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***Hot off the press this morning It is now officially winter
with this lovely wintry scene from RNA Beauly HQ.***

A white Christmas perhaps?

***On that note, may we at Central Office, wish everyone a very
Merry RNA Christmas and a Happy New Year.***

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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*

This month's edition of the Semaphore Circular is particularly significant. It's not just that it's the last one of the 2022 but it's the last one put together by that great servant of the RNA and my erstwhile Deputy, Andy Christie. Andy retires from his position here in Central Office at the end of the year after more than a decade of sterling service. I am already celebrating my 4th anniversary as Gen Sec at the RNA and I promise you, there has been hardly a day that I've not sought Andy's advice on some topic or other. He will certainly be missed but fortunately he's not lost to the Association as he will continue to serve as National Council Member for No 3 Area. At least he will not become a stranger. I need to watch myself though as this now means that, rather than the other way round, as a Trustee, he is now my boss! Anyway, Andy, I can't begin to thank you enough for the support that you have shown me in my early tenure here – I will be forever grateful, thank you!



Andy Christie - always wearing that infectious smile



Meanwhile, I can see that Branches have done well supporting their local Remembrance Sunday commemorations – BZ to all. Thank you also to the proud members of the Association who made the trip into London for the veterans' parade at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. I apologise for the poor quality of the picture opposite but it's a photograph of a freeze frame on my tv of an image on that evening's national news showing the RNA anchor wreath positioned directly below the Monarch's own wreath. I for one hadn't realised the prominence our wreath gets once they are rearranged and hung on the Cenotaph

after the march past – good to see.

At Central office where we put in the Falklands memorial benches earlier in the year, we took the opportunity to mark up and place a wooden remembrance cross for every member of the RNA who it has been reported to us that had crossed the bar in this last year. The Naval Base Commander, Cdre John Voyce, was kind enough to come and lay the wreath for us by this poignant little forest of remembrances on Armistice Day. Thank you Sir.

Finally, I just wanted to share two bits of great news with you. The Royal Navy U23 rugby team lifted the Inter Services Trophy last week having drubbed the Army in Aldershot 44:3. They had beaten the RAF the previous week. BZ lads, that gives us some hope for the future Army v Navy results. And, secondly, BZ to Rosyth and W Fife Branch for their initiative with the local schools briefing – see page 26 – maybe something other Branches might consider?



*Merry Christmas to one and all, and don't forget, no Circular in January.
Best wishes, Bill*

Chairman's chat

It is that time of year again with Santa on the Radar Screen, so time to clear the Decks for Santa's Rounds and make space for the Crimbo presents.

In thinking about what to write, I decided to look through my diary for the past year and was surprised at the various events, Area & Branch meetings I had attended. The one thing that stands out is the warm welcome I received from Shipmates, and the bond of comradeship that exists amongst the membership.



I thank all Shipmates for your kind hospitality and comradeship.

Tales of the wondering Stoker. Yet again the year whizzed by far too quickly. So, what did I get up to looking back. I visited RNA Branches at Beccles, Chichester's 75th Anniversary, Grantham's Laying up of their Old Standard, and the Dedication of their new Standard, and attended a similar Ceremony at Ramsgate along with visits to Luton & Dunstable, March, Peterborough, Rayleigh's Mess Deck Dinner, Rushden's Pickle Night, Spalding's 60th Anniversary and our Tot Time Shipwrecks in Wrexham Branch. Not to be overlooked were business visits to RNA Clubs at Camberwell, Southend-on-Sea, and Welwyn Garden City. I even managed to find RNA Wallasey to attend No 10 Area's AGM and came away testing positive for Covid – thank you No 10 Area! I was extremely impressed by the hospitality at the Commissioning of RNA St. Vincent & the Grenadines Group Branch held @ Eastney. The food provided by family members and three Petty Officers from the Islands currently serving in the Navy was delicious. Sadly, two other serving Shipmates were absent due to being on deployment. Somehow, I managed to fit in visits to HMS RALEIGH, HMS ROYAL ARTHUR Memorial Commemoration at Skegness and Belfast F40 Commemoration. The two highlights of the year were attending the Submariners Association Memorial Dedication at the National Arboretum where I was introduced to HRH Prince William, now Prince of Wales, and on behalf of the Association, receiving the Freedom of the City of Portsmouth by accepting the Freedom Scroll at the F40 Commemoration. It has been an exceptional busy year for which I thank my wife Maureen for her unstinting support and having been left at home on most occasions.

