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'We will remember them'

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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

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Dear Shipmates,

Welcome to our November Circular. It has been marvellous to read about the success of the F35 trials on HMS Queen Elizabeth and how well the ship and aircraft are doing together. The F35 trials are all about getting the operating limits right for all types of weather and all-up-mass of the aircraft. The plots have also been trying a new running landing, which will allow the aircraft to come back with heavier loads (Sea Harriers had to ditch weapons to be able to hover back on sometimes in some conditions of AUM and temperature).

We are now in the Remembrance season, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Field of Remembrance and at the Cenotaph. Remember that we have sandwiches and chips in the darts room of the Civil Service Club after the parade.

Thank you for your response to the call for crosses in our Field of Remembrance plot at Westminster Abbey, BZ to S/M Gordon Williams and 7 Area particularly.

Apologies that this Circ is slightly later than normal, we have just changed to



arrangements for the Deputy General Secretary. Andy Christie will now job-share DGS with Sarah Clewes, who joins the Central Office team. Sarah continues separate duties as Project Manager of Project Semaphore. There is no increase in costs, both will work 2.5 days a week as DGS. The new email is now dgs@royalnavalassoc.com – so please use that. For Project Semaphore please still use sarah@royalnavalassoc.com. There is a CV for Sarah in the Circ.

Some important matters of business:

- There are important forms on the attached file for:
 - Branch motions with a deadline of 15 February. Please chat over in branches anything that you might like to see discussed or decided at Conference.
 - NCM and DNCM election forms for Areas 2,6,7,8,9,11 and Scotland, deadline 15 February.
 - Nomination forms for Standing Orders Committee.
- Diaries are in and Nigel is awaiting your orders, same for the Christmas cards that are selling well – order forms attached to the Circ.
- There has been a revision on some costs of slops, these have all been caused by supplier increases. Price list included in this Circ.
- Please get your orders in for the subsidised beret badges, before we run out and revert to full-cost. Free issue to Branch and Area Standard bearers who should wear it on all occasions from 1 Jan 19.

We still need members of the Standing Orders Committee between now and next Conference and we would love to hear from anyone interested as soon as you can. This is an important

role in the governance of the association and is a great way of helping branches. SOC members have their expenses covered for Conference and one meeting in Portsmouth.

You might be interested to know that following a motion at Conference last year that S/M Peter Goodwin (NCM8) has been leading a study team looking into the issue of Centralised membership and how other associations do it. It has membership drawn across the RNA and includes those who spoke against the motion too – to ensure a balanced view. The study group is nearing the end of Phase 1 of its studies and will report to the NC in December.

Finally, Bill Oliphant the new GS arrives 7 November for 4 weeks of training and briefing – taking over as GS at the NC meeting on 8 Dec. So, the next Circular will be my 87th and last.

Thanks, and best wishes from the Central Office team

Paul



1. ★ Central Office - DGS (Job Share)

Central Office are delighted to announce that Sarah Clewes has joined the team. Sarah will be job sharing the role of Deputy General Secretary. As part of her new role Sarah will continue as the Project Semaphore Manager.

There is a new e-mail address if you need to contact Andy or Sarah at dgs@royalnavalassoc.com the phone number is 02392 720782.

For information Sarah joined the Royal Navy in 1991 as a Writer and served in HMS Coventry, HMS Invincible and HMS Argyll. Promoted to Petty Officer, she joined BRNC and became a Logistics Officer in 2005. Always looking for the next challenge, she graduated with a BA (Hons) Business in 2010 via the Learning at Work Partnership Degree Programme, offered by Portsmouth University. She opted for voluntary redundancy in 2012 to pursue a second career in the Charity sector.

Previous experience includes roles as an Events, Projects and Fundraising Manager for several military charity organisations, delivering Leadership and Management training for local charities as well as being asked to join a tri-service charity as the Deputy Director of Operations. Sarah has been working with the Royal Naval Association (as a Contractor) for a several years procuring the LIBOR minibuses, managing Project Semaphore (iPads for Veterans), supporting CONA and contributing to RNA overseeing social media.

Sarah is also Chairman of the Royal Navy Royal Marines Widows' Association and a long serving Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (RNBT) Trustee.



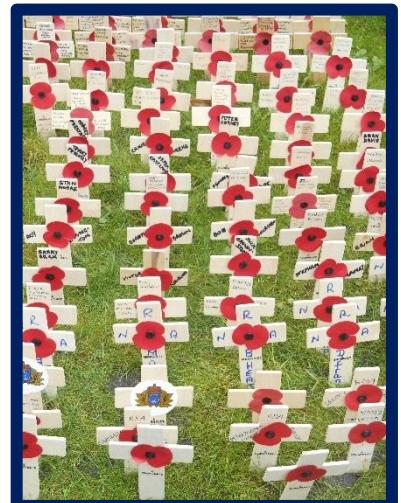
2. ★ Field of Remembrance – Thursday 8 November 2018



The placing of crosses is a unique opportunity for all RNA Shipmates, Area, Club or Branch to join together in one RNA act of remembrance in a modest sign of Remembrance commemorating those sailors who have fallen, have served and are still serving our country.

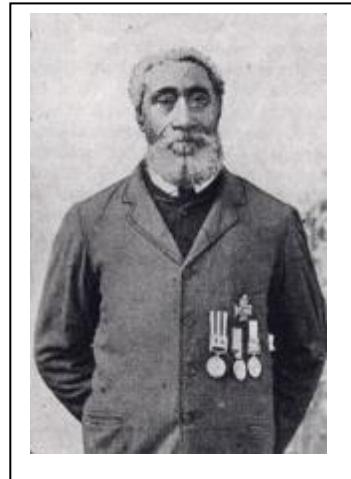
The RNA is very honoured to have the Chaplain of the Fleet conduct a short memorial service annually before a potential VVIP visit to the gardens. This year sees the new Chaplain of the Fleet, the Ven Martin Gough QHC RN conduct the service.

The Chaplain of the Fleet will conduct a short memorial service and a potential visit from a VVIP. The National President and General Secretary will be in attendance and he can be contacted on his mobile – 07850 646755 (if required).



3. ★ RNVC Series – Petty Officer Quartermaster William Hall VC

William Edward Hall was born on 28 April 1827 in Horton Nova Scotia, Canada. William was the first black person, Nova Scotian and Canadian to be awarded the Victoria Cross. He was the son of Jacob and Lucy Hall, who had escaped American slave owners in Maryland during the War of 1812 and were brought to freedom in Nova Scotia by the British Royal Navy as part of the Black Refugee movement. The Halls first lived in Summerville, Nova Scotia where Jacob worked in a shipyard operated by Abraham Cunard until they bought a farm across the Avon River at Horton Bluff. Hall first worked in shipyards at nearby Hantsport, Nova Scotia, before going to sea at the age of seventeen. He sailed first on merchant ships based out of the Minas Basin including the barque *Kent* of Kentville, Nova Scotia.^[6]



After serving a short stint in the US Navy during the Mexican-American war he volunteered to join the Royal Navy in 1852. Serving in HMS Shannon and during the Indian Mutiny in 1857 the ship with a brigade of 450 men dispatched to Allahabad 600 miles up the Ganges river. During this period on 16 November 1857 the ship took part in the Siege of Lucknow.

The ships naval guns were brought up close to the Shah Nujeff mosque, one of the key locations in the siege. One of the gun crews was short a man and Hall volunteered to fill out the position. The gun crews kept up a steady fire in an attempt to breach and clear the walls, while a hail of musket balls and grenades from the mutineers inside the mosque caused heavy casualties. After having little effect on the walls, two guns were ordered closer. Of the crews, only Hall and Lt Thomas Young the battery's commander, were able to continue fighting, all the rest having been killed or wounded, and between them they loaded and served the last gun, which was fired at less than 20 yards (18 m) from the wall, until it was breached.

The joint citation in the Gazette reads:

Lieutenant (now Commander) Young, late Gunnery Officer of Her Majesty's ship "Shannon," and William Hall, "Captain of the Foretop," of that Vessel, were recommended by the late Captain Peel for the Victoria Cross, for their gallant conduct at a 24-Pounder Gun, brought up to the angle of the Shah Nujjiff, at Lucknow, on 16 November 1857.

Drafted to HMS Donegal in 1859 he was awarded his VC by Rear Admiral Talbot while the ship was anchored off Queenstown (now Dún Laoghaire). William Hall returned to Horton Bluff, Canada on completion of his RN career, where he ran a small farm until his death in 1904. The medal is now in constant display at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax Nova Scotia. Finally, in recognition of his achievement the Royal Canadian Navy have announced that the fourth ship in the Harry Dewolf class would be named William Hall.

4. ★ Project Semaphore Update

I am sure Shipmates would welcome an update on Project Semaphore.....Phase 2 of the Project is now complete and still going strong! In summary,

- The project has issued over 670 iPads to date (Oct 18)
- Reached Shipmates from 114 RNA Branches
- Collaborated with over 50 services related Charities and organisations
- Engaged with 10 service specific Care Homes and Sheltered Housing
- The Project is managed by a team of 3 but supported by over 65 Volunteers and Ambassadors.



If you would like to keep up to date with information, case studies and useful tips please join the Project Facebook group: [Project Semaphore](#)

There are never enough 'Volunteers' so If you would like to take part please let us know sarah@royalnavalassoc.com (02392 720782) or Julie@royalnavalassoc.com (07768 694942) Collective iPad training sessions has created the added benefit of community spirit and social gatherings for both recipients and Volunteers; being with other Shipmates people has proved as popular as learning to master an iPad!

5. ★ Assistance please - Where is our Ships Bell?

Shipmate Brendan O'Brien a member at RNA Newport in Wales has sent in a request for assistance with a mystery that I feel certain Semaphore Circular readers will enjoy.....

The Headquarters of Newport Sea Cadets is in a vulnerable part of the city, making it an easy target for any passing reprobate who can't resist spoiling other peoples' property and enjoyment. Just off Morgan Street, the HQ is down a lane between a large residential area and a footpath along the River Usk. And well out of sight of public view. Consequently, it's repeatedly vandalised and robbed by the worst elements of Newport society.

The local newspaper, the South Wales Argus, carried this report on 30 April 2018.

