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HMS Trenchant surfaced at the North Pole during a recent 'ICEX18'. She surfaced 5 times during the exercise and laid wreaths to commemorate the deaths of two shipmates killed in an accident in HMS TIRELESS during the last ICEX.

On a lighter note they also played a game of cricket, with a polar bear sentry looking out from the bridge!

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Glossary of terms

NCM	National Council Member
NC	National Council
AMC	Association Management Committee
FAC	Finance Administration Committee
NCh	National Chairman
NVCh	National Vice Chairman
NP	National President
DNP	Deputy National President
GS	General Secretary
DGS	Deputy General Secretary
AGS	Assistant General Secretary
CONA	Conference of Naval Associations

Throughout ☆ indicates a new or substantially changed entry

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Dear Shipmates,

Welcome to the May Circular. As usual the MoD switched all the heating off in Semaphore Tower since the Winter is scheduled to complete on 1 April, so we are all shivering in 5 degrees – so forgive frostbite-induced mistakes this month. I hope you are all keeping warm after this latest chill.

The National President and National Council are delighted to announce the appointment of Captain Bill Oliphant RN as my replacement as General Secretary. Captain Bill is a serving Logistics Officer and Captain of the Base here in Portsmouth. He will hopefully join Central Office at the beginning of November, for some induction training with partner charities and take over after the NC meeting at the beginning of December, with Paul staying to draft the Trustees report before going on leave and draft on 21 December. This all depends on the RN appointing in a new Captain of the Base in the right timescale. Captain Bill **will be coming** to the Dublin Conference, with a view to seeing the RNA at work and play. He will be there to see Conference for himself and not as handover (so buy him a drink!!).



Captain Bill Oliphant Royal Navy

Captain Bill saw some tough competition off and was the unanimous choice of the senior Shipmates group, our finance team and the main interview panel. He is a delightful man and I have known him professionally for 20 years – we have had many BZs on his appointment from senior naval figures.

About the Dublin Conference we now have **53 delegates**, so a big thank you to the branches that have responded to our call to come along. It's going to be a great Conference in a marvellous location.

Don't forget to discuss the annual report, financial statements and Conference agenda in branch meetings. Remember that if you have any questions at all – I am delighted to answer them before conference – or have notice of a question so I can get the best answer to you. This is your association, so ask anything you want, there aren't any secrets!

Huge congratulations to Shipmate Rita Lock MBE for her excellent Welfare Seminar held in Stoke on Trent – we had 55 Welfare Officers in the room. They enjoyed a varied programme covering several areas such as finance, SAIL, cancer, Project Semaphore, RNBT and others. Big thanks to Soapy Watson for organising a Quiz the night before, which had the GS stumped on soap opera characters (no questions about the Archers strangely) – also to S/M Rita for a raffle. A really nice social time as well as some serious work.



The Welfare Seminar have a brief on Project Semaphore by the GS

A reminder that we are looking for a National Branch recruiting Advisor. If you are interested – this could be a great role to make a big difference to the RNA – particularly if you have been successful. Expenses covered and the BRRA will have their own budget – and a big voice in how the RNA markets itself. Simple email application to paul@royalnavalassoc.com, please by the end of May.

A reminder to get booking the LIBOR buses for your summer trips. Anyone wanting the bus to shift to their area for a longer period – please give a shout and we'll take a serious look.

Some business please:

- If you want to spectate at the Standard Bearers competition give Andy a ring.
- The 2019 Biennial Parade will be held on **Sunday 8 September 2019** at the Cenotaph. Can I ask that Branch and Area committees include this in their planning and keep the weekend free for attendance at the RNA very special event? We have had a couple of Area meeting clashes in recent years and it would be good to leave the option open for all to come.
- I have been very pleased with the uptake of minor grants (under £250) from the Branch and Club support fund – which have been given for all sorts of different reasons from helping an elderly shipmate attend a reunion, basic repairs or decoration or for Armed Forces Day participation. This is in addition to the help given for local adverts in free newspapers etc. Just a simple email to GS is all it takes and snail mail for one non-digital branch (Fleetwood).

You will see the article about the Wyboston Lakes Hotel for the 2019 Conference. This is a very good venue – and we will have it to ourselves for a 'cosy' feel to the social side. Comfortable and modern it will have been recently redecorated before we arrive. The National President will be able to play golf, presumably driven around the course by the new GS!

Finally, a personal note of pride, I attended my nephew's passing out parade at BRNC Dartmouth last week. Shipmates will be pleased to hear that standards remain exceptionally high and the parade was everything you would wish for... Not a single mistake on the 'Advance in Review Order' in the 150 passing out officers – GIs will tell you this is good going. James is off the COLLINGWOOD for his WEO training and the issue of fluffy slippers for 4 o'clockers.



Mid James Quinn, GS and Liz Mrs GS.

Best wishes from the Central Office team

Paul



Welfare Seminar at Stoke on Trent this

1. ★ 2018 Dublin Conference – Accommodation

*******Conference Count Down - 38 days to go*******

As Shipmates can see above it is only just 38 days until the next Conference so if you are thinking of attending as a Delegate and joining the **53 other delegates attending**, or as an individual member you need to consider booking your accommodation in the next couple of weeks.

So.....

Dublin Conference Subsidy;

The National Council has decided that to encourage an improved attendance at the 2018 Conference in Dublin that each 'Voting Delegate' will be able to claim **at least** £100 towards the cost of travel/accommodation **in addition to the normal travel claim under pooled fares**. This includes delegates who are voting on behalf of another branch. The sum may increase depending on uptake. The subsidy can be used for accommodation etc, will be paid at a flat rate with the pooled fares claim, no receipt required for the subsidy (just attendance as a delegate).



Finally.....

Branch Secretaries are gently reminded that **it is essential they complete a 'Delegate Application form'** if they intend sending a delegate to Conference. This applies to all branches, even those who responded in the affirmative to the survey undertaken before Christmas asking for your intentions to send a Delegate to Conference or not. Failure not to comply will result in disappointment as the delegate will not be allowed a vote. **Form at the back of the Circ.**

2. ★ Finance Corner

Dear Shipmates,

- ❖ **2017 year end returns** - Thank you to all those Branches who have completed and returned their Year End Returns to Central Office, much appreciated.
- ❖ **2018 Conference – delegates** - Please note: Branches that are sending a Delegate to Conference (Ireland) that in accordance with the Rules & Bye-Laws (Page 21, 16, C), Central Office requires Subscription paperwork and payment, plus your 2017 Year End Return form. If Central Office does not receive your Branch paperwork for either of the above, then unfortunately your Branch Delegate will **NOT** be able to vote at Conference.
- ❖ **Standard cover** - Standard Cover invoices have been raised and applied to your Branch ledgers, this will reflect in your Termly accounts, which will be produced end of May.



- ❖ **Outstanding branch accounts to Central Office** - After reviewing my Aged Debtors listing, I can see that some Branches have still not paid their outstanding amounts from the last Termly accounts which was distributed in February. Can I please remind you that under the Rules & Bye-Laws (Page 41, B22, A) that the balance due shall be remitted to Central Office within 28 days. Please Shipmates, it's so easy to place paperwork in a draw and then forget about it, but I would be very grateful if you could dig out your paperwork and organise payment. Thank you.
- ❖ **Welfare seminar** -Having just returned from a very good and well organised Welfare Seminar, can I please remind Delegates that your Expense Claim forms must be returned to Central Office at the latest by 31 May 2018. Any received after the deadline will not be paid.

I look forward to seeing those Shipmates that are attending Conference in June.

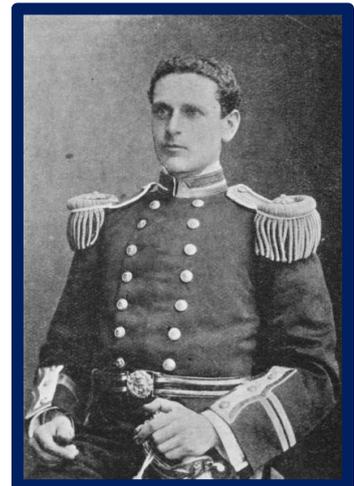
Yours Aye

Michelle

3. ★ RNVC Series – Surgeon William Job Maillard VC

During a recent Lee on the Solent and Stubbington Branch outing to the INM (Institute of Naval Medicine) in Alverstoke Gosport Shipmates were made aware of William Job Maillard VC the only Naval Medical Officer to win a Victoria Cross. So here is his story.