Remembrance: As always in November, Shipmates have done the Association Proud in representing it by attending Remembrance Parades and Services throughout the Country and Overseas, paying respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Once again, our Plot at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey was full of Poppy Crosses, each planted by Sara Field who had travelled up early from Portsmouth to set out the Plot for which she is thanked. Representing the Association was our Deputy President Commodore Mark Slawson who had the privilege of being introduced to the Queen Consort, and in support was Sara Field and myself. On Remembrance Sunday, having stood to attention for 50 minutes, with two knees in dire need of some WD40, I had the honour of laying the Naval Veterans Wreath. The Royal Navy & Royal Marines Guards standing close to my right were indeed, and, as always very smart.

Membership news: On 31 December 2020, our membership had dropped to just over 9900. Following negotiations with the RNRMC by our General Secretary to give financial support to our Association, and the agreement of the membership at a Special AGM held in December 2020 to move to a donation-based membership in lieu of subscriptions, With the introduction from 1st

January 2021 of Donations in lieu of Subscriptions a recruitment target of 11,000 was set for 31st December 2021. The good news is that at the time of writing our membership has increased to just over 15,900. What a marvellous achievement.

Central Office Staff: My thanks to our brilliant team who continually strive to provide a quality service to the membership, their dedication to the Association is unquestionable and who often work beyond office hours. Please do not always expect an immediate response to an enquiry or your phone call as the busy sign is no doubt hanging on the office door. Give a little slack, and if necessary, follow up with a polite reminder.

At the end of this month, we say farewell to a stalwart member of staff – Andy Christie. Andy has decided to retire having reached the Golden Age plus a few years. Before you rush to grab his chair and desk, you will find it already occupied by Shipmate Chris Trevethan who has just stepped ashore from the RN. A bubbly character, Chris served time on the Lower Deck before taking up a Commission and comes with an impressive CV. Welcome aboard Chris. I will leave it to Bill Oliphant to introduce Chris in his introduction of the circular. **More about Andy next time!**

Uckers: Yet another successful Championship this year which attracted an amazing number of entrants. Bill Oliphant already reported on the competition last month so I will not repeat matters. However, be warned if visiting Norwich, Rayleigh, and Southend–on–Sea Branches where they really take the game profoundly serious.

So, the time has come for us all to pause and look back over the past year to remember our family members, Shipmates and friends who have Crossed the Bar. They will always be in our thoughts. To all serving Shipmates including reservists, who will be on Duty over the festive season away from their loved ones and families, maintaining the security of the nation, peace throughout the world and keeping the sea lanes open, keep up the good work, we will be thinking of you. Take comfort in the knowledge we too know only too well what it is like to be away over the festive season. To all Shipmates and your families in the UK and throughout the world keep safe. For those at sea, a safe return.

On behalf of the National Council, myself and wife wish you all Festive Greetings and a peaceful festive season.

Yours aye

Keith Ridley

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1. ★ S/M Andy Christie - Final Semaphore Circular

Shipmates this is final Semaphore Circular, which I have been producing for a decade now! So I wanted to send my heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed over the years. In particular; Paul Quinn and Bill Oliphant for their advice/'overview' and the occasional 'debate' concerning editorial issues!, Nigel Huxtable for the superb photographs and Vice President, Shipmate Rita Lock MBE specialising as chief grammar and spellchecker!

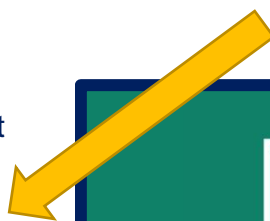
Mike Gray will move into the hotseat commencing with the February edition, remember there will be no January edition. Mike is no stranger to the RNA – he has been a part time member of the communications team for several years and his experience editing Navy News for many years has provided him with a unique insight into naval life. I wish Mike every success in moving the Semaphore Circular forward into the future. Please continue to send articles for publication to mike@royalnavalassoc.com

Best wishes for the festive season and Merry Christiemas.

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](#)

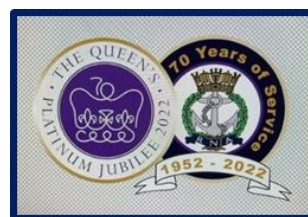


If you live in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland there may be additional or alternative devolved policies and help available. Please also visit the relevant campaign website where you live.

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 15 December 2022.
- End of year sale (all proceeds to Sara and Kathryn's Christmas Fund....) on pin badges - Queens Jubilee and F40 – reduced to £4 each which includes postage.



