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After losing in the Singles and then the Doubles RNA GS, Bill Oliphant took on Junior player Jessica Macaskill at the 2022 World Uckers Championships in No 5 Boathouse in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. I think our dear readers have already worked out the outcome! Yes it was the third defeat of the day for poor Bill, only plus it wasn't an eight piecer..... He is going back to Uckers School!

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NCM	National Council Member
NC	National Council
AMC	Association Management Committee
FAC	Finance Administration Committee
NCh	National Chairman
NVCh	National Vice Chairman
NP	National President
DNP	Deputy National President
GS	General Secretary
CONA	Conference of Naval Associations
NCBA	National Charter, Rules and Byelaws Advisor/ Governance Committee

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From the General Secretary

Ahoy Shipmates

In the aftermath of the Her Majesty's funeral, I gave up my slot in last month's *Semaphore Circular* to our National President, VAdm Duncan Potts, who articulated the very sincere respect we all held for Her Majesty and our pride that she honoured us with Her patronage.

I know this will be of interest to our members, not least because I've had a number of

enquiries about it; yesterday (3 Nov), I hosted a meeting in Central Office with the National President and Rear Admiral Jude Terry who, as well as holding the title of RN Director Personnel and Training, is also known as the Naval Secretary (NAVSEC). As such, she is in regular contact with the Palace and has taken away with her our hope and desire that it would be our very great privilege should The King succeed Her Majesty as our patron. It's not a given but fingers are firmly crossed! See more in article 11 later.



RAdm Jude Terry visits RNA Central Office



Congrats to Waterlooville Branch who have already amended their rum tub to reflect the new monarch

Well, what an amazing Trafalgar Season it has been. I have had the huge honour of a Trafalgar lunch in France with the Aquitaine Branch and dinners in

Inverness and Portsmouth and a Pickle Night last night (Thursday 3 Nov) in Waterlooville. I



Fabulous wenches Bianca and Wendy at Waterlooville Pickle Night

now know exactly why it's called Pickle Night and it's got absolutely nothing to do with the Bermudan built armed schooner commanded by Lt Lapenotiere who took Lord Collingwood's despatches with the news of Trafalgar to England!

☺ All I can say is that I have very much enjoyed your hospitality and, even more, getting to know more of our shipmates out there, but my liver is now



Area 3 Chairman, Soapy Watson, and his escort at Lee on Solent's Trafalgar night

taking some well-earned leave! As some wit commented, "You're living the dream, now you need to let your liver live his!"



Cheer up Stan, it takes years off you!



Now, back to some serious business. This morning, I have been submitting the bid to the RNRMC to continue to support us financially since we moved to the donation based income model. What has become clear in this process is that RNRMC will not continue to fund us forever and we need to get ourselves onto a sustainable footing.

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BZ for all the good deeds I see going on in Branches – last night Waterlooville Branch generously filling the fines bucket at the Pickle Night for the Naval Children's Charity and yesterday the Portsea Branch raising £500 for Jellicoe House with Shipmate Stan Arthur's long overdue haircut, being notable examples – however, I would say, in your Branch fundraising efforts, please don't forget the RNA. And, on an individual basis, I know times are hard at the moment, but please will you think of your RNA - all I'm requesting is a Standing Order for £1/month – who can't afford that? To download the form, please click [here](#) Thank you.



Finally, I was invited along to the new RN War Fighting Centre here in HMNB Portsmouth last week to witness the delivery of S/m Ken O'Brien's fantastic model of *HMS Prince of Wales* which will sit proudly in the foyer. Another triumph for the RNA Modelmakers Group – BZ Ken.

The clocks have changed and it's getting dark early. I'm off to Halfords to get some lights for my bike. See you next month.

Cheers,

Bill

Stop Press.....

Govt set to scrap the Royal Yacht replacement ☹️



1. ★ Whitehall Remembrance Parade – Sunday 14 November 2022

STOP PRESS.....

For Shipmates information the e-tickets for the Whitehall Remembrance Parade have now been issued so, if you haven't received yours yet, please contact the RBL directly. If you are still struggling please email admin@royalnavalassoc.com for assistance.

Gentle reminder.... you will need to be on Horse Guards at 0930 where you will be welcomed by Shipmate Bob Coburn, the National Ceremonial Advisor, (complete with Red Sash!) who will be the RNA Parade Marshall located in Column E. Ashipmate will be holding a little tourist type board with RNA on it!

Following the 'bimble' Shipmates are invited to the Civil Service Club in Great Scotland Yard for chips and sandwiches and RNA camaraderie!

On a serious note there will be 110 Shipmates on parade thank you so much for supporting this event BZ

2. ★ Important Notice - HMG Help For Households

With the cost of living increasing daily the Government has published information that may help you should you need it.

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)



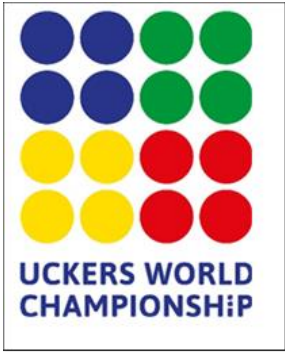
If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland there may be additional or alternative devolved policies and help available. Please also visit the relevant campaign website where you live.

3. ★ News From The Membership Support Division!

This month's notices in no particular order.....

- Sara wants to reiterate to Shipmates that early booking for Conference weekend is essential in order to secure rooms at the Novotel and to a lesser degree at the Adelphi
- Please highlight / Flag up Dietary requirements to the Adelphi / Novotel as early as possible.
- For **CLUBS** - C3 License applications are at the rear of this edition and ideally need to be returned the CO by 07 December 2022.

4. ★ World Uckers Championships 2022 – Portsmouth - 29 October 2022



The 2022 World Uckers Championships took place in the magnificent surrounds of No 5 Boathouse in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, courtesy of RNRMC, on Saturday 29 Oct 22.

75 Competitors playing doubles and singles played the day away using every know type of Uckers slang and expletives. Superbly marshalled by Senior Referee and living Uckers legend S/M Wally Blagden in his very flamboyant kit!



The Finals were played in the presentation are which gave it a 'Crucible' atmosphere and were played to a full house.....

The Singles Final was up first and was contested between Simon Mills (who is currently serving in HMS Spey and home on leave) and Brent Latham, with Brent ultimately running out winner in a close run contest.

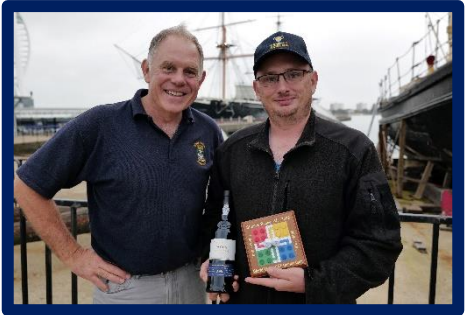
Brent was presented with the 'Tacky Two Cup' by RNA GS and Uckers competitor himself, Bill Oliphant

The Doubles followed and was contested by Wrens R Us (Linda Banks and GJ D'All) and The Green Machine (Former Marines -Alex Cruickshank and Stan Patterson)



Our grateful thanks to Steve Dingly at Pussers Rum, and Steve Moffat for supplying the Boards, Wally Blagden and Frank Fowler, and Bob Field at RNRMC.

For information, due to the success and growing popularity of the competition and the many requests from competitors the RNA are investigating the possibility of making the World Championships an annual event. So, stay tuned for an announcement in the New Year



Photos above shows Bill Oliphant presenting the 'Tacky Two Cup' to winner Brent Latham and the Runners -Up Trophy to Simon Mills



Doubles Winners, The Green Machine (Alex and Stan) with Bill Oliphant and Double Runners Wrens R Us (Linda and DJ) with the Runners -Up award . Below Fancy Dress winners 'The Feisty Girls' it was the Gold Crown on top of their Baseball Hats that did for the selection panel!

Highlights during the day which saw an early shock when last year's champions The LUDO Two (Sara and Bob Field) resplendent in their World Champion Polo Shirts, get some of their own back when the Feisty Girls knocked them out in the first round!!

There were also two SNAKE Eyes all out and one Eight piece Dickin!

Note for BuiltH Wells – Every one noticed you were missing in action....Next Year?

Don't forget Steve supply's all kinds and sizes of Uckers boards so please contact him for further information @ uckers.ya.uckers@gmail.com

Brilliant Christmas Gift

5. ★ 100th Birthday – Captain Laurence WH Taylor CBE Royal Navy

Royal Naval Veteran, Captain Laurence WH Taylor CBE RN celebrated his 100th birthday with a surprise visit from HMNB Devonport's Captain of the Base, Captain David Preece RN, along with members of the Plymouth Royal Naval Association. Captain David presented Shipmate Laurence with RAN life Membership and a tot of Pussers.

100-year-old Laurence was delighted to receive the group and happy to regale them with stories and tales of his long and distinguished service career, which began in 1940 when he attended Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth.

Joining as a Seaman Officer, Captain Laurence served throughout the WW2 on several major ships including HMS Sussex, where he was injured during a bombing of the ship in Glasgow, HMS Nelson, HMS Duncan and HMS Savage,



which was involved in the sinking of the German Battleship Scharnhorst and the Battle of North Cape. Following two remarkable years on HMS Savage he joined HMS Start Bay at the end of the war, serving in the Mediterranean, before leaving her in Gibraltar and taking up a position in Haifa as the RN Operations Officer. Service in HMS Fernie and HMS Bigbury Bay followed before returning to Greenwich in 1950 for the Naval Staff course.

