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Dear all

Here is the weekly Semaphore Short for you on the 28th February!

Hope you are all well,

Best wishes,

Mary Prescott

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 28th February 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Goodbye to Eunice and Franklin...

Welcome to the last Semaphore Short of the month, so it's farewell to Eunice and Franklin after a week of stormy weather. Fingers crossed for a break from those dark clouds. This week's Semaphore short is looking both back and forward.

After the events of this past week we understand that this can be a difficult time to reflect on memories and experiences past. Therefore if any member feels like they need someone to talk to or would like guidance please contact our Welfare Manager Lynda: lynda@royalnavalassoc.com

Fireside Chat with Captain Rich Harris

Captain Rich Harris will be live with the RNA tonight for our weekly Fireside Chat. Captain Harris' most recent assignment was as Commanding Officer of HMS Raleigh, the Royal Navy training establishment at Torpoint in Cornwall. As well as being the initial training centre for ratings, Raleigh is host to a number of schools covering damage control, the Submarine Service and Board and Search techniques, amongst others, and there are more than 2000 people on site on a typical day.

Capt Harris will be talking about how the Senior Service is **training the new generation of Shipmates in the 21st Century!**

Please join us with a tot in hand at 6.30 this evening (Monday 28th Feb)...

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)



Falklands 40th Anniversary weekend

Shipmates are reminded to send in your application forms for the Falklands 40th weekend **ASAP**, including registering your interest for the **Special Interest Group** that

you would like to be involved with on the 17th June.

The University of Portsmouth have Bed and Breakfast rooms available for the weekend with City and Southsea locations (around £52 per night) email: David.goodwin@port.ac.uk or call him on 02392844567.

The RNRMC is supporting this activity and Branches are invited to apply for **grants** for transport for Shipmates to be able to attend the F40 weekend. More details can be found at <https://www.rnrmc.org.uk/apply-grant/falklands-40-fund>.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 18th June 2022.

Time: O/C of RNA AGM/Falklands forum, for approx.. 2 hours.

Rig: Black trousers, Black Boots (steel Cap), RNA T-Shirt (provided)

Volunteers required: 18x Gun crew 6x Marshals.

As part of the Falklands 40 weekend there will be a **Field Gun memorial walk** from conducted from HMS Nelson wardroom to Sally Port Old Portsmouth. A Union draped limber will be used to transport the memorial reef and symbolise the hand over from "Relive" to "Remember". Once at Sally Port an overnight vigil will begin (separate event by Pompey Pals). If there are any Shipmates wishing to '**man the loops**' and take part in this special event please send your details to the contact below.

Daniel.tregarthen837@mod.gov.uk with your name, contact number, email address and position applied for, as well as your T-Shirt size.



Honorary life membership award

Above is a photo of Shipmate **John Oakey** receiving his honorary **Life Membership** for his services in **WW2**. John is a member of the Frome RNA Branch Area 4. The presentation was made by Shipmate Hon. Secretary Keith Sanders.

Frome Branch's dearly departed president Shipmate **Alan Sandall** was also honoured with a Lifetime Membership however the Branch were unable to conduct the presentation. So he crossed the bar taking his Life Membership badge and blazer with him.

New Central Office staff member!



We are delighted to welcome **John Scivier** to our Central Office team as our new **Employment Mentoring Project Lead**. Here is a quick introduction of John in his own words: Having spent nearly 38 years in the Royal Navy as both a rating and officer, it gives me great pleasure to join the Royal Naval Association as the new Employment Mentoring Project Lead. Over my naval career, I got married, had children, got divorced, re-married, lived in married quarters, was deployed on numerous occasions, some

operationally and have been through the transition period from 'matelot' to 'civvy'. So hopefully, my many experiences in the navy will enable me to both integrate fully within the organisation and have a good foundation in the ways in which I can improve the ways in which we help those transitioning out of the navy from the very start of the process.

Having worked for many years within the military and veterans charity sector, I am extremely aware of the ways in which these charities can advise and help those both serving and those that have left their respective service. The RNA has a great reputation in helping the naval community and those that are finding things a little difficult. The friendship and sense of belonging that is embodied around the country and abroad within the regions is second to none. It is an honour to call myself Shipmate and I am both honoured and pleased to be joining the team.

Atmospheric Nuclear Tests study published:

The fourth and final UK government study into cancer incidents and mortality rates for more than 12000 Servicemen and civilians who took part in the atmospheric tests and clean-ups at the Montebello Islands, Australia and Christmas Island in the 1950s and 60s has been published. More details can be found in the News section of the BNTVA (British Nuclear Test Veterans Association) website at:

<https://www.bntva.com/>

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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