4. ★ Northumbria University Northern Hub – Tri-Service Food Poverty Survey

Lynda Pearson our Welfare and Wellbeing Programme Manager invites Shipmates to read the article below received from Professor Matthew Kiernan

Northumbria University's Northern Hub for Veterans and Military Families Research is carrying out research on food insecurity and financial hardship within the veterans and families community in the UK. There is currently very little research or understanding of the risk of financial hardship, food insecurity and how that is impacted by service attributable injury or illness after retirement within our community.

We will be asking you to participate in a survey so that we can better understand the current situation. All members of the RNA will be asked to take part. The survey will be online, which means that you will receive an email with a link to take part, by using this link your responses will be anonymous unless you wish to be identified and contacted and engage in later research. We understand that for some this might not be ideal, but the cost of paper based surveys has made it impossible for us to send out surveys in this project. The survey will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete and the questions will cover your food situation over the last 30 days as well as some questions on disability and service attributable injuries. If you have received an Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payment or are in receipt of Armed Forces Compensation Scheme regular income, we are very keen to understand that more and will ask you, if possible, to provide the details of your award in the survey. In particular we would ask for the Table Number, Item Number and Level Number given in your award letter.

In light of the current living crisis, the government and the armed forces sector are very keen to better understand the current situation that veterans and their families face, and we would be very grateful if you would consider taking part in this survey. Please email lynda@royalnavalassoc.com if you are interested.

Professor Matthew Kiernan
PhD, RN(MH), RGN, FHEA
Professor: Mental Health and Veteran Studies
Lieutenant Commander RN(Retd)
Director Northern Hub for Veteran and Military Families Research
Chair Independent Advisory Panel British Army Infantry Training Centre and School
of Infantry

5. ★ Discount on Visits to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

As well as the 10% discount for RNA members negotiated at the Ship Anson, 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'

6. ★ S/m Andy's Final Joke for the Road!

I thought you would all enjoy this joke which passed the PC Police!

A new Wine for Seniors has been produced that will allow Shipmates to drink a glass or two of vino at night and could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night's sleep. Clare Valley vintners in South Australia, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.



Consequently, it is expected to reduce the number of trips older people must make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as wait for it..... 'PINO MORE'

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE!!..... Boom Boom

7. ★ 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 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	Richard Cutter	International Search and Rescue
Monday 23 Jan	TBC	
Monday 30 Jan	Prof Matt Kiernan	Veterans Food Poverty Survey
Monday 06 Feb	Capt Mark Hardwick	RN Logistics Training in 2023
Monday 13 Feb	Mike Milne	Battle of the Atlantic

* Lecture subjects may change at short notice.

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

8. ★ Friends of RNBT - Update

Please read below an update concerning RNBT from CEO, Rob Bosshardt.

ADMIRAL JELLCOE HOUSE OFFICIALLY OPENS

I am proud to announce that Admiral Jellicoe House, our new care home in Portsmouth, is officially open. We held a short ceremony on 20th October led by Nick Jellicoe, naval author and grandson of our founder, which included hoisting the White Ensign by kind permission of the First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Ben Key and cutting the commissioning cake by one of the first residents Andy Burns and the youngest junior rating from HMS COLLINGWOOD's Victory Squadron, AB2(D) Millie Meerloo-Jones.

It was a lovely occasion despite some unhelpful rain showers, marking the culmination of our centenary care home project to offer the highest quality care for veterans in Portsmouth, including those living with dementia. We are hugely proud of our achievements in bringing this project to successful conclusion, despite a pandemic, to time, on budget and most importantly to the highest standard of care that our people deserve.

ROYAL MARINES BAND CONCERT

I had been hoping to be able to report the success of our Royal Marines Band Concert on 11th September - sadly we had to postpone the concert as it fell in the period of national mourning on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We have now rescheduled for **Sunday 14th May 2023**.

Tickets are still available through the New Theatre Royal Box Office:

<https://newtheatreroyal.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173630181>

SUPPORTING OUR PEOPLE

As you would expect we are very busy supporting our people during the current cost of living crisis. On the principle that charity begins at home, the trustees kindly agreed to an additional increase in salary for our lowest paid staff, particularly those working so hard in both care homes.

We are continuing to help those most in need in the naval community. We have made over two thousand awards so far this financial year worth £1.3m, including £59k on rental arrears, £22k on food and £13k on council tax arrears. The worst may be to come; we have been blessed with an unseasonably warm autumn but we worry that if we have a cold winter, many families and individuals may struggle.

Do please encourage our people to get in touch to ask for help: the easiest way is to email help@rnbt.org.uk, call our helpline on [02394 216294](tel:02394216294) or contact us via our [website](#). We must all look out for the most vulnerable in our community.