Born in Banwell, Somerset on the 10 March 1863 William was educated at Kingswoods School in Bath and proceeded to Guys Hospital for medical training. He joined the Royal Navy in 1889 first serving in HMS Blake. Maillard was 35 years old, and a Surgeon serving in HMS Hazard during the 1898 Occupation of Crete where he was awarded the VC.



The citation was follows;

[London Gazette, 2 December 1898], Candia, Crete, 6 September 1898, Staff Surgeon William Job Maillard, Royal Navy (HMS "Hazard").

On the 6th September 1898, during the landing of seamen from Her Majesty's Ship "Hazard" Surgeon Maillard, who had disembarked and reached a place of safety, returned through a perfect deluge of bullets into the boat and endeavoured to bring into safety Arthur Stroud, Ordinary Seaman, who had fallen back wounded into the boat as the other men jumped ashore.

Surgeon Maillard failed to bring Stroud in only through the boat being adrift, and it being beyond his strength to lift the man (who was almost dead) out of so unstable a platform. Surgeon Maillard returned to his post with his clothes riddled with bullets, though he himself was unhurt.



Surgeon William Job Maillard was invested with his Victoria Cross by Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace on the 15th December 1898. He was later promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon and died on the 10 September 1903 and was buried in the Wimbourne Road Cemetery, Bournemouth.

The picture opposite is the tribute to William Mallard at IMC

4. ★ Joke Time – Golfing

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green.



Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole.

The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one.

Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!"

5. ★ Charity Donations

Central Charities

RNA – Bracknell	£330.90
RNA – Edgware	£30.00
RNA – Bodmin	£100.00
RNA – Harlow	£25.00
RNA – Hereford	£100.00
F Williams	£20.00
M Curley	£150.00
J Hammond	£25.00
PA Seaton`	£25.00
Gurney	£21.00
JE Pickles	£56.00
AH Burgess	£36.00
GK Pursey	£25.00

In memory of the late

Mrs Janet Underwood	£50.00
Arthur William Tyler	£248.00
Charles John Whitebrook	£500.00
Percy Ernest George Pollard	£72.00
William Porter	£515.00
Harold Phillipson	£130.00
Tony Kirk	£15.00
Francis Fleming	£82.50
Donald John Cockerton	£20.00
Elizabeth Milne	£30.00

DS King	£20.00
P Dawson	£20.00
C Lawrence	£20.00
P Rafferty	£50.00
G Mooney	£50.00

Naval Service Memorial

Keith Ridley £26.00

Much Loved £36.15

6. ★ Guess Where? An Establishment

This month can you name this establishment? A lot easier this month. Remember no hovering or looking on Google or Wiki!!..... Good Luck this is very difficult ...

The answer will be in next month's edition.

And so, to the April 'Guess the Establishment'.....Extremely tricky... RMB Bickleigh Barracks conveniently situated on the edge of Dartmoor. The picture was taken from the main gate and was quite a surprise



when two 'Junglie' Merlin's landed in the field opposite by the riding stables! This one even stumped Admiral David Steel who is a ninja at establishments!

7. Vacancy for New Branch Recruitment and Retention Advisor

The National Council has created a new position of Branch Recruitment and Retention Advisor (BRRA) who will be responsible for advising the National Council through the Association Management Committee (AMC) on a range of branch level recruitment and retention issues. The BRRA's job spec and responsibilities are below;

Recruitment and Retention Advisor (RRA)

Job Spec –

1. Identify Members in Areas and Branches suitable to act as Recruiting and Retention Officers.
2. Organise and assist Area and Branch Recruiting and Retention Activities
3. Assist the Areas and NCMs identify Branches at risk of closing and provide help.
4. Assist Areas in identifying possible new Branches and special interest groups.
5. Share best practise - encouraging local activity
6. Develop an understanding of why people leave the RNA to develop retention strategies
7. Report to AMC as advisor
8. Advise the AMC on proposed Recruiting Activities
9. Develop cross over with marketing ideas for annual budget with GS
10. Manage devolved budget from GS.

The BRRRA will be required to travel to Portsmouth three times a year for a Saturday meeting and once to Conference to update the AMC on progress (expenses provided). BRRRA has been allocated a small travel budget to enable the BRRRA to get started.

The BRRRA position is open to Full and Associate members and anyone interested in applying for the position should forward their details to Central Office together with a short statement explaining why they believe they are the right person for the job.

The National Council will make an appointment at their meeting in June. If you require any further specific information please contact Central Office on 02392 23747

8. ★ Conference 2019 – Wyboston Lakes – St Neots

Shipmates will be interested to know that the General Secretary, Paul Quinn and DGS, Andy Christie, along with the Area 6 organising committee visited the venue for Conference 2019 last week for the initial visit.

Wyboston Lakes is a privately-owned hotel and is extremely

well suited to host an RNA Conference. Along with first class transport links the Conference itself will be held in the hotels Executive Suite. It will be exclusive to Shipmates and contains the Bar, Reception Area, Dining Room, Conference Room, Lounge area and accommodation. There are great options for those needing accessible

rooms, walk-in showers etc.



There is a golf course for the National President. The hotel is just off the A1 for cars and a £5 taxi ride from the station (we will look at a minibus shuttle on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning. We are in the latter stages of negotiating prices (which includes some lower bar prices (we hope) and booking forms will be available in Dublin and shortly afterwards through the Circ or website.



Pictures Clockwise I-r - St Neots Station – Conference room – Servery – Outside Area – Main reception Area – Walk-in Shower.

9. Veterans Gateway and Preserved Pensions

Shipmates may not be aware that the [Veterans' Gateway](#) is the one-stop shop for veterans who are seeking help. It is supported by a consortium of Armed Forces Charities, notably the Royal British Legion, SSAFA and Combat Stress.

The Forces Pension Society also plays its part, helping with pension enquiries of which we have fielded 750 to date and now running at a rate of over 100 a month. Many of these come from those who have lost their way and have no idea of whether they have a pension entitlement or what it is.



There have been some notable recent successes for some of those who have approached us through the Gateway Rob left in the early 90s after 11 years' service and is now in receipt of £5K pension and £15K tax free lump sum

Jack left in the mid 90s after 9 years and has now discovered that he will receive a pension of £3.5K in a couple of years' time at age 60 - and a lump sum of £10.5K

Pete left in 1984 after 9 years' service, now receives £3,300 pa and has trousered a lump sum of £10K

Mog left in 1980 with 6 years' service, and receives over £2K pa and a lump sum of just over £6K.

These stories are all true. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent. If you know someone who served from 1975 onwards they might be entitled to a preserved pension. Tell them to get in touch.
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10. ★ Assistance Request Please.



The son of AB William George Parker BEM, who is a member of Chard Branch, would like to ask Shipmates for any assistance in locating the Ships Bell of HMS St Kitts.

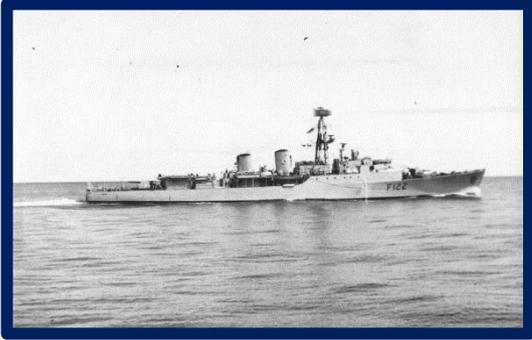
The bell along with the crest of HMS Camperdown and Ships Ensign were presented to AB George on his retirement from the RN as the longest serving AB after 44 years' service.

If you can assist, please contact Shipmate Dick Moon (Chard Branch) on 01460 929041.

