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The Beating Heart of the RNA

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*It's a Merry
Christmas
Shipmates
from me...*

*And a Happy
New Scottish
New Year
from him.. no
I mean me...*

Shipmates Bob Coburn (National Standard Bearer) and Dave Corrigan (National Vice Standard Bearer) photographed at Westminster Abbey in the Garden of Remembrance. The scurrilous rumour that they only attend events when royalty attends has been absolutely scotched (do you get it!) by both of them, however the free tot may have attracted them!

**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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| 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 |
| IMC | International Maritime Confederation |
| NSM | Naval Service Memorial |

Throughout ☆ indicates a new or substantially changed entry

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Dear Shipmate,

Welcome to the December Circular, this is our Christmas edition. I am sorry that the Circular is a little late this month, this has been caused by a family bereavement in the Central Office Staff and could not be avoided. Apologies all round.

It is cold and clear here in Portsmouth with the pile-driver on the carrier berth banging away! There is real air of anticipation in the Naval Base where we hope to see HMS Queen Elizabeth in the early summer. Dredging operations are almost complete and we have had to evacuate Semaphore Tower on two occasions (once for a whole day), the whole of the Dockyard and Gun Wharf Quays also had to be cleared. The dredgers are finding mostly German 500lb bombs dropped in the Second World War, mind you the odd lost torpedo turns up too! New navigations marks in the approach to the port are now complete too. An Open day booking in 2017 is looking a great idea!!

As we enter the festive season, with parties to look forward to and branch events aplenty, please remember those shipmates who might have lost a loved one this year, or those who have stopped turning up for branch meetings. Loneliness can be a particular burden and an RNA arm around the shoulder might make all the difference. A friendly voice and chat about nothing in particular is one of the great pleasures of those long, dark watches at night – perhaps worth bearing in mind at this time of year – and making that extra effort to get in touch.

A reminder following last month to ensure that the info in the Circular goes out to all branch members. For instance just signing up for a free iPad under the Project Semaphore Scheme might result in a bottle or two of Pussers! On that subject, our contractor is about to build 600 iPads, so either volunteer to help candidates to go on line (with your own iPad), or help someone to register to get on line and enjoy Video calls with grandchildren, having your groceries delivered to your front door, or even catching up with Corrie when you want, and not when ITV broadcast it!!!

We are about to register our 1,000th candidate on the Shipmates and Oppos programme – which is phenomenal result in only 9 months! It takes quite a lot of effort to keep the project running, but completely worth it. We have noticed an increase uptake of S&O candidates getting in contact with their RNA branch. Please give them the warmest welcome – they are our future!

A reminder about the Jutland Wood project. We have managed to get hold of a full gallon of original Royal Navy Rum in its wicker basket (one bottle is £632 in the shops) and auction for over £1300 each. We will be sending out a rum raffle ticket (with the normal Conference charity raffle too) – with the rum raffle money going to support the Jutland Wood project. Please do remind members to consider Jutland Wood tree as a way of celebrating a family member – or one of the sailors lost by the RN at the battle. The Woodland trust will send you a very nice certificate with your family member's name or a WW1 person chosen for you.

And so to a few admin matters:

- The deadline for 2017 conference motions is 'close of play' on the 17th February 2017. Branches wishing to submit motions should be actively discussing them now. Help is available via Central Office to assist with presentation, so they are ready for the Agenda first time.
- We have printed new joining forms with the new subscriptions rate and updated photos and text. We shall be sending all branches forms in the post shortly.
- It has come to the Council's attention that some Honorary and Life Members have not

been receiving an Annual sticker for their membership cards as required by Rule 5 (h). The issue of annual stickers to Life Members confirms they are registered in a Branch and are eligible to hold office or cast a vote in that Branch (see Rule 4 (d)). It is therefore important Branch Secretaries include Honorary and Life Members on the Annual Branch Membership Return Form.

- Diaries are selling fast, so please keep Nigel busy! Also Christmas cards with the Naval Service Memorial cards now sold out.
- Don't forget to get those NCM/DNCM elections nominations in for 2,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 Areas.
- Don't forget to book your delegate and observers for Conference, form at the back of the Circ.
- Due to the Central Office closed period there will be no January Circular

Finally, we had some great news last week. Your go-ahead RNA has been granted £171,000 from the LIBOR fund for the purchase of 3 brand new minibuses (fitted with disabled ramp lift). The idea will be to have one in the North, one in the West and one in Pompey. They are for trips, days out, and even going down to the pub (with a designated driver of course), and will be available for our CONA shipmates and can be used even with other veterans onboard! The grant covers maintenance, insurance, tax disc etc – so the only cost to be met by people using the buses will be fuel! The grant will be paid to us in April 17. As you can imagine there are going to be lots of issues to sort out, such as custody, training, volunteers – and to order, purchase and sign-write the minibuses. So your Central Office staff will be working with the NC about that for the next few months. I would be delighted to hear any ideas and observations you may have. My dearest hope will be to have at least one of the buses at Conference for all to see.

I hope you agree that this caps a wonderful year for the RNA, with Project Semaphore, Shipmates and Oppos, Jutland Wood, Open Days, the NSM at the centre of attention at the Arboretum – as well as the thousands of events, fundraisers and good deeds done in our wonderful branches and Areas.

A very Happy Christmas and a Shipmately Good Year from me and the Central Office (HQ) team

Paul



And a Robin for 10 Area, who always ask for more robins on our Christmas card!!



Your National Chair, Keith Ridley and GS at a recent meeting

Daily Orders

1. ☆ Project Semaphore Newsletter- iPads

This Month's Update from the Project Manager – Sharon Brown.

As promised I would like to update you on our Project Progress. This month has given us some technical challenges although those have been for our Apple reseller to resolve and they have been working very hard on our behalf. The main difficulty was getting the RNA registered as an Apple ID which is crucial before the build process can commence. A phone call this morning from Apple HQ confirmed this has now been achieved and the build has commence in earnest.

Thank you for those who have contacted me recommending further candidates and more volunteers. Since the delay in the Project **the original deadline for volunteers has been lifted** so if any of you out there feel you can support a local S/M with their use of an iPad please complete the volunteer's skills test and application which is still available on the RNA website under Project Semaphore.



I would also like to announce a competition to run to the end of the year, there are two categories. The Branch and the Area who sign up the most candidates by 31 Dec 16 will win a **bottle (or perhaps two) of Pussers Rum!** I would like to remind all you keen competitive types (you know who you are) that eligibility is key due to the requirements of the funding so the candidates must be Naval Veterans, over 65 and deemed digitally isolated. So.....

Ready steady Gooooooooo!

<http://www.royal-naval-association.co.uk/members/campaigns>

2. ☆ Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Parade and Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance - Sunday 13 November 2016



This year the National President laid the wreath on behalf of the RNA at the Cenotaph and on a lovely autumnal day 46 Shipmates Paraded down Whitehall and round for the salute at Horse Guards by HRH the Prince of Wales.

A number of shipmates gathered for a small service conducted by the Chaplain of the Fleet and RNA 'Bish', Rev'd Ian Wheatley in the Garden of Remembrance. The National President, despite his bashed Bowler Hat managed to once again have a chat with a member of the Royal Family this year it was the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Harry!



3. ☆ **Guess Where? An Establishment**

This month can you name this establishment No hovering or looking on Google or Wiki!!

The answer will be in next month's edition.

Last month's answer!

What was HMS Rooke in Gibraltar (photographed in September) and now being demolished!



4. ☆ **Donations received from the Central Charities.**

Central Charities

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| RNA – Costa Blanca | £100.00 |
| Sally Cheriman | £ 20.00 |
| J Tallant | £ 50.00 |
| H Moulton | £ 25.00 |
| CAF | £200.00 |

In memory of the late

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| William Clarke | £ 25.00 |
| Jack Andow | £158.84 |

Jutland Wood

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| 1 Area | £ 1,000 |
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5. ☆ **RN VC Series - Lieutenant Commander Eugene Esmonde VC DSO MiD Royal Navy**

Esmonde was born on 1 March 1909 in Thurgoland, Yorkshire, near Barnsley, where his father, Dr John Joseph Esmonde (1862–1915), was in temporary general practice. Though by birth English, his parents were from Ireland, and he returned to his family's ancestral home of the Esmonde baronets in Drominagh, County Tipperary as a boy and was educated by the Jesuits, first at Wimbledon College in London and then at Clongowes Wood College in County Kildare, Ireland.

Esmonde was commissioned into the Royal Air Force (RAF) as a pilot officer on probation on 28 December 1928. During the early 1930s, Esmonde served first in the RAF, and then saw



the light and transferred to the Fleet Air Arm where he served in the Mediterranean when responsibility for naval aviation was returned to the Royal Navy. Upon leaving the navy in 1934, he flew for Imperial Airways.



At the start of the Second World War, he returned to the Fleet Air Arm with the rank of lieutenant commander. His first sea posting was to HMS Courageous, which was sunk in September 1939. He returned to sea duty on board HMS Victorious after a series of postings to shore-based stations.

