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## DESPATCH 36 July 2017

### From the Editor

The time has come for me to say 'good-by-ee'. If there's anyone out there who would like to have a go at editing *Despatch*, please get in touch. I would be happy to give any help needed or, if somebody would like to come in as a 'new broom', that's fine. As you know, this newsletter comes out twice a year but the Association is active and generates quite a lot of news. I thoroughly enjoy being your editor and have made many friends and been in touch with a variety of interesting people over the last fourteen years. But time marches on...

Lannah

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Veterans, Families and Friends,

There is great news to begin this Dispatch. Hundreds of supporters have recently raised £10,000 for the new 47 Charity to support our Veterans and keep the legacy and history of the Commando alive. If you are a veteran or widow reading this, the charity can also assist you in confidence with a financial boost. The new Charity is there to support the Veterans and the wider Association and to help honour the men of 47 who paid the highest price. Also since January, we've travelled to Normandy where we gathered beneath the standard and met new friends on the walk from Asnelles and in the 47 Bar on the Harbour Wall in Port en Bessin. It is a source of great pride in our Association that we were joined in the Memorial Garden in Port en Bessin by veterans of the Merchant Navy, and two more veterans of other units in the Town Hall. Earlier this year, we also sang and waved our flags at the Royal Albert Hall for the Mountbatten Festival. More social events and solemn memorials are planned under the eye of our President Chuck Harris who insists on a friendly and welcoming approach to all. We all wish to extend our sympathies to the family of Ken Porter, RN who travelled with us for many years who passed away before he could make it back to Normandy. I'd like to thank our fabulous Committee, Standard Bearer and Chaplain and all our friends in France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, and Canada. Our amazing editor

Lannah is stepping down next year after nearly 15 years producing this document and she has offered to help any member who'd like to take the role on - you are welcome to serve a shorter term in office of just 3 years if you'd like to apply to the Chairman! With best wishes to all who read this Despatch and thanks for the great honour of allowing me to act as Chairman.

Patrick O'Connell  
Chairman  
Son Capt Guy O'Connell HW Troop

## NORMANDY 2017

**This article is due to appear in the *Globe and Laurel*, July-August 2017.**

**Following in the Footsteps of 47 Royal Marine Commando**  
by  
**Bob Perry** (Executive Secretary 47 Charity)

Our annual trip to Port-en-Bessin was significant for two reasons this year: it was the first time that the newly established 47 Charity had provided financial support to the 47 Royal Marine Commando Association and also the first time that Major General Rob Magowan CBE, as Commandant General Royal Marines, had visited the port and generously taken time out from his hectic schedule to support our travelling veterans, Chuck Harris, Ken Parker and Harry Prescott.

We are extremely fortunate to have members of the serving Corps in attendance each year. As a token of our appreciation it was an honour to host CGRM at a working breakfast. Also present were the Corps RSM WO1(RSM) Gilby MBE RM, CO Col Scott OBE, RSM WO1(RSM) Roberts RM along with personnel from 1 Assault Group RM, Royal Marines Reserve Honorary Colonel, Col Hatt-Cook OBE RD\*, the CO RMR City of London, Lt Col Turner RM, the RMR RSM WO1(RSM) Campbell RM with other reservist and permanent staff and the Naval Attaché from the British Embassy in Paris, Capt Harris RN. We hope that they not only enjoyed their trip to Port-en-Bessin but also learned much about the history of 47 RM Commando.



***Veterans & co with schoolchildren at Bayeux***

This year our programme was as busy as ever. '*Following in the Footsteps of 47 Royal Marine Commando*' is now a well-established annual event on 6 June that retraces the 12-mile route taken by the Commando from Gold Beach to Port-en-Bessin. Serving and former Royal Marines, many British and French friends and families walk the route at a comfortable pace, hearing the story of 47 RM Cdo's mission and actions at specific points along the route. In previous years a regular participant on the walk was Kell Ryan, of the Ryan Air family, who sadly passed away in December. This year his wife Glenis and daughter Sinead were at the unveiling of a memorial to Kell and tree planting ceremony near the start of the walk. It will be a permanent reminder of a good friend and loyal supporter of the Association. Our visit to Bayeux War Cemetery, the final resting place for forty-two of the 47 RM Cdo fallen, was marked by a short service of remembrance, Last Post and wreath laying. The blustery weather conditions meant that many of the wreaths ended up scattered across the cemetery. The Corps RSM gently encouraged many of the local school children in attendance to round up the wreaths and replace them - a nice touch.

