

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION: Semaphore Short

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In honour of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

After the sad news that His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh had passed away on Friday, it has been heart-warming to see personal tributes and memories of the Duke from our community filling social media feeds and helping to lift the spirits of one another. Prince Philip was, of course, a beloved member of the Royal Naval community himself, devoted to the service throughout his active career as a Naval Officer, and afterwards, in his numerous roles as a senior member of the Royal Family.

After the news broke on Friday afternoon, the National President of the RNA, Vice Admiral John McAnally (a former navigator of the Royal Yacht Britannia), wrote to Her Majesty the Queen to express the deepest

condolences from across the RNA community. We welcome you to read the letter by clicking the link below or visiting our website directly.

A national one minute's silence will be held at 1500 on Saturday 17th April, as part of the funeral ceremony for His Royal Highness. We would urge our membership to observe this from the comfort of their own home, and then raise a tot to the Duke on their doorstep, in true RNA fashion.

[Read Here](#)



Remembering HRH The Prince Philip

Within our community we have people with a broad range of lovely memories of Prince Philip, with some serving alongside him and some meeting him in the years that preceded his active service in the Royal Navy, when he dedicated his life to Royal duty.

In lieu of an online book of condolence, we would like to ask members to send their memories, sentiments and any supporting photographs by email to stories@royalnavalassoc.com

We will then be dedicating a significant proportion of the 2021 RNA Year Book to publishing these stories, with a copy being sent to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Household.

If you have members who do not use the internet or email but think they may have memories to share, please reach out to them and email us on their behalf, or ask them to send their memory in writing to Central Office, addressed to our Comms Manager – Charlie Darlington.

Address: Royal Naval Association, Bldg 1/087 Scott Road, HM Naval Base Portsmouth, PO1 3LU



Monday night Fireside Chat

On tonight's Fireside Chat we'll be joined by Janet Daykin, a volunteer for Prostate Cancer whose husband, Mike Batty, died of the disease just weeks after being diagnosed, aged 65 years old. Janet became a volunteer after Mike's passing, dedicating herself to raising awareness of the signs and risks of the disease in a bid to prevent as much further heartbreak as she could.

Tonight, she will be discussing the early signs, risks, preventions and treatments with the RNA community, and we hope to see as many people joining in as possible. **The disease effects 1 in 8 men in the UK**; whether you're a man or a woman, this chat promises to be a valuable hour or so of your time and could well save the life of you or a loved one in the future.

The Fireside Chat will be at the usual time of 1800. You can click the link below to take you directly there, and for anyone who cannot tune in live, the recording will be available on the Royal Naval Association Community Facebook Group afterwards (the link to which is at the bottom of this email).

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)



BT Internet email address users

Do you know of any BT Internet email address users in your branch? If so, chances are, they aren't receiving the Semaphore Short or Circular right now. It appears that BT Internet do not like it when we send out mass emails, and are blocking them altogether. We are aware this is a big problem and are working hard to resolve it ASAP!

Could we please ask that you forward this email onto them, so that they stop falling out of the loop, until we can get the issue resolved?



What's on this week (12th – 18th April)

- Monday Night Fireside Chat: Prostate Cancer awareness

See details above. Join us at the regular time of **1800** with a tot in hand.

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- **Saturday: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh's funeral**

On Saturday 17th April, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh will be laid to rest at a ceremonial royal funeral in St George's Chapel, in the grounds of Windsor Castle. A national one minute's silence will be observed at 1500. The event will be broadcast on the BBC for you to watch from the comfort of your own home. We'd also like to encourage all of our members to raise a tot to the Duke at an appropriate moment.

- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Every Saturday Night, for over 12 months now, members from the Wrexham Branch have been hosting a Virtual Tot, inviting members worldwide to join in with them over Zoom. It's proven a lifeline and outlet for many of the RNA community, and they don't intend to wrap it up any time soon. To be involved, click on the link below...

[Find out more](#)

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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