On the night of 24 May 1941, Esmonde led 825 Naval Air Squadron's nine Fairey Swordfish torpedo bombers in an attack against the German battleship Bismarck. This attack took place after the Battle of the Denmark Strait, in which HMS Hood was sunk by the Bismarck. The biplanes flying from Victorious made a 120-mile flight in foul North Atlantic weather and one torpedo hit the Bismarck amidships without effect. (The attack that disabled the ship's rudder and doomed the German battleship was caused by a Swordfish torpedo strike from HMS Ark Royal some days later.) Esmonde was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order on 11 February 1942 for his leadership and actions (the award was announced on 16 September 1941).

His squadron was serving on HMS Ark Royal when she was torpedoed in November 1941. Attempts to tow her to Gibraltar were abandoned, and on 14 November 1941 she sank. The Swordfish of the squadron ferried some of the crew off the ship before she sank; Lt Cdr Esmonde was Mentioned in Despatches for his actions on this occasion.

Esmonde won his VC for his actions during the 'Channel Dash' on 12 February 1942 when he led an attack by six swordfish on the German Battle Cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and Heavy Cruiser Prinz Eugen plus their attendant escorts. The odds were stacked against the Swordfish resulting in the loss of all aircraft and only 5 out of the 18 aircrew surviving.

The London Gazette published his VC citation on 03 March 1942;

ADMIRALTY. Whitehall. 3rd March, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the grant of the VICTORIA CROSS, for valour and resolution in action against the Enemy, to:

The late Lieutenant-Commander (A) Eugene Esmonde, D.S.O., Royal Navy.

On the morning of Thursday, 12th February, 1942, Lieutenant-Commander Esmonde, in command of a Squadron of the Fleet Air Arm, was told that the German Battle-Cruisers SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU and the Cruiser PRINZ EUGEN, strongly escorted by some thirty surface craft, were entering the Straits of Dover, and that his Squadron must attack before they reached the sand-banks North East of Calais.



Lieutenant-Commander Esmonde knew well that his enterprise was desperate. Soon after noon he and his squadron of six Swordfish set course for the Enemy, and after ten minutes flight were

attacked by a strong force of Enemy fighters. Touch was lost with his fighter escort; and in the action which followed all his aircraft were damaged. He flew on, cool and resolute, serenely challenging hopeless odds, to encounter the deadly fire of the Battle-Cruisers and their Escort, which shattered the port wing of his aircraft. Undismayed, he led his Squadron on, straight through this inferno of fire, in steady flight towards their target. Almost at once he was shot down; but his Squadron went on to launch a gallant attack, in which at least one torpedo is believed to have struck the German Battle-Cruisers, and from which not one of the six aircraft returned.



His high courage and splendid resolution will live in the traditions of the Royal Navy, and remain for many generations a fine and stirring memory.

Very sadly seven weeks later Lieutenant-Commander Esmonde's body, still in his lifejacket, was washed ashore in the Thames Estuary near the River Medway and he was buried in the Woodlands Cemetery, Gillingham, Kent on the 30th April 1942.

Finally he was honoured and remembered in Winston Churchill's famous broadcast speech on 13 May 1945, "Five years of War", as having defended Ireland's honour.

6. ☆ 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Womens Royal Naval Service (WRNS)

In 2017 the Naval Service will celebrate and commemorate the centenary of the formation of the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS).

The modern Royal Navy reflects diversity and professionalism. As the country and Europe reflect back to the years of the First World War, the demands placed on both the population and its Armed Forces at the time warranted radical action to support the efforts of those fighting. Extraordinary times need extraordinary people so there is a special place for the women who were the trail blazers and mould breakers who became part of the Naval War efforts in 1917. The proud traditions that laid its foundations in 1917 have grown and blossomed into the modern role of women within the Royal Navy that we all recognise.



The picture shows Dame Katherine Furse, Director WRNS, leading the WRNS in the Peace Parade through London On 19th July 1919.



In order to honour the efforts of all those women, there are a series of projects running to celebrate the formation of the Women's Royal Naval Service and its influence on opportunities for women in today's Royal Navy.

Throughout 2017 there will be various events and projects to mark the Centenary. One such project is a fund-raising appeal (entitled give £ounds for the Stone)

to create a specially carved commemorative stone to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the WRNS in 1917. The carved stone will feature the distinctive shapes of women's uniform hats - tricorn and sailor's caps, evolving over the past century to the styles worn today. The WRNS100 Project Team has commissioned celebrated stonemason Robyn Golden-Hann from Andover who has produced an artist's impression of how the Centenary Stone might look. Details of how to donate to the appeal can be found online on the RN website: www.royalnavy.mod.uk/WRNS100 and to find out more about the Centenary Celebrations, the Commemorative Appeal and the artists impression, visit www.WRNS100.co.uk.

It is estimated that some 150,000 women served in the WRNS during the period from 1917 up to its amalgamation with the Royal Navy in 1993. The modern role of women in the Royal Navy has changed beyond recognition from the days when the Admiralty invited Dame Katherine Furse to form a 'Naval organisation for women' that would recruit women to fill shore jobs, thus enabling men to go to sea. The name 'Women's Royal Naval Service' was agreed after the Admiralty sanctioned the use of 'Royal'. His Majesty the King approved the formation of the Service and on 29th November 1917 an Admiralty office memorandum announced its establishment.

Achievements of women in the Royal Navy since 2000

- 2004 A woman took command of a Minehunter for the first time
- 2012 A frigate became the first major ship command allocated to a woman
A female helicopter pilot was appointed to the Commando Helicopter Forces
- 2007 A doctor from the RN Medical Branch became the first Naval woman to gain her coveted green beret by passing the exceptionally tough All Arms Commando course
- 2009 A medical assistant was the first woman in the Royal Navy to be awarded a Military Cross
- 2010 The first woman qualified as a Minewarfare and Clearance Diving Officer
A female pilot was appointed as the first to lead and fly in the RN's Blackcats Helicopter Display Team Another female pilot became the Commander of the Maritime Helicopter Force
The Royal Naval Reserve welcomed its first qualified female diver, and a former blue badge Wren was appointed as the first female Command Warrant Officer.
- 2011 A female officer who began her career as a non sea-going, blue badge Wren rating was appointed as the RN's first aircrew Senior Observer
The Fleet Air Arm welcomed its first frontline Air Engineering Officer
- 2012 The first woman to command a squadron of fourteen minor war vessels
- 2013 Naval Servicewomen's Network established to inspire and empower women further throughout their careers
First fully-qualified female aircrew joined the Search and Rescue Air Squadron
- 2014 First three female officers entered the Submarine Service having gained their 'Dolphins' and ratings have now followed their lead(including one EM(SM) mentored by the GS).



Key National Event Dates

- 8 March - November 2017 - Launch of the WRNS100 Centenary and an exhibition entitled "Pioneers to Professionals: Women and the Royal Navy" at the National Museum of the RN, Portsmouth
- 23 March 2017 – Launch of new WRNS March at the Mountbatten Festival of Music, Royal Albert Hall, London

- 22 – 23 April 2017 - Yeovil & District Branch of the AOW will be hosting a celebration Dinner & Cabaret (22 April at Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset) and a church service (23 April at St Bartholomew's Church, Yeovilton, Somerset) to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Branch as well as the WRNS Centenary. For details email: yeovilwrens40th@gmail.com
- 28 - 30 April 2017 - The Dauntless Association is organising a 'Midlands WRNS100 Celebration' at the Aston Court Hotel, Midland Road, Derby DE1 2SL. For an information sheet please email: serviceswrendered@gmail.com or telephone 01629 584411
- 15 July 2017 London – A celebration in London will be held at the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich. Email: Greenwich@wrns100.co.uk or telephone 07925 147689
- 5 August 2017 - A 'Celebratory Dinner' is being organised onboard HMS TRINCOMALEE, Hartlepool. Numbers will be limited so please contact Julie Ratcliffe by email: juliesmart35@hotmail.com or telephone 07989 418843
- 9 September 2017 - The Association of Wrens will celebrate WRNS100 with a barbecue and disco at the Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Brockworth GL3 4PB. Non-members welcome
- 11 October 2017 - The Annual Service for Seafarers at St. Paul's, St. Paul's Churchyard, London EC4M 8AD will feature the WRNS100 Anniversary.
- 4 November 2017 - A Commemorative Service will take place at Portsmouth Cathedral where a new memorial will be dedicated to all Women who have served the Naval Service over the last 100 years followed by a celebratory tea at Portsmouth Guildhall
- 24 – 26 November 2017 – A Scottish celebration, which may include a ceilidh / dance to be held at HMS Scotia on the 25th and a Church Service in Edinburgh on the 26th. Please contact Karen Elliot by email: kelliot@paywizard.com or telephone 07795 463366
- 29 November 2017 – Anniversary

For more information please see link to WRNS100 website www.WRNS100.co.uk

7. ☆ Finance Corner

Dear Shipmates

Year End Returns 2014

They are still 3 Branches who have not submitted their accounts to Central Office for 2014.

Can I please ask for a copy to be returned to Central Office **ASAP**.

I have informed your Area NCM that you have still not submitted your accounts, so they might offer what assistance is required or you can ring Rita or me.

They are:

Area 6 - RNA High Wycombe,
Area 8 - RNA B'ham Cotteridge
Area 11 – RNA Redcar

Year End Returns 2015

Central Office still has 10 Branches that have not submitted their Year End Returns.