Another sad loss this year was veteran Ken Porter, a Royal Navy landing craft coxswain who delivered Canadian troops to Juno Beach on D-Day. Ken regularly travelled with the Association to Port-en-Bessin each year and will be sadly missed. The Association's chaplain, Canon John Wasley RNR, led a short service on Juno Beach where Ken's son, Clive, scattered his dad's ashes at the water's edge. The sombre proceedings were somewhat lightened when a 'rogue' wave caught out many of those attending. It was remarked that it

wasn't the first time that Ken had been responsible for wet feet on Juno Beach! The liberation of Port-en-Bessin is commemorated on 7 June. The first ceremony was at the 47 RM Cdo Memorial Garden on the Western Feature overlooking the harbour. Amidst tight security provided by heavily armed gendarmerie, the service of remembrance was led by John Wasley with Bugler Gareth Evans RM sounding the Last Post and Reveille. The large gathering, including CGRM and serving Royal Marines then transferred to the Captain Cousins Memorial on the



**CGRM talking with veterans**

Eastern Feature for a similar service. Captain Cousins is recognised as playing the decisive role in the battle of Port-en-Bessin; he was killed as he led his troop in the final charge against a heavily defended German bunker, which resulted in the surrender of the enemy and the capture of the port. A further ceremony followed in Place Gaudin and an opportunity to also pay tribute to the crews of the French cruisers Montcalm and Georges Leygues which supported Allied Landings at Omaha beach.

The following reception and events were further opportunities to strengthen the warm friendship between veterans, their families and friends and the community. The popular

historic vehicle parade through Port-en-Bessin, organised by Marc de Bolster, included living history re-enactors in WW2 military dress. Outside 'Le 47ème Commando' bar, renamed in honour of the Commando, we were entertained by singers and later the 'Band of Brothers' jazz ensemble performing music of WW2. The 'Bootneck Shuffle' was very much in evidence and a good time was had by all.

The following day we visited the 4<sup>th</sup> Special Service Brigade memorial at Sallenelles. Dr Christian Kottler was our kind host in the garden of Maison Chevigny where the Regimental Aid Post had been located during the defence of the River Orne bridgehead.

Our end of visit traditional Association dinner in the 47 Commando bar was the usual enjoyable and raucous affair that lasted well into the night.

So ended another successful visit to Normandy which would not have been possible without the help of so many people. In particular a special thanks to Ingrid Fearne, our excellent Secretary; Geof Haywood, Master of Ceremonies; Ken Cowdery, commemorative march director; Lou Sartorel and Les Pike, standard bearers; Canon John Wasley RNR, chaplain; Paddy O'Connell, linguist, raconteur and Chairman and Allen Withington, owner of the Willy's jeep utilised as CGRM's taxi! Last but not least a big thank you to all our sponsors. Their donations will ensure that we will continue to support our veterans and commemorate the high achievement of 47 RM Cdo.

General Horrocks, Commander XXX Corps during the Normandy campaign summed it up: *'It is doubtful whether in their long, distinguished history the Royal Marines have ever achieved anything finer.'*

## Normandy Extras

### Chuck Harris

Jacqueline Hearn, Chuck's daughter, wrote about one personal highlight of the many events during this year's Normandy trip:

"Meeting a Belgian couple, by chance, who we had met a few years previously, they asked us was Dad "Chuck Harris". After saying he was, they told us the French gentleman at the B&B where they were staying told them that his father (who had died a few years ago) had a piece of paper from the war with Chuck

Harris and Captain Cousins written on it.

