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# SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2022

## Our first PC Semaphore Short!

A shorter communication this week – there is a temporary hand on the tiller right now, so please excuse any errors/omissions/oversights until we get the hang of it!

So, welcome to the very first PC Semaphore Short.

In this case PC is Post-Charlie – our erstwhile Communications Manager Charlie Darlington arrived in Africa just yesterday to start the next chapter of her life, and we all wish her the very best as she takes on the challenges of a stable of horses.

Which reminds us – there must be shipmates out there with an interest in horse-riding, or other sports, hobbies or pastimes. We'd love to hear from anyone interested in setting up a Special Interest Group on their 'specialist subject' for the RNA community.

We would love to be able to offer a comprehensive list of activity groups, clustering like-minded individuals who can share their love for a sport or activity in both a virtual community and with national/regional meet ups. Our successful Riders Branch (that's motorcycles, not horses in this case) is a great example of this.

Rugby, kayaking, cycling, rock climbing, music, baking, pottery – you name it, we would love to see it. Please email [admin@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:admin@royalnavalassoc.com) with your idea if you would like to pioneer a new group.

## Falklands 40 – tell us your story

Events marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falklands Campaign will take centre stage this year, and the RNA are helping to tell the story of the conflict through the words of those who were there.

If you served in with the Task Group, or any other ships, units or squadrons involved, or supported the campaign, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to help us tell that story – perhaps through the RNA's communications channels, or by talking to the media and broadcasters – then get in touch with us at [comms@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:comms@royalnavalassoc.com)

## Good Deeds Fund

Shipmates are reminded that a Good Deeds Fund exists to give small grants to shipmates to take less able shipmates out.

In our quest to combat loneliness, the National Council established this fund in 2019; however, because of Covid, it hasn't been utilised much.

So, with restrictions easing, and when there is sufficient confidence, if you have an elderly shipmate in your Branch who might enjoy the comradeship of getting out for breakfast or lunch, or maybe even a trip to the cinema or local theatre, please consider giving him or her a call and we will be more than happy to fund their costs.

It can be applied for through Central Office.

Please use the link below for more details.

[Good Deeds Fund details](#)

## What's on this week (24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Jan)

- **Monday Night Fireside Chat: Admiral Roy Clare**

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight at 1800**,

where we will be joined by Admiral Roy Clare, who will give a talk entitled 'The Legacies of Harrison – the Longitude story, with a twist'...

John Harrison was an 18<sup>th</sup> century clockmaker who dedicated his life to creating an accurate marine chronometer, which would have far-reaching consequences for safety at sea.

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

- **Monday Night: Warship: Life At Sea**

**Tonight at 2100 on Channel 5** we follow frigate HMS Northumberland as she is sent to investigate a gathering of Russian warships off the coast of Ireland, and how the ship's new chaplain tackles issues of morale on board.

This is the third series on the Royal Navy by Channel 5, and previous episodes from Season 3, as well as Seasons 1 and 2, can be viewed through Channel 5's My5 website at

[Watch Warship: Life At Sea here](#) •

- **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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