Can I please ask for a copy to be returned to Central Office **ASAP**.

They are:

Area 1 – RNA Carshalton, RNA Greenford
Area 2 – RNA Reigate, RNA Sidcup
Area 6 – RNA High Wycombe
Area 8 – RNA B'ham Cotteridge



Area 9 – RNA Bourne, RNA Sheffield

Area 11 – RNA Redcar

Area 13 – RNA Sutherland

Branch / Area Year End Returns & Officers Information forms

These forms were attached with last month's Circular, you can also find them on our RNA Website. Forms need to be completed, signed and sent to Central office by the 30 April 2017, either by e-mail or post. E-mail addresses: michelle@royalnavalassoc.com or rita@royalnavalassoc.com

Donations

Donation figures abstracted from the Branch 2015 Year End Returns will be entered in the January 2017 Circular. We are just waiting for the above Branches to send their Returns.

Membership Secretaries

Please note – any Branches that have purchased too many stickers, please don't forget that you can return them to Central Office within this financial period (Jan-Dec 2016). Any stickers received after the financial period will **not** be issued a credit note.

You can find a copy of 2017 Membership form on our RNA Website. Would you all be so kind and please use these forms, this will help any future confusion. Hard copies will be sent out soon.

As at the 1 January 2017

Membership fees will be £14.00, Overseas £7.00, Life Membership £140.00 (10 x Membership). These fees were all passed at Conference 2016.

Please make sure your Branch Shipmates pay their subscriptions either by D/D, Cash, and Cheques to your **Branch Bank Account** and not HQ Bank Account.

Slops

As at the 1 January 2017 the Certificate of Appreciation will cost £25.00, increase passed at Conference 2016.

Well, Shipmates, since this is the last Circular for this year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's been lovely working with you all! I look forward to working with you all next year.

See you in 2017

Yours Aye
Michelle

8. ☆ The Snoring Bootie! Joke (Warning Non PC – read at your peril!)

Four Servicemen were on an expedition camp. No one wanted to room with the Royal Marine, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first RAF guy slept in the Booties Room and comes to breakfast the



next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you?' He said, 'The Bootie snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night'.

The next night it was the Pongo's turn. In the morning, same thing; hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you? You look awful!' He said, 'Man, that Bootie shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night'.

The third night it was the ex Sparker turn. The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. 'Good morning', he said. He sat down and started scoffing his full English breakfast. They couldn't believe it! They said, 'Hey, what happened?'

The Submariner said, 'Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked the Bootie into bed, patted him on the behind, and kissed him good night. The 'Royal' sat up and watched me all night!!'

9. Update of RNA & Naval Associations Deployment to Ireland on the MV Marco Polo (Renamed HMS Marco Polo) - 'Mini Cruise' 29 Sep -02 October 2107

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Just a quick update on the Naval Associations Irish Sea Deployment on HMS Marco Polo 'Mini- Cruise'. The ship is under sailing orders from Liverpool at 1900 on Friday 29th September 2017, full details are available below.

The cruise is currently exclusively booked for RNA and CONA shipmates which can only continue for a limited period Shipmates who would like to attend are required to place a deposit of £100. However, to encourage more Shipmates to

book early and ensure the exclusivity the RNA have successfully negotiated with CONA Holiday Service to reduce the deposit so it can be paid in two sums of £50, one now and the other by 31st January.

The full programme of events for the cruise is still being constructed however just confirmed on the entertainment front is the unashamedly famous *Shep Woolley and the Shanty Men*.

Come along and get the feel of the sea under your feet and have a 'stonkingly' great time. The drinks package alone is worth it! Look;

Why not add a '*Drinks Inclusive Package*' at a supplement of £15 per person per night*. This includes: House wine, draught beer and soft drinks by the glass during meal hours in the restaurants: Draught beer, house wines, cocktails and other alcoholic drinks by the glass from all bars during opening hours (excluding premium brands): Soft drinks and juices by the glass from all bars during opening hours.

* *The drinks package is only available if all occupants of the cabin book it in advance for the 3 night duration. (Exclusions apply).*

So Shipmates what are you waiting for please book up as early as you possibly can so that the cruise remains as a 'naval deployment'. Full details of the cruise and the booking form can be found at the rear of this Semaphore Circular.

So why not come along and swing that lantern.....

10. Londonderry Battle of the Atlantic Commemorations 6/7th May 2017.

To all Shipmates,

The Battle of The Atlantic Commemorations will be held over the weekend 6th and 7th May 2017 in Londonderry. The Programme is as follows:-

Saturday 6th May - 1900 for 1930 Dinner in the City Hotel.

Sunday 7th May-

1015. Parade musters at The RBL Club Waterside.

1030. Parade marches off.

1040. Parade arrives at All Saints Church.

1100. Church Service Commences

1210. Parade marches past en route to The RBL Club where light refreshments will be served.

Should any Shipmate wish to attend the Dinner the cost will be £30.00 per head the cut-off date for same will be 14 April 2016. Please forward a cheque to cover the cost of relevant number of shipmates attending. The Dress for all Functions will be RNA Rig.

Should any changes to the above programme arise Branches will be informed soonest. For further details please contact Frank Brown Hon Sec Londonderry RNA.

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11 ☆ Art Collector Joke.



A lawyer calls his largest client to his office for an important meeting. When he arrives, the lawyer says to the wealthy art collector client, "I have some good news and some bad news."

The client grumbles, "I've had an awful day, tell me the good news first."

"Your wife invested £5,000 in two pictures today. She believes they are worth at least £3 million."

"Well done!" the tycoon says with a big smile. "good news indeed! you've made my day. So what's the bad news?"

"The two pictures are of you with your Secretary."

12. Type 42 Association Reunion 003.

The Type 42 Association Reunion 003 will be held at HMS Excellent on 22 Jul 2017. Open to all who have served on a Type 42 Destroyer, Discounted tickets for all fully paid up association members, new members can sign up to the association via the website.



BGM Start 1230 hrs Finish 1345 hrs
Reunion Start 1400 hrs, Finish 2100 hrs
HMS Excellent, Sports Field

Tickets: Members £10 + 1 Guest £10 & Non Members £30
For Info email: chairman@type42association.co.uk For tickets email: deanpullom@yahoo.co.uk

Web site: www.type42association.co.uk click on forum or visit our Facebook page Type 42 Association

13. ☆ Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC)



Three projects supporting the wellbeing and relationships of Naval Service beneficiaries have been given a major helping hand by Chancellor Philip Hammond in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. He announced an award of £1 million in LIBOR Funding.

The money will be used to support three programmes: Kings Camps, which provide high-quality learning and development opportunities for children of serving families; Relate, the relationship support service; and a Volunteering Campaign Programme fund that will recruit and train volunteers to provide support, friendship and practical help for Royal Navy and Royal Marines beneficiaries.

All of the identified programmes are scheduled to start in 2017 and run for three years.

The successful selection of the three projects follows a comprehensive series of need workshops, held throughout 2016, alongside peer charities and service providers .



Robert Robson, RNRMC Chief Executive, added that the identified programmes will enable the charity to further develop pilot schemes, expanding the availability of existing services nationwide.

"We can extend and develop our bespoke counselling programme with Relate after such a successful pilot, providing early intervention when the pressures of Service life take their toll and helping to prevent problems from escalating, and provision for a new national network of volunteers will see us reach more

beneficiaries in more places than ever before." **Libor funds** come from fines imposed on banks and other financial bodies over the LIBOR scandal.

14. ☆ Aussie Cricket Joke!

We at Central Office think it is very important that the Aussies deserve respect especially when they are losing and it is very unfair when people write this kind of joke at their expense. It is also important that you get the chance to read the sort of things people are writing!.....

BILLY'S DAD

Billy was at school this morning and the teacher asked all the children what their fathers did for a living. All the typical answers came out, fireman, cameraman, audio engineer, policeman, salesman, chippy, etc, but Billy was being uncharacteristically quiet and so the teacher asked him about his father.



"My father is an exotic dancer in a strip club and takes off all his clothes in front of other people. Sometimes if the offer is really good, he'll go out with a client, rent a cheap hotel room and let them sleep with him." The teacher quickly set the other children some work and took little Billy aside to ask him if that was really true. "No" said Billy, "He plays cricket for Australia but I was just too embarrassed to say."

