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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2021




Save the Date

Conference 2022

We are incredibly excited to announce that next years Royal Naval Association Conference will be held in Portsmouth from the **17th – 19th June 2022**. The format next year will be a little different, so we aren't recommending one hotel in particular, but please take a look on www.Booking.com or <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/> if you haven't booked somewhere already.

The full programme of events and activities will be released in the coming months but the core focus of the weekend will be on the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict. On the Friday we will 'Reunite', on the Saturday we will 'Relive' and on the Sunday we will 'Remember'.



Field of Remembrance

This year's Westminster Abbey Field of Remembrance remains a limited ticketed event for the official opening. Central Office have purchased 100 remembrance crosses which will be placed in the RNA section of the garden. We invite Branches and Shipmates, on a first come first served basis, to email admin@royalnavalassoc.com with any tribute they would like to be written on a cross on their behalf.



Bishopric Retreat

The Bishopric of the Forces arranges several retreats each year for people to connect with their spirituality and take some time for their own personal wellness.

Places are open to serving members of all 3 Services (both regular and reserve), Defence civil servants, Defence veterans, and the spouses of these groups. These retreats have been running for many years and have received very positive feedback.

Next year's retreat dates are:

- Douai Abbey - [15 - 18 Mar 22](#). Spaces limited to 12.
- Belmont Abbey - [20-23 Jun 22](#). This is a provisional arrangement.
- Worth Abbey - [3-7 Oct 22](#). Confirmed.
- Ampleforth Abbey - [28 Nov - 1 Dec 22](#). Confirmed.

Please email Caroline.Routledge475@mod.gov.uk if you'd like to apply.



What's on this week (4th October – 10th October)

- [Monday Night Fireside Chat: Life on RN submariners in WW1](#)

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by Shipmate David Griggs who will be telling us about life on board Royal Navy submarines in the First World War. Join us at **1800** with a glass in hand and your tot at the ready!

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- [Wednesday afternoon: Developing the Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine](#)

Dame Sarah Gilbert is Professor of Vaccinology in the Nuffield Department of Medicine at the University of Oxford, and is the Oxford Project Leader for ChAdOx1 nCoV-19, the leading UK coronavirus vaccine.

In this talk [on Wednesday 6th October at 1300](#), Dame Sarah will take us on a journey from the moment she first heard about a serious new illness affecting people in China, to her team designing a successful COVID-19 vaccine.

[Register Here for free](#)

- [Wednesday evening: An evening with Professor David Olusoga OBE](#)

[On Wednesday 6th at 1700](#), join the University of Bedfordshire for 'Black & British With David Olusoga', the first of their 'An Evening With' lectures of the 2021-22 academic year.

Black British history is now widely recognised as an integral part of British history and Black History Month has become a huge national event. The University of Bedfordshire is proud to host Professor

David Olusoga OBE as he reveals the absence of Black history and Black role models in Britain's education and explores how Black Britons stamped their presence and their experiences onto the British national story over the past 50 years.

[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](#)

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[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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