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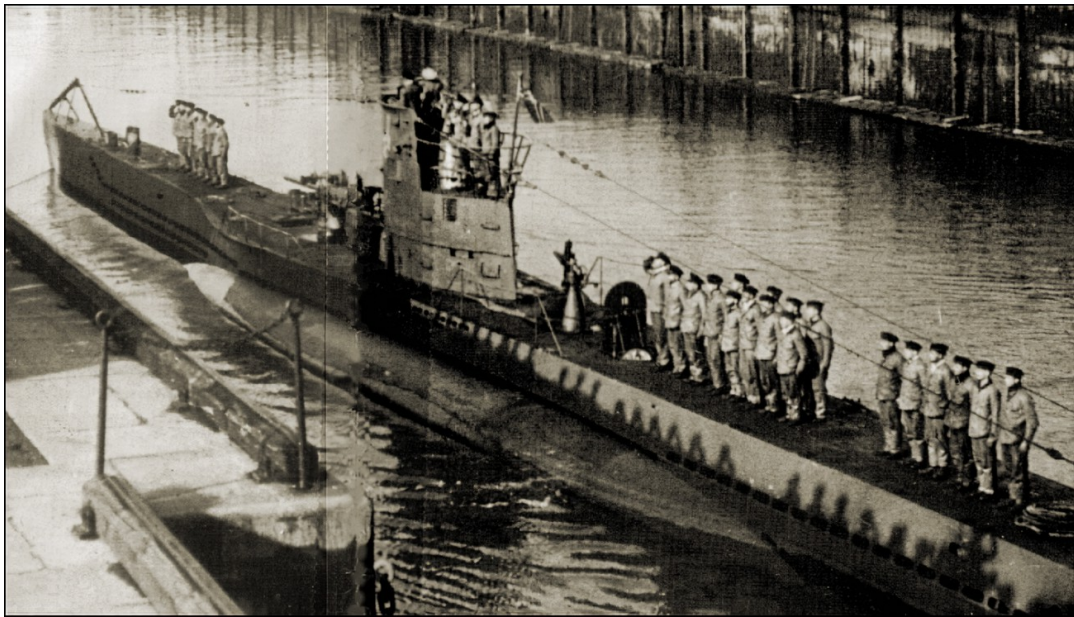
GREETINGS SHIPMATES - Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well.

As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts, email me or the team at comms@royalnavalassoc.com. Whilst all contributions will be considered, please note that this is a short update newsletter and we can't publish everything. Some content may be passed to Andy for inclusion in the next Circular.

FIRESIDE CHATS The fireside chat for this evening will be given by Angus Konstam and will tell the story of the German U-Boat U-47 and the sinking of the battleship HMS Royal Oak in Scapa Flow. The picture below shows U-47 coming alongside in Wilhelmshaven on completion of the Scapa Flow mission. Next week's chat (Mon Oct 17th) will be presented by Gordon Simmonds and will explore signalling in Nelson's navy - one for the bunting tossers!

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

Meeting ID is 288 830 5105 Password is Shipmate



UPCOMING GOVERNMENTAL VETERAN'S SURVEY Hearing from the veteran community is vital and that is why the government will be launching the Veterans' Survey this Autumn. This is the first ever exercise to collect feedback from the veterans community across the UK coordinated by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics.

The online survey will be launched in November and will be live for 12 weeks, giving ex-UK Armed Forces personnel and their families the opportunity to provide direct feedback to the government on their experiences, access to and use of services for veterans. Responses to the survey will help us better understand the experiences, needs and wellbeing of our veteran community, and to guide future action.

It is important we hear a wide range of views and we would like to encourage as many ex-UK Armed Forces veterans and their families to share feedback. Your views matter, so please look out for the survey and take part. To be the first to hear when the survey goes live, please add your contact details by clicking [here](#)

FREE PLAY CENTRED AROUND EVENTS IN 1982 For those in the Portsmouth and Gosport area, a free play, produced in partnership with the RNA and Arts Council England will be performed at various venues during October and November. Full details of the play in the poster below. To book tickets, visit Eventbrite [here](#)

Dear Friend

You are invited to join us for our brand-new production of *UNDERTOW:1982*, which will tour the communities of Portsmouth Harbour this Autumn.

The production is presented in partnership with the *Royal Naval Association* and community organisations, with the support of *Arts Council England*. To help counter the current cost-of-living crisis, all tickets are free. For those who are able, donations for the *Royal Naval Association* and community venues are welcome following each performance.



Join Stella, Lesley, Susan, ~~Derek~~ and the regulars of The Paradise Club, as they welcome in the New Year... 1982. Set against the backdrop of the Falkland's War, uncertainty at the Dockyard, trouble in Eastern Europe, and economic turmoil, *UNDERTOW:1982* is an uplifting and moving tribute to a hugely important year in the region's history.

Includes live 80s music performed by The Spoils.

You are welcome to join us for any of our tour dates...

- Sunday 2 October, The Dockyard Club, Southsea
- Friday 7 October, St. Faith's Parish Centre, Lee-on-the-Solent
- Friday 14 October, St. Faith's Church Hall, Gosport
- Saturday 15 October, Portsmouth Methodist Church, Southsea
- Wednesday 19 October, The Blue Lagoon, Hilsea Lido
- Thursday 20 October, The Dockyard Club, Southsea
- Saturday 22 October, St. Luke's Church, Portsmouth
- Wednesday 26 October, D-Day Memorial Hall, Southwick
- Thursday 27 October, The Crofton Club, Stubbington
- Friday 28 October, St. Philip's Church Hall, Cosham
- Thursday 3 November, Groundlings Theatre, Portsea
- Friday 4 November, Ex Servicemen's Club, Havant
- Wednesday 9 November, Hill Park Working Men's Club, Fareham
- Thursday 10 November, Park Community Theatre, Havant
- Friday 11 November, ~~Thorn~~gate Halls, Gosport
- Saturday 12 November, Milton Village Hall, Portsmouth

PEOPLE AND STORIES

Writer and Director: Scott Ramsay
Associate Director: Sophia ~~Weyang~~
Musical Directors: David Tait and Nathalie Gunn
Sound and Projection: Matthew Parsons
Production Associates: Liz Weston and Amy Claydon
Cast: Emily Alice Ambrose, Julia Grela, Nathalie Gunn, and Scott Ramsay
The Spoils: Adam ~~Bloss~~, Mitch Glover, Tom Richards, Dave Tait, Jamie Watkins, and Mike Wright



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COBSEO JOBS BULLETIN The Confederation of Service Charities advertise jobs in all regions across the veteran charity sector. A list of current vacancies can be found [here](#)

PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD DISCOUNT DISCOUNT Portsmouth Historic Dockyard have kindly agreed to offer an attractive 30% discount on Annual Ultimate Explorer tickets to RNA members. Tickets are valid for a year

allowing you to return again and again. The Ultimate Explorer tickets give you access to The Mary Rose, HMS Victory, HMS Warrior, HMS Alliance at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Harbour Tour and more. The offer is valid on one family Ultimate Explorer ticket or up to four adult, senior or child Ultimate Explorer Tickets. The discount (depending on tickets bought) could save over £50 on the walk-up prices. To get this discount, simply show your Royal Naval Association Membership card in the Visitor Centre at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. **NOTE** - The discount is only valid on walk up tickets at the dockyard and not on any on-line purchases.

AND FINALLY.....



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