RNA Longcast

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| 2016 | |
| 10 Dec | National Council Meeting |
| 23 –3 Jan 17 | HQ Closed for Christmas |
| 2017 | |
| 04 Feb | Area 5 Quarterly / AGM Meeting - Harwich |
| 09 Feb | Independent Examination |
| 10 Feb | Motions Deadline |
| 17 Feb | SOC |
| 17 Feb | FAC |
| 18 Feb | AMC |
| 25 Feb | Area 6 AGM – 1300 Bracknell RNA |
| 11 March | National Council Meeting |
| 07 Apr | Open Day |
| 07 Apr | Deadline for SOC nominations |
| 06 May | Area 5 Quarterly Meeting - Beccles |
| 12 May | Open Day |
| 02-04 Jun | RNA Conference – Perth |
| 02 Jun | AMC /FAC / National Council Meeting/SOC |
| 03 Jun | SOC (Wash up) |
| 17 Jun | 6 Area Meeting – 1300 Chesham and Amersham |
| 24 Jun | National Armed Forces Day - Liverpool |
| 30 Jun | Open Day |
| June | Possible arrival of HMS Queen Elizabeth in Portsmouth (V flexible date) |
| 27 Jul | Mid-year Budget Review |
| 05 Aug | Area 5 Quarterly Meeting - Stowmarket |
| 11 Aug | Open Day |
| 25 Aug | FAC |
| 26 Aug | AMC |
| 06 Oct | Open Day |
| 09 Sep | National Council Meeting |
| 10 Sep | Biennial Parade |
| 29 Sep - 02 Oct | CONA Cruise (Liverpool –Dublin- Bristol) |
| 21 Oct | RNA Chard -30 year Commissioning Anniversary and Trafalgar Night Dinner |
| 04 Nov | Area 5 Quarterly - Harwich |
| 17 Nov | FAC |
| 18 Nov | AMC |
| 25 Nov | 6 Area Meeting – 1300 Royston RNA (Eternit Sports & Social Club) |
| 09 Dec | National Council Meeting |

D'ye hear there'.....

News from around the Areas and Branches

RNA Reigate Branch

November was a busy month for the Reigate Branch. It started with a parade in the local Shopping Centre to observe the 2 minute silence on Armistice Day where 18 members attending the very moving ceremony.

Remembrance Sunday, the branch formed to march to our local War Memorial to join local dignitaries and other groups from around the Borough for the annual outdoor service.

22nd November. Branch members attended the Reigate Sea Cadets presentation parade where Able Cadet Ian Clamp was presented the Branch sponsored "Cadet of the Year" Trophy from Captain Mark Windsor.

On a down side, the Branch turned out in force to say farewell to one of our long standing members Les Carter, who sadly, crossed the bar at the beginning of the month.



We now look forward to our Christmas social trip to Kent and a visit to Gravesend Branch who have promised copious amounts of "Gunpowder Proof" will be awaiting our arrival.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY

RNA Huntingdon and District

Shipmates from Huntingdon & District Branch have been busy over the last couple of months. Their annual Trafalgar Night Dinner was held on the 29th October at the Black Bull in Godmanchester. There were 55 attendees, including the RNA's newly elected National Chairman, Shipmate Keith Ridley.

The evening began with a cheque presentation to T.S. Cromwell Sea Cadet Unit with the Mayor of Huntingdon joining us in showing our support of the local cadets. Our former President, shipmate Graham Holt was made a Life Vice President of the



Branch in appreciation of his dedication and service to us

over the years. A letter from Her Majesty The Queen was read out by the Hon. Secretary, thanking the Branch for their best



wishes and congratulating us on our 35th anniversary since commissioning in 1981.

One of our guests brought some original Battle of Trafalgar medals, and also a Copenhagen (1801) medal. Shipmate Karl Webb provided a surprise after dinner speech...dressed as a Master's Mate 1805, even his wife was unaware of the evenings spent making his costume. We had a presentation from Cadet 1st Class Simon Graham, who told us about his week onboard T.S. Royalist (a trip sponsored by our Branch), and finally, the evening concluded with a raffle.

The Branch attended a number of Community events such as a Flag raising service commemorating the Battle of Britain on the 31st October, a Flag raising service with the Royal British Legion Riders for Remembrance Day on the 7th November, and finally two parades on Remembrance Day, firstly at Huntingdon's War Memorial and then for an evening service at St Mary's Church in Godmanchester.



Photographs supplied show the evening entertainment at our Annual Trafalgar Night Dinner (including the National Chairman enjoying a tot with Master's Mate, S/m Karl Webb), and shipmates about to take part in the Remembrance Day Parade in Huntingdon.

RNA Dublin Branch



On Friday 21 October, Shipmates and their guests from Dublin Branch RNA sat down for the Branch's Annual Trafalgar Night Dinner, at the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. This year, the Branch was delighted to welcome Commodore Mark Slawson RN, Deputy National President of the RNA, as guest speaker. In attendance at the Dinner was also H.M.'s British Defence Attaché to Ireland, Colonel Max Walker and his wife Caroline.

The Branch were honoured this year to have on display at the dinner, the Ship's Bell from HMS Mystic (1915) and the Ship's Ensign from HMS Dublin, both of which were at the Battle of Jutland.

After a traditional tot of rum by order of the Branch President and an excellent meal, the Shipmates and their guests were entertained to a most interesting toast to the 'Immortal Memory' proposed by Commodore Slawson.



A presentation was made on behalf of the Branch, by Chairman, Shipmate Paul Stephenson to Commodore Slawson, of a Waterford Crystal Vase engraved with the Dublin Branch RNA crest.

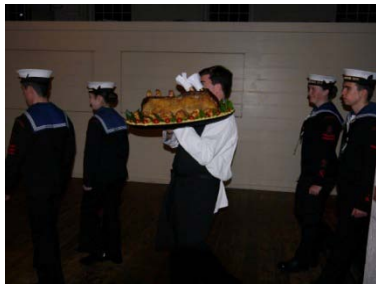
RNA Worthing Branch

Worthing Branch Trafalgar night Dinner was held on 29 October 2016. Commodore Graeme Little OBE was the Guest of Honour and provided the ensemble with an excellent after dinner speech. This was followed by a presentation to our outgoing Chairman and Area 3 NCM, Shipmate Bob Scott, by the Vice-Chairman Dave Shipley. S/M Bob was presented with a Commemorative Gift on behalf of all the Worthing Branch Shipmates in recognition of your Long tenure as Branch Chairman, whilst at the same time maintaining high level of leadership skills in managing the Branch and practicing the ethos to the Royal Naval association's "Motto" which is :- Unity, Loyalty, Patriotism and Comradeship. He has been an example to all members.



RNA Lee on the Solent and Stubbington Branch

Lee/Stubb held their Trafalgar Dinner on Saturday 22 October 2016 at Boathouse No7 in Portsmouth Dockyard. The Guests of Honour were Commodore Mark Slawson OBE Royal Navy, RNA Deputy National President and Mr Les Jury, Chairman of Court Bran Conservative Club (The Branches meeting place) with 80 Shipmates in attendance.



Warsash Sea Cadets provided a Guard of Honour to welcome the guests and Shipmates and conducted a 'sunset ceremony' with the Deputy National President taking the salute. A four course dinner followed which included; Parading the Beef (Courtesy Sea Cadets and Ampersands Catering General Manager Peter Haddock); Ships of the Line; Singing of two Sea Shanties. And a superb speech from Cdre Mark. A smashing evening was had by all

The Branch is holding a Charity Christmas Concert at Holy Rood Church Stubbington on Friday 16 December starting at 1930. The concert features the HMS Collingwood Volunteer Band and the NATS Choir. The Branch would be delighted to welcome any Shipmates and their families to the concert with tickets costing £5, which includes a halftime cuppa and mince pie.



The Branch would like to thank Vice Chairman Soapy Watson Mrs Vice Ann Watson for representing the RNA at the HMS Collingwood Charity evening, last year the organisers, RAF Swannick, donated £4,000 to Royal Naval Charities including the RNA. Mrs Vice can be seen all on her lonesome at the charity event, Mr Vice had gone off in search of the Pussers!



RNA Chard Branch

For Shipmates information as from Thursday 12th January 2017 the Chard Branch will be holding their meetings on the Second Thursday of each month at the Chard Rugby Club. Essex Close, Chard. TA20 1RH meeting 1930 until 2300. So come along and enjoy the 'Scrum Down'

This has come about as a result of outgrowing our current venue!

RNA Plymouth Branch

Plymouth Branch will be holding its 11th Biennial Trafalgar weekend in the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay over the weekend;

Friday October 13th – Monday October 16th 2017

2 Nights. Dinner/Bed/Breakfast £124

3 Nights Dinner/Bed/Breakfast £180

Saturday Night Formal followed on Sunday by a Church Service Sunday morning.

For further details please contact :

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RNA Cardiff Branch

On 11th November Cardiff RNA Shipmates made their annual visit to Roath Park Primary School in Cardiff.

This event began over 10 years ago when a plaque, bearing the names of ex school students killed in the First World War, was handed to the RNA by someone who found it in an antique shop in Dorset. The Cardiff branch of the RNA then presented the plaque to the school.

At each annual visit, always around 1000, the children cook a breakfast of bacon sandwiches for their visitors and talk to them about their lives and experiences.



This year it was fitting that the visit took place on the 11th November and on the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme where many of the ex students were killed..

Photographs of the plaque and shipmates of the Cardiff RNA are attached.

Everyone was quite dismayed that, due to current regulations, no photographs of RNA shipmates with the children were allowed. Shipmates concluded that is a sad state of affairs.

RNA Norwich Branch

Shipmate Keith Smith, Vice Chairman Norwich Branch has forwarded an article concerning the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of HMS Dunedin.



S/M Jim Davis one of our members was serving on HMS Dunedin (D Class Light Cruiser) when she was torpedoed by U124 on the 24th November 1941. About 250 men managed to leave the ship but when the survivors were picked up after 4 days in the shark infested waters there were only 4 Officers and 63 men alive.