"The HQ of Newport Sea Cadets, just off Morgan Street, Newport has been plagued by burglaries in recent years. A flat screen TV, 40 LED torches, a first aid kit, helmets, and rucksacks were taken during the most recent raid. They even stole a picture of a previous Lieutenant on his 100th birthday. Also taken were two rare ships bells and the total cost of damage and items stolen is well over £4,000."



During a discussion about how the RNA Newport Branch could help replace some of the equipment that this fascinating story about the stolen Ship's Bell came to light.

Shipmate Jeff Bowen (Officer in Charge, Newport Sea Cadets) informed us that the bell was engraved with the name Graf Spee, and the letters PS were added in a different type of engraving, probably, later.

The bell had been presented to the Newport Sea Cadets by an ex-RN sailor when their original bell had been stolen previously. The

donor chose not to disclose his name, so he gave no information about the origins of the bell, or how he acquired it in the first place.

Naturally there was scepticism as to whether this could be the real Ship's Bell from the Graf Spee.

Then Shipmate Philip Cox (Chairman of Friends of Newport Ship) pointed out that, even if it was the real thing, how could it possibly have ended up in a Sea Cadets' hut in Newport, South Wales when the German Pocket Battleship *Graf Spee* was scuttled by her captain off Montevideo, Uruguay in WW2.

The Admiral *Graf Spee* had been damaged in the first naval action of WWII, in December 1939. She sought refuge in neutral Montevideo to carry out repairs with the intention of resuming her role in the war as soon as possible.

The British squadron comprising HMS Exeter, Ajax and Achilles had been seriously mauled. Exeter was forced to withdraw. Ajax and Achilles were damaged, and had very little ammunition left.



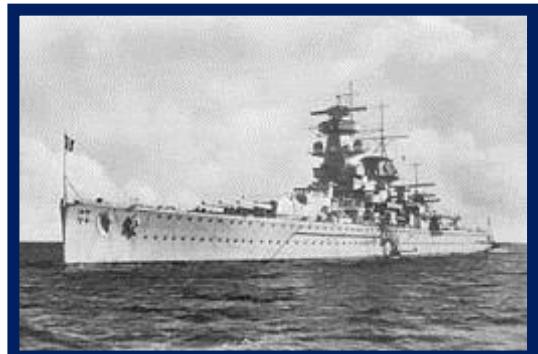
HMS Cumberland, based in Simonstown, South Africa, was undergoing a refit in the Falklands at that time. She was scrambled and steamed at full speed northwards, averaging 2 knots faster than her previous recorded best speed. Her orders were to engage the *Graf Spee*, using any means possible to prevent her returning to her destructive duties. This could even mean ramming her – although Cumberland would probably have been blown out of the water before getting within a mile of *Graf Spee*.

Cumberland was the first undamaged British warship to arrive off Montevideo, and she secretly

conspired with the British Consulate ashore to create a fog of misinformation. They wanted to convince the Germans that Cumberland, Ajax and Achilles were being joined by Force H (the carrier Ark Royal, battlecruiser Renown and other escorts).

As they waited for *Graf Spee* to leave the port, as required under the conventions of war, the Consulate engaged in constant 'chatter' with Cumberland and Force H, 'on station'. Cumberland used signal flags that were visible from the shore to communicate with the rest of the force 'over the horizon'. And the three ships were making lots of smoke to add further credence to the deception.

The Captain of the *Graf Spee*, Hans Langsdorff, was convinced. Recognising his own reduced fighting capacity he made the decision to leave the port on 17 December 1939, as required by the rules. Once he was clear of the main channel he blew the bottom out of the ship and sank her, to the relief of the British and their allies.



A sea boat from Cumberland circled the stricken Graf Spee and the engineer of the boat ERA Leslie Cox, (father of Shipmate Philip Cox), took his camera and used the remaining 3 shots on the film to photograph the vessel. These photographs are in an album created by ERA Leslie Cox. Shipmate Philip Cox (who lives in Newport, kindly allowed us to use them here).



Cumberland was finally broken up on the River Usk in the mid-1950s - at Cashmores Breakers Yard in the centre of Newport, South Wales.

So here's a theory..... was this ship's bell recovered from the Graf Spee by men from the Cumberland? Did it stay hidden with her until she was scrapped? Is that how the mystery donor acquired it, and in an act of kindness decided to give it a proper home with the local Sea Cadets?

Of course, the big question is - where is the bell now?

What did the thieves do with it? They were probably totally ignorant of the myth that was attached to it, so did they pass it on to someone for scrap?

Have you seen it? Have you heard anyone boasting about it?

We implore the local community to work with the Commanding Officer and trustees of Newport Sea Cadets to help recover this item. And perhaps suggest ways to raise enough funds to replace the equipment that would allow these youngsters to continue with their training and activities.

6. ★ Guess Where? An Establishment

This month can you name this former establishment? This is very hard. However, I'll bet one of our Shipmates will recognise it! 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, the answer to the August 'Guess the Establishment'

It is Royal William Yard in Devonport named after King William IV and built between 1826 and 1835. Hornblower was also filmed there. Admiral Steel was stumped!!!

7. ★ Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Portsmouth Historic dockyard are running several events in Autumn and Winter please see the list below.

Deck the Decks – 8, 14 & 15th December 2018

Put on your party cap and join us aboard the HMS Warrior for a nautical Christmas extravaganza. See the ship dressed for the festive season whilst enjoying your three-course square meal.

Capture your Yuletide memories in our photo booth, enjoy the live entertainment, and dance the night away with our disco. Book tickets today at historicdockyard.co.uk/events

Burns Night – 25th January 2019

Put on your kilt and come aboard for this evening of traditional food and entertainment to celebrate the life of famous Scottish Poet, Robert Burns. The originator of the New year's anthem Auld Lang Syne, Burns is one of Scotland cultural icons. Then finish the evening by dancing along to a Ceilidh band. Book tickets today at historicdockyard.co.uk/events



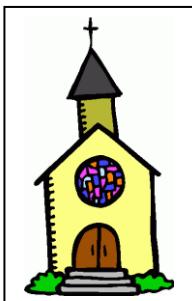
Sea Shanties – 29th March 2019

Enjoy a unique dining experience, eating at sailors' mess tables, surrounded by all the fixtures and fittings of Warrior's massive gun deck. However, you certainly won't be napping in the hammocks as an evening of singing and entertainment will have you 'reeling around the wheels'. Book tickets today at historicdockyard.co.uk/events



8. ★ Joke Time - Gossip Joke

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her activities but feared her enough to maintain their silence & distance.



She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank, (and several others), that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He simply said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his car in front of Mildred's house, walked home and left it there all night.....

9. ★ One of a Thousand good RNA Deeds a day

You may remember S/M Steve Shaw of the Folkestone Branch who helped Area 2 arrange the Conference at Folkestone a few years ago, for which he received a Certificate of Appreciation. Hon Sec Nigel Hatton thought it would be nice for Shipmates to catch up with Steve's activities which merit a mention in the 'One Thousand Good Deeds' a day

Since 2015 S/M Steve Shaw the Branch Standard Bearer has taken over the running of the Folkestone Remembrance Day Lunch by making sure that the Veterans, the band, the volunteers and others on the Remembrance Day parade are all fed, about 100 plus all told. This used to be a regular event run by the Mayor, but it declined and was eventually ended. A new Mayor started it again and Steve took over when the mayor's time in office ended.

For several years he has raised monies to pay for this lunch by getting council grants, sponsored hair and beard cuts, walks, raffles, fetes, fairs and many other activities to raise the money. At present he has raised just over £16,000 in total, this is not counting this year's monies. Some of this money has also been donated to other local charities, which includes the local Sea Cadets, Royal British Legion and this year the Folkestone homeless shelter who cook and distribute food to the homeless, this includes some ex-service men and women who find themselves on hard times. Any monies left will be donated to veterans who have transport problems when attending hospital appointments.

Unfortunately, this will be Steve's last year organising the Remembrance Day lunch as next year is the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Merchant Navy Association of which he is the local membership secretary and he will be involved with events taking place in Dover.

Yours aye
Nigel Hatton
Hon Sec

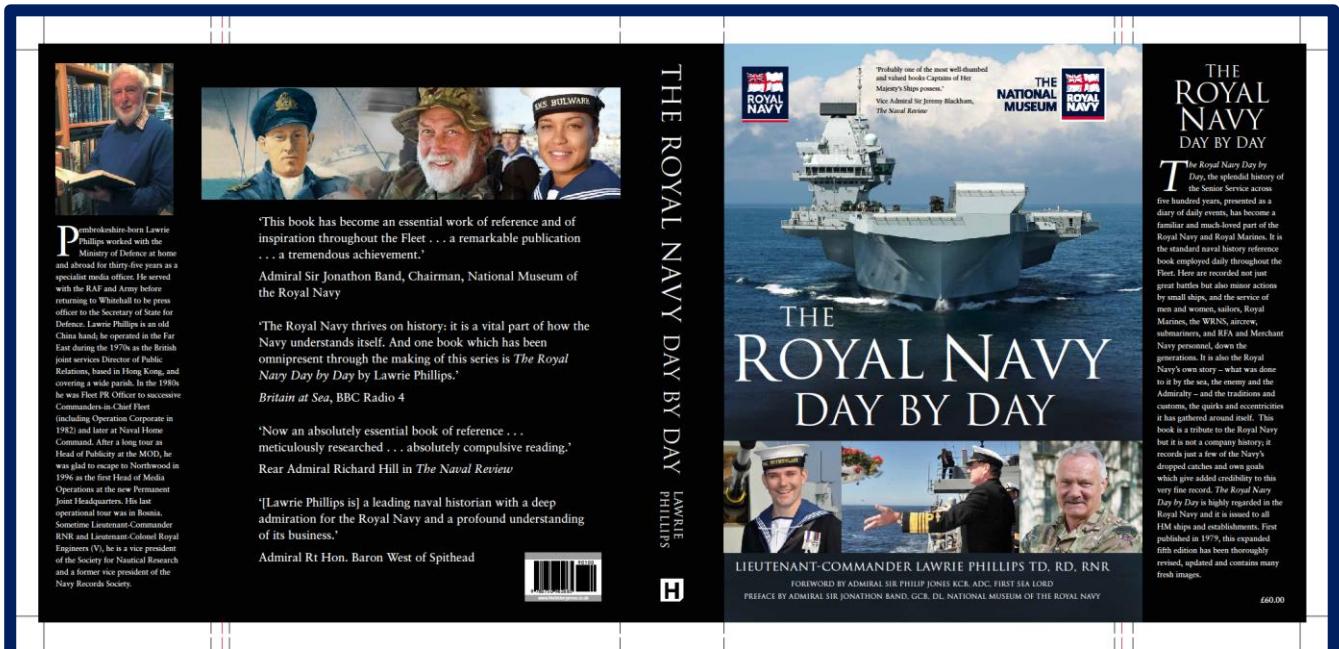
10.★ Joke False News!