We went to see the gentleman and he told us that his father had met them very early one morning during the war. We went to a farmhouse just down a track and met the gentleman's brother and family and they were amazed that Chuck Harris was still alive and spoke of that night during the war. They said that Dad and Captain Cousins were doing a recce of the area and realising, after a while, they were not German, let them in and helped them study

Captain Cousins' map on the table. They told them where the Germans actually were, all before the assault on Port en Bessin. This could have been vital to the attack. They also treated a wound on Dad's arm by pouring Calvados on it. They told us more details of that night, obviously remembered by the family from their father.



*Chuck with the French brothers*

Dad was so pleased to meet them and likewise them with Dad. They opened a good bottle of champagne in his honour. The Belgian couple were very good translators for us all. We all took many photographs and Dad signed a photograph of their grandson. Unbeknown to us, we had met him last year when his school in Port en Bessin put on a show for the Veterans and Dad had signed his tee-shirt which we also saw in the farmhouse. They were all so proud to be together in the same farmhouse after all these years and so were we.

It was such a chance meeting and such a happy event that I had to write about it.”

### **St George's School, Ascot**

It's become a tradition that we meet with the third year girls on their school trip to Normandy. As before, they were pleased to lay their tributes and to talk with the veterans. Lydia Jackson, the history teacher who organises and leads the trips, has written to Ingrid to thank her for arranging a suitable time and also quoted a letter from a parent, very satisfied with their whole trip, which includes the following: “Aliya really enjoyed herself and it was such a positive and moving experience for her. She absolutely loved meeting the veterans on D-Day, having the opportunity to speak to these gentlemen was a true privilege and something that will stay with her forever”.

### **Steve Hignett**

Our professional cameraman, Steve, has made his usual excellent video of the Normandy trip for members. It can be view online at:

[https://youtu.be/v4iB1RP\\_vE](https://youtu.be/v4iB1RP_vE) If this link doesn't work, it can also be viewed via the website on the events page. (There's a link on p 10)

## **IN MEMORIAM**

*We have learned of the death of the following veterans and offer sincere condolences to family and friends:*

**Roger Alan Dobson (PO/X111805)** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, Ipswich, aged 92.

Roger, also known as Dobbie, was a Lieutenant who served in both A and Q Troops. In June 1944 he worked in the docks and witnessed 47 Commando embarking for Normandy and had a brief word with one of the men. He immediately decided to volunteer for Commando training. In March 1945 he was assigned to 47 and joined them in Holland. He actually recognised the man he had spoken to as Sgt Mark Packer (A Troop). He arrived after Kapelsche Veer so believed he could take no particular credit as he didn't see any action other than patrolling the banks of the River Maas, nevertheless he served from then onwards through the difficult period when 47 helped to bring order to a disintegrated Europe. Marc de Bolster visited Dobbie when he made contact with the Association and found him to be a gentle and kind man, proud to have been a member of 47 RM Commando.

**Donald John Clark (PO/X 111778)** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Stratford upon Avon, aged 92.

Don, better known to his comrades as Nobby, served in HQ Troop. Like many, he added a year to his age in order to volunteer. After the rigorous commando training, he landed with 47 in Normandy and remained throughout the Normandy campaign. Later Nobby landed in Walcheren where he was wounded. After convalescence, he was on board ship bound for Japan when news of their surrender came through. The ship continued and brought back prisoners of war.

Don returned to Stratford after demob and worked for the Government, retiring as a Building Inspector. He received a medal for long service from the Queen and also, more recently, the

Legion d'Honneur from France.

War service coloured Don's life and he always insisted that the true heroes were those brave men who never returned.

**Kenneth William Stanley Porter** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Bristol, aged 92.

Ken joined the Royal Navy and became a Landing Craft Crewman on HMS *Invicta*. On D-Day his landing craft along with five others landed Canadian troops on Juno Beach. Their orders were to run in as fast as possible and not stop to pick up casualties. This they did, having to ignore those in the water, returning to *Invicta* several times for more Canadians. After this they returned to Weymouth and continued to ferry people to the beaches, including some American nurses.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> 1944 Ken's landing craft landed 4 Commando troops onto the heavily defended beach at Vlissingen (Flushing) in Walcheren. Much later in life he joined 47 RM Cdo Association and has been a staunch supporter revisiting both Normandy and Walcheren. After the war Ken worked for British Rail for forty years and achieved that schoolboy dream of driving a steam locomotive. He will be missed by family and friends, including those in the Association.

