

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION: Semaphore Short

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RNA Central Office updates

If you follow us on social media, you'll have seen that we recently surpassed **12,000 members!!** This is an increase in 2k members this year – a 20% increase and a huge success to every single person who has been promoting the Association over the last 12 months. As we begin to meet in person again now, we'd like to encourage all of our new members (especially those on the HQ roll) to reach out to their local club or branch and find out what get togethers are happening.

Would you like a new diary for 2022? If so, the RNA diaries are now available to order from Sara in our membership team. Please drop her an

email and she will provide you with all the ordering details...

admin@royalnavalassoc.com



And the winner is...

Our very own membership manager, Sara Field and her husband Bob (of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity) – Team 'Ludo-2!' They were crowned the 2021 World Uckers Championship winners this weekend (despite having to remind themselves of the rules the night before), battling it out against 31 other teams (of varying experience and ability!), at the National Museum of the Royal Navy this weekend.

If you'd like to get your hands on a personalised Uckers board, please head over to the Uckers Ya Uckers website: <https://www.uckers-ya-uckers.co.uk/>



Transition Through Rugby course

Rugby for Heroes (R4H) helps former service men & women to transition back into civilian life by offering a fully funded residential 5-day course. The course gives you a basic rugby coaching/refereeing award so you can get involved with a local rugby club wherever you decide to settle.

The aim of the course is to support military service men and women through the sport of rugby. Players provide professional expertise, guidance and mentoring to help develop core life skills, teamwork, a greater depth and knowledge of the sport.

The course is open to any serving or former member of the armed forces, irrelevant of rank and service background. On completion of the course the individual will be qualified to apply the principles of safe and effective management, coach players of differing age groups and fully integrate within a local rugby club.

More details are available below, including an application form. Please let them know you're an RNA member if you do get involved.

[Learn more here](#)



What's on this week (25th October – 31st October)

- Monday Night Fireside Chat: HMS Hermione Mutiny

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by Angus Konstam who will give us a talk on the bloody mutiny on board HMS Hermione in 1797.

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

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- Monday evening: **In the pursuit of darkness**

Look up at night. How many stars can you count? Surely, it's not many. How about you now try on a remote mountaintop under clear skies and the aid of a gigantic telescope? In this talk, hosted by the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh, you will review the elements that affect astronomical viewing and their impact on the selection of sites to build modern telescopes. Join the talk at **1900 on Monday 25th October**.

[Register here](#)

- Thursday evening: **The relationships between honey bees, bumbles & flowers**

The importance of pollinating insects in maintaining global biodiversity and agricultural output is well established. But, there remain significant concerns about their populations and we have now lost over 40 species of British bees, wasps and butterflies. While many potential causes have been identified, the long-term decline of flowers in our landscapes is considered a key factor.

In this talk, **on Thursday 28th October at 1900**, Nick Balfour will examine the seasonality of British pollinator activity and plant flowering. With a particular focus on the seasonality of endangered pollinator and plant species.

[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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