President Trump invited the Pope for lunch on his mega yacht. The Pope accepted and during lunch a sudden puff of wind blew the Pontiff's hat off, right into the water. It floated off about 50 feet, then the wind died down and it just floated there just out of reach. The crew and the Secret Service were scrambling to launch a boat to go fetch it, when Trump waved them off, saying, "Never mind boys, I'll get it."

Donald then climbed over the side of the yacht, walked on the water to the Hat, picked it up, walked back on the water, climbed back into the yacht, and handed the Pope his hat. The crew were speechless. The security team and the Pope's entourage were speechless. No one knew what to say, not even the Pope. But that afternoon, news sources reported.....
"TRUMP CAN'T SWIM"

11.★ Royal Navy – Day by Day 2018 Edition.

A new edition of the well-known work *The Royal Navy Day by Day* – considered by the Naval Review as 'probably one of the most well-thumbed and valued books Captains of Her Majesty's Ships possess' - will be published later this month. It will make a very special Christmas present.



The book is triumph of organisation and of compression. Individual entries are supported with concise summaries of operations – Jutland and naval operations in the Great War are given emphasis in this centenary year, the Palestine Patrol, Indonesian Confrontation, the Icelandic Cod Wars, Afghanistan, the Navy and the defeat of the Atlantic slave trade and much more. The challenge has clearly been selection – what to include and what to leave out.

In his introduction the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Philip Jones, writes ‘I am indebted to Lawrie Phillips for his hard work, passion and keen eye for historical significance’ which has gone into this new revised edition which contains much new material and many fresh images.

Profound issues form the core of this book but the whole is leavened with humour. One of the delights is the variety of issues covered and the unexpected and quirky gems such as

- 11 May 2015 – Acting Sub-Lieutenant Penny Mordaunt RNR appointed Minister of State for the Armed Forces
- 29 March 1984 – a photograph of Captains Sam Salt (5 ft 4 ins) and David Hart Dyke (6 ft 2 ins) at the laying down of the Type 22 frigates *Sheffield* and *Coventry* – Hart Dyke standing in an open manhole on the jetty to even out their respective heights.

Admiral Lord West has elsewhere commented on the author’s ‘deep admiration for the Royal Navy and his profound understanding of its business’. This is evident, but the book is not a company history. The occasional dropped catches and own goals are mentioned where there is a lesson to be learned. But the tenor of this splendid new book is positive and heartening. The author hopes ‘that this new edition of *The Royal Navy Day by Day*, recalling ‘with their strange old ships and weapons what our fathers did and why’, will be a source of inspiration and encouragement in the Fleet and that it will put a spring in the step of us all’.

The Royal Navy Day by Day - The History Press Price £60 ISBN 978 0 7509 8266 5

12.★ Royal Naval Clearance Divers Association

The Annual RN Clearance Divers Memorial Service took place at the RN Divers Memorial Garden on Horsea Island on Friday 12th October. The Annual Service is in honour of all RN Clearance Divers who have passed the bar over the previous years. The service was directed by RN Chaplain James Thomas and WO1

Diver John
‘Yoyo’
Ravenhall
Chairman of
the RNCDA
and conducted by members of the RNCDA Committee.



The moving service was attended by more than 50 serving and former serving Clearance Divers and family members. The Divers memorial bell rang ‘5 Bells’ for the departed divers as a mark of respect, signifying ‘Work Complete’.

Mrs Jean Rollinson laid a wreath for her brother Ex CPO(D) Fred 'Tug' Wilson of Chatham, who recently cross the bar. On Completion of the service a cheque of £1,000 was presented to Sarah Ferris of the Royal British Legion from Cdr Al Nekrews QGM, RNCDA President.

13 ★ RNA 'Gazebo' Information

There have been a number of enquiries concerning recommendations for the purchase of a suitable 'Gazebo' for branch use.

Please see below details of the Gazebo purchased by Rhondda Branch which they recommend. It is 3 X 3 mtr and has 4 side walls (not printed). It was purchased from

<https://www.tfhgazebos.co.uk/>

Phone 01277 350524

Rhondda recommendation



"We are very pleased with the quality of the product which comes with its own wheeled trolley which is part of the bag. The sidewalls and roof section also have their own bags."

The photos are of the branch running a test construction. We found it easier with 4 people, but it would be possible with 3 due to the weight of the materials used. Hold down pegs are also supplied"

14. ★ Distant Dockyard Memory

I was walking through Portsmouth Dockyard, one bright and sunny day, on my way to Central Office when I couldn't help but notice the new display outside No4 Boathouse. I am sure this will bring back a few memories. I was a Jack Dusty in a previous life and spent many happy hours loafing round the dockyard in a Lister. Sadly, my hearing is not so good now!

For those of you unfamiliar with the Listers.....The trucks were affectionately known as 'Mateys' or Navy 'Hog trucks' and used to transport all sorts of goods around the Dockyard. They were built narrow and small as they often needed to go in and out of places not really designed for road traffic. The truck below was built by F M W Engineering, Verwood, Dorset on 23 November 1980. Its naval registration was 91 RN 73 and had a maximum load of 4480lbs. It was powered by a Ford Crossflow 1300 engine and a Ford Cortina four speed gearbox.



RNA Longcast

2018	
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. Captain Bill Oliphant assumes duties as GS.
13 Dec	Battle of the River Plate Day
21 Dec	Captain Paul Quinn goes on leave and draft, rest of staff have party!
22 Dec to 2 Jan 19	Central Office Christmas closed period
2019	
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
8 Jun	Main Conference Day – Gala Dinner.
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'.....

News from around the Areas and Branches.....

This Month Featuring.....

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[RNA Belfast 2](#)
[RNA Gosport](#)

[RNA Aldershot Nov](#) RNA Aldershot Branch

I am sure Shipmates would like to know that 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;

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 Belfast Branch

Belfast Branch recently held their Battle of Trafalgar Dinner at which they unveiled a portrait of

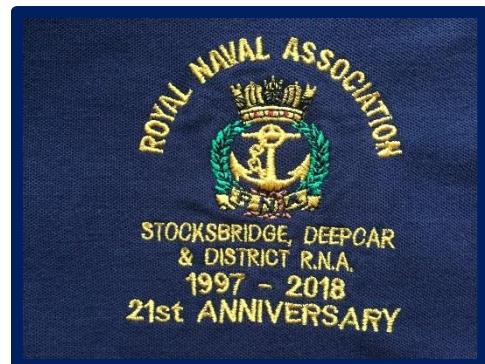


our President Cdr Peter Campbell LVO OBE DL RN. They also held the Branches annual Battle of Trafalgar Service.

RNA Stocksbridge and Deepcar Branch

Wednesday 17 October 2018 saw Stocksbridge & Deepcar Branch celebrate their 21st anniversary, which was combined with the Trafalgar social.

In attendance on the evening was Area 9 Chairman and National Council Member Shipmate Keith Crawford MBE and his lovely wife Shipmate Yvonne, the Mayor of Stocksbridge, Councillor Julie Grocott, representatives from Sheffield branch and members of the British Legion plus other guests.



Following the welcome from Shipmate Eddie Guest, the Mayor, area Chair and Chair of Sheffield replied. The loyal toast and tribute to fallen shipmates was taken.

The social evening followed and featured a quiz, raffle, bingo (Tombola surely) and a splendid buffet.

(Congratulations and BZ on your 21st Anniversary from everyone at Central Office)

RNA Spalding Branch

The South Holland, Lincolnshire, 2018 Pride Award Ceremony was held in September, at the Spalding Civic Centre.

Coronation Street actors Andy Whymett (Kirk Sutherland) and Sam Aston (Chesney Brown) were the guest stars who were invited to present the awards.

There were twelve category awards, sponsored by local businesses and Councillor's. The winner of the Award for Special Achievement, for outstanding contributions over several years, Sponsored by Springfields Outlet and Garden Centre, was Spalding Branch Secretary Terry Day.

The Photograph is of Andy Whyment (Kirk Sutherland) congratulating S/M Terry Day on winning his award.



RNA Chard Branch

Chard Branch have been extremely busy over the last few months as you can see below thanks to Shipmate Dick Moon.

First up RNLI HQ

7 members and 2 guests of the Chard branch attended the RNLI Headquarters in Poole whilst four others spend the day at the shops!.

Arriving at the HQs, those being given the guided tour started by having coffee and tea in the restaurant area before separating into 2 groups and being shown around the impressive buildings and facilities.

Two members in each group were afforded the opportunity to act as coxswain and navigator in the impressive simulator. Having arrived safely back alongside the group was then shown the wet side of the training area finally ending up on the veranda where the full extent of the HQ could be seen.

On completion of the visit the group was taken to the Poole Quay area where they were left to their own devices before being taken back to Chard. A great day out with good but unexpected weather



Then..... Chard Engineers visit HMS Raleigh



Friday 28th September saw seven shipmates from our branch as invited guests, attended the Engineers Open day in support of the year of engineers at HMS Raleigh. The members were also lucky enough to witness the passing out of phase one recruits as they completed their initial training.