Jim is now 97 years old and one of only two survivors left and up to this year he had always attended the annual HMS Dunedin Society commemoration service in Portsmouth. This year it was the 75th anniversary of the sinking and was to be the last Service. Sadly Jim is now in a residential home and not in the best of health and was unable to make the journey. However, to ease his disappointment S/M Keith and Jims Daughter arranged a small service at the home.

S/M Clifford Self the Branch Padre conducted a moving service which was also attended by S/M Pat Whiley, who piped the still and carry on for the minutes silence, our Standard Bearer S/M John Kett, S/Ms Reg McGuire ,Mike Wilkinson and S/M Janet Self and several other friends of S/M Jim.



Jim was very appreciative of the efforts of the branch and gave his thanks to all that attended.

It is said that what goes round comes round and so it seems as later in the war Jim was serving on HMS Stonecrop which alongside HMS Black Swan sank U124, West of Oporto, Portugal on 2nd April 1943 . She sank with all hands.

RNA Spalding Branch

Spalding Branch had an unusual Branch Meeting on Thursday 10th November. It was the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Shipmates Ted and Doris Landen. They got married on 10th November 1956, have a Son and Daughter and have been blessed with 3 Grandchildren.

Ted and Doris received a Congratulatory wedding anniversary message sent from The Queen, which was framed in an official frame and presented at the meeting by the Branch Secretary S/M Terry Day, with the Branch Members present toasting Ted and Doris with a Tot of Rum and a piece of Anniversary cake.

Although Ted had undertaken his National Service from 1950-1952 in the Lincolnshire



Regiment, he decided in January 1999 to join the RNA in Spalding as an Associate Member, with his wife Doris also joining the Branch 3 years later.

Spalding RNA are fortunate to have such a nice, well liked and respected couple.

(Editors Note - BZ and congratulations from Central Office)

RNA Bury Branch

91 year old D-day veteran Frank Haworth of Brandlesholme was this week presented with the Legion d'Honneur medal by the French government for his services on the day of the Normandy landings on 6th June 1944. Frank volunteered for the Royal Navy as a gunner shortly after his 17th birthday, not knowing what was to come. After his initial training at HMS Raleigh he was posted to HMS Grey Goose, a heavily armed gunboat, part of a flotilla of six, built for coastal forces. He recalls the flotilla being assigned to the American forces in Portland, Dorset to escort the second wave of assault troops heading for Omaha beach.



On arrival they were sent close inshore to shell the well concealed gun emplacements on the bluffs above the beach. After the successful landings, Grey Goose patrolled a sector of the outer perimeter of the US Zone, codenamed the Mason-Dixon line. Frank remembers a particular incident on the night of the 10/11th of June "Warned by USS Frankford's excellent radar, we were told two contacts were approaching our sector. At 1000 yards we fired a Star shell illuminating 2 German E-boats. A sharp battle then ensued ending with the two badly damaged enemy craft retiring behind a smokescreen." Due to a bad storm on the 19th June his ship was badly damaged by a Landing craft that had come loose putting a hole in the bows. The ship's pumps could not control the ingress of seawater so the ship had to head back to Portsmouth, the crew forming a bucket chain from the bilges to the upper deck. After five days of repairs the Grey Goose returned to patrol the English Channel.

After the war Frank returned to Ramsbottom where he became a screen printer and then spent 21 years working for the Post Office. He retired 31 years ago. Frank is still an active member of the Royal Naval Association and is the President of the Bury Branch.

BZ S/M Frank

RNA Atherton Branch

Hon Sec S/M Peter Wilkie has forward an article update Shipmates on activities at Atherton Branch.

Trafalgar Night

On Friday 21st October, the Atherton Branch commemorated the Battle of Trafalgar by hosting their annual Trafalgar Night Social and Concert at the Atherton Arms. The event was attended by members of the Bolton, North Manchester and Leyland Branches, together with

representatives of the Sea Cadet Corps, R.N.L.I., and disabled veterans from Broughton House Home in Salford. A splendid evening was had by all present and as well as a raffle, there was entertainment from a 1960's style group 'Reunion' and a hot pot supper. To end the evening there was a very enthusiastic rendition of the well known anthems from the Last Night of the Proms.

Dedication of the Atherton Cenotaph Memorial Project

The Atherton Cenotaph Memorial Project was originally started in 2004 when land adjacent to the Town Cenotaph, which was in poor order, was suggested by the Atherton Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Royal British Legion as a possible site for building a Memorial Garden to enhance the Cenotaph, which stands in a prime position at the southern entrance of the town.



A considerable amount of money was raised from private donors, Awards for All and Viridor Management Funding to go towards this ambitious project and plans were drawn up by S/M Peter Wilkie to build a formidable garden area to be devoted to our war fallen.

After some time the Council announced that there was an old mine-shaft on the site, which was not visible and had never been known to local residents over many years.

Thoughts of a Memorial Garden had to be put on hold, but the collected finances were not wasted and were used to improve the surroundings of the Cenotaph and have it thoroughly cleaned and refurbished.

Two years ago the Council opened allotments on the original site and this is when the RNA and RBL became involved once more and obtained permission for a plot of land immediately adjacent to the Cenotaph to be used as a Memorial Garden. The RNA/RBL team started negotiations with the Council and once again got out the begging bowl.



Important donations were made by Atherton RNA and RBL and enhanced by the LST & Landing Craft Association, the Rotary Club and Nautilus International, as well as from a number of private donors. In March of this year a meeting was arranged with local Councillors and they proposed to boost our funding by the addition of a five figure sum, which enabled us to begin talks with Groundwork Trust, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cheshire, who were prepared to assist us with a Landscape Engineer to provide professional layout drawings and advise us on materials, plants and procedures. Wigan Council once again came to our assistance by stating that any shortfall on costings would be covered by finances from funds set aside to commemorate the First World War.

Clearance of the site began immediately after the August Bank Holiday and progressed smoothly. When the Merseyside and West Lancashire County of the Royal British Legion heard of our initiative they immediately proposed that they should launch their Poppy Appeal for 2016 at the Memorial Garden on Wednesday 26th October. This seemed a prime opportunity to arrange for the Dedication of the Memorial Garden on the same date.

The Garden contains a vast array of plants, which have been planted to ensure that there are some species blooming at various periods of each year and. in particular. around Remembrance

Sunday The central feature is a dry stone wall with four main pillars, each one with a hand-sculptured crest representing the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air force and Merchant Navy. These are endorsed by four flagpoles around the Cenotaph flying the four Ensigns.

In addition, two ornamental benches depicting the First World War have been purchased for the convenience of townspeople relaxing in the sensory garden. One of these benches is dedicated to Atherton Royal Naval Association and the other to Atherton Royal British Legion. Atherton RNA would like to thank individual members of the RNA who contributed towards their purchase.



On Wednesday 26th October, the Dedication Service for the Memorial Garden was officiated over by the Reverend Reg Sinclair, the Vicar of St.John the Baptist Church, Atherton, and the opening ceremony carried out by Commander Harry Harley, the President of No.10 Area of the Royal Naval Association. Among the dignitaries in attendance were the Mayor of Wigan, Cllr. Ron Conway and the Lady Mayoress, Lord Peter Smith of Leigh and the Right Honourable Andy Burnham, MP.

Following the ceremonies a splendid buffet was presented at the Howe Bridge Headquarters of the local Scouts by members of the Bridgers Group.

Area 10 Autumn Conference held at Wallasey RNA Club

Six members of the branch including the Chairman and Secretary attended the Autumn Conference of No. 10 Area, which was held at the Wallasey RNA Club on Saturday 29th October.

RNA Ferndown Branch

For information Ferndown Branch Secretary, Carol Walters is sick on shore for the foreseeable future, so will you please re-route all correspondence to Shipmate Ian Scraggs me at the following address -

45 Bracken Road, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9PF

rnaferndown@gmail.com

Thank you

Area 2

NCM 2 S/M Darby Allen forwarded the interesting article below concerning Walter Burke HMS Victory's Purser.

You may be aware of HMS Victory's Purser, Walter Burke, who supported Nelson as he died of his mortal wound at Trafalgar.

Walter Burke lived in my village, Wouldham and is buried in the Church Yard. It is the custom of the village school to lay flowers on his grave, every Trafalgar Day and hold a short service in the church afterwards. A White Ensign is flown from the church tower and members of the local RNAs attend with standards. It is not a big event and not always well attended, but as a 'local' I always attend, as does my Chatham Branch Standard Bearer, Christine Sandman.



RNA Hanworth Branch



The photos were taken at the Remembrance Sunday service held in the Memorial Garden in the club's grounds at



Hanworth RNA. One is of the recently refurbished memorial itself with the new plaques of the sub sections, Submariners, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Marines and WRNS along side of the RNA plaque.

The group is of some of the branch members who had attended the service, along with family and friends of current and past members, that had been conducted by the Branch padre, Rev. John Wasley

RNA Stowmarket Branch

Wishing to show its support to a local volunteer group in Stowmarket, particularly in the lead-up to Christmas, the shipmates of Stowmarket Royal Naval Association have made a small donation of £100 to Stowmarket's Town Pastors, which they hope will help them with their work in the community.