He married Margaret in 1951 and was promoted to Lieutenant Commander and posted to HMS Tamar in Hong Kong as the Staff Officer Plans to the Commodore of Hong Kong . Margaret joined him there, and they spent time living in quarters on the 'Peak', their first daughter was born in Hong Kong. He became responsible for the patrols of small warships to prevent illegal immigrants from China. There were great celebrations for the Coronation in 1953. Near the end of his time, there was a serious incident as one of the patrol boats was shot up by the Chinese in the Pearl River, he was the Officer responsible for dealing with the incident which saw a young Lieutenant killed on the bridge.

He travelled home from Hong Kong on the Empire Windrush to join his wife, and when back in the UK joined HMS Decoy as the First Lieutenant based at Devonport and a second daughter arrived. In 1956 he attended the Joint Services Staff course, before he became Staff Operations Officer to Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers. A son arrived December 1956 and in 1957 he was promoted to Commander.

Several Staff jobs followed before in 1966 he was promoted to Captain, and he set off to become the Naval Attaché in Moscow, which also involved looking after Finland as well. In 1968 he also served as the Naval Liaison Officer in Canberra Australia for two joyful years, before his final appointment with the Royal Navy as the Queen's Harbour Master at Chatham in Kent.

Sadly, Margaret died in 2015 and they had three children, six grandchildren and seven great children.

Following the QHM job in Chatham he became Director of Marine Services in 1974, where he served for eight years, finishing on his 60th birthday. Made a CBE in New Year's Honours in 1982. He lived in Winkleigh Devon from 1984 and was church warden 1987 to 1996, serving also as Vice Chair of the Royal British Legion and then the President.



Captain David Preece, Capt of the Base Devonport said,

"I was absolutely delighted to be able to wish Captain Taylor happy birthday on such a landmark day. As well as congratulating him on behalf of the RN and RNA, it was also a real privilege to have an insight into his very clear and fond memories of an amazing career. I hope that our presence was a reminder to him and his family that they are still a part of the Naval family no matter how long since retiring."

Des McCarthy MBE, Chairman RNA Plymouth said,

"Plymouth Members of The Royal Naval Association were honoured to attend the 100th Birthday celebration of WWII Veteran Captain LWH Taylor CBE RN, and award him with Life Membership to mark the high degree of respect and esteem we hold for our wartime warriors and their generation."

6. ★ Project Semaphore - iPads (RNA/Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund Project)

Have you heard of Project Semaphore?... No... Let me enlighten you!

For a number of years, the RNA has been supported by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund and its predecessor, and was awarded funding to support Tri Service veterans out of digital isolation, to reduce loneliness and social isolation and to ensure that veterans have access to online support and services that some people take for granted.

The project provides eligible veterans with an RNA branded iPad and protective case for their personal use. The iPads can be used to connect with friends, family and shipmates, general interest purposes, to undertake hobbies through the use of technology, online shopping, paying bills and utilities online and a variety of other uses.

In 2018 Age UK produced a report of the impact of digital exclusion in the elderly, the report outlined that those without access to a smart phone, tablet or computer were potentially £1000 per year worse off. The reason being that you are often able to save money on various things, if you purchase or pay for services on-line. For those without a digital device this is not possible and leaves you at not only a financial disadvantage but a social one to.



I appreciate that those who may not be used to digital technology may be apprehensive to use an iPad, that's why we have a network of volunteers and supporters, who are able to support you through the process, from receiving your iPad and setting it up, to staying safe online and ensuring you get the best out of your device, as well as training and support calls/live sessions.

Having an iPad can do a lot for you. It can increase access to books, news articles, and videos, you can learn and enjoy your favourite entertainment. There are never-ending puzzles and games to keep your mind active and having fun. An iPad keeps its users engaged in what they enjoy and communicating with loved ones at home or anywhere they take the portable device. iPads can be adjusted according to the user's abilities and their preferences, so really, there is a way to set an iPad up perfectly for anyone based on needs and or abilities.

If you want to apply to become a recipient of Project Semaphore, or apply on someone else's behalf, firstly you will need to complete an application form, to do this, please click the button below or click [HERE](#):



Once the application form has been received this will be reviewed by Gemma Swanson, Project Lead. If your application is successful Gemma will be in contact to arrange delivery of your iPad.

Where possible, we will arrange for a volunteer to come to visit you in your home to assist you in setting up the iPad to suit your needs, if there is not one available, we may be able to do this over the phone prior to you receiving your iPad. If there are specific interests or Apps you would like on the iPad, please speak with Gemma and we may be able to add these prior to you receiving your iPad.

As the iPad is for your sole use, RNA colleagues do not have any remote access to the device so if there are any issues, these can be addressed in a number of ways, either, face to face, over the phone or by sending the device back to us.

You are welcome to keep the iPad for as long as you want or need it. However, we ask that you do not pass the device on to friends or family to use and if you no longer require it or, you purchase a tablet or computer yourself, the device will need to be returned to us, to ensure that those in need have an opportunity to benefit from the project.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Gemma Swanson at gemma@royalnavalassoc.com with the subject heading 'Project Semaphore'

Support for Project Semaphore

For project Semaphore to be successful, we rely on a network of volunteers to support our beneficiaries... And we always need more.

Volunteering on the project requires a good level of technical understanding and you will be required to travel to peoples homes to support them with their device if problems should arise.

A project Semaphore Volunteer supports with the setting up of the device once the beneficiary receives it. Understanding Apple ID's and how to create an account, working through and installing any Apps that the beneficiary requires, creating email accounts, and supporting with any questions they may have on how to do things.

So, if you have the time to dedicate and, have a good technical ability, understand the capabilities and functions of the Apple Range of Products, are caring, compassionate and patient please contact Gemma at gemma@royalnavalassoc.com to discuss becoming a Project Semaphore volunteer.

7. ★ Discount on Visits to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

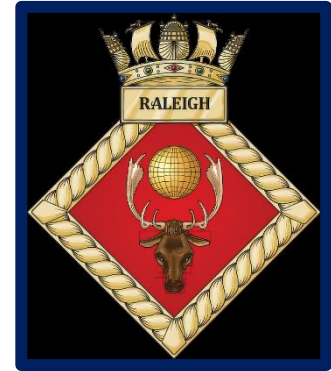
Shipmates should be aware that there are discounted prices available for the RNA members when visiting the historic dockyard in Portsmouth.

Annual Ultimate Explorer ticket offer: Save 30% off the annual Ultimate Explorer tickets at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Tickets are valid for the 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 • Plus more Offer is valid on one family Ultimate Explorer ticket or up to four adult, senior or child Ultimate Explorer Tickets. To get this discount, simply show your Royal Naval Association Membership card in the Visitor Centre, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The discount is only available for 'walk up's'

8. ★ Your RNA needs YouWest Country Volunteers Required to be RNA Mentors in HMS Raleigh

The RNA mentoring programme started in HMS Raleigh over 14 years, ago, following on from the RM programme model in CTC, which started some 20 years ago.

Lead mentor Terry Whitty described becoming a mentor as “the most rewarding volunteering experience I have had the privilege to join”. S/M Terry has been ‘mentoring for ten years and has just started working with his 50th class!



The Mentors visit their allocated Divisions a couple of times a week. Starting off assisting RN staff meet and greet new recruits at the station when they first arrive, and we see them for most of the main exercises/evolutions for example; self-introductions, RNFT, week 1, low ropes / high ropes, guard selection, obstacle course, the big NBCDX, assault course, all leading the culmination of their Raleigh training the passing out Parade on Friday week 10.

The mentoring programme are currently looking to recruit at least 12 more veterans to assist in the six divisions of Initial Training - Fisher, Hanson, Cornwell, Nelson, Gould, and Cunningham.

There is no requirement for you to have served as a Senior Rate and it doesn't matter how long you served it would good to see you join as a Mentor or at least give it a try.

If anyone is interested and would like more information, please email –

admin@royalnavalassoc.com and provide your contact details and we will contact you. There are already mentors from Plymouth, Torpoint, Saltash, Bodmin, Liskeard, and surrounding areas, so why not come and join the gang!

9. ★ Monday Evening Fireside Chats

For Shipmates who are unaware, a series of 'Fireside Chats' featuring some fascinating subjects including; Battle of Jutland, Operation Paraquet (Re-capture of South Georgia 1982), Naval Recruiting in 2020 to name but a few. The presentations are held on Monday evenings commencing at 1830 using 'Zoom'. All are welcome.

Meeting ID – 288 830 5105 Password – Shipmate (case sensitive) Or, click on the link [here](#)

Date	Presenter	Subject
Monday 07 Nov	Ian Millen	CEO Volunteer Outreach Support
Monday 14 Nov	Gordon Simmonds	Signalling In Nelsons' Navy
Monday 21 Nov	David Griggs	SOSUS in the Cold War
Monday 28 Nov	Phil Burgess	SNO HMS Glasgow T26
Monday 05 Dec	Capt Mark Hardwick	RN Logistics Training in 2022

Monday 12 Dec	Capt Gavin Pritchard	MAIB
Monday 19 Dec	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 26 Dec	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 02 Jan	New Year Holidays	
Monday 09 Jan	RAdm Steve Moorhouse	Director Force Generation, Royal Navy
Monday 16 Jan	Stuart Wright	White Ensign Association
Monday 23 Jan	Cdr Bryan McCavour	RN Battlestaff Update

* Lecture subjects may change at short notice.

