



RFA ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member,

RFA ASSOCIATION AGM 21st May 2016

I hereby give notice that the AGM of the RFA Association will be at 1500 on Saturday 21st May in the Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton.

The accounts for 2015, the Trustees Report and the minutes for AGM 2015 can be viewed and printed from our web site at www.rfa-association.org.uk available from 28th February. Paper copies can be provided on request, and will be available at the meeting. In the absence of any other volunteers Peter Fry has offered to take over from Pat Thompson and Ray Bennett has offered to take over from me. Pat Thompson is standing down from the position of Deputy Chairman on 21st May but will continue to stand as a trustee. I will stand down on 1st November as Chairman and trustee on completion of 9 years service. We have staggered these two dates to improve the handover to the new team.

A voting form is enclosed. Please can I ask you to complete this whether or not you intend to join us for the Reunion Dinner and send it direct to Steven Talbot at the address given. (This is the same address as the dinner booking form).

The agenda for the meeting will be:

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th May 2015 and matters arising.**
- 2. Reports and Accounts.** To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015, and the Report of the Trustees.
- 3. Appointment of Chairman and Trustees.**
- 4. Questions and Answers - the future.**
- 5. AOB. Matters notified prior to the meeting.**
- 6. Date of the next meeting.**

You will also find in this mailing a copy of the 2016/2017 Year Book; I hope you enjoy this book and that it enables you to maintain contact with former colleagues and friends.

Details of the Reunion Dinner in Southampton are on the reverse. May I ask you to send your responses for this direct to Alan Williamson.

Thank you for supporting the RFA Association and I look forward to meeting as many people as possible on 21st May.

Yours sincerely,

RFAA REUNION 2016

In aid of the RFA Association Registered No 1093950 Scottish Charity no 039054

Reunion Dinner

The Solent Branch will host this year's reunion dinner on Saturday 21st May 2016 at the Grand Harbour Hotel, formerly De Vere's, West Quay Road, Southampton, post code SO15 1AG. Latitude 50.8998 Longitude -1.4077. Access via M3 southbound and exit at J13 join M27, leave at J3 to join M271 and follow signs to Southampton Waterfront. By rail; Southampton Station a 10 min walk or 5 min taxi. By air Southampton Airport and a 20 minute Taxi drive.

Accommodation

We have reserved a number of rooms, at discounted rates of £120 per couple per night B/B. reservations can be made on 02380633033, quoting "RFA". There are numerous alternatives in the immediate vicinity including Holiday Inn, Travel Lodge etc.

Car Parking

FOC on "first come first served" basis.

Dinner

The cost will be £45.00 per head including service and gratuities. Please complete the form attached and return it to: RFAA Solent Secretary Alan Williamson 2 Atkinson Close, Alverstoke, Gosport Hampshire, PO12 2BZ.

The evening will commence at 1800 hours in the Mayflower Lounge and the dinner will commence at 1900 hours. Individuals should make their own arrangements for wine and if pre-booked a 10% reduction is available. Wine selection is available on www.rfaasolentbranch.co.uk.

Dress Code

Gentlemen: Lounge suits, Ladies: Equivalent

The RFA Reunion is in aid of the RFA Association and there will, as in previous years, be a Grand Raffle. Tickets will be priced at £1 each and if you feel able to help sourcing prizes from companies or through individual generosity please do contact Alan Williamson email: alemo@rfaasolentbranch.co.uk

RFA ASSOCIATION AGM 21st May 2016

Please return this form by 2nd May 2016 to:
Steven Talbot, c/o 2, Atkinson Close, Gosport, Hants, PO12 2BZ.

Name:.....

Membership Number:.....