9. ★ 100th Birthday (1) – BZ's and Congratulations – S/m Gordon Cowans (AB RN)

Three of our members of City of Glasgow Branch, S/m's Kenn McKinnon, Alex Thomas and Eddy Pollar were invited to join the staff guests and residents of David Walker Gardens Care Home to celebrate AB Gordon Cowan's 100th birthday celebrations.

David served onboard HMS Capel, Zanzibar and The Queen Mary and more during World War Two. The Provost of Rutherglen presented David with a card from the King and a good bottle of whisky this was followed by entertainment from a singer and the company enjoyed dancing to the songs. It was a lovely afternoon with plenty of food and drink for all.

Very many congratulations and a huge BZ Gordon on your century from everyone in the RNA Shipmate.



10. ★ 100th Birthday (2) – BZ's and Congratulations – S/m Joseph Clements

Shipmates from Aylesbury No.1 Branch attended 100th birthday celebratory party was arranged for 15th November at Rivets Sports and Social, Aylesbury, which was also attended by family members and members of other groups attended by Joe.

Also at the party was The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, The Countess Howe attended the event during which time she presented Joe with his Birthday Card from His Majesty the King and the Queen Consort. A further presentation of an engraved plaque was made on behalf of the Branch.



The Countess made a short speech before taking time to speak to all those attending.

Other speech was made on behalf of the family by son Brian, and S/M Ron Hale on behalf of the Branch. A celebratory toast of Pussers Rum was made by Branch Members to both Joe and His Majesty the King.

S/m Joe joined the RN at HMS Ganges aged 15 1/2 in May 1938, serving right through WW2 and the Korean War serving in HM Ships;



Diomedes, Renown, Goodson, Ramehead, Eagle, Sparrow and Snipe and during that time saw plenty of action.

His medals include the Arctic Star, Africa Star & Bar, KGVI War Medal, Imperial Service Medal, Atlantic Star & Bar (France & Germany), Malta Medal (presented by Malta Government), Medal Chevalier Legion of Honour, Ushakov Medal (Russian), Medallion and Diploma (presented by Norway)

After leaving the service Joe became a Prison Officer and eventually joined the RNA in November 1981. He served as a Branch Welfare Officer, Branch Entertainments Officer and as Branch Vice President (2010). S/m Joe became a Life Member in November 2020.

Very many congratulations and a huge BZ Gordon on your century from everyone in the RNA Shipmate

(Photo's courtesy of Derek Pelling, (derekpellingphotography.co.uk) who has authorised their use.)

11. ★ RNRMC – Little Red Ambulance

Shipmates - Earlier this year, we were approached by two Merlin Mk2 Observers from RNAS Culdrose, informing us that they had recorded a Christmas single and wanted us to be a beneficiary charity of the proceeds. Two months later, Angus, our Grants and Brand Communications Manager, was running amongst the bright lights of London filming their music video...



And here it is!

Little Red Ambulance, Culdrose Military Wives Choir and the RNRMC present: ***Sailing Home for Christmas.***



[Click here to stream and download](#)

We would absolutely love to give this song a shot at reaching Christmas Number 1 this year! Here is how you can support it:

- **Stream it on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, Deezer and Tidal**
- **Purchase it from the iTunes store**
- **Share it on your social media - get the word out!**

And the best part - every purchase ensures a portion of the proceeds go to the RNRMC! Merry Christmas everyone!

[Click here to stream and download](#)

12. ★ **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!'

13. ★ **Calling all RNA Photographers – Peregrine Trophy**

Calling all RNA photographers here is your opportunity to enter a photo in the RNA Prize photography competition to find the best representation of the ethos of the RNA. Please read the specific details below concerning entry.

And despite scurrilous rumour S/m Nigel Huxtable BEM did not invent the competition so he could win it annually!!!! So get your camera's or iPhone out.

ROYAL NAVY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2022 – CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION CATEGORY

1. This category is open to Naval Service Veterans, Royal Navy and Royal Marines Amateur Photographers and Royal Navy Professional Photographers.
2. Each photographer may submit a maximum of three photographs.
3. All photographs must have been taken between 16 Sep 21 – 15 Dec 22 not entered in the RN Photographic Competition 2021.
4. Photographs should encapsulate the ethos of the RNA.