The Town Pastors have been operating in Stowmarket for 6 years, looking out for and supporting vulnerable people, giving assistance where appropriate and providing a presence of friendliness and care so that people can enjoy their night out during the weekends. They currently operate on Friday nights from 2000 until around 2359 in the town with a team of fully trained and equipped Pastors. On accepting the cheque, Tony



Ciorra, Chairman of the Town Pastors, said he was very grateful for the kind donation and heartened by the support shown to the Pastors within the town for their work. The picture shows Tony Ciorra (centre) accepting Stowmarket RNA's donation from Shipmate Steve Searle

Stowmarket RNA joins the Town Pastors in wishing everyone a safe Christmas

Area 3

Area 3 President and NCM 3 Shipmate Bob Scott presented Lee on the Solent and Stubbington Branch with the Basil Brenton Trophy for having signed up the most new members in Area 3 for the previous 12 months.

The Lee/Stubb Social Sec, Shipmate Rod Phillips, can be seen receiving the Shield from S/M Bob at the recent Area 3 Meeting.



CROSSED THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

Arthur (Tug) Wilson - Tyne Branch

It is with great sadness that Tyne branch announce that Shipmate 'Tug' Wilson crossed the bar on the 17th October 2016 he was 90 years of age. Tug was a character who was very quiet and retiring, but a super sense of humour. He left school at the age of 14 just after the start of World war 2 and lied about his age in order to join the Royal Navy where served in all theatres including the Arctic Convoys. His true age was not discovered until just before he was due to draw his tot his family sent him a birthday card wishing him a Happy 18th Birthday. That was when it was discovered that he had joined up under age. He never did say if he received his tot.



After the war ended he joined Civvy Street and became qualified as a Pipe turner and gas fitter but he was still restless so he became a £10.00 Pommie to Australia. He lived a rough life down under often sleeping under the stars as he could not afford accommodation. When his father died he decided too return to the UK and settle down. He moved to the North East where he met and married Meryl and also joined the Royal Naval Association -Tyne Branch. He was the Chairman of Tyne Branch and also the Fleet Air Arm Standard Bearer until sadly he lost the lower half of one of his legs. A funny but true tale was when Tug was in hospital having his lower limb amputated two members of the branch went to visit him and took with them a blow up parrot and a crutch. The nurses were a little surprised but Tug roared with laughter and frequently recounted the tale.

He was the Branch Chairman for over ten years until his death. He was a well respected and admired Chairman and he will be sadly missed by all.

S/M Ian McQueen NCM 11

RNA Members Benefits

UK Holiday Group /CONA Holiday Service

- Variety of special deals for both Groups and Individual. 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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<http://www.thecolemangroup.co.uk/coleman-insurance-brokers/organisation-specific/cona>

Funeral Service

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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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R.N. Communications Association – 10-12 March 2017

The R.N. Communications Association, AGM and Dinner/Dance will be held in Hull , 10 – 12 Mar 2017 in Hull, for more information please contact the Sec. Carl Beeson, 01752 253746 and 07807-347509 or noseeb@skycom

Loch Class Frigates Association - 30 March 2017

Annual Reunion takes place at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport PR8 1RB from March 30 to April 3 2017.

Two and Three day packages available. Reservations: 01704 533771 quote “372601”, or email: sales@royalclifton.co.uk

All members welcome. Membership is open to all who served on any of the Loch Class ships or their variants (Bay Class, Admirals Yachts, survey ships and repair ships). Some of these types of ships have their own ‘Associations’ but you can always join both.

For details please contact Andrew Nunn Hon. Sec. LCFA at andrew.nunn@blueyonder.co.uk

HMS Newfoundland & HMS Kenya - 31 March 2017

Veteran’s annual get together will be held from 31 March to 3 April at the 4* Sketchley Grange Hotel, Burbage, Leicestershire. Reunion includes 3 nights half board accommodation, Gala Night Saturday night. Saturday coach tour to Nottingham and River Trent Cruise including a cream tea and sandwiches. Sunday coach tour to Leicester (King Richard III) and Foxton Locks. Also three night’s entertainment.

If you served on any of the Fiji/Uganda class cruisers, aka the Colony Class, you and your family members are welcome to join us. There is no official business, just a weekend of meeting friends and lamp swinging so come and join us. Also available for 2 nights. Contact Isle of Wight Tours, tel 01983 405116 or Alan Waite at alan04@live.co.uk

HMS Iveston (Jan –May 1991) - Reunion

There will be a 26 year reunion for the Ship’s Company involved in this memorable five month deployment to be held in the Portsmouth area on 1 July 2017 for all those wanting to attend. We recently held a 25 year reunion where 40% of the crew attended and we would like more to attend the next one.

Anyone who served on the Iveston during this deployment who wants more information, or if you know of someone who served onboard during this period, please contact Shaun at shaunmckeever@yahoo.com

HMS Loch Fada F390 Association – 20-24 April 2017

HMS Loch Fada Association F390 will be holding their 20th Annual Reunion & AGM at the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea, PO4 0RN from 20th – 24th April. This will be our first 4 day reunion weekend.

Friday will be an outing & tour of the Isle of Wight via the Hovercraft. Saturday sees the AGM at 1030 with a 1200 Tot time. The reunion dinner is at 1830 with our Guests of honour being the Lord & Lady Mayor of Eastleigh (our Warship Week Town). Loch Fada was allocated to Eastleigh as their replacement Ship in 1944. Sunday sees our coach outing to Chichester Cathedral & Town. Monday sees us wishing our Shipmates a Safe journey home & looking forward to meeting up for our first 'Foreign' reunion in Cardiff in 2018.

Bookings are being made through IOW Tours email enquiries@iowtours.com or Tel No 01983 405116 Info & Queries F390.sec11@virginmedia.com or Tel 01252 310767 or Snail mail F390 Secretary, 91 Ayling Lane, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 3ND

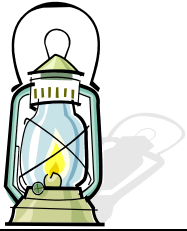
849 Squadron Gannets – 5 May 2017

849 Squadron Gannets. Regroup 2017 at the Mariners' Hotel, Haverfordwest, SA61 2DU May 5 & 6. Contact John Rawling at jsrawl@aol.com

HMS Fisgard, Artificer Apprentices Reunion – 9 June 2017

A reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the entry classes S29, S30, and S31 joining HMS Fisgard in 1957, will take place from June 9 to 11 2017 with the Reunion dinner Saturday 10th June. The venue, the Royal Beach Hotel, Southsea, situated opposite South Parade Pier, has been booked, with a deposit paid to secure the booking.

For details and booking form contact Malcolm Howard at malcolmhowardexrn@yahoo.co.uk



Swinging the Lamp - December 2016

| Date | Year | Entry |
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| 1st | 1962 | Heavy repair ship <i>Duncansby Head</i> and the former guided missile trials ship <i>Girdle Ness</i> commissioned as <i>Cochrane</i> to be the temporary naval barracks and administrative HQ at Rosyth while a new facility was built near the dockyard, replacing the former <i>Cochrane</i> at Donibristle. <i>Cochrane</i> was recommissioned ashore on 11 December 1968 and finally paid off 31 March 1996. |
| 2 nd | 1796 | <i>Southampton</i> captured the Spanish privateer <i>Corso</i> off Cape delle Mele. |
| 3rd | 1942 | Destroyer <i>Penylan</i> sunk by the German E-Boat S-115, 5 miles S. of Start Point (50.08N, 03.39W). Coastal Convoy PW 257. |
| 4 th | 1986 | HRH The Duke of Edinburgh unveiled a memorial plaque at Birchin Lane in the City of London to Capt R.D. Binney CBE, RN, who died in gallant but unusual circumstances during the Second World War. |
| 5 th | 1918 | First meeting of the Admiralty Ship Names and Mottoes Committee. |
| 6 th | 1838 | Ships' libraries authorised by Admiralty |
| 7th | 1942 | RM Boom Patrol Detachment (canoeist raiders) launched from submarine <i>Tuna</i> to attack German blockade runners in the Gironde – the 'Cockleshell heroes'. Operation Frankton. |
| 8th | 1914 | Battle of Falkland Islands. Vice-Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee (<i>Invincible</i>) defeated Vice-Admiral Graf von Spee (<i>Scharnhorst</i>) off the Falklands Islands. Battle Honour: Falkland Islands 1914. Ships: <i>Bristol</i> , <i>Carnarvon</i> , <i>Cornwall</i> , <i>Glasgow</i> , <i>Inflexible</i> , <i>Invincible</i> , <i>Kent</i> , <i>Macedonia</i> . Sunk: <i>Gneisenau</i> , <i>Leipzig</i> . <i>Nürnberg</i> , <i>Scharnhorst</i> . Escaped: <i>Dresden</i> . War Medal: clasp 'Falkland Islands 8 Dec 1914' approved but not issued. |
| 9th | 2003 | Lt Charlotte Atkinson, born on Trafalgar Day 1971, appointed to command <i>Brecon</i> in MCM3 at Faslane. Hitherto women had commanded only P2000 Archer-class vessels attached to URNUs. |
| 10th | 1942 | Destroyer <i>Roebuck</i> , building at Scotts, Greenock, was prematurely launched by a near miss by a German bomb and lay submerged for nine months. |
| 11 th | 1997 | HMY <i>Britannia</i> paid off at Portsmouth Dockyard. HM The Queen was piped ashore at 1500. Flag of Lord High Admiral and White Ensign struck. |
| 12th | 1917 | Destroyer <i>Partridge</i> (escorting a Scandinavian convoy of four neutral ships, with four trawlers) sunk and destroyer <i>Pellew</i> damaged by German destroyers G-101, G-103, G-104 and V-100 (59.48N, 03.53E) off Norwegian coast. A waste of Room 40's intelligence. |
| 13 th | 1944 | Swordfish L/813 and Q/813 (<i>Campania</i>) sank U-365 in Arctic (70.43N, 08.07E). Convoy RA 62. |