Even more impressive was the fact that four of the members along with other former engineers took the opportunity to form up and march pass at the rear of the recruits, memories came flooding back. A most enjoyable day was had in great company and brilliant weather for the time of year. (The photo shows L - R Shipmates, Dick Moon, Paula Moon, Daisy Pennells, Gary Pennells, Dave Asprey, Malcolm Day, Roy Lovell)

Also..... Support of Poppy pride in Wincanton

Chard branch was well represented on Saturday 06 October 2018 when nine members attended the dedication ceremony and unveiling of the 'Poppy of Honour' in Cale Park Wincanton. They were joined by numerous units of serving and retired members of the armed forces in memorandum of all those men and women killed during the First World War.

Turning out for the occasion was no mean feat as the weather was totally against proceedings as it rained throughout the morning with wind adding to the atmosphere. Despite the inclement weather everyone in attendance kept up beat and the day went to plan and was well supported by members of the public who gave support along the route through town and into the park to witness the dedication and unveiling of the most unusual monument.

Various Standards were on parade with the majority being paraded from the numerous associations from former shipmates throughout the country, Royal Naval Associations, Type 23 Associations, HMS Birmingham Association and County Class Destroyers Association to name a few.



On completion of the ceremony everyone was pleased get home as they were truly soaked to the skin and had no dry clothes to change into.

However, they were delighted to have attended such a poignant forenoon with great company from so many different supporters of a worthwhile event.

(Top Photo - shows the parade on the march with Chard Chairman and standard bearer Malcolm Day nearest to camera.)

(Bottom Photo – Shows a very wet! Shipmates Joss Jocelyn, Mike Kirkland, Dick Moon).

Finally.....Chard Trafalgar Night

Chard branch had a great Trafalgar night held at the Lord Leaze hotel with 28 members attending including their Patron Commodore David Pond RN (Rtd) who also happens to be the CEO of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby.

As a result, the branch President S/M Roy Lovell presented S/M David with a cheque to the GBWR team in the sum of £200 this being one of three yearly charities that the branch give to the other two charities will receive the same amount at the branches AGM in January 2019.





The following day members attended the annual Trafalgar Service in the Church with great connection through the Hood family. Church of St Thomas at Cricket St Thomas. The congregation fill this devine little church and the roof was raised as a result.

Members then had their photograph taken in the grounds with the Vicar (Padre) (Bish) who happens to be a former RN submariner (sun dodger), bless him. Tea and coffee were taken in the nearby Cricket St Thomas golf club before dispersal home.

Area 3

Area 3 Chairman, Shipmate Soapy Watson BEM, has forwarded the dispatch below concerning artefacts from the now defunct RNA Basingstoke Club.

When Basingstoke Branch closed, they passed some Artefacts they had collected, which included a Dud World War 2 Mine to the local Sea Cadet unit to display in their unit. The Mine was on display outside the entrance and had been there some considerable time. Three months ago, the Cadets were informed it had to be moved and disposed of. The unit committee contacted Area 3 as it was RNA property and asked if could be moved along with some other artefacts. The artefacts had been collected by divers over a period.



Isle of Wight was delighted to accept them but only if they were delivered!. Step forward Shipmate Stuart Maclean 3 Area NCM, who volunteered to undertake this logistical challenge and move the mine to the Island along with the other artefacts. The next issue concerned finance as it was going to cost; fuel ferry fares etc.

This is where the Club and Branch Support Fund assisted, Area 3 Chairman Soapy applied for a grant to the General Secretary who approved a grant of £250 which enabled the delivery of the mine and artefacts to the IOW.

This has been duly done with the help of Shipmate Tony Shepherd. Shipmate Tony Gregory, and of course Stuart. The pictures show the mine being removed from Basingstoke. And arrival on the Island at the Ship Wreck Museum. As a bonus to the three of them, Tony Shepherd knew the Captain of the Ferry, and spent the way over to the Island on the bridge, and not the lounge. So, on behalf of No 3 Area, thank you Captain Paul for the grant and the team for undertaking this unusual task. (Bravo Zulu to the team – and a great example of the minor grants scheme in action. PQ)



RNA Rayleigh Branch

Shipmate Gary Daisley the highly respected roving reporter reports on the latest happenings in deepest darkest Essex.....

Preparations are well in advance for this year's 100th Anniversary of the Armistice. Rayleigh's Holy Trinity Church in conjunction with the Town Council, will be unveiling their Poppy Installation with a dramatic display of thousands of hand knitted and crocheted poppies cascading from the 15th Century church at the top of the High Street at 4pm on Saturday 27 October.

Rayleigh's annual Remembrance Parade of veteran, cadet, volunteer and youth organisations through the town will be led by a marching band on Sunday 11 November and will see Commander Richard Pethybridge (Chief of Staff to the Naval Regional Commander for Eastern England) taking the salute on behalf of the Royal Navy. The parade will be followed by the act of remembrance.

Rochford District Council will be lighting Rayleigh's Beacon at a ceremony outside Mill Hall in Bellingham Lane as part of the nations 'Battle's Over' commemoration on 11 November starting at 6:30pm.

Remembrance Day wooden Poppy Crosses (front page), Star of David (left) and Crescent Moon tributes have been produced by the Lady Haig Poppy Factory and are now available to purchase from behind the bar at Rayleigh's Royal British Legion Club, or directly from Margaret Read on 07969 048087 if you wish to

place a special order for one of the 3,000 regimental badges available. The Poppy Crosses cost just £1.50 each and can be placed on the Remembrance Wall on 11 November.



RNA Rayleigh shipmates were in attendance at the annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the Rayleigh Town Council Pavilion in King George's Park. Shipmates Jim Hammond and Ray Fenn are pictured with S/M Jack Lawmon (Chairman of the Town Council) and one of our Merchant Seamen brothers in support of the national celebration of the Merchant Navy's sacrifice and contribution to our nation.

Merchant seamen crewed the merchant ships of the British Merchant Navy which kept the United Kingdom supplied with raw materials, arms, ammunition, fuel, food and all of the necessities of a nation at war throughout WW2 literally enabling the country to defend itself. In doing this they sustained a considerably greater casualty rate than almost every branch of the armed services and suffered great hardship

On Friday 7 September 2018 the funeral of the late S/M Phil Edwards took place and



consisted of a church service at St Aiden's in Leigh, then on to Pitsea crematorium which concluded with the release of a white dove and finally a wake at the Royal British Legion in Rayleigh.

It was no surprise to anyone that there was a fantastic turn out from family, friends and RNA Rayleigh Branch members. At the church and crematorium RNA Rayleigh Branch members lined the entrance and S/M Mike Sandbrook was honoured to be asked to take charge of this detail. There were two standard bearers at the church and crematorium, our own S/M Dave Mead and RNA Basildon Branch S/M John Kingsley, RNA Basildon Branch President S/M Alan Walker also joined us at the crematorium. They all did a splendid job and said they felt honoured to give Phil the send-off he deserved.

The wake at the Royal British Legion gave all of us a chance to exchange stories of Phil's exploits both in and out of the Royal Navy. Phil's wife Linda is very well known to the branch as they attended all of our Mess Deck Suppers and visits together. Linda has said she will continue to attend our functions in the future and she will be made very welcome by all.

Phil rarely missed an RNA Rayleigh meeting or event and will be greatly missed by all. Stand Down Phil your watch is done, we have the watch.

RNA France Nord



Shipmate Al Gard has forwarded the dispatch below from France Nord.

66 Shipmates of France Nord (A branch record) and their guests attended the Trafalgar Lunch at the 13 Assiettes Restaurant, close to Avranches, in Normandy.

A tot of "Pussers" was issued to all pre-lunch, which certainly made the eyes pop of our first-time civilian friends! Followed by a 5-course lunch with wine and all the trimmings, was followed by a short play on HMS

Victory's return after Trafalgar to Chatham in January 1806.

There really is a wealth of acting talent within the branch, or so we like to think so.

On an extremely sad note, our long-standing Treasurer, John Harris, crossed the bar in early October. He will be sadly missed by all members.

RNA Rosyth and West Fife Branch

Rosyth and West Fife branch held their Trafalgar dinner on Saturday 13th October at the Burntisland Golf Club. The Guest of Honour was Commander Gar Mills, accompanied by his wife Bobbi. Commander Gar is the Senior Officer in MOD Caledonia.

An excellent night was had by all. Cdr Mills address for the Immortal Memory was very entertaining and informative with lots of anecdotes on the history of the Royal Navy.





RNA Wansbeck & District

Wansbeck and District Branch held its Trafalgar Dinner in the Ashington Masonic Hall on the 20th October 2018. 26 members attended the dinner including Branch President Commander Chris Craddock RN (rtd) and guests.

There was a raffle with some fine prizes and an additional raffle for a bottle of Pussers Rum. Not all our branch members were there due to other commitments, but a good night was had by all who attended.



RNA Portland



On Sunday 21st October 2018 members of the Portland Branch joined with members of the HMS Illustrious Association, veterans, families and members of the public at the Remembrance Service which marked the 70th Anniversary of the HMS Illustrious Pinnace Disaster. The service took place at the Memorial at Osprey Quay in Portland Harbour. The Portland Branch Standard was paraded along with those from other Branches and Associations. The Address was given by Vice Admiral Bob Cooling, President of HMS Illustrious

For those who are unfamiliar with this tragic story.....

During the late evening of Sunday 17 October 1948 the Liberty boat left Weymouth Pier heading for HMS ILLUSTRIOUS. It was a 36ft Pinnace with 5 crew and 45 men onboard. The weather conditions were atrocious with gale force winds and rain squalls and as it passed through the northern entrance of the breakwater the weather state became worse resulting in the liberty boat shipping vast amounts of water and floundering some 50mts astern of the Carrier. Rescue boats were immediately launched including the Weymouth Lifeboat and incredibly brave ships company who dived off the ship to rescue their shipmates.



Despite all their efforts tragically 29 sailors lost their lives. On the 17 October 2010, 62 years later, the then 1ST Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE ADC, unveiled a beautiful Memorial stone, shown in the picture above, with Vice Admiral Cooling paying his respects.

RNA Chatham



RNA Chatham held the branches annual Trafalgar night which was attended by 131 Shipmates and their guests. The Guest of Honour was Commodore David Elford OBE ADC Royal Navy and his wife Christine. Cdre David is the Regional Commander for Eastern England.

The dinner, which was attended by 131 guests, was extremely well organised by our Treasurer Roger Ide, also the evening included an

incredible Raffle which was organised by Valerie Ide (talk about keeping it in the family!), with help from other members and Shipmates.