** Shipmates please note that The 'Fireside Chat' commences at 1830

10. ★ Veterans Sheltered Housing - CEESAC

Patrick Keefe the CEO of CEESAC has kindly provided a brief on sheltered housing for veterans which Shipmates will find very interesting.



WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER SHELTERED HOUSING

(if you are over 60¹)

What? It seems best to start by ensuring the reader understands what sheltered (or retirement) housing is: accommodation specifically built to help its mostly-retired tenants live *independent* lives for as long as possible. This is normally in what are essentially ordinary one-bedroomed² flats in a scheme or 'court', i.e. each flat has its own lounge, kitchen, bathroom & bedroom,



behind its own front door. You might expect a door-entry system in any block, but the key differences from a regular one are that there would normally be a lift to all floors and a 24/7 personal alarm system (usually pull-cords in every room as well as a facility to use a pendant carried on the person). Most have some shared communal facilities: a lounge with TV & kitchen where tenants can socialise/arrange events; a tended garden; a cheaply-rentable guest room where visitors can stay for a few nights; and there will often be a manager for at least some of the working day who can provide tenants with a degree of support. Like one's home anywhere, if one develops

needs, these may be met through visits from an external care provider.

¹ This is the minimum age for most sheltered housing providers, but some accept e.g. those over 55.

² Some will be suitable for a single bed, others will be larger for a double and priced accordingly. There are sometimes a few 2-bedroomed flats.

What sheltered housing isn't is a care or nursing home, which is where round the clock support is provided to individuals' rooms and regulated by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). However, there is also 'Assisted-Living' or 'Extra Care' accommodation, which is like sheltered but with additional facilities, e.g. meals provided and an on-site care team and this does fall under the CQC.

Sheltered housing may be available to purchase (normally leasehold) or be rented – either privately or from a registered social landlord. The latter will normally be the least expensive since it will be owned by either a charitable Housing Association, a charity or the local council. Their basic rents³ are capped by the Government and overseen by the Regulator of Social Housing. However, unlike regular social properties where the 'need' is relative poverty, for sheltered housing the issue is age, so there is a wider range of tenants. A combination of these factors also accounts for why some is specifically aimed at veterans and their partners or eligible family members.



Why? Independent research (see references) confirms there is an unequivocal health gain from all forms of retirement housing. This is for the following reasons: fewer falls (no need to use stairs or climb ladders for maintenance); garden provided but tenants don't have to maintain it (although they can contribute); less social isolation; smaller property probably with better insulation so less costly to heat; individual flats and facilities are accessible for people with mobility problems and easily adaptable to meet changing needs; a 24-hour a day system for summoning help.

Where? This is of course a personal decision – some move locally, others back to somewhere they particularly enjoyed, but many wish to be closer to family members or friends. At the point of moving in you must be capable of independent living, so don't wait until it is too late – the point of sheltered housing is to prolong independence. This article is obviously aimed at members of the Royal Naval Association, who might therefore particularly welcome the possibility of joining a community of like-minded residents of a similar age-group to avoid isolation and loneliness. Listed below are those providers specifically aimed at veterans or their eligible family members (in alphabetical order):



Naval Service only

- Agamemnon Housing Association (Portsmouth & environs): agamemnonha.org

³ Like any shared building, there will be some Service Charges in addition to the basic rent.

- Greenwich Hospital Sheltered Housing (available in Portsmouth, Saltash & Greenwich): <https://www.grenhosp.org.uk/general/sheltered-housing/>

Any of the Forces

- [CESSA Housing Association | \(cessaha.co.uk\)](http://cessaha.co.uk) (Portsmouth, Gosport & Stubbington).
- Riverside (across UK – not specifically for ex-service but a member of the Cobseo Housing Cluster): [Retirement Living | Riverside Group](#).
- SSAFA (Wimbledon): [Royal Homes Wimbledon | SSAFA](#).
- Veterans' Gateway/Self Help/Housing. [Follow this link](#). to see more.

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- F.

The Top photo - The Redan in Gosport

Middle Photo shows - garden at the side (with a view of the adjacent Old Royal Naval College world heritage site)

Bottom Photo - The courtyard of Trafalgar Quarters, Greenwich

(Editors Note - While Greenwich Hospital's other 2 schemes are purpose-built (larger) blocks in Southsea & Saltash, this one is a converted Georgian Building. It has 21 flats - 12 singles and 9 doubles in case of interest)

11. ★ Guidance for organisations with Royal Patronage following the accession of His Majesty King Charles

Central Office has received the following notification from Buckingham Palace concerning patronages.

Organisations of which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was Patron and those organisations to which The King and The Queen Consort were connected through Patronage or Presidency as Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall.

The Royal Household will be in touch with the charities and organisations individually in due time. Until then, organisations are asked to update websites to reflect that The late Queen or The former Prince of Wales or The former Duchess of Cornwall were Patrons or Presidents. Pre-

Accession references to indicate Patronage can remain in place on letter headed paper and printed material to avoid unnecessary waste.

The King and Queen Consort are very grateful for the understanding of the many organisations involved, particularly at this early stage in His Majesty's reign. The Royal Household is unable to enter into specific discussions and it would be appreciated if organisations would be content to wait to be contacted rather than to make individual inquiries.

With very best wishes,



Lauren Carter | Research and Government Liaison Officer
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12. ★ RNA Testimonial – S/m Barry O'Connell (HQ Roll)

Thanks to S/M O'Connell who provided the RN with a lovely testimonial recently concerning the RNA which you will all be pleased to see.

When you join the Royal Navy, you learn the famous words, become a good team, the man next to you is your shipmate for ever more.

But the day sadly comes, when that dreadful day arrives, and you leave. The banter, the laughs, but most of all, your shipmates are gone. That golden world has gone. But has it? In the background is still shipmates, the Royal Navy Association, that beats a mighty big heart, to ensure you are NOT alone still.

They are there to get you down the right channel, if you seek guidance, just like what it was like when you serve. I've been assisted many times, so from leaving and feeling so alone, to I am not alone, to back with shipmates with the same big heart.

Cheers RNA

Shipmate Barry was involved with Project Semaphore iPads which you can read about in details above in para 5.

13. ★ Naval Children's Charity - Update

Everyone at the Naval Children's Charity is feeling energised following our recent annual meeting.

Over 140 guests joined us at Action Stations in Portsmouth's historic Dockyards, a brilliant setting in which we celebrated the past 12 months, and looked forward to the coming year.



The day was kicked off by a rousing display by the Royal Marines Corps of Drums, which set a tone for some brilliant contributions by many of our truly impressive young people.



I'd like to particularly thank Ella Baragwanath and Holly Arkle, who spoke very movingly alongside Sophie Cartwright from Child Bereavement UK. Ella and Holly have shared their experiences in the creation of our new booklets for children and parents, '[Navigating Grief](#)', which are now available on our [website](#). To hear them speak so eloquently about their respective journeys was truly inspiring.

Ella and Holly are also founding members of our new Young Ambassador scheme: a network of former beneficiaries of NCC who will work as volunteers alongside the charity going forward. They will be joined by Hannah Taylor, Bruno Tomo Friere and Sian Smith: we look forward to telling you more about this in the next few months.

Again, I'd like to extend my thanks to Andy Gleave, who spoke beautifully about his experience with cancer. We've supported Andy during his treatment over the past few years, and it was such a welcome sight to see him in good spirits.

Andy's daughters Rhiana and Helana recently joined our subsidised experience with Tall Ships Youth Trust, a scheme we will be bringing back in the new year. [You can now see a video summarising the maiden voyages on our website.](#)

These types of initiatives fit in with our plans for the coming year, all of which we will share more detail on soon. We want to facilitate 'Life Chances', that will help young people transition into adulthood, and ensure they 'Thrive, Not Just Survive' in the modern world.

Most importantly, we want to 'Focus on All Naval Children', making sure they're as proud to be a part of this community, as we are to have them in it.

I look forward to telling you more, soon

Best wishes

Claire Scherer

CEO Naval Children's Charity

14. ★ Royal Navy Shop - RNA Products

Shipmates will be delighted to know that the RNA Clothing/Products held in stock by the Royal Navy Shop have been reduced by a 17% Discount so it was cheap as chips but is now 17% discounted cheap as chips!!

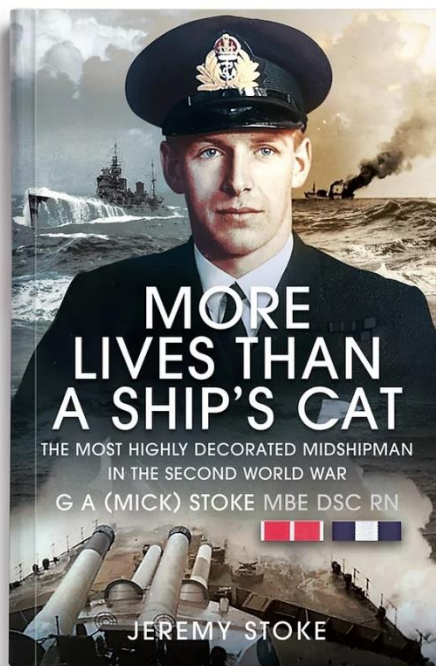
Why not have look at this link [Royal Naval Association Products – Royal Navy Shop](#)

Or look at the RNA Website front page 'Launch of the new RNA collection.' You never know you may get a bargain and for once 'dip In!'

