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SEMAPHORE SHORT

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At ease...

We're all catching our breath in Central Office, after an incredibly hectic and rewarding few weeks bringing our members back together at National events. We'd like to express an enormous thank you to everyone who attended Conference and/or the Naval Association's Parade; the collective efforts of which provided much camaraderie and reunion. Photos of both events can now be found in the [Gallery](#) on our website.

The opportunity to socialise again is so appreciated, but it isn't half tiring! We have a few members of the Central Office team on well-earned annual leave this week, and a few returning from courses or leave as well, so if anyone has emailed or contacted a team-member, we will get back to you ASAP.

As you'll see from the rest of the Short, we have some incredible events and opportunities on the horizon and can't wait to see your friendly faces again soon.

March this November

Whilst on the theme of parade, we'd like to remind you that the RNA have 100 tickets available for Royal Navy veterans to participate in the Cenotaph Remembrance Parade on Sunday 14 November.

This is an opportunity to march at the BBC broadcast event, in memory of your comrades or loved ones, and as always it will be an incredibly moving and poignant day.

The deadline to apply for a ticket is Wednesday 22nd September (this week!), so please act fast if you would like to attend. Please email sara@royalnavalassoc.com with the following:

- Service number
- Dates served
- Date of birth
- Place of birth



Immortal Memory!

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) is excited to launch its inaugural Trafalgar Night at Home event to help raise funds for sailors, marines, and the wider naval community.

Taking place between October 21 – October 31, the event invites supporters to bring one of the Royal Navy's oldest and most prestigious traditions to their dining room. Commemorate Admiral Lord Nelson's famous victory and pay tribute to the events that took place more than 200 years ago.

Trafalgar Night at Home is a chance to get together with friends and family for an evening to remember whilst making a real difference to sailors and marines all over the UK.

Participants who register for the event will receive an exclusive Trafalgar Night at Home pack which contains everything needed to host the event. The pack includes 'England Expects' bunting, a History of Trafalgar brochure, as well as a first look at Trafalgar Night recipe cards which will feature in the upcoming RNRMC cookbook.

[**Register Here**](#)



Operation Granby

Did you serve in the First Gulf War as part of Operation Granby? Or do you know someone who did? The BBC are looking for interviewees for a short film which will form part of the Festival of Remembrance 2021 and have asked us if we can help to tell the story.

If you'd be interested in getting involved in this project and telling your personal story from that period, please email Jess Foucher (BBC Researcher) and introduce yourself to her... jess.foucher@bbc.co.uk



What's on this week (20th September – 26th September)

- [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 CEO of Sparko TV, Orit Eyal-Fibeesh who will deliver a talk about the Sparko technology and its work in tackling loneliness in different communities nationwide. Join us at **1800** with a glass in hand and your tot at the ready!

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- [Tuesday evening: Art and medicine in conversation](#)

Eleanor Crook's new sculpture Santa Medicina was revealed as part of the Science Museum's new Medicine: The Wellcome Galleries in 2019. Alongside four other major commissions from international

artists, Crook's work makes visible crucial connections between art and science, art and medicine.

Join Crook **on Tuesday 21st at 1800** in conversation with Katy Barrett, Curator of Art Collections at the Science Museum, discussing the concept, making process, inspirations and intentions behind the sculpture, as well as its place in Crook's wider work. Two years on from the gallery's opening, both speakers will reflect on how our understanding of medicine have changed, and what is special about bringing art and medicine together.

[Register Here for free](#)

- **[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...

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