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SEMAPHORE SHORT

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Getting back together...

Welcome to another week of the Semaphore Short! This week, the General Secretary is keen for branches to get in touch if they would like to host an event this year to encourage and celebrate getting back together in person, and make use of the Branch and Club Support Fund which could contribute £250 for each event. To make use of this, please email details of your event to Andy Christie – andy@royalnavalassoc.com

And on the topic of get togethers – Area 7 held their first get together in person since before the pandemic began. They also streamed the event to any branch representatives who couldn't attend in person, creating a 'hybrid' event which allowed almost 100% attendance.



Will your branch be represented at National Conference this year?

Will your branch be represented at National Conference this year? We are hoping for a bumper turn out of branches at this year's conference, taking place from Friday 3rd September – Sunday 5th September in Nottingham. Does your branch have a delegate attending this year? Would you like to go along as well, or as the delegate itself? If so, please get in touch with Sara Field in Central Office to get yourself booked in for what promises to be a fantastic weekend full of opportunities for input into the wider Association and future activities.

Email Sara - sara@royalnavalassoc.com, or give her a call on [02392 723747](tel:02392723747)

Dit On!

Last week, we released a very special episode of our *Dit On* podcast with the former Commanding Officer of HMS Nottingham, Richard Farrington CBE, who was in

charge of the ship when she ran aground off the coast of Australia in 2002. Over 3000 people have since downloaded and listened to the episode – an extraordinary number which has set the bar for all episodes to come. If you haven't heard the podcast (which is incredibly emotional), then you can click the link below to tune in right away.

Jenna Brodie, our podcast host, will be taking a sabbatical in the near future, setting off in her new little campervan with her dog Bella, on an adventure that will take her around the UK and possibly over to France. Her route is yet to be finalised, but we will be letting branches know once she is out on the road and would ask you all to give her a warm welcome (brew/tot/sarnie) if she is passing by. Her sabbatical will mark the end of our first season of *Dit On*, with season two commencing on her return. Good luck Jenna!

[Listen Here](#)



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

- [Monday Night Fireside Chat: Op Rheostat](#)

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by Shipmate David Griggs who will give a presentation on Op Rheostat – the mine clearance operation in the Suez Canal from 1975-75.

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

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- [Wednesday Evening: Cornwall – changing the scene for pollinators and](#)

people

Hosted by the [Cambridge Beekeepers Association](#) **on Wednesday 14th at 1900**, Professor Juliet Osborne will describe her team's work in Cornwall to put pollinator conservation into practice and change the landscape from a green desert to one with bountiful nectar and pollen resources. This involves real partnership work with the farmers, estate owners, Cornwall Council, road managers and conservation bodies. The changes benefit pollinators, as well as other wildlife and the people living in the landscape.

[Free ticket here](#)

- [Friday Afternoon: Arthur Conan Doyle and the case of the Indian Lawyer](#)

Hosted by the National Archives **on Friday 16th July at 1400**, this talk explores the one and only case that Arthur Conan Doyle (creator of Sherlock Holmes) investigated personally.

When George Edalji, a young Indian lawyer, was convicted of mutilating horses in a Staffordshire mining village in 1903, he appealed to Arthur Conan Doyle to clear his name. Doyle accepted the request and proceeded to investigate the case. Using letters, police records and Home Office files, author Shrabani Basu follows the trail of Arthur Conan Doyle as he wore the hat of Sherlock Holmes and uncovered the dark secrets lying in the English countryside.

[Free ticket here](#)

- [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](#)

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