11. ★ HMS Ghurka x2 and HMS Gurkha x 3 1888-1984 Assistance Please

Five Gurkha and Nepalese Communities across the UK, are buying a collection of paintings of the first two HMS Ghurka's and the three HMS Gurkha's Warships, which served bravely with the Royal Navy from 1888 until 1984. The paintings of the two HMS Ghurka's and three HMS Gurkha's, will be presented to the Nepali Ambassador in London later this year, as part of the 1914 -1918 closing celebrations in London and it is hoped that they will be placed on permanent display either in the London Embassy or in the Nepali Parliament Buildings, to represent the

great friendship and loyalty between the Peoples of Nepal and the United Kingdom over the last 200 years. They are hoping a VVIP and members of the Ships Company of three HMS Gurkha's (F20, G63 & F122), plus the artist to the Nepali Embassy for the presentation.



Moreover, the communities will be requesting the assistance of HRH the Princess Royal, Colonel in Chief of the Queen's Gurkha Signal's Regiment and Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment and Commodore in Chief of Portsmouth, along with the Navy Board to petition the Government to name one the new Type 31 Frigates to be named HMS Gurkha. They intend to gather as many signatures as possible in their local areas to aid their case, details to follow. The

communities, who have many serving personnel, retired Gurkha Veterans and children of veterans now serving strongly believe there should be another HMS Gurkha.

The Communities would welcome any help and assistance in contacting or tracing any living members of the Ships Companies of HMS Gurkha F20, or HMS Gurkha G63 and/or HMS Gurkha F122, or especially from the HMS Gurkha Association. They would very much like to meet up with former Royal Naval Personnel, who served on any of these HMS Gurkha's and are still living, or their family members.

Please contact Namaste David and Gurkhamum Wendy plus JKALI too at;

5 Gurkha House Annesley Ave, Layton, Blackpool, Lancs, UK, FY3 7JD. Mobile: 07751790053, email; Gurkhamum@gmail.com, [or] wheelchaircharlie39@uwclub.net,

12. ★ Can you Assist?

Central Office received this request from Mrs Trish Snook. Can anyone assist? The flag has "HMS Arethusa – Trans Australian Exped 79 By Appointment". It features the following names: Roger Bishy; John Shaw; Steve Dickenson; Dinger Bell; Paul Engeham; Jim W Slight.

Dear Sir, Madam

I have just recently lost my husband Robert (Bob) Harold Snook LF 983977 ex RN 1959 to 1970 and I am now the 'Custodian' of the White Ensign (see attached photo) I would like some help in repatriating this flag. Could you please advise me, who I need to contact.

I would appreciate some help with this.

Many thanks

Mrs Trish Snook opal43@hotmail.com



13. ★ RNAS Yeovilton Air Day

The Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton International Air Day will open its gates on Saturday 7 July 2018 to 40,000 visitors, just as it did over 70 years ago, in 1947 at its first ever Open Day.

As one of the Southwest's largest one day events, the award-winning Somerset airshow offers an action-packed day out for all the family with thrilling flying displays and amazing ground attractions. Over five hours of incredible flying displays will feature fast jets, historic warbirds, helicopters and formation display teams. There are already some rare and exciting aircraft confirmed.

The Royal Canadian Air Force's CF-18 Hornet Demonstration Team is making its first UK appearance in ten years and its first Air Day visit in decades. As one of the world's most dynamic and powerful solo fast jet displays, Canada's display Hornet is just part of the substantial international line-up now taking shape.

So far, flown at no other UK airshow, the Rafale pair and it's an award-winning, all-action routine will be in attendance to highlight the French Navy's cutting-edge multirole carrier fighter aircraft. The French Navy is also contributing an exceptionally rare Atlantique 2 to the flying display. This maritime patrol aircraft has not performed in British skies for over 15 years, so will be a major highlight of Air Day's five-plus hour display.

Fittingly, rare naval heritage aircraft like the Swordfish and Sea Fury will take centre stage in the Somerset skies. Their modern-day counterparts will also provide a spectacular sight demonstrating the contribution made by naval aviation to Protect Our Nation's Interests.

Throughout the day, families will have the chance to enjoy plenty of ground entertainment including discounted entry to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, interactive military displays, an engineering fair, performances from military bands, classic and military vehicle exhibitions, funfair, simulators, helicopter pleasure flights, trade stalls and much, much more!

Service Personnel and Veterans are entitled to purchase discounted Adult Tickets at £22 each (normal Advance Price £24 and Gate Price £30). Child Tickets (aged 5-15) are available at £7 each (Gate Price £10).

Please visit the Defence Discount Service website at www.defencediscountservice.co.uk/ to acquire the discount code and book your tickets at www.royalnavy.mod.uk/yeovilton-airday before 2 July 2018.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/yeoviltonairday
Instagram: @yeoviltonairday & #Yeovilton18

Twitter: @YeoviltonAirDay & #Yeovilton18



14. ★ HMS Collingwood Open Day Featuring RNRMC Field Gun



The poster for HMS Collingwood Open Day 2018 features a large central image of a ship's steering wheel. Text on the poster includes: 'ROYAL NAVY', 'HMS Collingwood Open Day 2018', 'Featuring ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY FIELD GUN COMPETITION', 'SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 0930 to 1700', 'www.royalnavy.mod.uk/Collingwood-Openday', 'FREE FUNFAIR FREE KIDZONE plus more', 'SAM HOME OF COURAGE', and a ticket price table.

Tickets	Advance	On Day	Only Assistance Dogs Allowed
Family	£20	£25	
Adult	£8	£10	
Child/OAP	£4	£5	

Available from - www.ticketzone.co.uk

HMS Collingwood will be holding its annual Open Day featuring the Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity Field Gun Competition on Saturday 2nd June 2018, with gates opening at 0930.

Twenty-four teams from as far afield as Naples and Gibraltar will be competing for the prestigious Brickwoods Trophy in front of large crowds.

Around the competition, Collingwood will stage a wide range of attractions, entertainment and a free fun fair - a fantastic day out for all the family. The aim being to raise as much money as possible for local and naval charities.

Advance Family Tickets are £20 or £25 on the day, Adult Tickets £8 or £10 on the day and Child/OAP 3\$ and £5 on the day. Tickets are available from www.ticketzone.co.uk

15. ★ HMS Bristol Association Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the Membership of THE HMS BRISTOL ASSOCIATION that an **Extraordinary General Meeting** will take place in the WO & GI's Association Mess, Whale Island, Portsmouth, commencing at 1600 hrs, Saturday 15th September 2018. It is hoped that as many of the Membership will attend and as such you are requested to forward your details, including vehicle registration, colour, make and model to the Interim Membership Secretary, Mike Tuttiett by email to miketuttiett@virginmedia.com. A full Agenda will be provided in due course.



This will hopefully be followed with a visit and tour of HMS Bristol, with the Commanding Officer David Price's permission.

Notice is also given that a **Reunion** is to be held in the WO & GI's Association Mess, Whale Island, Portsmouth, commencing at 1900hrs, Saturday 15th September 2018. Entertainment, victuals and beverages will be made available. As at the 2016 Reunion, Association Members plus one Guest will be permitted "Free of Charge", additional Guests and non-Association Members, including former members of the Ship's Company (All Commissions) will be charged the nominal fee of £10.00 per head. A maximum of number of 100 will be allowed and tickets allocated on a 'first come first served basis'. Details of those wishing to attend and any guests, along with vehicle details where appropriate (vehicle registration, colour, make and model) should be forwarded to the Interim Membership Secretary, Mike Tuttiett by email to miketuttiett@virginmedia.com.

Payments by cheque, annotated with the reference "HMSBA Reunion 2018" plus the Members/Individuals Surname and initial with number of guests written on the reverse, should be sent to:

The Interim Membership Secretary, HMS BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, 15 Romsey Avenue, Portchester, FAREHAM Hampshire PO16 9TR

Alternatively, payments may be made 'online' if you have access to Online Banking to:

Pay to: **Lloyds Bank Plc**
For the Credit of: **HMS BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**
Sort Code: **30-92-69**
Account Number: **01369870**

16. ★ Association of Wrens Visit Naval Service Memorial

Three Trustees of the Association of Wrens; Rita Hoddinot, Carol Gibbon and Fay Watson recently visited the National Arboretum for a meeting to discuss their forthcoming 100th anniversary commemorations in 2020.

