

An affordable meeting / conference facility in Plymouth for up to 12 people.

Newly refurbished with a small kitchen for the preparation of tea, coffee and light snacks.

Please Note: It is situated on the fourth floor and is therefore unsuitable for most people with physical disabilities.

- for further information contact Mr Heaver, Managing Secretary - contact detail as given on this page.