15. ★ Book for Christmas – More Lives Than a Ships Cat By Jeremy Stoke £19.99

Shipmates here is a chance to purchase a book describing an amazing story of courage during World War 2 featuring Midshipman G A (Mick) Stoke MBE DSC RN the most highly decorated Midshipman. **More lives than a Ships Cat** which was written by his son, Jeremy Stokes has been released and is now for sale priced at £19.99.

By any standard Mick Stoke's experiences in the Royal Navy during the Second World War were remarkable. Aged just nineteen, he was Mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his courage under incessant bombing during the Siege of Tobruk in the Western Desert. He survived multiple torpedo attacks, firstly serving on the cruiser *Glasgow*, which was hit twice in the Mediterranean; on the battleship *Queen Elizabeth* at sea and blown up by human torpedoes at Alexandria; and on the destroyer *Hardy*, struck in January 1944, whilst escorting Russian Arctic Convoy JW56B.



The book is available from www.StokeBooks Please follow the link here to purchase [Home | Stoke Books](#)

For all sales to RNA members a donation will be made direct to the RNA so please ensure when filling in the order form you annotate that you are an RNA Member.

16. ★ Request for Assistance Please – Simon Green

Central Office received an email from Simon Green (Ex 208 Squadron RAF (Bucaneers)) who is writing an article for a magazine and is looking for any photographs or memories from anyone who was serving in HMS *Illustrious* when she was working up after her commissioning in the late 80's.

If you can assist please contact Simon@ 07796 107054 simongreen208@gmail.com

Thank you

17. ★ Company of Makers - Remembrance Event

The Company of Makers which exists to support Veterans with life on Civvy Street, no matter how long ago they left the Armed Forces are holding an online event on Thursday 10 November commencing at 1900.

Flowers for the Fallen; From Meadow Sweet to Poppies – The use of Plants in Ritual and remembrance by Gill Campbell, Historic England



Plants and flowers have been used in funeral and commemoration rituals for thousands of years. Some were placed in the grave as both symbols of life and death, while others served as food for the dead. This talk will explore the part plants have played in tribute and remembrance from an archaeobotanist's point of view focussing on the history of the field poppy and the central part it plays in our culture.

Please use this link to join in <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/419540596217>

18. ★ Specialist Interest Groups – Contact details

Shipmates will be interested to know how popular and successful the Specialist Interest Groups has become. There has been huge interest from Shipmates across the UK and to kick start our F40 weekend a selection of SIG's have created a fun filled day of activities for you to get involved with on Friday 17th June, our Reunion day!

Whether you are already a part of a group or are yet to join one we highly recommend you get involved and see what it's all about.

For more information regarding the day's activities for each group please contact the designated leaders, listed in no particular order:

Camping and Caravanning – Ron Shilton: rna.camping.caravan.motorhome.club@gmail.com

Classic Cars – Mike Burnham: hon.secretary@rnarayleigh.org

Cricket – Mark Smith : Markmiff1962@gmail.com

Cycling – Craig Fulton: craig@govguide.co.uk

Decorative Ropework – Bob Jones: oldsalt69@hotmail.co.uk

Divers – Bill Lawless: billylawless40@yahoo.com

Fishing – Gus Honeywood/Selwyn Davies/John Stephenson: rna.fishing.sig@gmail.com

Golf – Colin Dinsdale: rna.golfers@gmail.com

Riders – Dave Ives: secrnariders@gmail.com

Model Makers – Gary Daisley: RNA.Modelmakers@gmail.com

If you are interested in forming a Special Interest Group and joining in the fun please contact admin@royalnavalassoc.com

Gin Lovers.....

Ideal Gift for GIN LOVERS! Read On.....

We gave you the opportunity to buy your warming "1921 Reserve" Gin in April which many of you did and it proved very popular, but now it is time to top up your drinks cabinet (or garden bar) with the refreshing summer "1921 Reserve" Gin.

You may have spotted that this is just a marketing ploy - it is of course, the same Gin but we are sure you have run out and your visitors would appreciate the special qualities that go to make this a Gin to remember as well as a very useful Birthday present for any upcoming birthdays.

Now on sale at £35 plus £4.50 P&P but if you buy 2 or more, the Postage is free! What an incentive! Please also remember that the RNA receives 10% for each bottle sold, so apart from drinking a very smooth Gin, you are helping the Association! Don't forget to click the button for RNA when you are on the gin website.
[Sea Urchins Navy Strength Gin - Mygin](#)



Pussers

Calling all 'Rum Rats'

Shipmates may wish to know that 'Pussers' is now available from the very new online 'Navy Shop' with all profits from Rum going back to the charity.

Please follow the link <https://royalnavyshop.co.uk/collections/rum>

www.pussersrum.com



Forces Cars Direct

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Hayes Travel - Foreign Exchange Rates

Shipmates will be pleased to know that Hayes Travel are offering all of RNA members special rates on foreign currency at any of the Hays Travel branches nationwide. Your members would simply need to produce membership card for the discount to be applied at the time of transaction.



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RNA Longcast

10 Nov	Garden of Remembrance
11 Nov (pm)	Budget Meeting
13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
17 Nov	FAC On-line
18 Nov	AMC – F2F (Venue TBD)
19 Nov	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting – RNA Gosport (Committee 17 Nov)
09 Dec	National Council Meeting - Portsmouth
21 Dec – 03 Jan	Central Office Closed for Christmas
31 Dec	S/M Andy Christie - Leave's the Building
2023	
21 Jan	Area 4 Quarterly Meeting – Bridport Branch
03/04 Feb	Welfare / Well-Being Workshop – Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth
11 Feb	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting (Including AGM) at Harwich
17 Feb	CONA (Conference of Naval Associations) Mtg – RMC Portsmouth
26 Feb	Area 3 AGM/Quarterly Meeting – RNA Waterlooville (Committee 24 Feb)
03 Mar	National Council Meeting - Portsmouth
06 May	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting (Committee 04 May)
06 May	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting – Cromer
20 May	Area 4 Quarterly Meeting – Bodmin Branch
26 / 28 May	RNA Conference - Liverpool
26 / 28 May	Battle of the Atlantic 80 Commemoration - Liverpool
16 Jun	Open Day – Central Office
24 Jun	National Armed Forces Day – Falmouth
14 Jul	Open Day – Central Office
05 Aug	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting (Committee 03 Aug)
05 Aug	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting – venue TBD
11 Aug	Open Day – Central Office
10 Sep	Naval Associations / RNA Biennial Parade - Whitehall
16 Sep	Area 4 Quarterly Meeting – Frome Branch
29 Sep	Open Day – Central Office
28 Oct	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting – Harwich
18 Nov	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting (Committee 16 Nov)
2024	
Jan (DTBD)	Area 4 AGM – Dorchester Branch
May (DTBD)	National Standard Bearers Competition

D'ye hear there'.....

News from around the Areas, Branches and SIGs.....

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RNA Chatham

RNA Chatham visited Chatham Town football club recently flying the flag and engaging with the local community whom very kindly supported them.



Despite the RN leaving the town many years ago there is still a lot of Naval presence within the community with many supporters reflecting on family members who had served.

A special thanks to Chatham Town football club and Staff who gave us permission to attend.

The Club were recently awarded the Queens award for voluntary services 21/22.

Shipmates Gary Hammel, Jenny, Maria Prestage, and

Dennis Potter feature in photo above.

Shipmate Dennis Potter who is the Chatham Branches Welfare and PRO recently donated some items from Shipmate Jack Harris who now resides in a care home to a local museum specialising in all things RN, which is right in the heart of Chatham.

The Fort Luton Museum is managed by Paul Hankins and assisted Andy Sweeting, a former LMEM and member of the HMS Ganges Association, both are looking to engage more with RNA



Chatham. About five years ago they concluded that a Naval display was called for and it would attract people on their open weekends.

Well, what was only going to be a small display basically portraying the Royal Navy in the cold war period as that was predominately when Andy served, 1968 to 1977 and it soon grew legs. When Gravesend RNA club closed they managed to procure a veritable treasure trove of Naval memorabilia and set their sights on a Naval museum as you can see by the photos attached they have well over 100 ships badges and cap tallies plus numerous photos and artifacts.



They recently mounted a standalone exhibition of the Falklands war with many photos and charts donated by a local matelot from HMS Fearless who was on station during the whole conflict. They are currently on the lookout for more cap tallies, to try and complete the 4th board, but any naval memorabilia be it Royal Navy, Royal Marines or WRNS would be most welcome. A fully dressed Pith Helmet has proved very difficult to find,

Anyone who would like to donation. Please contact dtagg85@hotmail.co.uk or send memorabilia directly to - Paul Hankins (site manager), Fort Luton, Chatham, KENT ME4 5XJ

More details can be found on the Fort Luton Website - www.fortluton.co.uk

RNA Folkestone

S/M Doug Martin reports on the controversy at a recent Folkestone Branch meeting.....