Whilst there they visited the Naval Service Memorial commenting how fascinating the NSM was in the spring light.



17. ★ Pembroke House Annual Garden Party

The Management, Residents and Staff at Pembroke House cordially invite you to join us on Saturday 28th July 2018 for our Annual Garden Party which will commence at 1200 hours.



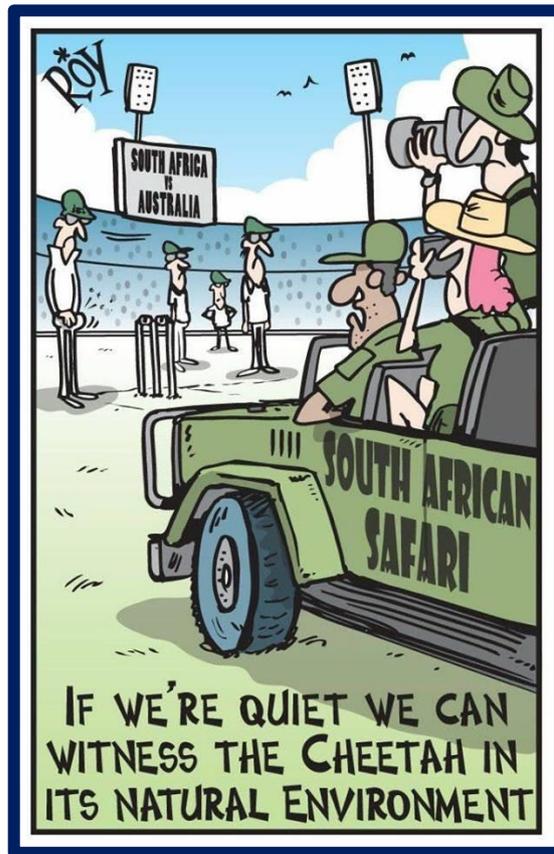
Entrance is £15.00 per head and Children aged 5-12yrs will be charged at £5.00 per head, with no charge for children/babies under 5 years old.

The day will include a ploughman's lunch with wine as well as a selection of desserts, and a subsidised cash bar with entertainment from Shep Woolley and singer Annie Love.

Should you wish to attend please contact Kelly by calling Pembroke House on 01634 852431 or by emailing llykirtley@pembrokehouse-rnbt.org.uk no later than Monday 2nd July 2018. Please note due to this becoming a very popular event we will be unable to admit anybody on the day that does not have an invitation.

It will hopefully be a great afternoon and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

18. ★ A Small Cricket Joke!



19. ★ Blonde Joke for the Road.

There are 11 people hanging onto a rope that comes down from an airplane. 10 of them are blonde, and one is a brunette. They all decide that one person should get off because if they don't, the rope will break and everyone will die.

No one can decide who should go, so finally the brunette delivers a very touching speech, ending with the words, "I'll get off."

The blondes, all moved by the brunette's speech, start clapping. Problem solved!

RNA Longcast

2018	
05 May	Area 5 Quarterly – Harwich
12 May	Area 4 Meeting - Christchurch
12 May	National Standard Bearer Competition – HMS Collingwood
18/19/20 May	Londonderry Branch Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration 2018
18 May	Open Day
08 Jun	NC/AMC/FAC/SOC Meetings
8/9/10 June	RNA Conference - Dublin
29 Jun	Open Day
30 June	Armed Forces Day – Llandudno (North Wales)
04 Aug	Area 5 Quarterly – Harwich
10 Aug	Open Day
17 Aug	FAC
18 Aug	AMC
07 Sept	CONA 'Clear Lower Deck' - Annual Conference event, Royal Maritime Club
08 Sep	National Council Meeting
10 Sep	General Secretary – Hand Over
15 Sep	Area 4 Meeting - Dorchester
05 Oct	Open Day
21 Oct	Trafalgar Day
03 Nov	Area 5 Quarterly – Rayleigh
07 Nov	Captain Bill Oliphant arrives for handover as GS
08 Nov	Field of Remembrance – Westminster Abbey – Sunday rehearsal
11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday – NCh to lay wreath DGS as wreath bearer 100th anniversary of the Armistice for 1WW Battles Over commemorations nationally – many RNA taking part
16 Nov	FAC
17 Nov	AMC
23 Nov	IMC Executive Council Portsmouth and WW1 commemoration
08 Dec	National Council Meeting
13 Dec	Battle of the River Plate Day
21 Dec	Captain Paul Quinn goes on leave and draft
22 Dec to 2 Jan 19	Central Office Christmas closed period
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02 Feb	Area 5 AGM & Quarterly - Harwich
15 Feb	FAC
16 Feb	AMC
16 Mar	National Council Meeting
04 May	Area 5 Quarterly - Norwich
7-9 Jun	Conference – Wyboston Lakes (Area 6)
7 Jun	National Council / AMC/ FAC / SOC Meetings
03 Aug	Area 5 Quarterly - Rayleigh
16 Aug	FAC
17 Aug	AMC
07 Sep	National Council Meeting
08 Sep	Biennial Parade - Whitehall
02 Nov	Area 5 Quarterly - Harwich
07 Dec	National Council Meeting

D'ye hear there'.....

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RNA Royal Leamington Spa Branch



Shipmates may wish to know that Royal Leamington Spa Branch has moved from its previous headquarters for the past 49 years and is now safely ensconced in their new HQ at Racing Club Warwick where they have a Branch meeting and breakfast on the first Sunday of each month.

Royal Leamington Spa Branch celebrated their 70th anniversary in February and are looking forward to a Summer of outings with a full social calendar.

The photo above is shows members at the first Branch Meeting in their new Racing Club base.

RNA Lincoln Branch

On Saturday 24 March at Lincoln Branch Club, the Vice Chairman of No 9 Area, S/M Mike Williams made two presentations on behalf of the Chairman.

The first was to No 9 Area Chairman Shipmate Keith Crawford MBE and the second to Shipmate Julian Harries who is the Area Secretary. They both received Certificates of Appreciation for serving No 9 Area for twenty years.

The phot shows S/Ms Keith Crawford and Julian Harries with their Certificates.

A well-deserved BZ.



RNA Riders Branch

The Royal Naval Association Riders Branch was commissioned at 12.15 during the Inaugural Meeting on Saturday 14 April 2018. The meeting was held at The Royal British Legion Club in West Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne and the Commissioning Officer was S/m Chris Rich, Secretary of RNA Tyne Branch.



Following the Meeting, four of the five Founder Committee members

celebrated the event with a Ride-out to visit the 1101 'Tommy' statue at Seaham in Co Durham (the Vice-Chairman was unable to ride due to injury).

this was followed by an evening in Newcastle city centre including a visit to 'The Response' (otherwise known as the Renwick War Memorial).

The photos show Founder members Bernard McPhillips (Chairman), Steve Dunn (Vice-Chairman), Roslyn Hastie-Murray (Hon. Secretary), Alan Johnson (Hon. Treasurer) and David Ives (Standard Bearer) with honorary Committee members Eddie Chambers and John Logan alongside Chris Rich, Commissioning Officer.



Many thanks to Shipmates from RNA Tyne who hosted a Social night the evening prior to the meeting and made the Riders very welcome and to S/m Chris Rich for his excellent support and leadership of the Meeting itself.

RNA St Neots Branch

On St Georges Day (April 23rd) members of St Neots Branch turned out to support the Mayor's Flag raising ceremony. The recent warm weather may have affected them!



The picture opposite (left) shows John Gibbs President and Vice Chairman, doing the dance of the seven veils, with Chairman Mike Milne looking on!



In the picture opposite (right) on the Mayor's right is Branch Secretary and Membership Secretary Tony Webley, looking his HMS Ganges best wearing his 'RNA Nos Ones' and fulfilling the role of Standard Bearer



Sadly the same can't be said of the Mayor! He may have had an early tot, or two! **Luverly Juberly.....** as Del Boy would say!

The branch is an enthusiastic supporter of the Mayor's flag raising ceremonies, the last being the founding of the RAF. Other Standards is attendance were from the British Legion and the Royal Air Force Association.

