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**CIRCULAR ROLLED OVER** The July edition of the Semaphore Circular has been delayed for various reasons, and it has been decided to roll this edition over into the next one – please look out for further details.

Any important information for shipmates will be sent out either via direct email, through our website or social media channels (chiefly Facebook) or through the weekly Semaphore Shorts.

**ARE YOU FEELING THE BENEFIT** With the cost of living soaring, and the outlook looking pretty tight for the next few months, you might like to make sure that you are getting all the help that the government can provide.

For more senior shipmates, you can check this through the Age UK website, which has a benefit calculator which can give you a rough idea of what you might be entitled to and how much you could expect – for further information, see <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/benefits-calculator/>

For those not yet in the Age UK category, the government website provides details of other websites that can calculate possible entitlements and levels of benefits – see <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>

**FIRESIDE CHATS** – The fireside chat for this evening is given by the man known as ‘Mr Sea Harrier’, Cdr Sharkey Ward DFC, AFC, who was instrumental in bringing the Sea Harrier FRS (Fighter, Reconnaissance, Strike) into service with the Royal Navy then went on to help prove its value by taking a leading role in air combat operations during the Falklands Conflict in 1982.

Sharkey was credited with three air-to-air kills in more than 60 missions during the Conflict and was involved in operations that resulted in further Argentine aircraft being shot down.

Next week’s fireside chat will be given by Anthony Moth and is entitled ‘History of the Village Bobby’

Fireside chats, unless promulgated otherwise start at 18:30 each Monday. To access the fireside chats, access zoom [here](#)

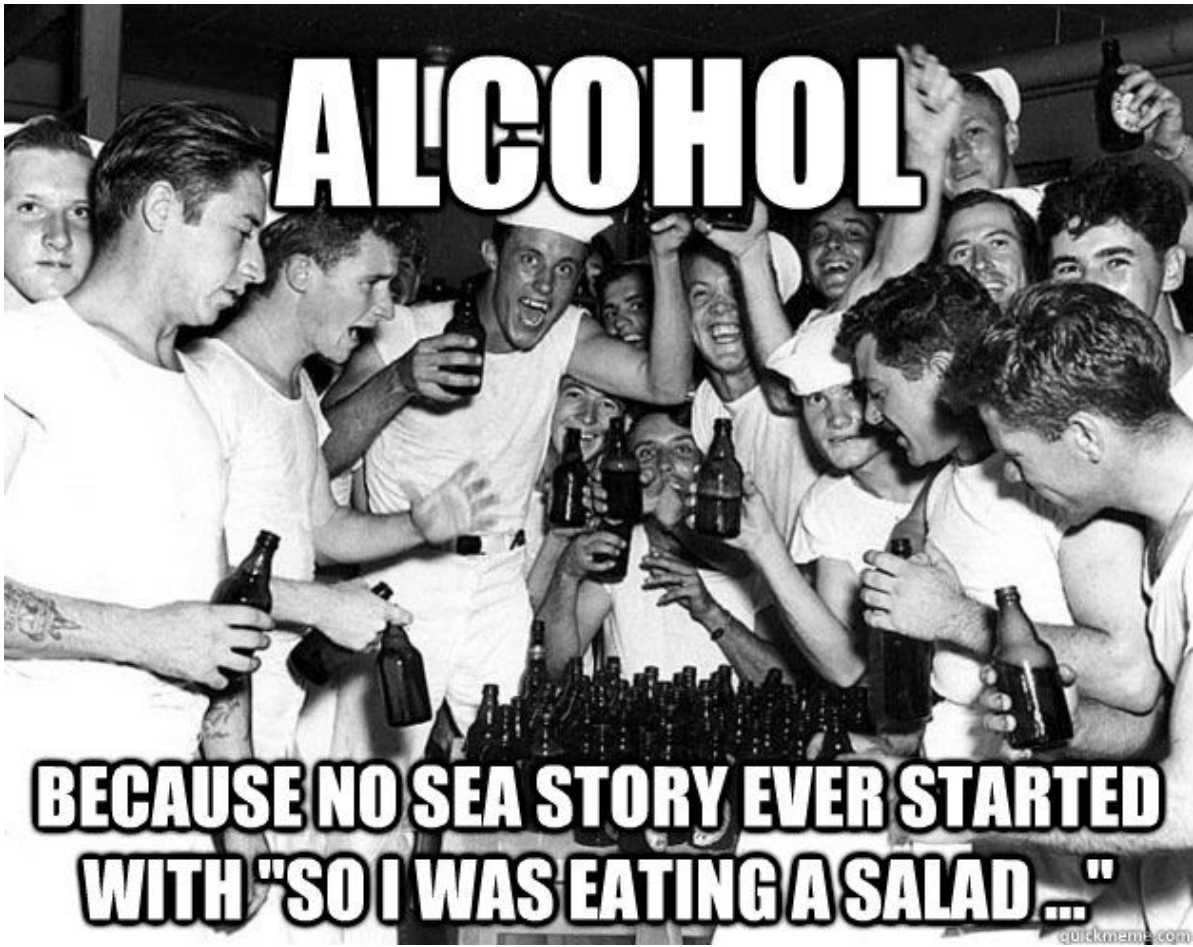
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**NATIONAL SERVICE AMEND** In last week’s Short, I promulgated that the RBL were doing a piece on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Service – as one keen reader correctly pointed out, National Service ended in 1963 so it is the sixtieth anniversary next year, not fiftieth! I blame old age and fat fingers – apologies.

**APOLOGY No2** In last weeks Short, I mentioned bout HMS Raleigh getting back to normal and in that section I woefully omitted to mention the St Vincent boys that joined up at that particular Gosport establishment – that would be apology No2!

**BETTER SAFE THAN TUMOUR CAMPAIGN** Last week, I included a piece about living with cancer. Following on from that, I have been asked to include a link to the Brain Tumour Charity which contains a lot of useful information of recognition and ways in which help can be sought. For more information, please visit <https://www.headsmart.org.uk/>

**AND FINALLY.....** . .



**ALCOHOL**

**BECAUSE NO SEA STORY EVER STARTED  
WITH "SO I WAS EATING A SALAD..."**

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