5. A completed application form found in this annex must accompany each entry.
6. Photographs that are personal copyright are **only** accepted for entry on the understanding that they may be reproduced free of charge. Photographs submitted to the competition **will not be returned** and may be used in public relations, marketing literature, official publications and online.
7. Consent should be gained by the photographer of any image depicting members of the public if possible.
8. Image format for submission and acceptable methods of digital enhancement can be found at Annex A.
9. **Images should be submitted by email along with the entry form. Or on CD/DVD with a paper copy of the entry form. Please note the requirement to include thumbnails on the entry form.**
10. Entries should be sent to RNA Central Office by the **10 Jan 23** for collation before submission to the Competition organisers for judging.
11. Veteran Entries should be sent via email or by post to the following addresses.
sara@royalnavalassoc.com
Royal Naval Association Central Office
Building 1/087
Scott Road
H M Naval Base Portsmouth
PO1 3LU
12. Online judging will take place on 1 Feb 23.

14. ★ Shipmate Bill Carruthers

Shipmates should be aware that Central Office has been contacted by S/m Bill Carruthers, Andy who sadly informed us that his Father had recently crossed the bar.

He informed CO that he knows the RNA was a big part of his life and would respectfully request if the association would signal his passing throughout the association. His funeral will take place at Springwood crematorium, Liverpool, L25 7UN on Friday 09/12/22 with Liverpool Navy club L14 3NN for a couple of wets and sticky bun after. It should go without saying everyone is welcome.

I can be contacted via this email andycarruthers@me.com or on 07824412650 Thank you and Best regards Andy

15. ★ Ton Class Association - HMS Shavington -

Shipmates will be very interested in the article below which was very kindly forwarded by S/m Peter Down, Vice Chairman of the Ton Class Association. I'll let Peter explain.....

The background is as follows : the TON Class Association used to have Affiliations with several villages after which TON vessels had been named, but over time these links have faded away as the principals involved at both village and TCA ends moved away or died. One such affiliation was with the village of Shavington in Cheshire.

Earlier this year Sara Randle, the Community Manager on Shavington Parish Council “re-discovered” the link and suggested that TCA might be represented at their Remembrance Day service. At about the same time, Ann Norburn, the daughter of TCA member David Bridge, was arranging for him to attend our Annual Reunion in Nottingham in October, as a surprise. David and Ann live in Crewe, not far from Shavington, so two and two were put together, with the harmonious result of this article and a continuing relationship. David has now been invited to talk to the school and Scouts in Shavington about his RN experience [*recruitment potential here ...*], together with an invitation for Remembrance Sunday next year – an Affiliation revived !

The coincidences continue; Rear Admiral John Lippiett, President of TCA, commanded HMS Shavington in 1974-76 and has sent a note to the Parish Clerk commending the potential revitalisation of the link with TCA.

The story is really one about a series of coincidences, but it underlines the long arm of comradeship in the RN.

Shavington Remembrance

VMT and BZ to David Bridge who represented TCA at the Remembrance Sunday Service in Shavington, near Nantwich, Cheshire on 13 November 2022. *Pictured right.*



The village had been affiliated with TCA in the early 1990's but, as is often the case, the affiliation faded away when the principals on both sides moved away or died.

David had been posted to HMS SHAVINGTON in 1956 during his National Service as an ME1, due to his previous experience as a plumber. At 21 he was the oldest Junior Rate aboard and was known as “Pop”

SHAVINGTON participated in Operation Musketeer, the Suez Canal Campaign in 1956 and six Cyprus patrols up to 1959, plus a deployment to Aden, before being paid off to Reserve in 1969. She was recommissioned in 1974 for service with the Fishery Protection Squadron, being commanded in 1974-76 by Lt John Lippiett, now Rear Admiral and TCA President. Also in FPS at that time was BRONINGTON commanded by the then Lt Charles, Prince of Wales, who consented to become TCA Patron in 1994.



David is pictured above on the right in front of the green standard of the Cubs.

Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council,
St Mark's Church and Shavington

Methodist Church, came together for the annual Parish Remembrance Sunday service.

The service was opened by the Chairman of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council, Benjamin Gibbs. Rev. Sarah Butcher from Shavington Methodist Church and Rev. Rachael Griffiths from St Mark's then led the hymn and introduced representatives from various village organisations to contribute to the service:

16. ★ 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

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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	His Majesty King Charles III Coronation
06 May	Area 5 Quarterly Meeting – Cromer
11/12/13/14 May	Londonderry Branch will be Commemorating the Battle of The Atlantic
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	
21Jan	Area 4 AGM – Plymouth Branch
May (DTBD)	National Standard Bearers Competition

D'ye hear there'.....

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RNA Portland Branch

Portland Branch are sad to announce that two Branch stalwarts and Life Members, S/m Dick Barton (Ex President and Social Secretary) & S/m Annie Robbins (Long serving Branch Secretary), Crossed the Bar earlier this year.