RNA Dagenham Branch

Dear S/M Mrs Marjorie Wilkin a member of Dagenham Branch has now reached the grand old age of 107 years (I said 107 years) and has been a member of the branch together with her son and daughter for over seven years

Although she has experienced a few medical problems in the last few years Marjorie is in good health and retains all her marbles but, unfortunately is now unable to attend branch meetings or our social evenings and runs ashore that she always supported and enjoyed greatly, even to the extent of singing with our resident shipmate entertainer.



Branch Shipmates suspect that S/M Marjorie is the oldest member of the Association and as such merits a special entry in the Circular. **BZ Marjorie.**

RNA City Of Sheffield Branch



There will be a Remembrance Service at the Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 6th May to remember the 20 lives that were lost when HMS Sheffield was attacked during the Falklands War.

Standard Bearers, Sea Cadets and anyone wishing to parade should muster on the Cathedral forecourt at 13.30hrs. There will be a short service at the HMS Sheffield memorial in the Cathedral grounds followed by the main service in the Cathedral at 14.00hrs.

Everyone is welcome. If you have any queries, please contact Dave Wild on 01246 569351 or by email at davewild52@gmail.com

RNA Newton Aycliffe Branch

On Tuesday 26th March S/M Geoff Mackey, Chairman of Newton Aycliffe Branch presented a cheque for £200 to Mrs Pat Chambers, Co Durham & Darlington NHS FT Charity, who is the Charity Development Manager, MRI Scanner Appeal.



The donation will be used towards the purchase of a scanner for the the Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospital. Mrs Chambers thanked the Association and provided a brief on the amount raised so far towards the £1,000,000 target and other Hospital ongoing appeals and successes

S/M Geoff Mackey, who is a Founder member of 42 years standing and his wife Enid, also a member, have been grateful for the old Scanner and Mrs Chambers explained now the upgrade would improve the clinical excellence of Darlington and Bishop Auckland Hospitals when installed.

The photo shows Mrs Pat Chambers receiving Donation cheque from S/M Geoff Mackey Chairman of Newton Aycliffe Royal Naval Association. L to R - S/M Gwen Bailey, S/M Geoff Mackey, Mrs Pat Chambers CDDFT Charity Development Manager, S/M Enid Mackey, S/M Liz Lewarne

Thanks to S/M Liz Lewarne for the article

RNA Bude Branch

Bob Gelder the Elder Hon Sec at Bude in deepest Kernow has forwarded the latest dispatch from way out west!

Following on from last year's extremely successful format when the Branch raised £835 for RNRMC, we decided to have another go! Once again staged at The Falcon Hotel (regular meeting venue) this year's "Fun Quiz" of 100 questions over 10 sections, the response was excellent with 21 tables racking their grey cells over a variety of items.

This year we shared the evening's nett receipts with the Falcon Hotel's nominated charity for 2018 which is Cornwall Palliative Care. With strong support for the Raffle + Table fees + an auction for a very limited bottle of commemorative celebration HMS Queen Elizabeth Gin, the Branch & Hotel were delighted to reach that magic figure of (gross) £1,000 with only winners and runners-up prizes to be deducted. Separately all present were invited to donate additionally to Cornwall Palliative Care via envelope. This event is now firmly in the R.N.A. Bude Branch calendar and will happen again in April 2019.



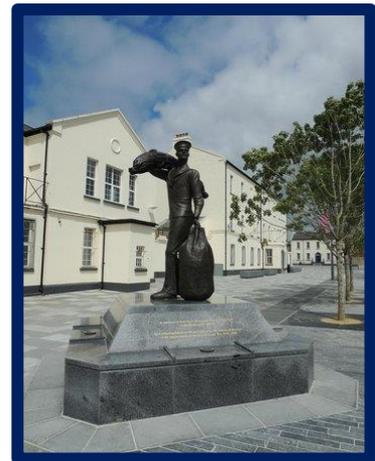
Also on the Social Agenda are the first "Sunday Lunchie"; A "Psychic Evening" courtesy of a Branch Member; a "Race Night" with all facilities supported by Bookie 'Honest Jack'; Branch "Meet, Greet & Recruit" at Morrisons Sat 4th August; "Trafalgar Night Dinner" on Sat 20th October. Ex-RN or RM? Come back onboard! Full or Associate membership now available: contact bobgelder1@gmail.com

Pictured organizing "Quiz Night" are Back Row (l to r) Steve Adams (Asst. Social); Dave Worth (Branch Chairman); Front Row (l to r): Tanky Williams (Standard Bearer/Rum Bos'n); Bob Gelder (Quiz Master, Hon. Sec./Membership/Press); Peter Phillips (Hon. Treas. & Raffle); Chunky Philp (Social Sec. & Event M.C.); Stuart Douglas (Vice Chair & Quiz Verifier); John Bosworth (Raffle). Not shown Godfrey Harrison (President/P.R.O./Slops and "Duty Snapper").

RNA Londonderry Branch

Shipmates may be aware that the annual Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration is a major event planned and hosted by Londonderry Branch RNA. It follows the successful commissioning and unveiling of the International Sailor Statue, which stands proudly in what was HMS Sea Eagle. The Statue mirrors the Sailor Statue standing in Downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the Convoys set off from.

The 2018 project completes the "Triangle Run" which will see Convoy Bells placed in Halifax NS and Londonderry NI, joined by the third bell, which will be placed in St John's Newfoundland. The First Convoy Bell was transported from Canada and dedicated in St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry and then returned to Halifax, Nova Scotia and placed on Canada's Naval Memorial ship HMCS Sackville. HMCS Sackville is the last remaining Corvette and was a frequent visitor to Derry during the war. The Second Convoy Bell was commissioned and dedicated in St John's Newfoundland and transported here. It is on permanent display in the Tower Museum in Londonderry. The current project will see a Third ships bell, commissioned and dedicated in Londonderry and presented to St Johns Newfoundland, in recognition of the contribution made by the Newfoundland Escort Force, in protecting the Merchant Ships as the Convoys made their way through the U boat Wolf packs to get much needed supplies to the UK.



The Program for the Royal Naval Association Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration 2018 to be held in Londonderry 17th to 20th May 2018

Thursday 17th May 2018:

19.00 Meet and greet the visitors: Waterside Royal British Legion, Hosted by the RNA.

Friday 18th May 2018:

Times to be confirmed. ***Venue in Co Donegal, Southern Ireland***

HMS Laurentic WW1 Commemoration and unveiling of Memorial: Hosted by Ulster Canada Initiative, supported by RNA.

Saturday 19th May 2018:

10.00 to 16.00 WW2 Exhibition by Museum Services in Londonderry's Guildhall and Guildhall Place.

15.00 Wreath Casting Ceremony on River Foyle. P2000 TBC.
18.00 Mayors pre-dinner Reception in Tower Museum.
19.00 Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration Dinner, City Hotel Derry. (£30)

Sunday 20th May 2018:

10.00 Muster for Parade to St Columb's Cathedral. (Society St)
11.00 Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration Service and Dedication of the Bell.
12.00 March Past and Wreath laying at the War Memorial in the Diamond.
13.30 Lunch: Waterside Royal British Legion, Hosted by the RNA.

'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'



******Shipmates will find a personal invitation from RNA Londonderry at the rear of this Semaphore Circular containing details of costs and rig******

RNA Aldershot Branch

Aldershot Branch are holding several events this year at the Aldershot Conservative Club, Little Wellington Street Aldershot GU11 1PE for which they would very much like to invite shipmates from other Branches to attend;

The Death of the Tot - Friday 27 July 2018

- Doors Open 1900 – Cadet Band 2000- Ceremony 2030 – Bar until 2359 - Free Entry & Free TOT

The 2018 Banyan Party - Friday 31 August 2018

- BBQ, Entertainment and a free TOT – Bring your loudest shirt, shorts and Flip Flops Tickets £6
- Top of the Bill is the Unashamedly brilliant Shep Woolley (Still sounds good for 80!)

