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Good afternoon

I hope you are doing well. Please see this weeks Semaphore Short below and be sure to contact Central Office if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 9th May 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION



British summer time begins...

As the temperature starts to heat up so are the preparations for our Falklands 40th weekend in Portsmouth (17th – 19th June) which includes the 2022 RNA Conference. A big congratulations to everyone who took part in the National Standard Bearer's Competition on Saturday, everyone showed off some brilliant skills and drills. Keep a lookout for the June Semaphore Circular where more details will be available about the competition day.

Fireside Chat with Jonty Powis

One of the key events in the Falklands Conflict 40 years ago was the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano by HMS Conqueror – and this evening's Fireside Chat guest speaker was at the very heart of that incident.

Cdr Jonty Powis was Conqueror's Navigator, and as such can bring a rare and personal insight into life on a nuclear submarine in a combat zone and on the attack on General Belgrano that caused controversy at the time.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 9th May)...

Meeting ID: 288 830 5105

Passcode: Shipmate

[Join the Fireside Chat here](#)

Latest detail for F40 weekend

Shipmates, we have now reached full capacity for the HMS Warrior Drinks Reception on Friday 17th June and the RNA Buffet Dance on Saturday 18th June. If you have booked places for these events but have not yet paid please do so by 20th May to guarantee them. If you wish to come and have not yet booked onto these events please let us know soonest to be placed onto the waiting list. There are still spaces for

the AGM, Forum and Parade so do make contact with Central Office via (F40bookings@royalnavalassoc.com) to confirm your place.

Full arrangements as they stand are available in the latest RNA Semaphore Circular, which can be accessed [here](#).

Details include the latest schedule for each day, and a list of accommodation available in the city, and it is hoped the final schedule and details will be published in the June edition of the Circular – but keep an eye on these Semaphore Shorts as well!

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The Association's Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are going from strength to strength, and will play an important role in the first day (Reunite, Friday 17th June) of our Falklands 40 weekend.

There is a wide range of activities covered for far, including: Camping & Caravanning, Classic Cars, Cricket, Cycling, Decorative Ropework, Divers, Fishing, Golf and Riders.

Contact email addresses for these SIGs are available in the June edition of the Semaphore Circular.

And if there is nothing there that floats your boat, why not form a Special Interest Group of your own? Contact admin@royalnavalassoc.com for details.



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 Crops of Drums and impressive 14-piece Fanfare Team.

Dates: 25th and 26th of May 2022, 1845 horse 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 Naval and Royal Marines Charity and RMA (The Royal Marines Charity).

Buy your tickets [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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