Our late Chairman Tug Wilson's sister, Jean Rollinson, was representing him with a teddy decorated with Tugs Medals and Silver Divers Tie Pin. Tug sadly crossed the bar in August.



RNA Huntingdon & District



On Saturday 20th October 2018, shipmates from Huntingdon & District Branch held their annual Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Black Bull in Godmanchester. Our guest of honour was the Mayor of Godmanchester, Councillor Sarah Conboy. We also had the Reverend David Busk, members of the Royal British Legion, serving RN and RNR personnel, a U.S. Army Sgt, members of the Sea Cadets, shipmates from St Neots and Paddock Wood RNA branches, and of course shipmates, families and friends from Huntingdon RNA.

The evening began with the Branch President, S/M Karl Webb welcoming all our guests and then handing over to S/M Victor Lucas DL, who in his role as Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, read out a letter from HM The Queen thanking us for our message of Loyal Greetings, and wishing us a 'successful and enjoyable gathering'.



A presentation to T.S. Cromwell S.C.C. took place, we try to ensure that a cadet can spend a week onboard T.S. Royalist, and to get a flavour of life at sea. With menus for the evening being placed on every table, S/M Karl Webb then handed out some special edition copies for our submariners and Royal Marines, we even supplied felt tip pens to keep them occupied.



Our Vice President, S/M Catherine Fearon piped 'Hands to Dinner', all guests took their places at their tables for the Chairman, S/M Bill Small calling for all to stand for the Silent Tribute and Grace (led by Rev Busk, vicar of Godmanchester church), we then sat down for an excellent three course meal.

Our Vice Chairman, S/M Graham Murray, thanked all the staff for looking after us, while S/Ms Nino Crean and Mark Fearon prepared the rum for our tot issue. Once all glasses had been filled, we had three toasts, SM Victor Lucas gave the Loyal Toast, S/M Bill Small the toast to the President of the United States, and S/M Karl Webb gave the toast to The Immortal Memory.



Pete Aston and Hilary Meers-Webb then prepared for the after-dinner entertainment...a game of Play your Cards Right. We had a few rounds with the usual calling of higher or lower from around the room, regardless of the calls, there were no fixed games, but the President won it outright.



Finally, the last programmed event was the raffle, this year we raised around £275, and excellent effort with 56 guests. Overall, everyone said they had really enjoyed the evening. BZ shipmates, we will look forward to doing it all over again next year.

(Photographs show: Shipmates seated for the Trafalgar Dinner; the mayor of Godmanchester, CO of T.S. Cromwell SCC and Branch President cheque presentation; S/M Martin Girvan with his special edition menu; father and daughter – S/M Catherine Fearon (Huntingdon RNA) with her father, S/M Colin Jones (Paddock Wood RNA); the Mayor of Godmanchester receiving her tot issue from S/M Mark Fearon; S/Ms Pete Aston and Hilary Meers-Webb in costume for Play Your Cards Right; S/M Karl Webb winning Play your Cards Right.)



RNA Birmingham Central

Birmingham Central branch held their Trafalgar Day lunch at the Plough and Harrow hotel, Birmingham on Tuesday 16 October 2018, in place of our usual monthly meeting at HMS Forward. The traditional celebration lunch was attended by twenty-two of our members who really seemed to enjoy themselves.



S/M Ken Taylor gave an interesting insight into some lesser known facts about Trafalgar and Nelson. S/M Charles Hussain read the Immortal Prayer and proposed the toast to Lord Nelson and absent friends.

The Branch has found that since they changed to lunch time meetings, has resulted in increased attendance and it is now more of social occasion, with light refreshments and chat following the formalities.

This year we have also had a post-Christmas meal at a local pub, and an afternoon tea in place of our June meeting. A Christmas lunch is planned for the beginning of December, all events are well attended and include several members who are usually unable to attend the monthly meeting.

(The photo shows members attending the Trafalgar lunch)

RNA Riders Branch

Riders Branch Shipmates from the North East along with the Sunderland Branch of the Submariners Association and the family of the late Anthony Huntrod attended a service to dedicate a memorial bench in his honour at the Sunderland Yacht Club, overlooking the sea. Anthony tragically lost his life whilst serving on HMS Submarine Tireless on 21 March 2007.

The Revd. Geoff Driver, Trinity House chaplain, conducted the service and Anthony's mother Brenda and his sister Julie removed the White Ensign to reveal the bench following which, the bench was blessed.

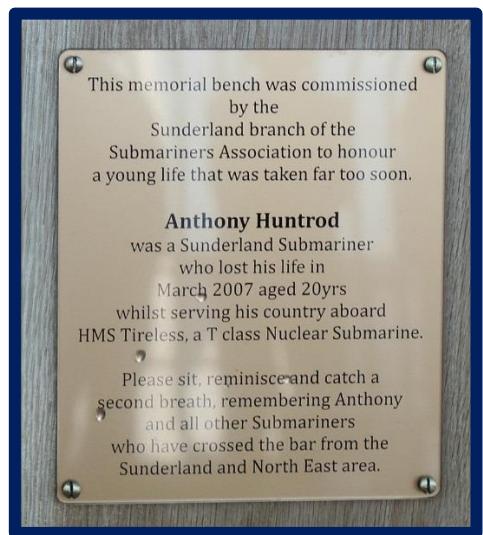
The service was well-attended by Anthony's family and friends along with members of the North East branch, Blyth & Wansbeck branch of Submariners Association and The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Sunderland, Councillor Lynda Scanlan and her consort. Serving submariners from around the U.K. including members of HM Submarines ANSON, ARTFUL, VIGILANT attended with representatives from HMS Calliope and from the Tyne, Sunderland and Riders Branches of the Royal Naval Association and from The Royal British Legion.



Sunderland Submariners Association members and Anthony's family were delighted that six former HMS Tireless crew members who served with Anthony travelled to join them: Jason Redfern, Dean Keating, David Beattie, Steven Petty, Jason Stephenson and Gary Newman.

Following the service, a plaque was presented to a staff member of HM Prison Frankland, where the memorial bench was made. A presentation was also made to the Commodore of Sunderland Yacht Club, Mr Gordon Spencer, for providing a home for Anthony's Bench. A toast was then given by Malcolm Carr, Sunderland Submariners Association Chairman, to the memory of Paul McCann and Anthony Huntrod (Tinny and Tony) and to those who have crossed the Bar.

The day's events concluded with a buffet and an evening of entertainment.



RNA Tyne Branch

RNA Tyne participated in two events this Trafalgar Day as reported below by Tyne Branch Shipmate Roslyn Hastie-Murray.

A toast of grog was raised to Vice-Admiral Lord Cuthbert Collingwood, our local and international hero, under his Monument at Tynemouth. This took place at 12 noon, the time of the first shot made in the Battle. Lord Collingwood was the man whose calmness and leadership took command of the Fleet after the death of Nelson to fight a vicious enemy and secure the victory that day. His quote on that day was

“Now, gentlemen, let us do something today that the world may talk of hereafter”.



We were welcomed to the event by Cllr Tommy Mulvenna, Chair of North Tyneside Council. The main oration was given by Commander Graeme Deighton RNR, Commanding Officer of HMS Calliope. Shipmate Ian Strong raised our Branch Standard and Shipmate Ziggy Bowie raised the Blue Ensign in honour of Collingwood, Vice-Admiral of the Blue. A visit to the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade Watch House with soup and a sandwich followed. In the evening, the Brigade lit up Lord

Collingwood's Monument as their tribute to end the day.

The afternoon saw shipmates from RNA Tyne visit the Trotter family grave within the grounds of St Mary's Heritage Centre in Gateshead, just beside the Tyne Bridge and The Sage.

The Mayor of Gateshead, Jill Green, laid the first wreath at a short service of tribute to John William Trotter, Master Mariner of HMS Leviathan, which fought in the Battle.

Gateshead Sea Cadets (TS Leviathan) organised the service which was conducted by the Rev.d Geoff Driver, Chaplain to HMS Calliope and Trinity House. Commander Graeme Deighton RNR, Commanding Officer of HMS Calliope attended along with Capt. Stephen Healy (Master of Trinity House and the Collingwood Society).

RNA Frome Branch



Frome branch celebrated Trafalgar Day with a dinner at the Royal Oak in Corsley, Wiltshire.

Area 2

Shipmate Fran Halifax, Area 2 Hon Sec has forwarded the Area 2 2019 meeting dates for your diaries, they are listed below.

Area 2 are extremely keen to encourage Area 2 Branches to attend these meetings. They wish to highlight how vitally important it is that a representative from each individual branch attends as this will ensure that issues are debated thoroughly and any decisions taken are democratically agreed. Please contact the Hon Sec if you require any further information – brianandfran@virginmedia.com or phone 07919 852780

- Committee Meeting 12th January at Bromley RNA
- Delegates Meeting 9th February at Sidcup
- Committee Meeting 13th April at Bromley RNA
- Delegates Meeting 11th May at Reigate
- Committee Meeting 20th July at Bromley RNA
- Delegates Meeting 17th August with Sittingbourne
- Committee Meeting 12th October at Bromley RNA
- Delegates Meeting 16th November at Whitstable

RNA Christchurch

The long-awaited 'Battles Over' Silent Soldier Silhouettes are now in place in Christchurch. The one sponsored by the Royal Naval Association is, in fact, a Sailor. On a sunny day last week members of the RNA, The Royal British Legion and The Royal Airforce Association paraded their Standards at a short Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Armistice.

Members of these organisations were joined on Barrack Road Recreation Ground by the Mayor of Christchurch, Cllr. Mrs. Lesley Dedman and many residents including some members of



Christchurch History Society. Shipmate Eric Barnes said the Exhortation while the Standards were dipped and The Rev. Richard Partridge, Chaplin of the RNA, officiated with prayers and lead a rousing rendition of the Naval hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save.

Continuing the Battles Over Thanksgiving there will be A Beacon of Light event on Christchurch Quay (The Quomps) on Sunday 11th November beginning at 6.45 pm. Beacons will be lit all over the Country at 7.00pm. A full programme will be published shortly.

