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Good afternoon

I hope the weather is treating you nicely in your patch of the world! Please see below the Semaphore Short for this week.

Best wishes,

Mary Prescott

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 21st March 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Spring is sprung...

Spring finally seems to have arrived – at least in Pompey, judging by the hordes on the promenade over the weekend – so this Semaphore Short looks ahead to the (hopefully) warmer months ahead.

Fireside Chat with Tony Moth

This evening's Fireside Chat (1830), presented by Tony Moth, is on the subject of the 1920 Naval Mission to Enzeli.

This group of 31 Naval officers and men were sent to North Persian (now Iran) to help deal with the internment of the White Russian flotilla but were arrested en route in Azerbaijan by members of the invading Soviet Red Army and held prisoner in appalling conditions for more than six months.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 21st March)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Fill the stadium!

With the Six Nations having reached an exciting conclusion (congratulations to France – and to Italy!) thoughts now turn to the highlight of the rugby calendar – the Army v Navy clash at Twickenham on 30th April.

The big day includes both the men's and the women's matches – more details about the day's schedule can be accessed here: <https://www.armynavymatch.org.uk/>

But we have even more great news for you! The RNA have been given 200 tickets with a discounted £5 off the original price! Please get in contact with us and we will help to allocate a ticket for you.

Bookings for F40 pouring in

Bookings for the Falklands 40 weekend/National Conference in June are pouring in, and some of the ticketed events are 'selling out' fast, so shipmates are urged to finalise their plans and get their booking in as soon as possible.

Please note that events organised by Special Interest Groups are running in parallel with the main Falklands 40 events and that bookings for these main F40 events must be made through the centralised booking process, details of which can be found in the latest Semaphore Circular.

Please also note that accommodation arranged with the University of Portsmouth is also filling up fast!

Minister for Veterans, Leo Docherty letter...

The Minister for Veterans, Leo Docherty, has written to military charities seeking our support to help ensure that veterans in the UK do not travel to get involved in the conflict in Ukraine and rather direct their support to charitable activities.

In his letter, the Minister outlines that the UK government does not support volunteers going to fight in Ukraine and that individuals who do so will put themselves at significant risk by entering into a conflict area.

You can read the full letter [here](#).



- **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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