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| 14 th | 2006 | Chief ERA Leonard Williams, veteran of two wartime sinkings in the Far East and four years as a POW in Japanese hands, died aged 87. He was in the frigate <i>Amethyst</i> during escape from the River Yangtze in 1949 (DSM). As Chief ERA was the first to start up the engines of the new royal yacht <i>Britannia</i> in which he served for twelve years. |
| 15 th | 1936 | The first sea trials of the Royal Navy's first radar, Type 79X, carried out by the coal-burning minesweeper <i>Saltburn</i> , lying stopped 7 miles S.E. of The Nab. |
| 16 th | 1916 | VC: Capt (temp Lt-Col) B.C. Freyberg, Royal West Surrey Regiment and RND; ex-Lt-Cdr RNVF. |
| 17 th | 1941 | First battle of Sirte. Passage of <i>Breconshire</i> from Alexandria to Malta and partial engagement with Italian battlefleet off the Gulf of Sirte (34.00N, 18.30E). Ships: <i>Euryalus</i> , <i>Naiad</i> (Rear-Admiral Vian – 15th CS), <i>Decoy</i> , <i>Havock</i> , <i>Jervis</i> (D 14), <i>Kimberley</i> , <i>Kipling</i> , <i>Nizam</i> . Force K: <i>Aurora</i> , <i>Penelope</i> , <i>Lance</i> , <i>Legion</i> , <i>Lively</i> , <i>Maori</i> , <i>Sikh</i> , <i>Isaac Sweers</i> (Neth). |
| 18 th | 1793 | Vice-Admiral Lord Hood (<i>Victory</i>) at the evacuation of Toulon, occupied since 27 August. Ships: <i>Britannia</i> , <i>Princess Royal</i> , <i>Robust</i> , <i>Terrible</i> , <i>Victory</i> , <i>Windsor Castle</i> and boats of fleet. Frigates: <i>Arethusa</i> , <i>Pearl</i> , <i>Topaze</i> , <i>Alert</i> , <i>Swallow</i> (tender). Gunboats: <i>Union</i> , <i>Wasp</i> , <i>Jean Bart</i> , <i>Petite Victoire</i> . Expended: <i>Vulcan</i> and <i>Conflagration</i> fireships. Captured or destroyed: nine French ships of the line, five frigates and corvettes. |
| 19 th | 1915 | Evacuation of Anzac and Suvla beachheads began at Gallipoli. Successfully completed by 21st. |
| 20 th | 1963 | 'Ceremonial at Colours and Sunset. Henceforth, men hoisting and hauling down the Colours are to keep their caps on. QR&AI Article 1349 will be amended accordingly.' – DCI(RN)2369. |
| 21 st | 1941 | Escort carrier <i>Audacity</i> sunk by U-751 500 miles W. of Cape Finisterre (44.00N, 20.00W), and <i>Deptford</i> and <i>Samphire</i> sank U-567 in Atlantic (44.02N, 20.10W). Convoy HG 76. This convoy sailed from Gibraltar on 14 December, escorted by seventeen ships, including <i>Audacity</i> (ex-German line <i>Hannover</i> – the first escort carrier) and Cdr F.J. Walker's 36th Escort Group. They were attacked by nine U-boats, and by Focke-Wulf aircraft. Two merchant ships were sunk, together with the <i>Audacity</i> and an escort. However, four U-boats were sunk and two Focke-Wulfs were shot down. The relatively safe passage of the convoy showed how a well-trained escort group aided by air support could counter attacks by U-boats. |
| 22 nd | 1956 | Last British and French troops withdrawn from Suez. Prime Minister Eden resigned 9 January 1957. |
| 23 rd | 1787 | HM Armed Transport <i>Bounty</i> , Lt William Bligh, sailed from Portsmouth for the South Pacific. |
| 24 th | 1944 | Frigate <i>Dakins</i> mined N.W. of Ostend. Flooded forward but limped home: CTL. |
| 25 th | 1940 | Force H, which returned to Gibraltar on Christmas Eve after operations in the western Mediterranean, looked forward to Christmas in harbour. The flagship's band in the battlecruiser <i>Renown</i> struck up Christmas carols and Admiral Somerville, making the customary rounds of the mess decks, jollied up the men with |

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| | | congratulations about being in harbour for Christmas, especially in such filthy weather. A signal from the Admiralty in the forenoon watch changed all that. Force H was ordered to raise steam with all despatch and sail to cover Convoy WS 5A out in the Atlantic which had been intercepted by the German heavy cruiser <i>Hipper</i> . Two hours later, as Somerville's ships cleared the breakwater with some destroyer officers on the bridges seen from the flagship to be still wearing paper hats, they were cheered by the ships' companies of units remaining in harbour. The <i>Hipper</i> was driven off by the heavy cruisers <i>Berwick</i> and <i>Bonaventure</i> who were escorting the convoy. |
| 26 th | 1915 | Gunboats <i>Mimi</i> and <i>Toutou</i> captured the German <i>Kingani</i> on Lake Tanganyika, East Africa. German vessel salvaged and taken into the Service as <i>Fifi</i> . |
| 27 th | 1994 | Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, who gained his VC for the X-craft attack on <i>Tirpitz</i> in 1943, died aged 73. After two years of captivity he trained as a pilot and served in the carrier <i>Glory</i> during the Korean War |
| 28 th | 1975 | Third Cod War. The first collision of the 'War' between Icelandic Gunboat Thor and Frigate Andromeda; fifty-six collisions were to follow, many severe enough to force the frigates to return to the UK. |
| 29 th | 1917 | GC (ex-AM): Deckhand J.G. Stanners, RNR, for fighting fire in magazine, ML 289. |
| 30 th | 1942 | Decoy ship <i>Fidelity</i> torpedoed by U-435 in convoy ONS 154. |
| 31 st | 1959 | C-in-C Home Fleet, Admiral Sir William Davis, hauled down his flag in the destroyer depot ship <i>Tyne</i> at Portsmouth and hoisted it ashore at Northwood on 1 January 1960. COF remained in <i>Tyne</i> . 'That the No. 1 operational control of the Royal Navy should be on the fringe of the countryside puzzles some people; that it should be in the bowels of the earth appals others.' – <i>The Times</i> . |

Shipmates Christmas Bonus..... January 2017 as well

| Date | Year | Entry |
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| 1 st | 1947 | Half-lacing of cuffs, a wartime economy measure, abolished. |
| 2 nd | 1757 | Capture of Calcutta by Vice-Admiral Charles Watson (<i>Kent</i>) and troops under Col Robert Clive. Ships: <i>Bridgewater</i> , <i>Kent</i> , <i>Kingfisher</i> , <i>Tiger</i> . |
| 3 rd | 1943 | 'Chariot' human torpedo sank the Italian light cruiser <i>Ulpio Traiano</i> in Palermo harbour. The first successful employment of these weapons by the RN in the Second World War. |
| 4 th | 1879 | First casualty of Zulu war – a naval rating devoured by a crocodile. |
| 5 th | 1951 | Evacuation of Inchon, Korea. The Chinese offensive in Korea began on 31 December 1950, and military forces were pulled south in the face of heavy enemy action. In the Inchon area, the cruisers <i>Kenya</i> and <i>Ceylon</i> and Australian destroyers <i>Warramunga</i> and <i>Bataan</i> together with USS <i>Rochester</i> and <i>Evertsen</i> (Dutch) formed the Gun Fire Support Group, providing interdiction for the Army, who |

