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Good afternoon





Please find this week's Semaphore Short below which details tonight's Fireside Chat as well as upcoming events and offers.

Also please take notice of the questionnaire attached. The UK Holiday group will be very grateful, this will allow them to offer RNA members holiday offers and opportunities that are relevant and valued to you.

I hope this email finds you well.

Kind regards,

Mary Prescott

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SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 27th June 2022



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

Have your say...

Please fill out the questionnaire attached and send it back to us via email or post. This will help us the UK Holiday group to create holidays and offers that are relevant and valued especially to you.

Fireside chat

This evening's Fireside Chat is delivered by Ken Holberg, who will talk on the subject of 'The return on Naval Shipbuilding to the Solent – a National Shipbuilding Strategy success.'

The Solent has been at the heart of warship construction for centuries, including the mighty Naval dockyard of Portsmouth, that famously built battleship HMS Dreadnought in a year and a day (at least that is the claim...), the New Forest hamlet of Buckler's Hard, the various Vosper and Thornycroft yards and White's of Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

But the National Shipbuilding Strategy has breathed new life into the area in the 21st century...

The free online presentation begins at 1830, and can be accessed through this link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2888305105?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2888305105?pwd=TmtwempUWGwwUEtOcjY4ZU15RU5FZz09)

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Meeting ID: 288 830 5105

Passcode: Shipmate

Mass Bands of HM Royal Marines

The original performances of the Mass Bands of HM Royal Marines had to be cancelled at very short notice following an incident with the stands in rehearsals for trooping the colour. The RNRMC have worked very hard to reschedule the event which will now be take place on the 13th and 14th of July. All the proceeds go towards the Royal Navy and Royal Marines charity. The new arena also offers a more intimate layout enabling the audience to get a closer view of the parade please follow the link below for tickets.

<https://tickets.rnrmc.org.uk/navy-beating-retreat/index.htm>

HMS Royal Arthur

A service of commemoration was held last month at the site of the former HMS Royal Arthur at Butlins in Skegness, on the east coast of England.

Several RNA officials attended the service at the memorial obelisk, including National President Vice Admiral Duncan Potts, National Chairman S/M Keith Ridley and RNA Operations Manager S/M Andy Christie.

The establishment opened in 1939 at the outbreak of war to train 'Hostilities Only' Wireless and Communications ratings, and closed in 1947 when Corsham in Wiltshire assumed that role.

For more details of the ceremony see this month's RNA Semaphore Circular at <https://royal-naval-association.co.uk/members/downloads/2022/>

Discounts at Iceland

A reminder that the supermarket chain Iceland has announced a ten per cent discount for customers aged 60 and over every Tuesday on groceries, with no minimum spend.

The discount is available in-store at Iceland and The Food Warehouse branches, and to qualify a customer must show proof of age, such as a driving licence, senior bus pass or senior railcard, at the check-out.

The offer is in response to the rising cost of living.

For full details see <https://sustainability.iceland.co.uk/news/iceland-becomes-the-first-uk-supermarket-to-offer-special-discount-for-over-60s/>

Classic Car group

A message from our CEO Bill Oliphant: If anyone has a classic car and wants to join me this Sunday 3rd July for the Stansted Summer Jubilee at Stansted Park, W Sussex, PO9 6DX, where there is a Classic Car corner, I intend to set up an RNA stand and would welcome both the support and the companionship. Thanks, Bill Oliphant 07547 904410.



- **Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time**

Since March 2020, shipmates from Wrexham Branch RNA, have been hosting a Virtual Tot Time on a Saturday evening, via the Zoom platform.

This has proven to be a lifeline for many Shipmates from around the world, wherever they have dropped anchor.

A warm welcome awaits for shipmates who wish to join in.

Just follow the link below, to the Facebook RNA Community page for more details.

[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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