1. Please complete above and tick either a) or b) or c) or d)

- a) Yes, I will be attending the AGM. *Go to section 2.*
- b) I will not be attending, but I wish the Chairman to exercise his own judgment and vote on my behalf. *Go to section 2.*
- c) I will not be attending, however I would like to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as my proxy, to vote for me and exercise that proxy as indicated in the table below. *Go to section 2 after completing the table below:*

| | ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
|---|---|-----|---------|---------|
| 1 | To receive the Trustees Annual Report & Accounts (These will be available on our website soon) | | | |
| 2 | To Appoint Mr. Peter Nicholls as Independent Examiner | | | |

| | ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF TRUSTEES | FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
|---|--|-----|---------|---------|
| 1 | To elect Frank Andrews as Chairman until 1 st November 2016 and Elect Ray Bennett as Chairman from 1 st November 2016 | | | |
| 2 | To elect Peter Fry as Deputy Chairman | | | |
| 3 | To elect John Patrick Thompson | | | |
| 4 | To elect Ray Bennett | | | |
| 5 | To elect Robin Lock | | | |
| 6 | To elect Robert Settle | | | |
| 7 | To elect Patrick Molloy | | | |
| 8 | To elect Ian Thompson | | | |

- d) I will not be attending. I appoint the person named below (if other than the Chairman) as my proxy to attend and vote on my behalf at the AGM on 21st May 2016 and at any adjournment to that meeting. *Go to section 2 after completing the details below.*

| PROXY NAME | PROXY ADDRESS |
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2. I declare that I am a paid up Full Member (Life or Annual) and that I am qualified to vote

| Signed | Date |
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GUIDANCE NOTES : If you cannot attend you may appoint a proxy, or appoint the Chairman to exercise your voting rights. The above voting form should be completed section 1 a) or 1 b) or 1c) or 1d) and then section 2 must be signed. Please return **no later than 2nd May 2016**. If you appoint a proxy but subsequently find you are able to attend you may do so, but you cannot vote at the meeting unless you revoke your proxy appointment in writing by noon on 5th May 2016.

BOOKING FORM - PLEASE RETURN BY 22ND APRIL 2016

Name:..... Membership No:-.....

I am unable to attend but would like to make a donation in support of the RFA Association of - £.....
 Or
 Please reserve me places at the RFA 2016 Reunion at £45.00 per head.

I will be accompanied by

If possible I would like to share a table
 with.....

- Starter Pressed Ham Hock & Leek Terrine, Watercress Rocket Salad, Pesto Dressing
 Carrot and Coriander Soup (v.g)
 Duo of Melon, Mango Sorbet (v,g)

- Main Fillet of Salmon, Chive Cream, New Potatoes and Sugar Snap Peas
 Fillet of Chicken with Smoked Cheese Wrapped in Bacon, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal
 Vegetables and Red Wine Jus (g)
 Wild Mushroom & Asparagus Strudel with Tomato Coulis (v)

- Dessert Fresh Fruit Salad with Sorbet
 Chocolate Mousse Cup, Vanilla Ice Cream
 Warm Sticky Toffee Pudding, Vanilla Ice Cream

| Name | Starter | Main | Dessert | Special Dietary Needs |
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Please make cheques payable to :
RFAA Solent Branch and post them
 along with this form to: The Secretary
 2, Atkinson Close,
 Gosport,
 Hants, PO12 2BZ.

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|Tickets to Reunion @ £45.00 | £ | . |
| optional cash donation | £ | . |
| <u>Total enclosed</u> | | £ . |



Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association

Member's Database.

We are taking this opportunity with the AGM/Reunion mailing to invite all members of the RFA Association to check their records in the Member's Handbook/Yearbook. Could you please check that your details are correct, and if they're not, please fill this form in and send it to Dawn, our Membership Secretary, at

Mrs D Reay
High House
4 St. George's Square
Ridsdale
Hexham
NE48 2TH

Or email it to:- dawn@rfa-association.org.uk

email addresses are particularly important and I know there are number of inaccuracies in the database, members with these known inaccuracies will receive a separate letter in with this mailing. With the advent of the e-Force4 (next one due out after the 2016 Reunion) email addresses are particularly important. Should you not wish to disclose a personal email address (spam and all that) why not create a FREE gmail, or the like, email address that we can use, then if you start getting Spam you can just delete it without disclosing your private stuff. If we haven't got a valid email for you we cannot send you the e-edition of eForce4 or other e-mailings. Please give this your attention and if you need any more help drop me a dit at deputy.chairman@rfa-association.org.uk

Aye

Pat Thompson

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| Member No. | | Address-1 | |
| Title | | Address-2 | |
| Surname | | Address-3 | |
| Initial(s) | | Address-4 | |
| Preferred | | Post Code | |
| Post Nominals | | Telephone | |
| Branch | | Email | |
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