Shipmate Treasurer Doug Martin (left) decided to go “semi Ban Yan” – Negative shorts, but full on Magnum Pi, with the correct baseball cap and authentic Hawaiian shirt . Although that may have been a step too far for Shipmate Secretary Nigel Hatton (right) who thought that the sweatshirt was just informal enough. We had a brief discussion on the attire and I would like to put a shout out to Shipmate Joe Locke of RNA Helston who would look great in a bandanna and eye patch! My besties Joe & Josie

RNA Wansbeck Branch

RNA Wansbeck held the branch annual Trafalgar night dinner. 27 Members attended the event and enjoying a lovely dinner and drinking the Immortal Toast to Lord Nelson



RNA Torrevieja Branch

On Friday 21st October, 90 members and their guests, of the RNA Torrevieja Branch (RNATB) once again celebrated Trafalgar Night at the Masa International Hotel, Torrevieja.

Trafalgar Day is the celebration of the victory won by the Royal Navy commanded by Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson, over the combined French and Spanish fleets at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21 October 1805, luckily relations between these countries has improved since then!



Guests of honour were;

- Eduardo Dolón Sanchez, Mayor of Torrevieja.
 - Capt. Stephen McGlory, Defence Attache, British Embassy Madrid, accompanied by Mrs Maribel McGlory. (pictured opposite)
 - Lt Cdr Edward Dunn, VR RNR, Chief of Staff to the Ambassador and Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy, Madrid.
 - Gitte Lund Thomsen, Councillor of International Residents of the Torrevieja Ayuntamiento (OARI).
- Jean Paul Mulero, Director of International Residents of the Torrevieja Ayuntamiento (OARI).
 - Graham Knight, Retired director of OARI and Honorary member of RNA Torrevieja Branch

The RNATB members were also privileged to have attending guests representing – the Royal Air Force Registered Members Group, Association of Retired British Police Officers, Royal British Legion, Torrevieja Maritime Association and the Royal Marine Association Torrevieja Branch

Thanks must go to the excellent service provided by the MASA Hotel Events Director Javier Perez Garcia and his staff.



As part of the excitement and ritual of the evening those assembled were privileged to have Eduardo Dolón Sanchez toast his majesty King Felipe VI of Spain, Lt Cdr Edward Dunn toast his majesty King Charles III of England and Lt Cdr Edward Dunn followed his well versed and entertaining abridged life and career of Nelson, with the toast to the Immortal Memory of Lord Horatio Nelson. Much dancing and merriment followed the meal, toasts, and traditional raffle and the ex Royal Naval personnel and civilian members of the

RNATB and guest look forward to repeating the event next year.

If you wish to know more about the RNATB which has a 'Free Membership' and is a UK Registered Charity 266982. And although primarily founded for serving and retired Royal Naval personnel with the moto 'once navy always navy', it is honoured to also welcome all serving or retired military Veterans and civilians alike. They have a diverse mix of members, who are a friendly and engaging group and enjoy a verity of social events.

Why not join us? or just come along and meet us on the first Wednesday of each month at 1700hrs at CHE LOCO Restaurant, El Chaparral Urbanization, Calle Fray Angélico 11, 03184, Torrevieja. To Contact us:

The Chairman, Tony Jenkins. Email Chairman.RNATB@mail.com Mob: +34693866709 or +4470576117222 (What's App).

The Vice Chairman, Dusty Miller. Email ViceChairRNATB@mail.com Mob +34711006670 (What's App). The Secretary, Mike Cockman. Email maclegalservices@aol.com Mob +34 670224822 (What's App). The Treasurer, Carl Louden. Email carllouden@msn.com Mob +34678518202

Or we would be delighted if you came along to one of our meetings.

RNA Huntingdon Branch

Members of Huntingdon and District Royal Naval Association raised funds for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC) by holding bucket collections at Cambridge Services in July and Peterborough Services in October.



The collections, organised by Shipmate Pete Aston, raised a fantastic £1,150.00. A cheque was presented to the Mayor of Huntingdon at the branch Trafalgar Dinner held on Saturday 22nd October. Hilary Hesbrook, Supporter and Volunteer Engagement Lead for RNRMC said "I'd like to say a big thank you to Pete, and all at Huntingdon District RNA for their fantastic fundraising. Not only does this help RNRMC continue to support the work of RNA, but will also help us to continue to fund a wide range of delivery programmes, supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families.

(Pictured left to right LH Chris Jones RNR HMS President Cllr David Landon Cole, Mayor of Huntingdon Bill Small Huntingdon RNA Branch President LT Cdr Catherine Fearon RNR HMS President (and Huntingdon Branch Member)

If you would like to volunteer your time to help RNRMC, or your branch would like to do some fundraising for them, please contact Hilary on hilary.hesbrook@nrmc.org.uk.

RNA City of Inverness Branch & Scottish Area



City of Inverness Branch of the Royal Naval Association, Chairman Bob Coburn hosted the Scottish Area Trafalgar Dinner in the Craigmorie Hotel on the 21st October.

The main guest speaker, General Secretary, Bill Oliphant from Central Office in Portsmouth gave a most interesting and entertaining view on the Battle of Trafalgar.

In a novel and contemporary manner Shipmates and guests were invited to physically play out the battle, using their chairs, with them sitting on them, to demonstrate Lord Nelson's 'Crossing the T' plan..... Money changed hands to ensure they weren't a ship that sunk!! Guests came from all parts of Scotland for a very

successful weekend of events. (the photo opposite show the GS in full flow)

Shipmates also attended the Scottish Area 4th Quarterly meeting on the Saturday afternoon followed by a supper at night, and Church service (with standards) at Inverness Cathedral on the Sunday morning. (BZ Scottish Area - Stamina was displayed by the bucket full!)

RNA Dublin Branch

On Friday 21st October, over 60 Shipmates from Dublin Branch met at the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire, for their Annual Trafalgar Night Dinner.

The Branch were honoured with the presence of Colonel Sean Grant, The British Defence Attaché and his wife, along with Mr Brian Duffy MBE, District Chairman of the Royal British Legion in Ireland.

Our Guest Speaker was Shipmate Des Grant, who has recently completed a book on the Irish at Trafalgar. Shipmate Des gave a fascinating speech on the role of Irish men in Nelson's Navy

and surprised many with the fact that 170 officers at Trafalgar were Irish.

Tributes at the Dinner were also paid to our Rum Bosun, Shipmate Liam Smith, who sadly Crossed the Bar a few weeks back.

The Dinner also toasted our Chairman, Shipmate Paul Stephenson and his wife Mary, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary that week. They can be seen on the left of the photo

opposite with Colonel Sean Grant, Mrs Grant and Brian Duffy MBE.

(Editor Note: BZ and very many congratulations to S/M Paul and Mary.)



RNA Bude Branch

Branch Sec Shipmate Bob Gelder reports on Traf Night Kernow Style!

A packed assembly attended at this year's venue, Bude & NC Golf Club to celebrate 21st October 1805 and also 21st October 1940. An excellent evening with tables of eight, which enjoyed numerous "dispatches" in between courses commencing with a few words composed by Bishop Ind (of Truro) on the 200th anniversary in 2005. The message was just as relevant, in 2022! MC on the evening was our Branch Auctioneer & Parade Marshall, "Chunky" Philp, who orchestrated the evening to a very high standard. This was the Branch's first occasion for TND at the Golf Club, but judging by the quality (and dare it be said) & quantity coupled with service, we will no doubt be returning in 2023! The quality of the voluntary Raffle and therefore resultant Auction was high - very high, but due thanks need to be paid to the Staff at the Golf Club; to the support provided via Central Office; to the voluntary team behind the MC but above all to those supporting the event. To those in the immediate area who would wish to attend and support us, then slip a note in your forward diary for 21.10.23. Bude R.N.A. Traf Night/Toronto Dinner

RNA Street Branch

RNA Street Branch held their Trafalgar Night dinner celebration.



Photo by David Titchener (RNA Member of the Argonaut branch)

Royal Naval Association Street - Trafalgar Night 2022

Back Row: Paul Westlake, Sally Westlake, Sheila Thomas, Pauline Jayes, Janice Morton, Joan Roberts, Alison Lowe, Joanne Lowe, Michael Glendinning. **Middle Row:** Sara Richards, Ted Reynolds, David Worth, Linda Worth, Michael Jayes, Pam Hulme, Michael Morton, Alan, Lowe, Jean Glendinning. **Front Row:** Jill Clements, Elizabeth Page, Brian Godden, Major Penny

Motram V.R.(Guest of Honour)Bernie Page M.B.E. M.S.M. (Chairman), Monty Mitchell, Shelagh Mitchell, Alec Lowe.

RNA Tyne Branch

Shipmate Craig Gibson of Tyne Branch has been 'volunteered' to host and organise the Branches 75th Anniversary celebrations on the 11 March 2023.

He wondered if any shipmates has any information on the history of Tyne branch, which formed in 1948, when it was a part of the Old Comrades, that he could share on the evening?

Also, ask's S/M Colin is there a possibility he could ask for any 'Grat issue' RNA gizzits that he could present on the tables for the members and guests please?

If you can assist please contact Colin at Ponsaelius@hotmail.co.uk

RNA Chard Branch

Chard branch this year were able to hold their annual Trafalgar Night Dinner actually on the 21st October which felt quite poignant at the time.

30 members were entertained to a brilliant after dinner talk given by their secretary Ian Phillips at short notice due to unavailable outside speaker availability. Former Captain Ian Phillips gave a most entertaining, (almost off the cuff) recall of his naval service from lower deck entry rising through the ranks to reach wardroom entry. It was a surprise for many to hear of his service carried out in the various war zones that one would not imagine matelots to be involved in.