Flight Deck – Horse Racing Night - Friday 23 November 2018

- Doors Open 1900 First Race 2030 - Free Entry & Free TOT, Disoc and Bar open until 2359

For further details of any of the above events please contact Eddie Toyne 07986 691060 or Mick Mills on 07956 078671

RNA Preston Branch

On Sunday March 25th RNA Preston Branch took RNA Libor Bus on its maiden voyage, to the National Arboretum at Staffordshire, couldn't be better place for its first outing.

Shipmates had a memorable run ashore even hiring a mobility scooter for 'little' Billy, one of the branches older members. Even the weather behaved itself!



RNA Rayleigh Branch

Please see below the monthly 'goings on' down Essex way in Rayleigh Branch

Shipmates Terry Barker and Dave Bishop hosted our annual Auction Night on Wednesday 7 March. The special fund raiser proved to be very successful this year, raising a record breaking £352.30 for the Annual Mess Dinner fund. Well done gents and thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Our visit to the Cutty Sark, Greenwich Market and National Maritime Museum was once again a very enjoyable visit for all those who attended. Our Advance minibus driver Faren was once again very helpful and managed to drop us off and pick us up near to the visit site.



On being dropped off we had to complete a Practical Leadership Test (PLT) in the form of preparing the RNA wheelchair for use. This was not as easy as it sounds as despite various efforts from the group it would not open. Finally, S/M Mike Sandbrook resolved the issue in true Naval fashion of 'Winging It' by sticking his bum in the seat and forcing the chair to open. Job done, problem solved literally by the seat of his pants.

Our first stop was the Cutty Sark which has been fully restored to her former glory days. As usual we started off with a brew in the café which is actually situated under the ship with a fantastic view of her

keel. The group thoroughly enjoyed the experience especially the narrative from the Cutty Sark Avatar who just happened to be a pretty young Scottish girl who seemed to captivate our group (especially the men for some unknown reason). Alan White, I will take your comments to my grave.

We then took a short walk to Greenwich Market. On Thursday's the Market has collectors and vintage stalls where many interesting items could be found, including an RNA badge.

Surprisingly the group stumbled across a pub to have a meal and a pint before moving on to the National Maritime Museum. The Maritime Museum had many interesting displays from the birth of the Royal Navy to Nelson and Trafalgar, to Jutland and beyond.

Unfortunately, our return journey was subject to major delays on the A13 due to accidents on both sides. Fortunately, our group were in good spirits and kept themselves amused with dits of Hawaiian beauties in grass skirts, places everyone had been to and numerous games of I Spy, something beginning with C. I must admit I lost count of the times S/M Lily Irons asked "Where are we now?." Overall, it was a very successful day.

The next Uckers Night is scheduled for Wednesday 16 May 2018. Invitations have been sent to all RNA branches within No.5 Area. Thus far, they've all been too scared to take us up on our offer (they've heard about S/M Mike Sandbrook's victory at last year's championship competition)!



[David Fort](#)

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[Doug Hooper](#)

[Martin Mowlem](#)

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David Fort – Darlington Branch

Shipmate David Fort crossed the bar on 3 March 2018 aged eighty-three years old in Darlington. David was born on 5 November 1935 in Colchester and joined the RN in 1950 aged 15 at HMS St Vincent in Gosport. He served for 12 years leaving in the rank of Leading Seaman. During his Naval career he served in; HMS Vanguard and HMS Reclaim and spent time in HMS Cochrane in Rosyth. To compensate he spent quite a lot of time in Singapore!

On leaving the service he moved to Louth in Lincolnshire and worked for the Royal Mail. He moved to Catterick in 1970 and eventually settled in Darlington on retirement in 2000. He leaves behind his Wife, Peggy, three Sons and three Grandchildren.

Roy Podd – Paddock Wood Branch

Paddock Wood Branch President Shipmate Roy Podd crossed the Bar on Tuesday 3rd April at home in Paddock Wood.

Roy joined the Royal Marines in 1960 and after his initial training, he was sent to Lympstone in Devon to train as a Royal Marine Commando. After a short spell of duty in the cruiser HMS Sheffield, Roy was drafted to 45 Commando in Aden in 1961. On returning to the UK in 1962 he was attached to the Police Staff at Eastney Barracks and in 1964 Roy saw action in the jungles of Malaya and Indonesia.

A keen sportsman he played football for 45 and 40 Commando and was also the Far East Welterweight boxing champion holding the title from 1965-67. Roy finished his Royal Marine career in the Commando Training Centre, Lympstone.

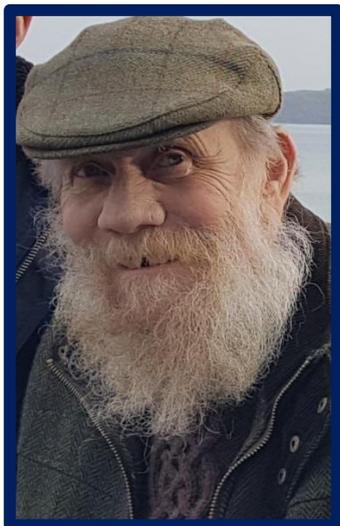
After leaving the service he became a Fireman with the Kent Fire Brigade in 1977 and served in Paddock Wood Fire Station for over 21 years.

Roy was a valued member of our RNA Branch. He was the Parade Marshal and Chairman for 4 years before becoming our President. Roy will be missed by his family, Shipmates and local community.



Doug Hooper – Launceston Branch

FCPO Doug Hooper was born in Wandsworth in February 1940.



As an adventurous 14-year-old and budding 'marine engineer', he built a wooden and canvas canoe and paddled the length of the Thames. It was his love of the river that sparked his interest in a career at sea.

The Royal Navy was huge part of Doug's life. He joined as a stoker; his first ship was the battle-class destroyer HMS Solebay. Subsequent drafts included HMS Tiger, Diomedea, Cleopatra, Ajax, and Leander (twice). In 29 years in the Navy he spent 23 on ships, much of this at sea, which he loved.

He was a very talented swordsman, fencing at a high standard for the Navy and the Combined services. He also remained a keen canoeist: CPO Hooper's canoe was a permanent fixture in the helicopter hanger, which enabled him to paddle in some wonderful locations worldwide.

Doug was not a big fan of shore bases but his 3 years at HMS Fisguard in Torpoint running the outdoor centre and taking naval artificer apprentices onto Bodmin and Dartmoor, launched him into climbing, hillwalking and mountaineering, which became passions for Doug, his son, and later his grandsons.

He was a talented craftsman and spent his retirement restoring antique furniture.

Doug lived a rich and adventurous life. He saw parts of the world that few do; gave 30 years of service to his country and to the Navy he loved; and along the way was a sailor, engineer, canoeist, fencer, mountaineer, farmer, carpenter, musician, artist, devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many.

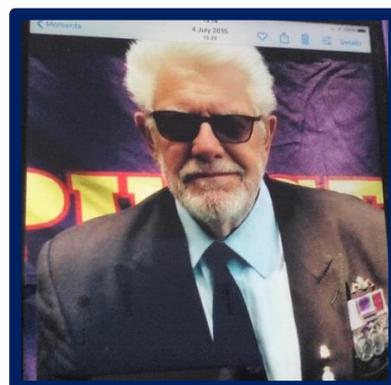
His son, Lieutenant General Ivan Hooper CB is still serving in the Army and his grandsons are intent on military careers.

Doug would have been overwhelmed to see so many family and friends, including ex-shipmates and RNA members at his funeral service in Bodmin, and afterwards raising a glass to him at the Springer Spaniel, Treburley. Over the bar Doug!

Martin Mowlem – Newport (Shrops) Branch

Martin Crossed the Bar on 12th February 2018, aged 77 years old.

S/M Martin joined the Royal Navy in 1956 and served 2 years in boy service with 1 year at HMS Ganges before going on to serve a further 9 years serving on many ships and also submarines, which he could never remember volunteering for!! Time was spent in the Far East and Middle East before continuing with life at sea by joining the Merchant Navy with Shell tankers.



He enjoyed his time with the Dorchester RNA while living in Weymouth before joining the Newport branch in Shropshire after moving back to Shropshire in 2012. Martin served on the committee and took on the role as vice chairman of the club, and chairman of Newport branch. Sadly, he resigned his posts in 2017 due to health issues.