Their dedication and input to Branch Affairs are being greatly missed. RIP both of you. Calm Seas and a Fair wind Shipmates.....

Shipmates from the branch mustered at the Portland Cenotaph to pay their respects to those who fell for their country.



RNA Wansbeck Branch

The Submariners in Blyth held their Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Tiptoe Anchor Memorial at the top of the marketplace in Blyth at 11am.



It was attended by over 100 ex forces veterans, where 20 wreaths were laid by various ex forces members from a variety of armed forces personnel as well as submariners and dignitaries alike.

2 buglers and 10 standards on parade, as well as the Lord Mayor of Blyth. The weather was dry after early showers of rain, and the sun was shining. The vicar from the local church of St. Marys next to the cenotaph took the service.

As well as army representatives and navy, there was also members of Royal Naval Associations in the adjoining areas, and branches of the Royal British Legion. Refreshments were enjoyed

afterwards at the nearby High Street Club with an excellent buffet and a good raffle which raised £569.

Since the Submariners parade on 6th November in Blyth, we have had a number of events going on.

The Remembrance Sunday events went off very well on the 13th November, with very good attendances at all our venues. In Blyth at the Cenotaph in Ridley Park only 2 of our members attended to lay wreaths, 36 in all were laid, by various different groups both Serving and Civilian alike, including the emergency services and school children, with over 500 members of the public attending. There was a band and a march which were missing last year. 13 standards on parade and a bugler and a piper. Refreshments afterwards were at the Blyth Battery Royal Artillery TA Centre on Cowpen Road opposite the Crematorium.



A similar event at Ashington Memorial Park with 3 branch members in attendances along with a good variety of the general public, loads of wreaths being laid, followed by refreshments at the Cricket Club opposite the Memorial Park. Apparently, we now have to have our names on a list with the local council and the Royal British Legion to lay a wreath, in advance of the event, this has never happened before.



Also, at Newbiggin by Sea at the Memorial Park a few of our members attended the service along with a very good turn out from the public, and one of our members was actually Parade Marshall for the first time since moving to the area from Kent. She is a former WRNS. Refreshments being provided later at the Bank House Club.

At Lynemouth a similar parade with a good turn out and about a dozen wreaths being laid. Our Branch Chairman laid a wreath at this one.

Prior to these events, the Branch Secretary attended a parade at Cramlington on the 11th of the eleventh, with a good turn out by some of the local

residents at the War Memorial in the village next to the Club. An armed sentry and 2 standards on parade and several wreaths being laid.

On Saturday 26th November the Tyne & Wansbeck branches were invited to attend an Ex RN-veterans funeral in Blyth, of a former radio operator on HMS Fearless during the Falklands conflict in 1982. He was only 63 when he died. 3 standards in front of the hearse and an HMS Fearless Association standard outside the chapel at the Crematorium, he got a good send off from family and friends and about 20 veterans lined the guard of honour as the hearse past, prior to the service in the chapel.

Our branch has been invited to attend a mental health training course next year at Ashington, thanks to Age UK in Northumberland, which is open to all veterans and is free. Prior to Xmas there a few things in the offing, some of our branch associate members are also members of the Fusiliers Association in Ashington, and have a couple of events, the first being their Xmas function at the Ashington Masonic Hall on the 3rd December with a buffet and a raffle and entertainment.

Also on the 10th December we have our own Xmas event with a meal at the Half Moon Pub in Stakeford with 2 raffles, one being our normal raffle and a surprise prize raffle provided by our Treasure Ken and on the 7th December the Fusiliers are having another event at the Crescent Club in Cullercoates with a raffle, a buffet and bingo and entertainment.

Our last meeting of the year will be on Monday 19th December with a Rum Tot to finish off the year. MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

RNA Brightlingsea Branch

At their annual Trafalgar Dinner the Chairman of the Brightlingsea Branch of the Royal Naval Association, S/m Colin Watkins, presented the Branch with a signed print of the "Channel Dash" commemorating the occasion in 1942 when six Swordfish aircraft were ordered to attack 3 very powerful German Cruisers escaping from port in France and seeking safety in Germany.

Accepting the picture are (from left to right) former TAG (Telegraphist Air Gunner) Shipmate President Ron Underwood who flew the Swordfish from warships engaged on the Russian Convoys, next to Ron is Shipmate Carol Lee, widow of Sub Lieutenant Edgar Lee who as a 20-year old flew as an Observer on the Channel Dash.