Also present at the dinner was the branch Patron Commodore and S/M David Pond and wife Lesley. David is heavily involved in support for Ukraine and has made many humanitarian visits to date. David is currently raising funds/medical equipment and boots for the cause and as a result the branch donated their evening raffle proceeds to David who thanked the members stating that the money would enable him to purchase boots for the cause.



Sunday 23rd saw the attendance of members at St Thomas Church, Cricket St Thomas for the Trafalgar Day service, although lightly attended by members due to illness/covid the congregation filled the small church where an excellent service was given and those attending were then given coffee served by the vicar of the church. Members met former matelots (one or two where were on ships crewed by our own members) in

the congregation who were supporting their former vicar of East Coker now resident at St Thomas. A great few days!!!

Photos – Top Photo L to R - Secretary Ian Phillips, Mrs Alison Philips and Chair S/m Paula Moon
Bottom photo – Chard President, S/M Malcolm Day

RNA Wallasey Branch

Vice Chairman S/M John Williams reports from the Wirral.....



RNA Wallasey has taken Birkenhead Sea Cadets under their wing. Chairman Kevin Cosgrove, Vice Chairman John Williams, Treasurer Gary Pink and Committee member, Dave Armstrong visited the Sea Cadet Unit TS BLACKCAP to present them with a cheque for £1000.

Gary presented the cheque to S/Lt Mike Larson on behalf of the Wallasey Royal Naval Association. Shipmate Gary explained that the money was to be used for any cadets going offshore or on any of the SCC training ships or yachts.

The following week myself and the Chairman Kevin Cosgrove went back to TS BLACKCAP for the Chairman to give a talk on recruitment and qualities they would need for the Navy or if they wanted to look at other avenues instead of the Armed forces.

Cadets and staff enjoyed the presentation that S/M Kevin delivered and also his experience in the Navy as a Stoker then changing to MAA.

Lt Cdr Mason SCC thanked Kevin and myself for going along and wind up about Kevin and myself when we were in the Wallasey SCC he was our PO.



RNA St Neots Branch

Our thanks to Shipmate Ian Cameron for reporting 'happenings' in leafy Cambridgeshire!

At the September Branch Meeting S/MS were given a Cyber Security presentation by an expert in that field-Nigel Sutton. (An ex-Pongo but a good chap for all that).

Key issues such as Online Crime, Banking and Card Fraud-Cash Machines, Online Banking, Identity Fraud, Investment Fraud plus other current Cyber security issues were covered. Also, what to do if you get scammed.



The presentation elicited several questions from the floor and the icing on the cake was that each S/M was issued with a booklet guide to the issues raised, published by the Cambridgeshire and the Peterborough Against Scams Partnership, supported by Cambridgeshire Police. Many thanks to S/M Maureen Ridley for arranging.

S/M Ian Cameron gave a presentation on HOW VACCINES WORK at the branch October meeting. Ian claims he is best photographed in a darkened room - too many runs ashore down

Union Street in his misspent youth. (The more he sees of mirrors the more he dislikes them- especially in the morning!)



The presentation was the result of a S/M raising an issue at the September meeting re misinformation about vaccines. Ian, who after leaving the service as a POMA, spent all his working life either in or around the pharmaceuticals industry, has had a lifelong interest in the immune system. He started his presentation demonstrating that Vaccines have been around an awfully long time, and in 1853 vaccination was made compulsory in Britain with avoiders potentially being fined or imprisoned!

A key point brought out was that although most of us have the same immune cells there is a lot of genetic variation within the population regarding resistance to disease as well as different levels of side effects to vaccines.

Long Covid and how vaccines are processed by the immune system were covered.

Fortunately, most side effects are transitory - with S/Ms at the meeting reporting that the most common was a sore arm. Important also is the S/Ms immune status. The issue was also raised re whether one should have the flu jab and Covid vaccination at the same time? Some GP practices offer this, and some S/M had had the two together without ill effect. Best advice would seem to be that if anyone has a concern over the issue, they should seek medical guidance.

Key is that hospitalisation and deaths from Covid have been drastically reduced since the introduction of Covid Vaccine and that vaccines do work!

You may, on occasion get Covid in a milder form but in most cases, you will not be admitted to hospital or die, although long Covid may still occur in a few instances, so S/Ms still need to keep up with the latest vaccine offering and beware of crowded unventilated places, especially as winter progresses. (Masks wearing seems prudent in those circumstances)

He reminded everyone that it is especially important that S/Ms seek medical advice if they have any concerns.

Finally, over the years the St Neots branch has installed a number of benches in useful places around the local area.

S/Ms, from L-Pete Horner, Tony Webley and John Gibbs rolled up their sleeves and got to work on a bench which was badly in need of refurbishment, at the top of Mill Hill.

The hill is a geographical feature that is challenging to those whose mobility is below par and who desperately need to catch their breath at the top.



BZ to all three, also to S/Ms Keith Ridley and Geoff Patterson who also took part. Good to see that the liquid refreshment is of the more temperate sort!

RNA Birchington Branch

Birchington RNA held their Trafalgar Dinner in the Crown Inn at Sarre nr Birchington.

20 members attended but unfortunately we know Nelson lost his right arm ,but in this case Nelsons Left arm fell out of his socket per the picture ,a good run ashore by all .



RNA Portsea Branch

Our thanks to S/M Richie Farman forwarding the article and photo's below.

Shipmates attended the Falklands Memorial Re-dedication in Old Portsmouth. The service was led by the Deputy Chaplain of the Fleet also in attendance were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Portsmouth and Shipmate Barrie Jones. S/M Barrie had played a large role in the commissioning the plaque and memorial benches. Unfortunately, there were a number of 'errors' in the original plaque which resulted in a re-dedication service so soon after the its original dedication.

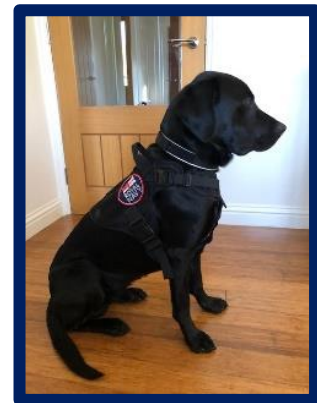




RNA Beaulieu Branch

The photo opposite shows Beaulieu Branches latest recruit. Nelson the Black Labrador specialises in 'sniffing' and supports Plymouth Argyle.

He is hoping to join the Royal Navy as Killick Dog!! (Do you get it..)



CROSSING THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

Jim Black

Jim Black - Bolton Branch

S/M Jim crossed the bar on 09 October 2022. He was a popular member of Bolton Branch for the 10 years he was a member.

He served in the RN from 12/6/52 until 17/6/59 as an Able Seaman. He had a very dry Scottish sense of humour and will be much missed by all at Bolton Branch. Fair Winds and Calm Seas Shipmate.

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Please forward any reunions for 2022/2023 to andy@royalnavalassoc.com and I will publish them here

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Swinging the Lamp – Nov 2022

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Date	Year	Entry
1st	1944	Successful assault on Walcheren. Operation Infatuate 1 and 2. Ships: Erebus, Roberts, Warspite, Kingsmill. No. 4 Army and 41, 47 and 48 RM Cdos. About 180 landing craft of a wide range of types took part.
2nd	1800	Alexander Dalrymple, first Hydrographer of the Navy, published the first Admiralty Chart, a 'sketch of the Road on the NE Side of the Island Houat in Quiberon Bay by Thomas Moore, Master of HM Ship Diamond'.
3rd	1914	German battlecruisers bombarded the British coast near Gorleston, Norfolk, for the first time. HM Ships: Halcyon, Leopard, Lively. D 5 sunk by mine 2 miles S. of South Cross Sand Buoy, Yarmouth, seeking, with D 3 and E 10, to intercept the German squadron.

4th	1906	Disturbances among men at the new RN Barracks, Portsmouth. The trigger was the drill order 'on the knee' given by Lt Bernard St G. Collard, the duty officer, to Stokers fallen-in on the parade ground in the rain on a Sunday afternoon. Stokers, not understanding this gunnery command, considered it a humiliation and insurrection followed. Several ratings were courts martialled and very severely punished. The cause was lack of judgement by a junior officer and it reflected wider deficiencies at RNB. The Admiralty took a dim view. The Commodore, Executive Officer and Gunnery Officer were relieved. 'On the Knee' resounded throughout the nation to the embarrassment of the Royal Navy (as did 'Bunga! Bunga!' in 1910). Collard was court martialled and reprimanded but he returned as an Admiral to cause another naval humiliation.
5th	1942	Prime Minister Churchill directed the First Lord of the Admiralty to give names rather than numbers to submarines; 'I have no doubt whatever that names should be given, and I will myself make some suggestions which may stimulate others'.
6th	1956	British forces landed in the Canal Zone, Egypt, following the nationalisation of the Suez Canal. Helicopter assault in Whirlwind and Sycamore aircraft by 45 RM Cdo launched from Ocean and Theseus on Suez. First major helicopter-borne assault from ships. Whatever may be said of Suez – an amphibious success but a diplomatic disaster – it saved the day for the Royal Marines in particular and amphibious warfare in general' – Col Ewen Southby-Tailyour.
7th	1975	Another black day for the Royal Navy. The 'infamous' DCI T641/75 announced that black nylon stockings for Wrens (Vocabs 45500-05) were to be replaced by black tights. 'BR81 and BR96 will be amended'. The Navy had not fully recovered from the withdrawal of the Rum ration in 1970 when this further blow landed. A vigorous but futile 'Fight Tights' campaign was led by the FAA. The black stockings calamity 'had a devastating effect on morale'.
8th	1813	Boats of Revenge cut out a French privateer at Palamos.
9th	1970	Carrier Ark Royal, Capt John Treacher RN, collided with Russian Kotlin-class destroyer S. Of Crete during Exercise Lime Jug. No damage to Ark Royal.
10th	1941	Submarine Swordfish, first of name and of class, launched at Chatham. (Sentinel, fourth of her name and sixty-second and last of the class, was launched on 27 July 1945.)
11th	1918	Armistice signed by Germany ending the First World War. RN strength 37,636 officers and 400,975 men, excluding RNAS transferred to form RAF on 1 April 1918.
12th	1992	Plans to transfer RN Operational Sea Training from Portland to Devonport and the closure of Portland Naval Base by April 1996 announced by the Armed Forces Minister.

