







1985

Silver Jubilee Dinner

Royal Sailors Home Club Portsmouth

Saturday 18 May, 1985

Guest of Honour

Captain, The Lord Mottistone, CBE, DL, Royal Navy (Rtd)

Lieutenant, the Honourable David Seely completed his Long 'C' course in May 1945 serving thereafter in HMS KEMPENFELT and in HMS GLENEARN.

Following a period on the instructional staff at HMS MERCURY he joined the destroyer HMS CHEQUERS in which he was promoted to Lt. Commander. In the following years he served at HMS DRYAD, in the Directorate of Radio Equipment and at the Admiralty Signal and Radar Establishment. On promotion to Commander he joined the Staff Course at RNC Greenwich. Then followed appointments to the Staff of CINCAFMED, as Captain of HMS COSSACK and as Executive Officer of HMS MERCURY. In the latter appointment he was instrumental in obtaining permission for the foundation of our Society.

On promotion to Captain he served in the Admiralty as Deputy Director of the Signals Division, later as Captain D24 in HMS AJAX and finally in Ottowa on the Defence Liaison Staff.

He succeeded to his title in 1966 and retired from the Royal Navy the following year.

His civilian career has involved three directorships and he is Parliamentary adviser to several manufacturing trade associations. He speaks in the House of Lords for the Isle of Wight, the Navy and Industry.

Amongst his many other activities he is a Fellow of the Institute of Electronic and Radio Engineers, of the Institute of Business Management and the Institute of Personnel Management. He is Deputy Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight.

It is indeed our privilege that he has agreed to become the Patron of our Society and that he is able to honour us tonight with his presence.

1930 Sherry Reception in Nuffield Lounge 2000

Dinner

(Grace said by the Vice Chairman)

Vice Chairman proposes The Loyal Toast (All remain seated)

Chairman's Speech followed by

Toast to "The Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society and its future"

Introduction of the Guest of Honour

Guest of Honour replies

Toast to "Overseas Members and Absent Friends" (proposed by Jules Wijngaert, ON4WD)

Presentations

Bar to 2359

Dancing to 0100



Music during the Dinner and afterwards to J & M Sounds

MENU

Egg Mayonnaise

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Fillets of Plaice Chesterfield

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Fillets of Beef Steak with Asparagus

Croquette Potatoes New Potatoes Garden Peas Baby Carrots

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Fruit Salad
or
Black Forest Gateaux
with Fresh Cream

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Selection of Cheese and Biscuits

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Coffee and Mints

Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

1960 to 1985

At its Inaugral meeting, held in HMS MERCURY, on 25th June 1960, the RNARS was formed to "foster" the Amateur Radio movement within the Service" and "to promote Amateur Radio as an aid to technical education within the Service".

The Captain of the Signal School (Captain J.A.C. Henley, RN) was represented at the meeting by our Guest of Honour who was then the Executive Officer of HMS MERCURY.

In 1964 the Captain of the Signal School (Captain Bromley-Martin, RN) was invited to become our first President. Successive Captains have held that position and given the Society much support in its endeavours. We are delighted that our current President (Captain W.W.F. Chatterton-Dickson, RN) is able to be with us tonight.

The HQ station (GB3RN/G3BZU) is fitted out with modern communications equipment housed in modern premises - a long haul from the early Nissen Hut days!

The Society has a membership in excess of 2000 represented in 35 countries world-wide. Contact is maintained with our far flung membership through a comprehensive network of radio nets and through the pages of our tri-annual newsletter.

The London Group maintains an amateur radio station (GB2RN/G4HMS) onboard the WW2 Cruiser HMS BELFAST whilst our Australian Branch has similar facilities onboard the Corvette HMAS CASTLEMAINE and the Canadian branch will shortly have an amateur radio station onboard the Corvette HMCS SACKVILLE.

The Society holds an annual radio rally at Leydene in the summer and is also represented at Yeovilton Air Day and the RSGB Radio Show in Birmingham.

From todays strong position in the World of Amateur Radio the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society looks forward to the next Twenty Five years with confidence.

Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society

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