All 6 Swordfish were shot down but Edgar survived along with his pilot who he rescued and saved his life, for that act he was awarded the DSO. On the right is Shipmate Valerie Sayer, widow of Petty Officer TAG Les Sayer. Les is perhaps best known for being the TAG in the Swordfish that managed to place a torpedo in the German battleship BISMARCK which did enough damage to slow the ship down. To have three Shipmates so closely connected to the Fairy Swordfish in one RNA Branch is unique.



RNA Reigate Branch



Reigate Branch held its annual Armistice Day Parade in the local Shopping centre. Reigate's Deputy Mayor was in attendance along with other veterans, cadet forces and well over 1000 members of the public.

After "Last Post" was played by buglers from Reigate Sea Cadets, 30,000 poppy petals were released during the 2 minute silence. The Deputy Mayor then read the Exhortation.

The Branch also ran the RBL poppy appeal and raised a staggering £19,000.

On Remembrance Sunday, the Branch marched through the streets of Redhill to attend the service of Remembrance at the local war memorial.



Finally for this month.....

Shipmates may not be aware but.....at the outbreak of WWII, the Borough of Reigate adopted HMS Ark Royal.

With close links going all the way back to Lord Howard of Effingham and the first Ark Royal. The ship was a natural choice.

In 1942, Captain Maund presented the Borough with the ship's Ensign and plaque. At the presentation parade held outside the Town Hall was a young Sea Cadet, Bob Pearce.

The Ensign hung, pride of place, for many years in the Council Chambers.

During refurbishments carried out in the 70s, the Ensign was taken down and stored in a "safe place", lost and forgotten. Despite many enquiries from the Reigate Branch over the years, its disappearance became a mystery, then, in 2019 it was discovered in the basement vault of the Town Hall!

It's condition was good considering it's age and the branch commissioned the building of a special frame to safeguard preserve the ensign so that it could be displayed again. Covid struck and plans were shelved.

On Saturday 19th November this year, Reigate RNA along with councillors and other interested parties witnessed the unveiling by the Mayor of Reigate & Banstead, Cllr Frank Kelly at the top of the Ceremonial staircase in the Town Hall where it is now on view for all to see.



and

RNA Wigston and District Branch

Our thanks to S/m Mike McIlroy, Retired Chairman of Wigston Branch for the article and photo.

I am attaching a picture of the branch standard having been laid up in All Saints Church, Wigston. The final act following the branch decommissioning after fifty two years in commission and my thirty three years as chairman. A somewhat sad day for us all but friends we will remain. I am also a member of the Newark branch so will still meet up with fellow Shipmates.



RNA Crosby Branch

This year saw Crosby Branch members spread across not only local areas but at the main event at the Cenotaph in London, in memory of the fallen that have gone before us.

The weekend of commemoration started Fri 11 Nov with the branch attending a RBL event "at sea" onboard the Floating Grace, along the canal network in Liverpool city centre; with stops to pay our respects at the Capt Johnny Walker RN memorial and the Merchant Navy memorial stone at the Pier Head on the waterfront. This was followed by a service of remembrance at the Albert Dock, once the Floating Grace had "doubled up and secured" alongside and the gangway opened for Shipmates to land ash



Sunday saw the annual service conducted at the RN memorial in Alexander Park in Crosby. It was great to see Shipmate Stan (a sprightly 95 years old) turn up at the service – due to medical reasons – this was his first outing in over twelve months. The attendance at the service steadily grows each year with an estimated 250-300 people attending this year. It also

presents an opportunity to recruit some new members!!!

Branch President S/M Noel Williams and S/M Stirling Simmons attended the parade in Southport which was, as for many bathed in autumnal sunshine.





The branch also had attendance in London with S/M Tommy Grimes and S/M Ian Peck marching through the streets of the capital after the service at the Cenotaph. Post the services and march past's a tot or two was raised in honour to those who have gone before us all and paid the ultimate sacrifice. We will remember them

RNA Eastbourne Branch

Shipmates from RNA Eastbourne and our local celeb Lieutenant Commander Carl "Speedy" Steedman, ex WORN, attended Eastbourne War Memorial Houses Remembrance Service on Friday 11th November 2022 reports Hon Sec S/m Bill Whaley.



Photos –



Above RightMain Body including Mayor of Eastbourne, RBL, RNA, REA, RMPA and Blue Van Veterans Outreach
Above Left..... Bill Whaley RNA Eastbourne and Rev'd David Harrigan St. Elizabeth's Church

RNA Newport Branch

Shipmate Phil Mountain (Newport Gwent Branch) reports from Welsh Wales with Branch members taking place Remembrance Day commemorations.