### THE RM MOUNTBATTEN FESTIVAL of MUSIC March 2017

Once again Veterans, Members and Guests headed to the Royal Albert Hall London for this the annual Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines (RMB) Concert.

*The proceeds are in aid of the Royal Marine Charity and the CLIC Sargent fund set up in memory of Sir Malcolm Sargent once an Honorary Musical Advisor to the RMB to care for young people with cancer. The concert was renamed "The Mountbatten Concert" in honour of Earl Mountbatten of Burma who was the Life Colonel Commandant RM after his death in 1979 by an IRA bomb.*

We had four Loggia Boxes and 5 Stall seats directly in front of the boxes and could have

sold more! This year our Veterans were Pat Hagan, Ken Parker and Harry Prescott who afterwards stayed overnight in the Union Jack Club.

Our Guest of Honour was Capt Chris Clough RN the previous Naval Attaché in Paris who during his term in office went out of his way to ensure our June party were front and centre in all that took



**Combined RM Corps of Drums & Swiss drummers**

place. He came with his son Charlie who is currently awaiting the opportunity to join the Royal Marine Reserves. Our second Guest was Heather Johnson who worked tirelessly in conjunction with Patrick and Mark Bentinck to archive the documents passed to the Royal Marines Museum after Prof Forfar died.

Before the concert started the Royal Marine Buglers took station ready to march into the arena and entering by the door nearest our boxes were some familiar faces including Tommo! He advised that the start of the second half would be memorable and it certainly

was with a drumming display by the Swiss Top Secret Drum Corps. Not to be left out the RM Corps of Drums joined them for a truly spectacular joint display.

The choice of music was varied with both classical and more modern pieces that showed the amazing talent displayed by the different soloists. As a whole, the Massed Band, the new RM Band Trainees who formed a Choir plus the dancers all gave us a concert to remember. The audience of course weren't allowed to just sit and we all joined in with the singing of patriotic songs at the final part.

Afterwards three members "bucket shook" to collect for the RM Charity before we returned to the UJC where, in the "early" hours, our party was the last to leave the bar – shades of Café 47 and just how do you convince 90+ year olds that they are supposed to go to bed at a reasonable time!!

Geof Haywood

**If you would like to attend MFM 2018 you need to let Geof know by the 10<sup>th</sup> September of this year.** Next year's concert is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 1930 and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 1400 & 1930. Please book early. Geof will let you know the prices as soon as they are published **BUT HE NEEDS YOUR BOOKING NOW!! Geof says:** Why so early? – We get our choice of boxes and seats because until the booking is open to the public in January we, through the RM Events Office, can request seats of our choice.

#### MORE NEWS

**Michel Désirable** Ingrid asked Michel to keep her updated about his pending heart operation. He wrote to tell her that it had been successful and he felt much better. He was helped in his recovery by his dear friend Heike from Germany. They will both stay in Domburg in November when he or, better still, perhaps both of them will join us for the Walcheren commemorations. Our best wishes to Michel for continuing good health.

**Jaco Van 'tNoordende** Jaco, one of our Dutch members, had planned to make parachute jumps on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June over US Drop Zones in Normandy before coming to Port en Bessin on the 6th. When he arrived in Cherbourg on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup>, there were no places left. The following day the weather was fine and calm, looking ideal for jumping. Arrived at Cherbourg and all geared up, the wind picked up and everything was cancelled. It's dangerous to jump from 3000 feet in 40 kph (c25 miles per hour) and land in 30 kph (c20 mph). Despite this, Jaco had a great time on the Drop Zone. At first he had trouble getting his head around American accents. Fortunately, he met two Brits. One of them said he had a North Country accent but it seems Jaco could cope with that better than American English which, at first, he didn't recognise as English at all! He arrived in the Port in time to take part in the walk once again which he thoroughly enjoyed.

**Ann Hughes** I received an email from Ann's family to tell of her sudden death in April. Just a few members may remember her on Normandy trips. She and her late husband Peter regularly came to Normandy in June, staying with their son, Dominic, a BBC correspondent who lived nearby at that time. Peter, the son of a Royal Marine NCO, did his National Service with the Royal Marines from about 1951 and was invalided out a year or so later with back problems. This was a severe blow to him as he hoped to remain with the Corps after his National Service. He remained loyal to the Corps all his life and also became a staunch supporter of 47 RM Commando.

