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# SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

### A little cheer on Blue Monday...

Thank you all so much for your support for our Falklands 40<sup>th</sup> announcement last week – we're so pleased to see how enthusiastic all of our members are for what we have planned and can't wait to see you all gather together in June. **A booking form for the Conference and Falklands 40 events will be available with February's edition of the Semaphore Circular**, so please keep an eye out for that. We'll also continue to release more details and information about the weekend over the next couple of months.



### Fireside Chat with Adrian Bell

Tonight we will be joined by Adrian Bell on our Fireside Chat, the Chief Executive of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity; an organisation that we have built a very close partnership with over the last few years.

Adrian took up his post as Chief Executive of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity in September 2018. Prior to this Adrian was CEO of one of England's leading Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust, for eight years. Before that he enjoyed a varied and fulfilling career in the Royal Navy during which he commanded three warships and concluded with command of British Forces in Gibraltar.

Adrian will be discussing the history of the RNRMC, it's current objectives and direction, and the ongoing partnership work between the RNRMC and the RNA.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 6.30 this evening (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)



## **BFBS Best of British**

BFBS has launched its new Radio Station 'BFBS Best of British', available worldwide online, on the BFBS iPhone and Android app, and on your smart speaker. Back in October BFBS gave its listeners the chance to vote for a brand-new station from one of the following options: Best of British, Chilled, Country, Gold – 70's, Kids or Soul, or even suggest one themselves. Today, BFBS is pleased to announce that Best of British took the majority vote and is available to listen to now.

The station plays great non-stop music, from the very best British music has to offer through the decades, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

[Listen Here](#)



## Goodbye Charlie

This week we will be saying goodbye to our Communications Manager, Charlie Darlington, as she waves farewell to the UK for sunnier pastures. Over the past 18-months with the Association, Charlie has been inspired by adventure stories from across our membership and has decided it's time for her to make her own dits' and memories. Passionate about horses and a lover of David Attenborough documentaries, Charlie will be fulfilling a lifelong dream and moving to Botswana to manage a horseback safari camp in the Okavango Delta – an opportunity we just weren't going to talk her out of! We have, however, convinced her to be return for a Fireside Chat in the Spring to tell us all about her new life in the bush.

Our Communications might be a little quieter for a week or two, before we say hello to our new Comms Coordinator in the very near future, so please bear with us...



- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Every Saturday Night, for almost 2 years 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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