RNA Rhondda Branch and Area 7

On 29 September the National Standard and Area 7 Standard along with Area 7 and Rhondda Shipmates attended the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the bravery during World War One of Chief Petty Officer George Henry Prowse VC DCM.

George was born in the small village of Gilfach Goch on 28 August 1886. He married his wife Sarah on 08 November 1913 and enlisted in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and found himself serving in the Drake Battalion Royal Naval Division and was soon in Flanders and France.

His Citation reads:

"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when, during an advance, a portion of his company became disorganised by heavy machine gun fire from an enemy strongpoint. Collecting what men were available he led them with great coolness and bravery against this strongpoint, capturing it together with twenty-three prisoners and five machine guns. Later, he took a patrol forward in face of much enemy opposition and established it on important high ground. On another occasion he displayed great heroism by attacking single-handed an ammunition limber which was trying to recover ammunition, killing three men who accompanied it and capturing the limber.

Two days later he rendered valuable services when covering the advance of his company with a Lewis gun section and located later on two machine-guns in a concrete emplacement,

which were holding up the advance of the battalion on the right. With complete disregard of personal danger, he rushed forward with a small party and attacked and captured these posts, killing six enemy and taking thirteen prisoners and two machine-guns. He was the only survivor of the gallant party, but by this daring and heroic action he enabled the battalion on the right to push forward without further machine-gun fire from the village. Throughout



the whole operations his magnificent example and leadership were an inspiration to all, and his courage was superb."

He was killed in action, Anneux, France, on 27 September 1918.

Sarah Prowse was presented with her husband's Victoria Cross by HM King George V at Buckingham Palace on 17 July, 1919, after all the live recipients. She led the list of posthumous

awards and was presented with the last VC with the blue Naval Ribbon. His medals are in the Lord Ashcroft Collection.

RNA St Neots

St Neots Branch PRO S/M Ian Cameron forward this dispatch from deepest Cambridgeshire....

The Inlands Waterways Association Annual Festival of Water was held at St Neots this year and the local RNA branch took full advantage by targeting the festival as one of their main events for raising funds for good causes.

The event was well attended on the Saturday of the August bank holiday weekend despite intermittent rain, but the second day was a washout with very little funds raised. (So the festival was well named!)



As the branch had only booked the first two days it looked as if targeting the event was not such a good idea. This was especially problematic as the Water Festival was the last major fund raising event of the year.

However, the branch was given the opportunity of a third day on the Bank Holiday Monday which readily accepted. Scandalous rumours that this was achieved by means of a few extra tots out the Rum barrel are, of course, entirely without foundation! (Who could believe such nonsense?)

Several shipmates responded to the call for help on the stand for the extra day and here (from left) S/Ms Yvonne Webley and Maureen Ridley are hard at work. You may notice the Ships bell hanging in the corner of the gazebo which is rung when it's time to Splice the Mainbrace-always popular with local dignitaries.

Others however seemed to take the idea of stand easy too far!

From Left S/Ms John Gibbs, Tony Webley, Geoff Patterson, Maureen Ridley and Mike Milne.



The lady bringing up the rear is Karen Pollecutt from the St Neots Mayor's office, which the local RNA has a very good relationship with. The extra day did the trick and the branch was rewarded with a very significant contribution toward its year target for good causes. A great team effort all round!

RNA Belfast Branch 2

At a recent ceremony a Blue plaque was placed on Belfast branch premises in honour of a true hero of the second world war, Acting Leading Seaman James Joseph Magennis VC RN.

The plaque was unveiled by Rear Admiral Niall Kilgour CB and Mr James Magennis jnr. In attendance were Life Vice President RNA, Area 12 (Ireland) President and Belfast Branch President Cdr. Peter Campbell LVO OBE LV RN, National Vice Chairman Paul Stephenson, Area 12 (Ireland), Chairman Robert Buchanan, Cdr Sandy Powell, ships crew HMS Victorious and the descendants of James Magennis.



RNA Gosport Branch



Shipmates S/Ms Baz Munday and Fred Gleave from Gosport have sent the Semaphore Circular this photo of them visiting the Naval Service Memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. They were taking a short break with other members of HMS Tiger reunion which was being held at Stafford.

CROSSED THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

[Charlie Pailing](#)

[John Jones](#)

[Peter Evans](#)

[Charles 'Chas' Claxton](#)

Charlie Pailing - Hereford Branch

Sadly, Hereford Branch have reported that Shipmate Charlie Pailing “Crossed the Bar” on Sunday 16th September at the age of 94, 2 weeks before his 95th Birthday.



The funeral took place on Friday 28th September and his family had requested a Naval Presence. Several Standards attended the funeral and his coffin was draped with the White Ensign. Shipmate Barry Goode along with John Strong from Manu Forti Buglers played “The Last Post and Reveille”. The family was very grateful for the RNA presence and everyone commented on their excellent bugle playing.

Charlie served in the RN from 1942 – 1946 and joined the Hereford Branch in 1975. He always attended branch meetings, and social

events, along with the late Roy Wood and up until a few years ago when his wife Freda, who was diagnosed with Dementia.

A lovely quietly spoken man, he is already very much missed by S/mates at the Hereford Branch.

John Jones and Peter Evans – Cardiff Branch

Cardiff RNA reports the sad loss of shipmates John Jones and Peter Evans.(Photos attached)



John was treasurer for many years until he retired from the post a few years ago. He died after a prolonged battle with Alzheimer's.

Peter was also a long serving member who, a few years ago, organised a trip to HMS

Collingwood where his son was the Captain.

Both were until a year or so ago, regular attendees at a local hostelry, where the Branch held fortnightly "get-together Beanos" and where many a dit was spun and many a nautical tune performed.

Both will be greatly missed.



Charles 'Chas' Claxton – Maldon Branch



S/m CHARLES "CHAS" CLAXTON. January 1925 - September 2018.

Chas 'crossed the bar' on 5th September 2018 following a short period of illness. He had been the Area 5 Life Vice President for 18 years. Prior to this he had held positions of Deputy NCM, followed by NCM commissioning several Branches in Area 5 during his time in office.

He was also a Member of the Algerines and the Fellowship. Chas did not suffer fools gladly and was a font of knowledge, and always willing to help and support when required. His funeral took place at Chelmsford Crematorium with both the Area Standard and Maldon (his own Branch) Standard present. Memories were given by S/m

Danny Jones, ex Royal Marine and fellow S/m of Maldon Branch and S/m Paulette Rose, Area Hon Secretary.

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HMS Loch Fada F390

HMS Loch Fada Association F390 will hold their 22nd Reunion & AGM at the Cedar Court Hotel, Huddersfield from 11 to 15 April 2019. This will be our 3rd 4 day reunion after the great successes of our 1st two.



Friday Coach outing to 'Last of the Summer Wine' country

Saturday 1030 AGM & 1830 Reunion Dinner Sunday Coach outing to York

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Fri 15th Feb 2019	H.M.S. Penelope Association. Contact IOW Tours 01983 405116	Tiffany's Hotel Blackpool
Fri 12th Apr 2019	HMS Newfoundland, Kenya, Ceylon and Gambia veterans.	Queens Hotel Blackpool.
Fri 12th Apr 2019	Loch Class Frigates Association	Tillington Hall Hotel Stafford
Fri 12th Apr 2019	H.M.S. Decoy Association	Eastbourne
Fri 12th Apr 2019	H.M.S. Ganges Association	Gunton Hall near Lowestoft
Fri 26th Apr 2019	Royal Navy Safety Equipment & Survival Association gordon.parkes7@btinternet.com	Aztec Hotel Bristol
Fri 10th May 2019	H.M.S. Tenby Association	Hotel Collingwood, Bournemouth
Fri 17th May 2019	Federation of Naval Associations (FNA)	Suncliff Hotel, Bournemouth
Fri 7th Jun 2019	Fleet Air Arm Buccaneer Association	Royal Court Hotel Coventry

Sat 7th Sep 2019	847 NAS HMS SIMBANG 69 - 71 Association cliff.jones1948@gmail.com	Aztec Hotel Bristol
Sun 1st Dec 2019	H.M.S. Ajax & River Plate Veterans malcolm.collis@gmail.com	Trip to South America

Swinging the Lamp – November 2018



Date	Year	Entry
1st	1809	Boats of squadron cut out four and burned seven French vessels in Rosas Bay. Ships: <i>Tigre</i> , <i>Renown</i> , <i>Cumberland</i> , <i>Apollo</i> , <i>Volontaire</i> , <i>Topaze</i> , <i>Philomel</i> , <i>Scout</i> , <i>Tuscan</i> .
2 nd	1940	Destroyer <i>Antelope</i> finally sank U-31 in defence of convoy OB 237.
3rd	2006	Diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal skill badge introduced for MCD Officers and Warrant Officers (Diver) to be worn on left sleeve of No. 1 jacket and mess jacket. RNTM 183/06.
4 th	1650	<i>Black Prince</i> burned by Parliamentarians
5 th	1781	<i>Albemarle</i> (28), Capt Horatio Nelson, in Elsinore (Helsingør) Road, Denmark, fired nineteen guns it being Gun Powder Plot
6 th	1856	<i>Barracouta</i> and <i>Coromandel</i> , with boats of <i>Calcutta</i> , <i>Encounter</i> , <i>Sampson</i> , <i>Sybille</i> and <i>Winchester</i> , captured French Folly, Canton River, and destroyed twenty-one war junks.
7th	1918	Last attack (unsuccessful) by a German submarine on a British merchant ship (<i>Sarpedon</i>) in First World War.
8th	2006	Armed Forces Act, which heralded the end of the Naval Discipline Act, received the Royal Assent.
9th	1689	Capt John Benbow appointed Master Attendant of Chatham Dockyard
10th	1337	Sacking of Cadzand by Henry, Earl of Derby, and Sir Walter Manny. Virtually the start of the Hundred Years' War
11 th	1779	<i>Tartar</i> captured the Spanish <i>Santa Margarita</i> off Cape Ortegal.
12th	1854	Julian Stafford Corbett born; official historian of British Naval Operations in the First World War
13 th	1941	<i>Ark Royal</i> torpedoed by U-81 off Gibraltar (36.03N, 04.45W) while returning from Operation Perpetual. Sank next day, and might have been saved by better damage control, from which many lessons were learned
14 th	1988	Commander HRH The Prince of Wales RN promoted captain on his 40th birthday; rear-admiral on his 50th birthday, 14 November 1998; vice-admiral on his 54 th birthday, 14 November 2002, and admiral on 14 November 2006
15 th	1799	<i>Crescent</i> captured the Spanish <i>Galgo</i> 50 miles N.E. of Puerto Rico.
16 th	1294	His Majesty Edward I st ordered construction of twenty galleys, each of 120 oars, for use against the French. (Bloody good idea).

