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Good morning from Pompey!


I hope this email finds you well.

Please see below the Semaphore Short for this week.

Have a great day.



Best wishes,


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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 11th April 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Some quick updates from Central Office...

We're happy to see people engaging with our daily Falklands 40th Anniversary posts on Facebook, take a look [here](#) if you haven't seen them yet to learn and remember day to day events. We are very much so looking forward to seeing all of you who will be attending the F40 Anniversary events in nearly 2 months! Also, please get in touch with the leaders of the Special Interest Groups who are putting on events on the 17th June so that they can get an idea of numbers. We highly recommend joining in on their great activities!

Fireside Chat with Kevin Watkins

There are plenty of shipmates who have made the trip across the Pond in a ship- but how would you feel about crossing it in a rowing boat?

Log into tonight's Fireside Chat, a free talk streamed on Zoom, where Kevin Watkins will tell you all about how a rower would prepare to get across the Atlantic on muscle power alone.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 11th April)...

Meeting ID: 288 830 5105

Passcode: Shipmate

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Did you join the Royal navy, WRNS or QARNNS in 1952?

The Royal Navy Engagement team is looking for veterans who joined up 70 years ago to pass on information about the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Precise details of what the festivities will look like are not yet known, but if you joined up in 1952 – or know anyone who did – and would like to be contacted with further information, please call Sara in Central Office on 023 92723747 or email sara@royalnavalassoc.com

Jubilee version of Trooping the Colour

For those shipmates out there who like a bit of land-pageantry, the Royal British Legion are offering members of the Armed Forces community (serving, ex-serving and their families) the opportunity to join the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration in the heart of London.

Trooping the Colour will take place on Thursday 2nd June, and this year there will be a grand stand outside Buckingham Palace exclusively for use by the Armed Forces community.

The Legion will run a ballot for all veterans who served the Crown, so if you would like your name to be included in the ballot please use the link below and register your details by 13th April – that's this Wednesday.

Successful applicants will be notified by email no later than 22nd April.

Register your interest in this event through the RBL website link, which can be found [here](#).



Warwick Branch's new President

Warwick RNA are pleased, and proud, to welcome Lt Cdr Rose McIntyre RNR (Rtd) as their new President.

Rose joined the Leamington & Warwick Unit of the Girl's Nautical Training Corps (GNTC) as a cadet in the late sixties.

Later on in her career Rose was appointed Commanding Officer of the Leamington & Warwick Cadet Corps (one of the first female commanding officers in the country to do so) and promoted to Lieutenant Commander (SCC) and awarded the Cadet Forces Medal (previously only presented to men).

Rose met her husband at the Leamington Branch of the RN; he was an ex stoker who had just left the RN. He sadly "crossed the bar" in 1999. With the change of circumstances, work commitments and juggling family life her decision to leave the Sea Cadet Corps was made in 2007. Rose became a Full Member of the RNA Warwick Branch in January 2019.



Beating Retreat

The military ceremony of Beating Retreat has its origins on the early battlefields where the drum was used for all signals. Beating Retreat was the signal for troops to disengage from combat as the light faded.

The Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines perform their Beating Retreat ceremony every two years on Horse Guards Parade in front of the beautiful backdrop of St James' Park.

Enjoy a spectacular evening of outstanding military music and pageantry, featuring the precision drill of the 40 strong Corps of Drums and impressive 14-piece Fanfare Team.

Dates: 25th and 26th May 2022, 1845. House Guards Parade, London

Seated and special access tickets available from £8 to £25. Wheelchair ticket includes a companion on the same ticket.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and RMA (The Royal Marines Charity)

Buy your tickets [here](https://tickets.rnrmc.org.uk).



- **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...

[Join the Facebook Group](#)

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