Martin will be remembered for business experience, his sense of humour and his dedication to the RNA over many years. He will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

Shirley Dutton – Hereford Branch

Hereford Branch member Shirley Dutton crossed the bar recently aged 80.



She joined the Wrens in 1956 and was based at Devonport. She was discharged in 1960 her last posting being on HMS Dauntless, which was then the WRNS training establishment at Burghfield, near Reading. She worked mainly as a driver which she continued to do in civilian life.

Shirley joined the Hereford Branch in 1978 and was always a very active member. In 2002 she became the Vice President, in 2004 she was voted Social Secretary responsible for organising the skittles matches a role she absolutely became passionate about.

During the past year her health deteriorated, but she still kept in touch with members. Shirley will be greatly missed not only by the Hereford RNA but also by the RBL North and all the ladies in the skittles and quoits teams she played alongside.

RNA Members Benefits

UK Holiday Group /CONA Holiday Service

- Variety of special deals for both Groups and Individuals. 1% of turnover thorough CONA Holiday Service is returned to the RNA. <http://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/news/323/members-holidays-service>

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- Discounted Branch and House hold Insurance - 01323 744149
<http://bit.ly/RNACona>

Funeral Service

- Significant discount form Co-op Funeral Service – contact Central Office.

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard



- RNA member entry just £10 plus four guest at £10 each provides access to the all attractions including the Submarine Museum, RM Museum and Explosion!.

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armedforces@coffinmew.co.uk 0800 827168

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Note from the CONA (Conference of Naval Associations) Secretary -

I would be very grateful if organisers of reunions would oblige me by obtaining a quote from the CONA Travel Service, who will not be beaten on like for like price. CONA Travel Service donate 1% of their CONA business back into the Conference totalling to date £2,400 which provides funds to assist members Associations. Oh and by the way their service is first class as well.

Lascaris Malta Association – September 2018

Lascaris Malta Association visited SS. Great Britain during their annual reunion visit to Bristol in September. If you would like more details of this association contact Pat Middleton at patriciamiddleton@hotmail.com



Semaphore Circular is extremely grateful to Mike Crowe of RN Shipmates who has forwarded the RN Shipmates 'Reunions' section from their website <http://www.rnshipmates.co.uk/reunions.php> where you will find specific contact details.

Royal Naval Writers Association – 12 October 2018

131st Reunion Dinner will be held at The Royal Beach Hotel Southsea on Friday 12th October 2018; see www.rnwa.co.uk. All serving and ex-serving 'Scribes' (member of the RNWA or not) together with 'oppos & guests' welcome. For further information or details contact the RNWA Secretary, Les Heyhoe, email: les@heyhoe.com / Mob: 07950 934888 or 023 9235 7181



Admiral Sir Philip Jones KCB ADC
From Sea Lord & Chief of Naval Staff
with Les Heyhoe OBE RNWA Secretary & Membership
RNWA Reunion Dinner 13/10/2017 UJC London

GOH for 2017 was 1SL – 2018 GOH TBA.

Type 21 Club Reunion – 12/13 October 2018

The Type 21 Club reunion will be held over the weekend 12/13 October 2018. Friday night meet and greet - Saturday at the Royal British Legion Crownhill PL6 5DH. Cost £22 subject to final confirmation.

Full Details will be confirmed in due course or on the web site at www.type21club.org or Contact Paul Gower PRO Type 21 Club, email type21clubpro@gmail.com

Survey Ships Association – 26-29 October 2018

The Survey Ships Association will be holding its twenty-fourth reunion at the Holiday Inn, Hull Marina on the w/e of 26th to 29th October. For information on membership and reunion please send a SAE to: The Secretary SSA, 17 Eliza Mackenzie Court, Lindisfarne Close, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 2SB, e-mail: secretary@surveyships.org.uk, or telephone 023 9232 4795.

HMS Mohawk Association – 2 November 2018

HMS Mohawk Association will be holding a reunion in Plymouth on the weekend of 2nd November. Please contact IOW tours for information. We would also welcome anyone

who served on any Tribal Class Frigate.

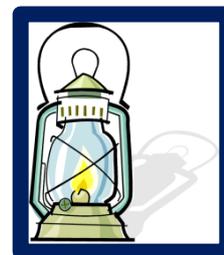
HMS Relentless Association – 2-5 November 2018

The annual Reunion of the HMS Relentless Association will take place over the weekend of Friday 2nd – Monday 5th November 2018 at the Aztec & Spa, Bristol. All ex-Rusty Rs welcome. To book, or for further information, please contact IOW Tours (info@iowtours.com - Tel: 01983 405 116). Alternatively, contact the Association Secretary (Secretary@hmsrelentless.co.uk - Tel 02392 599 640).

May 4th - 7th	H.M.S. Saintes Association	Ron Miles 01404 43177	Royal Beach Southsea
May 11th - 14th	H.M.S. Solebay Association	enquiries@iowtours.com	Aztec Hotel Bristol
May 11th - 14th	Bulwark, Albion & Centaur Association	dnsaskhm@aol.com	Duke of Cornwall Guz
May 18th - 20th	H.M.S. Broadsword Association	Stevie.bullock@blueyonder.co.uk	Mercure Hotel Bristol
May 18th - 21st	County Class Destroyers Association	charland4@hotmail.co.uk	Cavendish Hotel Torquay
May 18th - 21st	H.M.S. Tenby Association	krhysjones@blueyonder.co.uk	Collingwood Hotel Bournemouth
May 18th - 21st	H.M.S. Cavalier Association	kendavies131@yahoo.co.uk	Sittingbourne
May 19th	RNEBS	artificer150@yahoo.co.uk	Guildhall London
May 26th	H.M.S Ardent Association	rasntas@gmail.com	HMS Drake Devonport
June 1st - 4th	H.M.S. Londonderry Association	enquiries@iowtours.com	The Country Hotel Basingstoke
June 6th	Fleet Air Arm Buccaneer Association	robinH49@btinternet.com	Royal Court Hotel Coventry
June 9th	H.M.S. Liverpool Association	info@hmsliverpoolassociation.org.uk	GI's Club Whale Island
June 9th	2 nd HMS Manchester Association	iantids@ntlworld.com	Senior Rates Mess HMS Nelson
June 9th	HMS Ark Royal Association	https://www.hmsarkroyalassociation.org/	Still and West Old Portsmouth
July 14th	H.M.S. Daring Association (Fifth & Final Commission)	hmsdaring_d05@yahoo.co.uk	The Bell Hose Hotel Chippenham
August 17th	WRNS 1966	barbaracotton46@btinternet.com	RMC Portsmouth
August 31st - Sept 3rd	H.M.S. Diana Association	kendavies131@yahoo.co.uk	Grantham
September 8th	The Fisgard Association	https://www.thefisgardassociation.org/	Royal Beach Southsea
September 15th	HMS Ark Royal Association	https://www.hmsarkroyalassociation.org/	Still and West Old Portsmouth
September 21st - 23rd	H.M.S. Protector Association	Dougatspindrift@aol.com	Hadleigh Hotel Eastbourne
Sept, 21st - 24th	H.M.S. Ulster Association	ulster@candoo.com	Hallmark Midlands Hotel Derby
September 21st	RNCCA	honsec@rncca.com	Rob Roy Hotel Aberfoyle

