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ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

By the power of the internet...

It's now less than two weeks until our National Conference for 2021 and we are excited to see the delegate list growing. It's not too late for your Branch to send a representative in person to Nottingham – you just need to get in touch with Sara in Central Office – admin@royalnavalassoc.com

However, we do understand that many of our members are still nervous about travelling and gathering in person and for that reason we will be broadcasting the AGM from the Conference on [Saturday 4th September](#) via Zoom, for those who would like to attend virtually. We successfully achieved this last year.

Delegates who want to represent their Branch digitally must still register their intention with Nigel/Sara in Central Office by 1200 on [Wednesday 1st September](#).

You'll be able to access the Zoom meeting by clicking the link below. It will be live from 1000 on [Saturday 4th September](#). Please mute your microphone but have your camera on. If there are any changes to this arrangement then you will be notified in advance.

[Join Conference virtually here](#)



Please don't suffer in silence...

We understand that the current events in [Afghanistan](#) may be distressing and triggering to serving personnel, veterans and families in the Armed Forces community. We'd encourage you to reach out to your local branch and discuss how you're feeling with your oppos. The Royal Naval Association community are a support system during hardship for anyone associated with the Armed Forces, providing much needed camaraderie and shared experiences. Please don't suffer in silence.

We'd also like to encourage anyone struggling at this time to make use of the wealth of support services available through partner charities and organisations. Please visit the link below for a list of suggested support...

[Click here](#)



Enter the Royal Navy Photographic Competition

The past eighteen months have been particularly difficult for everyone but the Royal Naval Association has continued to be there for all its growing membership throughout the hardships. Have you captured a poignant moment? A farewell, a reunion, a moment of support?

We're excited to be sponsoring Category 16 of the Royal Navy's famous Peregrine Trophy Photographic Competition; The Royal Naval Association Prize. This prize will be awarded to the best single photograph taken of Royal Navy Veterans that clearly encapsulates the core values of the RNA: unity, loyalty, patriotism and comradeship.

Whether you're an amateur or professional photographer, serving, ex-serving, family or friend, this category is open to all. Images for submission must have been captured between 1st May 2020 and 15th September 2021.

The closing date for submissions is the 25th September 2021, with the judging taking place on 15th October 2021. Photos, along with a completed submission form (below) should be submitted to Nigel Huxtable before the closing date nigel@royalnavalassoc.com

Please download the application for with all the details for submission to the competition below...



[Click here](#)



What's on this week (23rd August – 29th August)

- [Monday Night Fireside Chat](#): **The life of HMS Belfast**

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by Shipmate Mike Milne, who will give a presentation on the life and tales of HMS Belfast; a ship many of our members are familiar with and one which played a pivotal role in protecting the Arctic Convoys in World War Two.

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

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- [Tuesday afternoon](#): **Life and times of Soho Square**

Soho Square is small and beautifully formed residing in the heart of London. It is blessed with or possibly overburdened with many layers of social history. From hunting grounds to an elegant new development in the 1700 it has received, acquired, and enjoyed a variety of residents, visitors, and goings on!

Join Tina Baxter on **Tuesday 24th August at 1830** for a virtual promenade through Soho Square to discover its secret history. Touching upon a few of the many residents through time and acquainting you with one of the greatest Salons London has ever known, you will circle the

square virtually and discover its secrets.

[Register Here](#)

- [Wednesday afternoon: Art Unlocked - The Munnings Art Museum](#)

Art Unlocked is a new online event series brought to you by [Art UK](#) in collaboration with [Bloomberg Philanthropies](#). Each week, different museum and gallery curators and directors from across the UK will deliver a 30-minute talk on selected works from their collection.

For their latest talk, join Art UK and Jenny Hand, Director of The Munnings Art Museum, for an exciting exploration of some notable works from this collection on [25th August 2021, 5:30pm](#). A Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

[Register 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](#)

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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