17th	1787	Warrant officers given a uniform blue coat for the first time and masters' mates a single-breasted jacket instead of midshipman's uniform.
18th	1861	Wood screw gunboat <i>Kestrel</i> defeated a superior force of Chinese pirates and dismounted the guns in their shore battery at Ching Keang, Chu san.
19th	1915	VC: Sqn Cdr Richard Bell-Davies, RNAS, at Ferrijik Railway junction, Bulgaria, for landing behind enemy lines while under heavy fire during an air attack to rescue a colleague who had been shot down.
20th	2009	Fleet submarine <i>Astute</i> , Cdr Andrew Coles RN, first of class, arrived at Faslane from her builders.
21st	1652	Boats of <i>Leopard</i> , <i>Constant</i> , <i>Warwick</i> and <i>Bonaventure</i> cut out the Dutch (ex-British) <i>Phoenix</i> (38) at Leghorn. Admiral Cornelius Tromp, son of Marten, nearly captured
22 nd	1718	Lt Robert Maynard (<i>Ranger</i> and <i>Jane</i>) killed the pirate Edward Teach ('Blackbeard') and captured all his crew in Ocracoke Inlet, Pamlico Sound.
23 rd	1812	Lt Richard Stewart Gamage, First Lieutenant of the sloop <i>Griphon</i> , was hanged on board the ship at Deal for running through with his sword the undisciplined Sgt Lake of the Marines on 20 October. The last RN officer known to have been hanged rather than shot for a capital crime.
24 th	1911	'All cruisers of the <i>Invincible</i> and later types are for the future to be described as 'battlecruisers, to distinguish them from the armoured cruisers of earlier date.' – AWO 351/11.
25 th	1899	Battle of Graspan, South Africa. Naval Brigade of <i>Doris</i> , <i>Monarch</i> and <i>Powerful</i> under Capt Prothero.
26 th	1914	Pre-Dreadnought battleship <i>Bulwark</i> , 5th BS, Channel Fleet, destroyed by ammunition explosion at 0753 while at No. 17 Buoy off Sheerness. Just twelve men saved from 758 ship's company
27 th	2007	<i>Diamond</i> , the third Type 45 destroyer, launched at BAE Systems Yard at Govan by Mrs Suzie Johns, wife of Vice-Admiral Adrian Johns, Second Sea Lord
28 th	1808	Boats of <i>Heureux</i> fought shore batteries and seven vessels in Mahault harbour, Guadeloupe.
29th	1909	Battlecruiser <i>Lion</i> laid down at Devonport and Super Dreadnought <i>Orion</i> laid down at Portsmouth. <i>Lion</i> was the first battlecruiser with 13.5-in. guns and centre-line turrets, and the first warship to cost over £ 2 million.
30 th	2000	Admiral Sir Alan West, the first four-star promotion and first appointment as C-in-C Fleet in the properly accepted, if a year premature twenty-first century

Form C3

APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FOR A REGISTERED ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION CLUB (To be submitted to RNA Headquarters by 7 December 2018)

PART 1 The Club

Name of Club in full

Registered Number

Registered Office Address

.....
.....

Tel.....Post Code.....

Premises owned by : Club/Branch/Other.....

Club membership as at 31 October 2018 : Life.....Full.....Assoc.....

ANNUAL PERMIT 2019

The undersigned **certify** that:

- The Club is registered with the FCA and has registered the annual accounts/financial statements.
- The Club is a going concern and solvent under the terms of the Insolvency Act 1986 and this is anticipated for the year of this permit application.
- The Club, at its AGM, agreed to abide by the Rules for Clubs laid down by the Association; reviewed its approved Bye-Laws and believes them to be current and appropriate.

Hon Secretary(Signed).....(Print name)Dated

Chairman.....(Signed).....(Print name)Dated

Treasurer.....(Signed).....(Print name)Dated

PART II - The Branch

The Committee of the Branch of the Royal Naval Association has examined the above information and it is satisfied as to its accuracy.

The Committee hereby applies for the renewal of the Annual permit and undertakes to ensure all the conditions therein are complied with.

The present paid up membership of the branch is:

Life.....Full.....Assoc.....

Branch Hon Secretary.....(Signed)..... Dated

PART III - The Area

Number..... Area in which theBranch is situated recommends that National Council approves this application.

Area Hon Secretary(Signed)..... Dated

PART IV - The Council

This application is approved by the National Council, the Bye-Laws, if amended, are approved

On behalf of the Council.....(Signed)Dated

Notes and conditions

- (a) Under Association Rule 11 the Council requires all Branches forming a club to register it and its name with the appropriate authority through RNA headquarters, and thereafter to apply for an Annual Permit
 - (b) The application for the Annual Permit should be submitted by the Branch having first received the Area's endorsement, to RNA Headquarters by the 7 December 2018. If either the Branch or the Area cannot approve the application, it should endeavour to resolve the reasons with the Club, but failing this should report full details to the General Secretary with a copy to the Council member for the area.
 - (c) RNA Headquarters will issue the permit dated 1 January of the following year as soon as practicable.
 - (d) If the premises are not owned by the Branch it is a condition that adequate facilities are provided by the owner or lessee for the conduct of Branch business.
 - (e) If the Secretary's address for correspondence is not the same as the registered office for the club, this should be shown after their signature
 - (f) The conditions specified on the Permit as being accepted by the Club include the following:
 1. All members of the Club shall be members of the Association with not less than 20 Full and or Life members as defined by clause 7 of the Royal Charter.
 2. The Club will, in general, do all possible to further the objects of the Association and will support and encourage the work of the Branch with which it is associated.
 3. The Club will abide strictly by its registered rules which shall be those approved by The Council and accepted by the Licensing authority. Amendments to the Rules may only be made by the Council; they shall apply to each Club. Clubs are to use the registered Model Rules for the RNA, which ensures that they are always compliant with the Law and RNA Charter.
 4. Each Club shall review its Bye-Laws annually and submit amendments to the Council for approval.
- 5 Two copies of the audited accounts of the Club shall be forwarded to the General Secretary each year.
- 6 The Council shall be entitled to appoint a representative to inspect all documents, accounts and books of the Club on giving seven days notice.
- 7 The Council and the appropriate Area Committee may from time to time pay a visit of inspection to the Club.
- 8 The Council can give seven days written notice of cancellation of the permit, whereupon the Club shall thereupon cease to trade under the title of the "Royal Naval Association" and to use the RNA registered model Rules.

Delegate to Annual Conference 2019 St Neots

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.

Branch			Area
Name of Delegate			
Car registration		Passenger Name	
Delegate's Address	Telephone No	Post Code	
e-mail			
Number of Observers			
Name of Branch Hon Secretary			
Contact telephone No: (if not branch Hon Sec)			
Contact e-mail address			
Name and Address for correspondence (if not branch Hon Sec)			

NB: A Delegate will not be confirmed as such unless or until the Branch Balance Sheet for 2018 and Annual Subscriptions for Branch Members for 2019 have been received in RNA Headquarters (Rule 12 C). Should either not have been received in HQ, the Delegate's Status will be deemed to be that of an Observer.

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 call Nigel on 023 9272 3747**

2019 Diaries

The 2019 diary will be available as the diary part only, price - £5.

Diary with the NEW dark blue crested cover, price - £8

By popular demand the address book is also available too. - £1 each

Orders should be sent to the address below and accompanied either by a cheque or card details.

To: Royal Naval Association, Room 209
Semaphore Tower (PP70)
HM Naval Base
Portsmouth
PO1 3LT

Order form

From:Branch/ Member

Please provide 2019 RNA insert Diaries @ £5.00 each £

Please provide 2019 Diaries with Cover @ £8.00 each £

Please provide Address Book inserts @ £1.00 each £

TOTAL £.....

Deliver the order to S/M.....

Address
.....
.....

Post Code:.....

Find enclosed a cheque to the value of - £made out to The Royal Naval Association

Or charge to my Credit Card/Debit Card; the details of which are:

Card in the name of

Credit Card/Debit Card Number.....

Valid From: Expires

Three Digit Security Code (where applicable)

Contact telephone number.....

Card holder's address of different from delivery address

Address
.....

Post Code:.....

The 2018 Christmas card



These are available with envelopes at **£5 for ten**.

Orders should be sent to HQ Semaphore Tower and be accompanied by a cheque or card details for the total value.

From: **Branch/Member**

Please provide Packs of ten **HMS Victory** Christmas cards @ £5 per pack.

Deliver the order to

S/M
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Address.....
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Post code

Find enclosed a cheque to the value of- £ made out to The Royal Naval Association

Or charge to my Credit Card/Debit Card; the details of which are:

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Address.....
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Post Code:.....

NOMINATION FORM
ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL 2019/2021
(Revised RNA Bye-Law 7)

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries in Areas. 2,6,7,8,9,11 and Scotland.

Each Branch may nominate **one full or life member** from any Branch within its own Area, as a Candidate for election to the National Council, and **one full or life member** for election as the Deputy National Council Member **subject to the approval of the Branch to which both persons belong.** (See Note Below). **A separate form should be used for NCM and DNCM**

Names of Nominee

NCM/DNCM (delete as appropriate)

Proposed by **Branch** **Area**

Address of Nominee

.....
.....
.....

Telephone **e mail**

Brief history of nominee in the Association. (Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Chairman (signed)(dated).....

Secretary..... (signed)(dated).....

If the Candidate is **not** a member the proposing Branch, this section is to be completed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Candidate's **own** Branch.