September 21st	H.M.S. Tiger association	turbine52@gmail.com	Tillington Hall Hotel Staffs
Sept 28th - Oct 1st	R.N.E.W.E.B. Association	enquiries@iowtours.com	Hallmark Hotel Preston
Sept 28th / 29th	H.M.S Caprice 1968 Association World Cruise	gl@hmscaprice1968.org.uk	RMC Portsmouth
September 29th	Royal Navy Stewards Past and Present	shugstero1@yahoo.co.uk	Plymouth
September 29th	BRNC Dartmouth September 1978 Entry	brncclassof78@gmail.com	BRNC Dartmouth
October 5th	H.M.S. Lowestoft Association	ian@hmslowestoft.co.uk	Royal Beach Hotel Southsea
October 5th	H.M.S. Troubridge Final Commission	Romft1@gmail.com	Royal Beach Hotel Southsea
October 6th	Royal Naval Patrol Service Association	hq@rnpsa.co.uk	Lowestoft
October 8th	Bay Class Frigates Association	Doug Turk	Royal Beach Hotel Southsea
October 12th - 15th	Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)	les@heyhoe.com	Royal Beach Hotel Southsea
October 12th - 15th	Royal Navy Photographers Association	http://www.rnpa.org.uk/	Plymouth
October 13th	Type 21 Club Association	davidwoollard813@btinternet.com	Crownhill RBL Plymouth
October 14th	H.M.S. Neptune Association	www.hmsneptune.com	National Arboretum Alrewas
October 20th	H.M.S Nubian	robertholland54@btinternet.com	Caledonian Hotel Rosyth
October 26th - 29th	HMS Eagle / HMS Yarmouth / HMS Undaunted but open to all	alan666@blueyonder.co.uk	Tillington Hall Hotel Staffs
November 9th	H.M.S. Intrepid Association	andywalmsley_uk@yahoo.co.uk	Liverpool
October or November	H.M.S. Endurance Association First Commission 1968 - 69	jansbolt@btinternet.com	TBA
2019			
April 26th - 28th	Royal Navy Safety Equipment & Survival Association	gordon.parkes7@btinternet.com	Aztec Hotel Bristol
Sept. 7th - 10th 2019	847 NAS H.M.S. Simbang 69 -71	cliff.jones1948@gmail.com	Aztec Hotel Bristol
December 2019.	H.M.S. Ajax & River Plate Veterans	malcolm.collis@gmail.com	Trip to South America

Swinging the Lamp – May 2018



Swinging the Lamp - May 2018		
Date	Year	Entry
1st	1797	First Spithead Mutiny ended with issue of Admiralty orders against abuses
2 nd	1809	Boats of <i>Mercury</i> and <i>Spartan</i> captured twelve vessels and blew up a tower at Porto Cesenatico, east coast of Italy.
3rd	1813	Boats of <i>Undaunted</i> captured a French ship from under the batteries at Marseilles.
4 th	1810	Capt John Conn, who had commanded the <i>Dreadnought</i> (98) at Trafalgar, was drowned when he fell overboard from <i>Swiftsure</i> (74) off Bermuda.
5 th	1861	<i>Cockchafer</i> , <i>Firm</i> and <i>Haughty</i> , with boats of <i>Pearl</i> , destroyed the pirate town of Tsingchow near Swatow, S.E. China
6 th	1816	Order in Council authorised naval establishment and dockyard at Trincomalee to serve as the principal refitting station for His Majesty ships and vessels in the East Indies'.
7th	1808	<i>Redwing</i> captured or destroyed a Spanish convoy and its escort off Cape Trafalgar. Only two of the seven escorts and one of the twelve enemy escaped.
8th	1899	The twin-screw royal yacht <i>Victoria and Albert</i> launched at Pembroke Dockyard
9th	1917	Sloop <i>Cyclamen</i> sank the Italian S/M <i>Alberto Guglielmotti</i> , believing her to be German
10th	1938	Anson K8758 from RAF Martlesham Heath detected Swordfish and Nimrod aircraft taking off from and landing on <i>Courageous</i> at 8 miles with first side-scan ASV radar
11 th	1941	Destroyers <i>Jackal</i> , <i>Kashmir</i> , <i>Kelly</i> (D 5), <i>Kelvin</i> and <i>Kipling</i> bombarded Benghazi. <i>Ladybird</i> bombarded Gazala north landing ground.
12th	1943	Destroyer <i>Hesperus</i> sank U-186 in Atlantic (41.54N, 31.49W). Convoy SC 129.
13 th	1859	Senior chaplain of Greenwich Hospital recognised as 'Head of the Naval Chaplains' and 'Chaplain to the Fleet'.
14 th	1847	<i>Driver</i> , wood paddle sloop, arrived at Spithead from the Pacific, the first steam vessel to circumnavigate the world.
15 th	1829	Experimental manually propelled paddle steamer launched at Portsmouth. One hundred and ninety men produced 3 knots.
16 th	1824	Boats of <i>Liffey</i> and the grenadier company of the 38th Regiment captured and destroyed three Burmese stockades near Killyumidine
17th	1917	Second division of US destroyers arrived at Queenstown (Cork) to work with the Royal Navy

18th	1941	VC: PO Alfred Edward Sephton (<i>Coventry</i>) for gallantry in an air attack on cruiser <i>Coventry</i> south of Crete by German aircraft which had been attacking the hospital ship <i>Aba</i> . The medal was stolen on 25 September 1990 while on display in Coventry Cathedral; never recovered.
19th	1808	<i>Virginie</i> captured the Dutch <i>Guelderland</i> 240 miles N.W. of Cape Finisterre.
20th	1212	King John ordered Portsmouth Dock, built in 1194, to be strengthened
21st	1943	Submarine <i>Sickle</i> sank U-303 while the German boat was on trials off Toulon (42.50N, 06.00E).
22 nd	1947	Diesel submarine <i>Artful</i> , first British warship of the name, launched at Scotts, Greenock
23 rd	1943	Destroyer <i>Active</i> and frigate <i>Ness</i> sank the Italian S/M <i>Leonardo Da Vinci</i> N.E. of the Azores (42.18N, 15.53W). Convoys WS 30/KMF 15.
24 th	1941	<i>Hood</i> sunk and <i>Prince of Wales</i> damaged by the German battleship <i>Bismarck</i> in Denmark Strait. Swordfish aircraft (<i>Victorious</i>) torpedoed <i>Bismarck</i> . FAA Sqn: 825.
25 th	1943	Lt A.H. Massey of HM Submarine <i>Umbr</i> a invested with DSC by King George VI at Buckingham Palace. He later became the first South African to command one of HM submarines
26 th	1954	Light fleet carrier <i>Albion</i> completed at Swan Hunters, Walsend-on-Tyne.
27 th	1960	Frigate <i>Leopard</i> arrived at Portsmouth from the South Atlantic having steamed 1,144 miles up the Amazon, the furthest any HM ship had been up the river since HMS <i>Pelorus</i> in 1909.
28 th	1962	The First Boom Defence Squadron of the Scotland Command, HM ships <i>Laymoor</i> , <i>Barnstone</i> and <i>Barbican</i> , Cdr J.H. Groom RN, Commander B.D., sailed from Rosyth for a seven-day courtesy visit to Leirvik in Norway
29th	1982	3 Cdo Bde (2 Para) recaptured Darwin and, reinforced by a company of 42 Cdo, took Goose Green the next day. VC: Lt-Col H. Jones, 2 Para. Posthumous
30 th	1942	Battleship <i>Ramillies</i> damaged and <i>British Loyalty</i> (tanker) sunk by Japanese midget submarine at Diego Suarez.
31st	2001	<i>Herald</i> paid off after twenty-seven years' Hydrographic service. Last of class of four, sister ships being <i>Hecate</i> , <i>Hecla</i> , <i>Hydra</i> .

Delegate to Annual Conference 2018 Dublin

Branch secretaries should note the following before submitting their application.

- (a) **Each Branch which has complied with Rule 16(c)**, (*No Branch shall be permitted to send a delegate to the Conference unless it has observed the regulations of the Association in regard to the return of balance sheets, the payment of subscriptions and the formation of Branches. This provision has no application to the right of, and expectation for, ships and establishments to send a delegate to the Conference.*) but subject to Rule 10(c), (*Associate members are eligible to act as a Branch Delegate at Area meetings and Conferences, provided that they have completed three years continuous membership of the Association immediately prior to election as Delegate*) and has been in commission for at least three months by the date of a Conference shall be entitled to nominate one eligible Association Member as its Delegate to attend a Conference.
- (a) Each Branch nominating a Delegate shall send details to the Council **to arrive not less than one week before the date of Conference**. A Branch may change its nominated Delegate provided the Council is notified not less than twenty four hours before the Conference.

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A letter confirming a delegate's attendance will be sent prior to Conference. This letter should be brought to Conference to confirm eligibility to be a Delegate. There will be NO additions to the delegate list on the day.

If you have not received confirmation one month before Conference please contact Nigel on 023 9272 3747