

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION: Semaphore Short

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Boredom busting...

If, like us in Central Office, you're starting to go a little stir crazy from being cooped up and kept from your loved ones (or perhaps from being cooped up *with* your loved ones), you're probably in need of some boredom busters...

To get you through the week ahead, we've compiled some good news and boredom-breaking activities, hosted by both us and other veteran's charities, which we also hope will connect you with your Naval comrades.



Dit On!

We've been working on something really exciting and we're almost ready to share it with you. On Thursday 25th February, we'll be launching The Royal Naval Association's new podcast – '**Dit On!**' – for you to listen to wherever you are in the world.

HQ Roll Member, Jenna Brodie, will be hosting the weekly podcast, joined by a special guest each week. Guests will include RNA members spinning dits about their time in the Navy and life on civvie street since leaving, historians and Naval experts, charity partners and even the odd celebrity!

The podcast has been made possible by a generous grant from [The Morrisons Foundation](#), which will allow us to share the podcast far and wide (on our website, on Spotify, on Google Podcasts and on Apple Podcasts), and attract a wide ranging audience to recognise the stories and work of the RNA.

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Veterans to be included in the Census 2021!

The decennial census will occur throughout the UK on March 21st, and for the first time, people will be able to say if they are a veteran of the armed forces. The census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in **England and Wales** (Scots will have to wait until 2022). It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Among the new questions this time is one asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, to support commitments made by central and local government under the Armed Forces Covenant – the deal between the country and those who served it. Anyone who has served in the armed forces for at least one day is classed as a veteran.

[Find out more...](#)



THE NOT FORGOTTEN

The Not Forgotten launch the Games Room!

Our friends at the [The Not Forgotten](#) are trialling a few new ideas to help you bust the boredom during this difficult time! The Games Room currently has 4 elements for you to choose from – 3 of which will be updated every Friday. There is one arcade game, called the Dinosaur Game, and three puzzle games, which include: a Quiz, a Word Search, and a Crossword. Give them a go...

[Enter The Games Room](#)



What's on this week (22nd – 28th Feb)

- Monday Night Fireside Chat: Mike Milne on Scapa Flow

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by the Chairman of St Neots Branch, Mike Milne, who will deliver a talk on the significance of Scapa Flow during the First and Second World War's. Join us at **1800** with a glass in hand and your tot at the ready!

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- Tuesday Night: Drawn to Battle

[The Company of Makers](#) will host their next Zoom Art Workshop on **Tuesday at 1900**, this week focusing on the depiction of victory and defeat through art. The workshops are open to veterans from all three services, and The Company of Makers are keen to welcome new participants, regardless of their artistic ability or knowledge...

[Free Ticket Here](#)

- Wednesday Night: Dame Judy Dench in conversation

We've been perusing [Eventbrite](#) for you and thought you might be interested in The National Arts Club's offering on **Wednesday Night at 1700** – a special hour with Dame Judy Dench, discussing the highs and lows of her inspirational career in the theatre and film industry. Tickets are free (accepting donations) and the talk will be conducted via Zoom...

[Free Ticket Here](#)

- **Thursday Night: Episode One of 'Dit On!'**

Keep an eye out for a link in your inbox on Thursday to the Royal Naval Association's brand new podcast – 'Dit On'. Episode One will feature our host, Jenna Brodie, chatting to a young Naval veteran couple about the highs and lows of a romantic relationship when you're both serving, and the reality of leaving the Senior Service for pastures new...

Join 'The Royal Naval Association: Community Site' on Facebook

If you haven't done so already, join the growing community group on Facebook where our members spin dits, host Zoom nights and update each other on branch activities. It's the best place to get your news hot-off-the-press...

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

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