13th	1941	Ark Royal torpedoed by U-81 off Gibraltar (36.03N, 04.45W) while returning from Operation Perpetual. Sank next day, and might have been saved by better damage control, from which many lessons were learned.
14th	1967	Order for first Type 42 guided missile destroyer placed with Vickers: Sheffield.
15th	2010	Destroyer Manchester, Cdr Rex Cox RN, on counter-narcotics patrol in the Caribbean, arrived in Havana for a five-day visit, the first British warship in Cuba since the frigate Bigbury Bay in 1957.
16th	1857	VC: Lt Nowell Salmon, AB John Harrison, Lt Thomas James Young and AB William Hall (Shannon) for gallantry at Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny. Hall was the first non-white and the first Canadian to gain VC. Young married the sister of Mid Boyes, VC.
17th	1999	Sea King helicopters from Ocean provided humanitarian relief after major earthquake in Duzce area, Turkey. Within hours the frigate Northumberland was engaged in disaster-relief operations on the island of Anguilla in the wake of Hurricane Lenny.
18th	1942	Arethusa, light cruiser, was escorting a convoy to Malta in Operation Stoneage. Air attacks started at 0600 18 November, and at 1800 Arethusa was torpedoed. She was towed sternfirst back to Alexandria, having to battle with raging fires and a rising gale. She reached Alexandria on the evening of 22nd, with 155 men dead. She was the last serious casualty of the famous 15th Cruiser Squadron. In 1944, Arethusa led the bombarding forces at Normandy and later carried King George VI over the Channel to visit forces in Normandy.
19th	1895	First Commander of Signal Schools appointed
20th	1957	Admiral Lord Mountevans, 'Evans of the Broke', died at Golaa, Norway. He was second-in-command of Scott's ill-fated Antarctic expedition and he gained added fame for his dashing action off Dover in the destroyer Broke in 1917. Between the wars Teddy Evans commanded the Royal Australian Squadron, was C-in-C South Africa and C-in-C The Nore.
21st	1914	Three RNAS Avro 504 biplanes flew from Belfort on the Franco-Swiss border to bomb the German airship factory at Friedrichshafen on the shores of Lake Constance, destroying an associated gas plant. The loss of Antwerp having put German airship facilities at Dusseldorf and Cologne beyond flying range, the RNAS aircraft were crated and sent by rail to Belfort. The attack flew N. of Basle and followed the Rhine on a 250-mile round trip over the Black Forest in what Admiral Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord, praised as 'a fine feat of endurance, courage and skill'. The senior officer, Sqn Cdr E.F. Briggs, was forced down and captured. Fl/Cdr J.T. Babington and Fl/Lt S.V. Sippe returned to Belfort.
22nd	1997	HMY Britannia entered Portsmouth for the last time, escorted by Southampton with CINCFLEET embarked and berthed at South

		Railway Jetty. Commodore Royal Yachts, Cdre A.J.C. Morrow, rang down 'Finished with main engines' at 1135. End of 44-year career, having steamed 1,087,623 miles.
23rd	1896	Lofts for the training of carrier pigeons established at Sheerness, Portsmouth and Devonport
24th	1944	Corvette Shawinigan (RCN) sunk with all hands in the Cabot Strait (47.34N, 59.11W) by homing torpedo from U-1228.
25th	1960	Royal Marines, except recruits and bandsmen, authorised to wear the green beret of the Commandos.
26th	1899	Naval Brigade formed at Durban from Forte, Terrible, Tartar and Philomel.
27th	1978	The last catapult launch in the Royal Navy: F4K Phantom of 892 NAS piloted by FI/Lt Murdo McLeod (Pilot) and Lt Denis McCullum (Observer), launched from the waist catapult of Ark Royal at 1515A inbound to RAF St Athan. The last Buccaneer launch that day was an 809 NAS aircraft, Sqn Ldr Rick Phillips (Pilot) and Cdr Ken MacKenzie (Observer).
28th	1914	VC: Cdr Henry Peel Ritchie (Goliath) at Dar-es-Salaam during search and destroy operation. Ships: Fox, Goliath, Dupleix and Helmuth: three German ships disabled, and harbour installations wrecked. Ritchie's was first naval VC won in the First World War.
29th	1963	Tribal-class frigate Mohawk commissioned at Barrow. Her RM contingent of twenty-two men joined the hard way. Led by Lt Robin Ross RM, they marched out of Eastney at 0930 Tuesday 12 November and marched into Barrow seventeen days later, the afternoon before commissioning.
30th	1940	GC: Lt Harold Reginald Newgass, RNVR, for mine disposal at Garston Gasworks, Liverpool

Annual Conference 2023
 Room Rates 25th - 28th May 2023
 For those not attending the Gala Dinner

Rates per room (2 Nights minimum stay)			
		B&B	H/B
2 Nights (Fri & sat)	Single	£205	£212.50
	Double/Twin	£320	£335
3 Nights (Fri to Sun)	Single	£299.50	£314.50
	Double/Twin	£377	£407
4 Nights (Thurs to Sun)	Single	£370	£392.50
	Double/Twin	£476	£521

Afternoon Tea/ Coffee & Cakes on arrival in the grand lounge area.
 Dinner in restaurant
 Breakfast served in the Pearce Suite.

Live entertainment Friday and Sunday

Happy hour in the Wave Bar between 11am - 5pm each day .

Car Parking £15.00 per car for duration of weekend.

Accommodation can be booked on

0151 709 7200 Ex 2 or 3

ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL

Royal Naval Association Annual Conference 2023

Room Rates 25th - 28th May 2023

250 Rooms available for the Gala Dinner

Rates per room (2 Nights minimum stay)			CODE
2 Nights (Fri & Sat)	Single	£240.00	RNA2
	Double/Twin	£390.00	
3 Nights (Fri to Sun)	Single	£342.00	RNA3
	Double/Twin	£462.00	
4 Nights (Thurs to Sun)	Single	£420.00	RNA4
	Double/Twin	£576.00	

Afternoon Tea/ Coffee & Cakes on arrival in the grand lounge area.

Dinner in restaurant on Friday and Sunday.

Breakfast served in the Pearce Suite.

Saturday Gala Dinner in the Banqueting Hall.

(Wrist bands will be given to you on arrival and must be worn to gain entry to the Gala Dinner).

Live entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday Evenings

Happy hour in the Wave Bar between 11am - 5pm each day

Car Parking £15 per car for duration of weekend.

Accommodation will be booked centrally on 0161 923 9170 (Using the code)

Or on the electronic booking form on

<https://forms.gle/9HEhMk9iUDVtJSNe9>

NOVOTEL HOTEL LIVERPOOL CENTRE

(4 Star Hotel)

Royal Naval Association Annual Conference 2023

Room Rates 25th - 29th May 2023

Rates per room (2 Nights minimum stay)		
2 Nights (Fri & Sat)	Single	£350
	Double/Twin	£370
3 Nights (Fri to Sun)	Single	£450
	Double/Twin	£480
4 Nights (Thurs to Sun)	Single	£525
	Double/Twin	£565

Rate inclusive of - Breakfast, guest Wi-Fi,
use of leisure facilities [pool, gym, Sauna] and VAT

Guests to pay in full 28 days prior to arrival

The Gala Dinner (£27.50 pre-paid) can be booked
directly with the Adelphi on 0151 709 7200 ext. 2 or 3

Those staying at the Adelphi have the dinner included with their
package so additional places will be limited. For those who are able
to book, wrist bands will be available at the Adelphi reception from
Friday evening and must be worn to gain entry to the Gala Dinner.

You are welcome to attend the live entertainment
at the Adelphi on Friday and Sunday nights.

The hotel does not have car parking. They advise their guests to use
Q park Hanover Street, just opposite to the hotel, postcode L1 4AF.
They provide 30% discount at the reception which only needs to be
obtained when taking the car out of the car park

To book email the booking form to H6495-sb@accor.com

Hotel contact details

40 Hanover Street, Liverpool, L1 4LN

Tel: 0151 702 5100



Booking and Payment Form for
Royal Naval Association Annual Conference 2023

26th -28th May 2023, 2 nights minimum, Bed and Breakfast

GUEST DETAILS

Main occupant name:

Occupant name:

Nights per stay:

Room Type required:

Date of check in:

Email:

Contact number:

Additional comments:

PAYMENT DETAILS

Total Rate of Stay: £

Name of the Cardholder [as it appears on the card]:

Full Address of Cardholder:

Credit card type and number:

Card expiry date:

Name of the bank that issued the card:

I authorise Novotel Liverpool to debit my credit card as per the above details, payment is due 28 days prior to the arrival date of this booking only.