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| | | reported Inchon as completely evacuated by 5 January. A total of 68,913 personnel, 1,404 vehicles and 62,144 tons of cargo were lifted from Inchon to Taejon and Pusan. In December, 105,000 US and ROK military personnel and 91,000 civilian refugees had been lifted by sea from Hungnam. |
| 6 th | 1916 | <i>King Edward VII</i> , battleship and name-ship of the class known as 'The Wobbly Eight', sunk by mine 25 miles off Cape Wrath. Ship's company taken off by destroyers <i>Fortune</i> , <i>Marne</i> , <i>Musketeer</i> and <i>Nessus</i> without loss of life. King Edward had directed at her launch that she should always be a flagship; she was lost on her first voyage as a private ship. |
| 7 th | 1940 | Ships on foreign stations to report to the Admiralty, in accordance with AFO 2109/39, on the suitability of earthenware butter dishes after six months of trials. |
| 8 th | 1806 | Body of Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson taken upriver from Greenwich to the Admiralty by barge, where it rested overnight before his funeral in St Paul's Cathedral. |
| 9 th | 1918 | Destroyer <i>Raccoon</i> wrecked on N.W. coast of Ireland. |
| 10 th | 1964 | Submarine <i>Tiptoe</i> , Lt-Cdr David Brazier RN, went aground in thick fog 40yds off Greenock Esplanade opposite the home of the Captain-in-Charge, Clyde. Court martial at Portsmouth 12 March 1964: Severe Reprimand. |
| 11 th | 1972 | Formation of Commando Logistics Regiment RM. |
| 12 th | 1934 | Battleship <i>Nelson</i> , flagship of Admiral Sir William Boyle, C-in-C Home Fleet, leaving from Portsmouth for the Spring Cruise to the West Indies, went aground at high water on the Hamilton Bank outside the harbour entrance. Tugs assisted by the wash of seven destroyers steaming past at full speed and the ship's company fallen in aft jumping up and down failed to move her. A signal from the Submarine Base at Fort Blockhouse inviting the battleship's officers to consider themselves honorary members of the <i>Dolphin</i> Mess for the while did not help. |
| 13 th | 1968 | NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic (STANAVFORLANT) formed at Portland |
| 14 th | 1918 | German destroyer raid on Yarmouth. |
| 15 th | 1942 | GC: Lt George Herbert Goodman MBE, RNVR, for dismantling Italian self-destroying torpedo. |
| 16 th | 1986 | Last pay parade, in <i>Raleigh</i> . Cash no longer put onto cap or into hand, but credited to ratings' accounts. |
| 17 th | 1912 | Capt R.F. Scott reached the South Pole. Robert Falcon Scott was born in Devonport and entered the Navy in 1882. In 1900–4 he led the National Antarctic Expedition and in 1911 a second expedition in an attempt to reach the South Pole. Beset by many misfortunes, defective equipment and ill health, he made the final assault on foot in the company of 'Birdie' Bowers, 'Titus' Oates, Edgar Evans and 'Doc' Wilson. Enduring tremendous hardship in sub-zero temperatures they pressed on towards the Pole. On 17 January 1912 as they approached their goal they saw a flag fluttering in the |

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| | | cold wind – Amundsen the Norwegian explorer had got there first. Bitterly disappointed, the party set off back in appalling conditions and despite self-sacrifice and bravery, they perished only 11 miles from a depot. When Scott's diaries were found the whole tragic story was told and it elevated Scott and his men to a high place in British heroism. His widow was treated as if he had been knighted. Their son Peter served with distinction in Coastal Forces as Lieutenant-Commander RNVR. |
| 18th | 1942 | HM Trawlers <i>Erin</i> and <i>Honjo</i> sunk and <i>Imperialist</i> damaged in Gibraltar, not by frogman as first thought but by a bomb placed in a depth charge in <i>Erin</i> by a dockyard worker, who was executed. |
| 19th | 1960 | Britain's first converted commando carrier, <i>Bulwark</i> , Capt R.D. Franks RN, commissioned at Portsmouth. After work-up she deployed to the Far East service with 42 Cdo and 848 NAS (Whirlwinds) embarked. |
| 20th | 1946 | Completion of operation to scuttle 110 surrendered U-boats in deep water 30 miles N. Of Malin Head. Operation Deadlight. |
| 21st | 1914 | Flight of Lt J.W. Seddon from Medway to Plymouth in five and a half hours to help in salvage of A 7. |
| 22 nd | 1965 | 'The Admiralty Board have approved the privilege of wearing plain clothes is to be extended to Leading Rates and below landing from HM Ships in Naval dockyard ports in the United Kingdom and in main Naval bases and refitting ports abroad.' – DCI(RN) 154/65. |
| 23 rd | 1942 | Four Swordfish aircraft of 830 Sqn, Malta, under Lt F.H.E. Hopkins, in bad weather, torpedoed an escorted Italian storeship making for Tripoli, Libya. (DGS 60 th) |
| 24 th | 1986 | Last surviving naval VC of First World War, Rear-Admiral Sir Victor Crutchley (Ostend 9/10 May 1918), died aged 92 at Mappercombe near Bridport. Buried St Mary's church, Powerstock. |
| 25 th | 1841 | Capt Sir Edward Belcher, HMS <i>Sulphur</i> , landed on Hong Kong Island 'at 15 minutes past 8 a.m. and being the <i>bona fide</i> first possessors, Her Majesty's health was drank [sic] with three cheers on Possession Point'. |
| 26 th | 1918 | Destroyer <i>Leven</i> sank UB-35 off Calais, and U-109 mined (51.03N, 01.46E). |
| 27 th | 1944 | Cruiser <i>Mauritius</i> and destroyer <i>Kempenfelt</i> bombarded the coast road and town of Formia, Italy. |
| 28 th | 1936 | Funeral of His late Majesty King George V. A naval gun's crew from Chatham hauled the gun carriage – ninety-eight manning the drag ropes ahead and forty abaft – from Westminster Hall to Paddington Station. At Windsor the gun carriage, which had been used at the funerals of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, was drawn by men from Capt A.J. Power RN, Captain of Whale Island. 'A sailor king he was appropriately borne home by bluejackets' – <i>The Times</i> . |
| 29th | 1991 | <i>Brazen</i> , <i>Gloucester</i> , <i>Cardiff</i> and <i>Manchester</i> , their Lynx helicopters firing Sea Skua missiles, attacked the Iraqi Navy, sinking ten vessels before 15 February. In the Battle of Bubiya Channel next day, the ships neutralised 25 per cent of the Iraqi Navy. |
| 30 th | 1945 | Diesel submarine <i>Astute</i> , first British warship of the name, launched at Vickers Armstrong, Barrow. Yard No. 904. One of sixteen 'A'-class boats completed (thirty cancelled) which had been intended for Far East operations. |

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| 31st | 1938 | Four hundred Birmingham citizens, led by the Lord Mayor, travelled by special train to Portsmouth to present drums and silver bugles to the new light cruiser <i>Birmingham</i> , Capt E.J.P. Brind RN, before her departure the following day for the China Station. One of her midshipmen was Edward Beckwith Ashmore, the future First Sea Lord and CDS. |
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2017 Diaries

The 2017 diary will be available from the end of September as the diary part only, price - £5.
diary with the dark blue crested cover, price - £8
By popular demand the address book is available too. - £1 each

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

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Semaphore Tower (PP70)
HM Naval Base
Portsmouth
PO1 3LT

Order form

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Please provide **2017 RNA insert Diaries @ £5.00 each** £

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

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

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2016 Christmas Cards



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

Orders should be sent to Central Office Semaphore Tower and be accompanied by a cheque or payment details for the total value.

From: **Branch/Member**

Please provide..... Packs of ten Snowy Memorial Christmas Cards @ £5 per ten.

Please providePacks of the 2016 Christmas cards @ £5 per pack

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NOMINATION FORM

ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL 2017/2019

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries in Areas. 2,6,7,8,9,10 and 11

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)

Names of Nominees

NCM DNCM

Proposed by Branch Area

Address of Nominee

NCM.....

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DNCM.....

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

NCM

DNCM

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 undertake to attend as many National Council Meetings as is possible and to sit on any Committees to which I am elected.

Signature of Candidate Dated

The envelope containing this completed form should be marked **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL** and must reach RNA Central Office no later than **1600 10th February 2017**.

PROPOSED MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

Proposals must reach The General Secretary by **1600 10 February 2017**

Name of Proposing Branch:

Motion / amendment

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

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

Name of Seconding Branch:

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

Notes

- a. A motion is submitted in the name of a Branch. Secretaries of proposing and seconding Branches are **certifying** that the motion or amendment reflects the view of the Branch meeting (not a committee); and that voting was conducted in accordance with Rule 20.
- b. A separate form is required for each Motion or Amendment
- c. A manuscript copy is acceptable for additional Motions or Amendments if the printed form is not available.
- d. The Motion or Amendment should be as short and precise as possible avoiding ambiguity. A Motion should normally start with the word 'THAT'
- e. The explanation is to assist the scrutiny of the Standing Orders Committee in understanding 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)
- f. Motions may be submitted at any time but must reach the General Secretary by **10 February 2017**.
- g. 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 the urgency.
- h. Amendments to Motions should also normally reach the General Secretary not less than 7 days before Conference. The provision for the submission of amendments during Conference is in the Conference Bye-Laws.
- i. 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.
- j. 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 2017

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries

Two members of the standing Orders Committee need to be elected/re-elected at Conference 2017. Those standing down are eligible to be re-elected.

Each Branch may nominate **one Full or Life member** as a candidate for election to the Standing Orders Committee, **subject to the approval of the Branch to which the candidate belongs**. A nil return is not required.

NAME OF NOMINEE

PROPOSED BY..... BRANCH

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

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E mail Post code

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 of the proposing Branch, this section must be completed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Candidate's **own** Branch.

Candidate's Branch

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We support this Nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

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Signature of Secretary (Candidate's

Branch).....

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

Signature of Candidate

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This form should be despatched to be received at the Central Office no later than **7 April 2017** Nominations received after this date cannot be included in the Ballot.

Delegate to Annual Conference 2017 Perth

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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| 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 2016 and Annual Subscriptions for Branch Members for 2017 have been received in RNA Central Office (Rule 12 C). Should either not have been received the Delegate's Status will be deemed to be that of an Observer.

A letter confirming a delegates 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.