Candidate's Branch

We are aware of the above nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

Signature of Secretary (Candidate's Branch)

Candidate

I accept the nomination and promise to attend as many National Council Meetings as is possible and give the RNA permission to use my data in support of this nomination.

Signature of Candidate Dated

The envelope containing this completed form should be marked **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL** and must reach RNA HQ no later than **1600 15th February 2019.**

PROPOSED MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

Proposals must reach The General Secretary by **1600 15 February 2019**

Name of Proposing Branch:

Motion / amendment

Explanation of the Motion / Amendment (To be included in the notes for Conference)

We certify that this motion has been passed by a Branch motion in an ordinary meeting of the Branch.

Hon Secretary(signed).....(dated)

Chairman(signed).....(dated)

Name of Seconding Branch:

Hon Secretary(signed).....(dated)

Notes

- a. A separate form is required for each Motion or Amendment
- b. A manuscript copy is acceptable for additional Motions or Amendments if the printed form is not available.
- c. The Motion or Amendment should be as short and precise as possible avoiding ambiguity. A Motion should normally start with the word 'THAT'
- d. The explanation is to help the Standing Orders Committee to understand the intention behind the Motion so that they may be able to consider its presentation, so it can be improved and implemented as soon as possible (Conference Bye Law C4)
- e. Motions may be submitted at any time but must reach the General Secretary by 1600 on **15 February 2019**.
- f. Motions of Urgency should reach the General Secretary not less than 48 hours before Conference. (In accordance with Conference Bye Law C6.) and include an explanation about reason for urgency.
- g. Amendments to Motions should also normally reach the General Secretary not less than 7 days before Conference.
- h. Bye-Laws. A Motion to Conference may propose that a Bye-Law be set aside or it may ask the Council to consider making or amending a Bye-Law.
- i. The Branch Proposing a Motion **must** have it Seconded by another Branch before forwarding it to the General Secretary. (Conference Bye Law C3a).

Nominations for Standing Orders Committee 2019

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries

Applications are sought for members of the standing Orders Committee.

Each Branch may nominate **a member** as a candidate for election to the Standing Orders Committee, **subject to the approval of the Branch to which the candidate belongs**.
Applicants should be Full or Life members.

Name of Nominee

Proposed By (Branch)

Address of Nominee

..... Post code.....

e-mail Tel

Brief history of the service of the nominee in the Association. (Separate sheet if necessary)

Chairman (signed).....(dated)

Secretary (signed).....(dated)

If the Candidate is **not** a member of the proposing Branch, this section must be completed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Candidate's **own** Branch.

Candidate's Branch

We support this Nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

Signature of Secretary (Candidate's Branch)

Candidate - I accept this nomination and undertake to attend as many Standing Orders Committee Meetings as is possible.

Signature of Candidate

Nominations are to be with Central Office by **1600 on 12 April 2019** (Rule 20(c))



GIFT AID FORM - 2018 onwards (Registered Charity No 266982)

Title Forename(s) Surname

(Branch.....Area no;)

Address

.....

.....

Post Code

I want the charity to treat my annual subscription and all donations I have made from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid Donations.

Signature:-

Date:-

Notes

1. If your declaration covers donations you may make in the future:

Please notify the charity if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity - it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.

2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).

3. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration (see note 1).

4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.

5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity.

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RNA Conference 2019

Wyboston Lakes Resort

7th to 9th June 2019 (Friday to Sunday)

3 Days
from
£259 per person
Half-Board
Includes Gala Dinner



Wyboston Lakes is close to St Neots, the largest historic market town in Cambridgeshire with its roots in the 11th Century. If you are out and about there is a range of shops, both independent and national, with a Farmers Market on Saturday 8th, and attractions around the town including a Town trail and walks along the Great Ouse.

Directions to the hotel

By Rail

The nearest rail station to Wyboston Lakes is St. Neots, on the First Capital Connect on the Great Northern Line, a 48 minute journey from London King's Cross. St Neots Train Station is only a 10 minute taxi drive away.

Road : from North or South

Leave A1 at A428 junction (signposted Cambridge) just South of St. Neots. From North, take third exit at roundabout. From South, take fourth exit at roundabout (back towards A1). Entrance to Wyboston Lakes is 60 yards on the left.

Road : from East

A428 (from Cambridge and M11) before A1 junction, take first exit at roundabout. Entrance to Wyboston Lakes is 60 yards on the left.

Road : from West

A421 (from Bedford), join A1 North. Leave at A428 junction (signposted Cambridge) just South of St. Neots. Take fourth exit at roundabout (back towards A1). Entrance to Wyboston Lakes is 60 yards on the left.

By air

Both Luton and Stansted airports are approximately one hour's drive away.

To book please complete and return a copy of the attached booking form with your deposit.

Accommodation

The Woodlands Event Centre,
Wyboston Lakes Resort,
Great North Road,
Wyboston
Bedfordshire
MK44 3AL

www.wybostonlakes.co.uk

The centre is a purpose-built venue which has 120 en suite bedrooms with flat-screen television with Freeview channels, limited free Wi-Fi, laptop safe, telephone, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer and toiletries, trouser press, ironing station and bathrobe.

What's Included:

- ✓ 2 nights dinner bed & breakfast
- ✓ Conference on 8th
- ✓ Gala dinner on 8th
- ✓ Optional insurance £12pp (non-refundable)

The RNA Conference Friday 7th – Sunday 9th June 2019

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Places of interest in the area

Bedford – www.visitbedford.gov.uk

Bedfordshire is a ceremonial county of historic origin in England that forms part of the East of England region. With a history spanning more than a thousand years in a trail leading around the Castle Mound, Castle Gardens and the River Great Ouse.

Bletchley Park www.bletchleypark.org.uk

During World War II, Bletchley Park was the site of the United Kingdom's main decryption establishment, the Government Code and Cypher School where ciphers and codes of several Axis countries were decrypted, most importantly the ciphers generated by the German Enigma and Lorenz machines. It also housed Station X, a secret radio intercept station.

In addition to the National Codes Centre, Bletchley Park houses the National Museum of Computing.

Cambridge is a university town and the administrative centre of the county of Cambridgeshire. It is home of the world famous University, carols in King's College Chapel and punting on the River Cam.

The university includes the renowned Cavendish Laboratory, King's College Chapel, and the Cambridge University Library. www.visitcambridge.org

Duxford : Imperial War Museum www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford

The Imperial War Museum has an extensive collection covering all aspects of 20th and 21st century conflict involving Britain and the Commonwealth.

Knebworth House is famous worldwide for its rock concerts and as the home of Victorian novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton.

The current residents are Henry Lytton-Cobbold and his family.

The house is open to the public together with its surrounding gardens and grounds. The grounds include an adventure playground, mini railway and dinosaur park and play host to various events including classic car rallies, the annual Salvo Fair of architectural salvage and, since 1974, major open air rock and pop concerts. www.knebworthhouse.com

Peterborough Cathedral is one of the finest Norman buildings surviving in Europe today and was voted as a top 10 UK Landmark in a 2007 Fujifilm users' poll. The cathedral is in the centre of Peterborough city with a large pedestrianised shopping area and indoor malls. www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk

www.visitpeterborough.com

Shuttleworth Museum www.shuttleworth.org

The Shuttleworth Collection presents five decades of transport history in Britain from airplanes to road vehicles.

The collection houses a number of vintage and veteran cars. Events include model-flying days, and once a year, there is a special flying day for schools in the area.

Wimpole Hall is a country house begun in 1640, and its 3,000 acres of parkland and farmland are owned by the National Trust and are regularly open to the public.

Set in an extensive wooded park, this is a magnificent 18th-century house, with fine interiors; perfect for a day of exploring. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate

Wrest Park www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/wrest-park

This is a wonderful 90 acre historic landscape and French-style mansion, which will take its rightful place amongst the country's great garden attractions.



RNA 2019 BOOKING FORM

7th- 9th JUNE (Fri-Sun) WOODLANDS EVENT CENTRE,
WYBOSTON LAKES RESORTConference of
Naval Associations
Holiday Service

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY POST/EMAIL USING THIS FORM – NO TELEPHONE BOOKINGS (Unless 8 weeks prior to travel)

Please note the first person listed in the 'Accommodation Requirements' should be the **Lead Name** on the Booking Form to whom all correspondence will be sent.

Prices:	1) 7 th -9 th June (Fri-Sun)	2 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast, includes Gala Dinner: £259 per person _____
	2) 7 th -10 th June (Fri-Mon)	3 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast, includes Gala Dinner: £388 per person _____
	3) 6 th -9 th June (Thu-Sun)	3 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast, includes Gala Dinner: £388 per person _____
	4) 6 th -10 th June (Thu-Mon)	4 Nights dinner, bed and breakfast, includes Gala Dinner: £519 per person _____
	5) 8 th -9 th June (Sat-Sun)	1 Nights Gala Dinner, bed and breakfast: £149 – SRS £40* per person (limited availability)
	6) 9 th June (Sat)	Gala Dinner only, no accommodation: £45 per person _____

Accommodation Requirements: (The first person named should be the "Lead Name" to whom all correspondence will be sent)**Note:** *A limited number of rooms are available for Single occupancy without supplement. If singles are over-subscribed a supplement (SRS) of £40pppn will apply.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Accommodation Type</u>		
			<u>Day</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Twin</u>	<u>Single occupancy</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Special Requests: (Not guaranteed) including special needs/mobility issues, accommodation, parking and dietary requirements.

Lead Name Address: _____

Holiday Insurance: Full details of our optional Holiday Insurance will be provided for your consideration once your application has been processed.

Post Code: _____ Tel. Number: _____

Email: _____

Cheques payable to "Just for groups!" Non-refundable £35 per person Deposit.

If you wish to pay by credit or debit card please be sure to provide a telephone number so that you can be called for payment to be taken once your Booking Form has been processed.

Deposit: _____ @ £35per person = £_____

Lead Name Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Final Balance Payment: Is due on or before 12th April 2019

Data Protection: We never share your details with any third party and process all your details in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation 2018.**PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:**
Just for groups! The Old Bakery, Queens Road, Norwich NR1 3PLTel: Admin 01603 886742/Sales 01603 886740 Email: sales@justforgroups.co.uk
www.justforgroups.co.uk