**Heather Johnson** who joined 47 members at the Royal Albert Hall this year, began archiving material, originally held by our late President, Prof John Forfar, for the Royal Marines Museum. This has become part of the National Museum of the Royal Navy and

Heather is now their National Archives Officer. As she works her way through, she has been sending photographs to Marc de Bolster, Geof Haywood and me, in the hope that we would be able to supply some unknown names. So far we have managed this between us but it's possible that in future we may include some in *Despatch* to see if any members can help out.

### **Eastney RM Museum and Memorials**

The public galleries of the Royal Marines Museum closed on 1<sup>st</sup> April although some other activities continue on the premises such as meetings of the RM Historical Society. It is part of the ongoing plan for the Seomore project whereby the RM Museum moves to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard near HMS Victory and HMS Warrior. It will ultimately run alongside and as part of the National Museum of the Royal Navy's new Centre for Discovery and Royal Marines Museum.

There is a grant of £15M from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the move and much of the other expenditure involved but the Corps needs to raise a further £2.5M to make the scheme work. There is now an appeal for funds throughout the Corps, "Make History for the Royal Marines". Details at [www.royalmarinemuseum.co.uk/make-history](http://www.royalmarinemuseum.co.uk/make-history).

Major Bob Bruce RM, Chairman of the Friends of the RM Museum, has an article about the appeal in the current *Globe & Laurel*. He has already assured us that we will be kept up-to-date regarding the fate of our memorial to the fallen of 47 RM Cdo and those of other units in the Memorial Gardens at Eastney.

**Ernie Taylor** We learned the sad news that Ernie, a veteran of 48 RM Cdo has died at the age of 93. He lived in Holland with his Dutch partner, Riet. Some people may remember him from when we have met up with 48 in Walcheren, particularly at Zouteland, where the RN put a hole in the church roof in November 1944. It's sad to report the loss of another fine commando.

### **VE DAY DINNER, Saturday 13th May 2017**

*This is the second year that Chuck's grandson, John, has organised the dinner. He writes:*

This year we held the dinner at the Winter Gardens, Margate. 149 attended with twelve WW2 veterans, representing all the services, joining us as our guests of honour. The venue did us proud and the room looked magnificent, decorated and illuminated in red, white and blue.

It was lovely to see so many friends from 47 come along. Marc and Mariel from Holland, Roger and Tina, along with several friends, from Belgium, the now famous 'Ford Sisters' (Hillary, Jenny and Sue), Les Pike and of course Grandad (Chuck) with the ever-present hoards of the Harris clan.



*The 'Famous Ford Sisters' (and Peter c 1944)*

Tina once again delighted us all with her 40's songs and war time singalong, and the whole room was fixated on Marc de B as he read excerpts from his grandmother's diary leading up to and covering VE Day 1945. It was also great to see so many people in period dress and military uniforms. Next year I promise to come along in uniform myself, if we can find a uniform large enough!

All the veterans were looked after by our local Royal Marine and Sea Cadets, who performed and looked outstanding in full dress uniform, and as they left, presented each veteran with a pack of 'emergency rations' (with mixers) as a gift from us all.

And I must add a 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way, the whole evening was a resounding success.

John Prentis

## WALCHEREN 2017 BOOKING

The trip to Walcheren will run from Tuesday, 31st October to Saturday, 4th November 2017. We shall again have Dinner B & B at the Arneville Hotel in Middelburg. That and the cost of the ferry and coach travel will be included in the price, as yet unknown. The more people travelling the better the value. If you plan to come please let Secretary, Ingrid Fearne, know **as soon as possible**, sending a £25 per head deposit to:

Mrs I Fearne, 138 Beauchamp Road, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3DB

Cheques should be made payable to '47 RM Commando Association'.

