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Good afternoon

I hope this email finds you well. Please see this weeks Semaphore Short below.

Best wishes,

Mary Prescott





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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 16th May 2022





A quick update...

We hope you are all in high spirits this week, and feeling the summer sun try and peak through the cloud. Just a quick short today to let you know about tonight's Fireside Chat, F40 update and some cricket news! A quick little fact for you – your RNA card is more useful than you may think. Central Office have had multiple cards handed back to us lost on the beach or in a restaurant etc. thanks to kind strangers who call our number on the back. So don't be alarmed if you lose it, it will probably make it's way back to you.

Fireside Chat with Dr Gordon Brooks

This evening's Fireside Chat is once again on the subject of the Falklands Conflict, which was being fought exactly 40 years ago – and again gives you a unique insight into a key moment in the South Atlantic.

Dr Gordon Brooks will be speaking on the subject of 'Atlantic Conveyor (The Forgotten Ship)', a subject close to his heart as he was the Royal Navy Chief Medical Officer on the merchant ship.

Atlantic Conveyor was a Cunard ro-ro container ship that was taken up by the MOD and converted into a makeshift aircraft carrier, and she was struck by two Exocets on 25 May 1982, killing 12 sailors and destroying vital helicopters.

Please join us with a tot in hand at 1830 this evening (Monday 16th May)...

Meeting ID: 288 830 5105

Passcode: Shipmate

Join the Fireside Chat here

Falklands 40 weekend

Please see the latest RNA Semaphore Circular for details as they stand for our Falklands 40 and Annual Conference weekend in Portsmouth from 17-19 June.

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.

Forces cricket at Lords

Armed Forces cricket is back after the pandemic! A Forces T20 Day will be held at the home of cricket – Lord's in London – on Thursday 16 June.

The match programme will comprise three Twenty20 matches with the women playing in the afternoon.

The other two matches will form part of the Inter-Services Men's Twenty20 – one IST20 match will take place beforehand, away from Lord's.

Tickets are £20 adult, £10 over-65s and £5 under-16s

For tickets click here. For more information click here

You can also visit their Facebook here. Or follow them on Twitter: @UKAFCricket



• 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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