Name:

Signature:

NOMINATION FORM
ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL 2023
(Revised RNA Bye-Law 7)

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries:
NCM in Areas. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, Scottish and DNCM in all Areas

Each Branch may nominate **one full or life member** from any Branch within its own Area, as a Candidate for election to the National Council, and **one full or life member** for election as the Deputy National Council Member **subject to the approval of the Branch to which both persons belong.** (See Note Below)

Names of Nominees

NCM **DNCM**

Proposed by **Branch** **Area**

Address of Nominee NCM.....

..... **e mail**

DNCM.....

..... **e mail**

Brief history of nominees in the Association. (Continue on separate sheet if necessary)

NCM

DNCM

Chairman (signed)(dated).....

Secretary..... (signed)(dated).....

If the Candidate is **not** a member the proposing Branch, this section is to be completed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Candidate's **own** Branch.

Candidate's Branch

We are aware of the above nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

Signature of Secretary (Candidate's Branch)

Candidate

I accept the nomination and promise to attend as many National Council Meetings as is possible and to sit on any Committees to which I may be elected.

Signature of Candidate Dated

The envelope containing this completed form should be marked **NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL** and must reach RNA HQ no later than **1600 on 3 February 2023.**

Alternatively, you can scan the fully signed form and email it to sara@royalnavalassoc.com

PROPOSED MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Proposals must reach The General Secretary by **1600 3 February 2023**

Name of Proposing Branch:

Motion / amendment

Explanation of the Motion / Amendment (To be included in the notes for Conference)

Hon Secretary(signed).....(dated)

Name of Seconding Branch:

Hon Secretary(signed).....(dated)

Notes

- a. A motion is submitted in the name of a Branch. Secretaries of proposing and seconding Branches are **certifying** that the motion or amendment reflects the view of the Branch meeting (not a committee); and that voting was conducted in accordance with Rule 20.
- b. A separate form is required for each Motion or Amendment
- c. A manuscript copy is acceptable for additional Motions or Amendments if the printed form is not available.
- d. The Motion or Amendment should be as short and precise as possible avoiding ambiguity. A Motion should normally start with the word `THAT'
- e. The explanation is to assist the scrutiny of the Standing Orders Committee in understanding the intention behind the Motion so that they may be able to consider its presentation so it can be improved and implemented as soon as possible (Conference Bye Law C4)
- f. Motions may be submitted at any time but must reach the General Secretary by **3 February 2023**.
- g. Motions of Urgency should reach the General Secretary not less than 48 hours before Conference. (In accordance with Conference Bye Law C6.) and include an explanation about the urgency.
- h. Amendments to Motions should also normally reach the General Secretary not less than 7 days before Conference. The provision for the submission of amendments during Conference is in the Conference Bye-Laws.
- i. Bye-Laws. A Motion to Conference may propose that a Bye-Law be set aside or it may ask the Council to consider making or amending a Bye-Law.
- j. The Branch Proposing a Motion **must** have it Seconded by another Branch before forwarding it to the General Secretary. (Conference Bye Law C3a)

Nominations for Governance Standing Orders Committee 2023

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries

Applications are sought for the Governance Standing Orders Committee.

Each Branch may nominate **one member** as a candidate for election to the Standing Orders Committee, **subject to the approval of the Branch to which the candidate belongs**. Applicants should be Full or Life members. A nil return is not required.

NAME OF NOMINEE

PROPOSED BY BRANCH

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

.....

.....

E mail Post code

Brief history of nominee in the Association. Continue on separate sheet if necessary.

Chairman (signed).....(dated)

Secretary (signed).....(dated)

If the Candidate is **not** a member of the proposing Branch, this section must be completed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Candidate's **own** Branch.

Candidate's Branch

We support this Nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

Signature of Secretary (Candidate's Branch)

Candidate - I accept this nomination and undertake to attend as many Standing Orders Committee Meetings as is possible.

Signature of Candidate

This form should be forwarded to Central Office to be received no later than **3 February 2023**

Nominations received after this date cannot be included in any Ballot required if more than two apply

Delegate to Annual Conference 2023 Liverpool

Branch secretaries should note the following before submitting their application.

Each Branch which has complied with Rule 16(c), (*No Branch shall be permitted to send a delegate to the Conference unless it has observed the regulations of the Association in regard to the return of balance sheets, the Branch Annual Report and the formation of Branches. This provision has no application to the right of, and expectation for, ships and establishments to send a delegate to the Conference.*) but subject to Rule 10(c), (*Associate members are eligible to act as a Branch Delegate at Area meetings and Conferences, provided that they have completed three years continuous membership of the Association immediately prior to election as Delegate*) and has been in commission for at least three months by the date of a Conference shall be entitled to nominate one eligible Association Member as its Delegate to attend a Conference.

Each Branch nominating a Delegate shall send details to the Council **to arrive not less than one week before the date of Conference**. A Branch may change its nominated Delegate provided the Council is notified not less than twenty four hours before the Conference.

Branch		Area	
Name of Delegate			
Car registration		Passenger Name	
Delegate's Address	Telephone No		Post Code
e-mail			
Number of Observers if known			
Name of Branch Hon Secretary			
Contact telephone No:			
Contact e-mail address			
Name and Address for correspondence			

NB: A Delegate will not be confirmed as such unless or until the Branch Balance Sheet for 2022 and Branch Annual Report for 2022 have been received in RNA Central Office (Rule 12 C). Should either not have been received in Central Office, the Delegate's Status will be deemed to be that of an Observer.

Please forward the completed form to RNA Central Office, Building 1/087, Scott Road, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, PO1 3LU or email to sara@royalnavalassoc.com

If you would like to check confirmation ahead of Conference please call Sara on 023 9272 3747

Form C3

APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL PERMIT FOR A REGISTERED ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION CLUB

(To be submitted to RNA Headquarters by 7 December 2022)

PART 1 The Club

Name of Club in full

Registered Number

Registered Office Address

Tel.....Post Code.....

Premises owned by : Club/Branch/Other.....

Club membership as **at 31 October 2022** : Life.....Full.....Assoc.....

ANNUAL PERMIT 2023

The undersigned **certify** that:

- The Club is registered with the FCA and has registered the annual accounts/financial statements.
- The Club is a going concern and solvent under the terms of the Insolvency Act 1986 and this is anticipated for the year of this permit application.
- The Club, at its AGM, agreed to abide by the Rules for Clubs laid down by the Association; reviewed its approved Bye-Laws and believes them to be current and appropriate.

Hon Secretary(Signed).....(Print name)Dated

Chairman..... (Signed)..... (Print name)Dated

Treasurer..... (Signed)..... (Print name)Dated

PART II - The Branch

The Committee of the Branch of the Royal Naval Association has examined the above information and it is satisfied as to its accuracy.

The Committee hereby applies for the renewal of the Annual permit and undertakes to ensure all the conditions therein are complied with.

The present membership of the branch at 31 October 2022 is:

Life.....Full.....Assoc.....

Branch Hon Secretary.....(Signed)..... Dated

PART III - The Area

Number..... Area in which theBranch is situated recommends that National Council approves this application.

Area National Council Member
(Signed).....Dated

PART IV - The Council

This application is approved by the National Council, the Bye-Laws, if amended, are approved

On behalf of the Council.....(Signed)Dated

Notes and conditions

- (a) Under Association Rule 11 the Council requires all Branches forming a club to register it and its name with the appropriate authority through RNA headquarters, and thereafter to apply for an Annual Permit
- (b) The application for the Annual Permit should be submitted by the Branch having first received the Area's endorsement, to RNA Headquarters by the 7 December 2022. If either the Branch or the Area cannot approve the application, it should endeavour to resolve the reasons with the Club, but failing this should report full details to the General Secretary with a copy to the Council member for the area.
- (c) RNA Central Office will issue the permit dated 1 January of the following year as soon as practicable.
- (d) If the premises are not owned by the Branch it is a condition that adequate facilities are provided by the owner or lessee for the conduct of Branch business.
- (e) If the Secretary's address for correspondence is not the same as the registered office for the club, this should be shown after their signature
- (f) The conditions specified on the Permit as being accepted by the Club include the following:
 - 1. All members of the Club shall be members of the Association with not less than 20 Full and or Life members as defined by clause 7 of the Royal Charter.

2. The Club will, in general, do all possible to further the objects of the Association and will support and encourage the work of the Branch with which it is associated.
3. The Club will abide strictly by its registered rules which shall be those approved by The Council and accepted by the Licensing authority. Amendments to the Rules may only be made by the Council; they shall apply to each Club. Clubs are to use the registered Model Rules for the RNA, which ensures that they are always compliant with the Law and RNA Charter.
4. Each Club shall review its Bye-Laws annually and submit amendments to the Council for approval.
- 5 Two copies of the audited accounts of the Club shall be forwarded to the General Secretary each year.
- 6 The Council shall be entitled to appoint a representative to inspect all documents, accounts and books of the Club on giving seven days notice.
- 7 The Council and the appropriate Area Committee may from time to time pay a visit of inspection to the Club.
- 8 The Council can give seven days written notice of cancellation of the permit, whereupon the Club shall thereupon cease to trade under the title of the "Royal Naval Association" and to use the RNA registered model Rules.