The coach will pick up (very early) at the Royal Maritime Club, Portsmouth, and at the ferry terminal at Dover. If you wish to stay at the Royal Maritime Club overnight on the 30th please book as soon as possible, saying that you are with 47 Cdo, Membership no 4600 (or you get charged more), and that you require a packed lunch in lieu of breakfast. (Advance bookings: 0239 2837681).

Ingrid can also be reached on 0208 2390145 or email: [ingrid.fearne@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ingrid.fearne@blueyonder.co.uk)

## MONEY MATTERS

**Annual Financial Statement** The Financial Statement for 2016, kindly compiled by Allen Withington, is on page 12 of this issue.

**Subscriptions** The annual subscription of £15 for 2017 was due in January. Many thanks to those who have paid. If you've forgotten, we'll forgive you if you'll only PLEASE send your cheque, made payable to '47 RM Commando Association', to Gemma our Treasurer:

Mrs G Davison, 91 Catherine Street, Rochester, Kent ME1 2HL

In fact, there is a letter on the final page as a reminder to non-payers and intended to make it easier to send the relevant details (as well as the cheque!) or otherwise make a bank transfer online. It also appears so as to assure those who do pay that we are doing our best to successfully 'nudge' those who don't.

And, of course: **Veterans have free membership.**

## GEOF'S EMPORIUM

### **Geof has the following items available:**

Glass candle holder with 3D RM crest in centre £15 NEW ITEM

47 Crested Coffee Mug £4 also NEW ITEM

47 Pin Badges £5 each NEW (*see right*)

RM Crested Mugs £5

47-plaque crested coasters £2 each

WW2 RM Commando figurine - £21 – Special Purchase, only 1 left!

“From Omaha to the Scheldt” John Forfar, new edition - £15.

“From Gold to Omaha” - £12

47 RM Cdo Plaques - £26

47 RM Cdo Baseball Caps - £8.50

47 Table Flags - £8

“The Capture of Port en Bessin” prints. Signed by the artist David Rowlands £35

All items plus postage:

All available from:

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## 47 RM COMMANDO WEBSITE

Our thanks are due, as ever, to Marc de Bolster for his time and expertise in administering and maintaining the website. People from far and wide are able to find us, join the Association if they wish and get answers to all manner of queries. The website provides a huge amount of information on the history of 47 RM Commando and its personnel as well as Association events. It also provides an extensive photographic record. Well worth a visit!

[www.47Commando.org.uk](http://www.47Commando.org.uk)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Most of the photos in this issue have been made available by Joyce Stephens. A keen photographer, she takes hundreds of photos at 47 events. She has made the results of her very

professional work in Normandy this year available on Dropbox for any members who are online.

Many of the photos which have appeared in previous editions of *Despatch* were also provided by Joyce. Although she has never asked for any acknowledgement, I feel I should apologise for not getting around to it until now. LB



*Our President, Chuck enjoying the 7<sup>th</sup> June*



*Western Feature 2017*

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## 47 COMMANDO ASSOCIATION

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12 months ending 31st December 2016		
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Membership subscriptions		1,440.00
Donations		
Bank	£	
Cash		2,700.07
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Trip Revenue		
Port en Bessin	£	
Walcheren		11,324.75
		7,796.25
		19,121.00
Mountbatten Festival of Music		1,376.00
Book Sales		860.96
		26,858.03
EXPENDITURE		
Wreaths etc		541.00
Printing / Tea Towels		1,258.80
Postage		39.15
Mountbatten Festival of Music		
Tickets	£	
Hotel (UJC)		1,570.00
		628.00
		2,198.00
Normandy		
Coach		4,800.00
Hotel		5,788.50
Bal. of dinner		158.00
Bugler		368.22
		11,114.72
Walcheren		
Coach		3,730.00
Hotel		7,012.77
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		25,894.44
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		963.59

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21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

**Dear Member**

**We do not seem to have received your annual subscription so could you kindly send Gemma our Treasurer your £15 for 2017 and perhaps plan a Direct Payment for 2018 and the future due Jan 2nd.**

**If you have recently paid and have received this slip in error could you kindly let her know when and how your payment# was made?**

**Thank you and Best wishes,**

**Chuck Harris  
 President.**

**As agreed by Committee and all members at AGM Port-en-Bessin June 2017.**

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