Following the main service and parade the Branch, led by our Chairman, SM Ken Lowe; always lays a wreath on the ebb tide in memory of the crew of HM Submarine Turbulent (N98) which was sunk in 1943. Her Commanding Officer, Commander John Wallace Linton VC DSO DSC is Newport's only Victoria Cross recipient.



RNA Rosyth and West Fife Branch

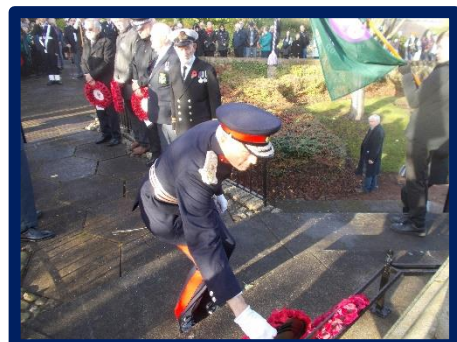
Please see below an article from S/m Jim Stewart concerning the branches remembrance activities.



On Sunday 13th November Rosyth & West Fife Branch of the RNA held our Annual Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Inverkeithing followed by a Service of Remembrance held in Inverkeithing Parish Church conducted by the Branch Padre, the Reverend Colin Alston and guest of honour the Official Representative of HM King Charles III The Lord Lieutenant of Fife Mr. Robert Balfour.

The parade, under the guidance of our Parade Commander S/M Alan Browne, (this being his maiden role as parade commander in the absence of our Chairman, S/M Dickie Wardrope who is currently incapacitated with a broken arm) mustered outside the Civic Centre in Inverkeithing. The parade stepped off at 1050, led by Comrie Community Volunteer Pipe Band followed by The Lord Lieutenant of Fife and his escort. They were followed by our Branch Standard and escorts from Rosyth Sea Cadets.

The turn out for the parade was huge and most encouraging and included a platoon from RNA Rosyth & West Fife Branch, a platoon from SCC Rosyth, a



platoon of RM Cadets, a squad of RAF Cadets, members of the Army Cadets, a number of RN & Army Veterans, Fordell Scouts, Inverkeithing Scouts, Fife Emergency Services. Representatives from HMS Prince of Wales and MoD Caledonia and Inverkeithing Masonic Lodge.



A tribute to the fallen was delivered at the War Memorial, by Rev. Colin Alston. The Last Post was then played by the Branch Bugler, Mr. Michael Hunter and was followed by the two-minute silence and o/c Reveille. The Lord Lt. of Fife Mr. Robert Balfour laid the first wreath on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III and during the laying of the wreaths, our Branch Piper and Honorary Member Brooklyn Morris played the very moving lament.

The parade then reassembled on the road outside the Garden of Remembrance and Parade Commander Alan Browne marched the parade back to the Parish Church, where the Service was conducted by Rev. Colin Alston, with Readings by Lord Lt. Robert Balfour and s/m Dot Patterson. On completion of the service the parade commander fell in the parade for a March Past on the route back to the Civic Centre and the salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant of Fife Robert Balfour.

Before the parade was dismissed, the Lord Lieutenant gave a few words of praise to the parade attendees and expressed his own words a tribute in remembrance of those who gave their today so that we could see our tomorrow. He then joined us at the Burgh Arms for a tot of pussers rum, a light buffet and cup of hot soup and a cool refreshing beer.

The weather for the day was clear a blue sky and a warm light breeze.

We are now getting ready for our annual Carol Concert which will be held in the Wardroom of MoD Caledonia on the 6th of December.

On behalf of our Branch may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

The branch is also taken on a 'schools project' which is explained in the article below.

Following two long years of Covid-19 lockdown, at last our Branch is getting back to some



semblance of normality. One of the legacies Rosyth Branch promised to deliver, as a condition of funding we received from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund towards our Beacons of Light celebrations in 2018, was a commitment to support our local community and in particular local Primary Schools, by visiting the schools on a regular basis and giving Power Point presentations on the historical importance of Rosyth as a Naval Base.

Rosyth Naval Base evolved as a direct consequence of the arms race between Britain and Germany in 1909. Going forward with our project Norman and Dave will be producing

presentations on other historical Naval installations that were set up in the Kingdom of Fife over

the last hundred years. These will include other WWI and WWII historical Naval Battles, the Role of HMS Tarlair, the strategical role played by Orkney in the War at Sea and the demographic impact on local populations, education and employment, as a direct result of the Navy's strategy to meet the threat from Germany's arms expansion.

Following the passing of our Secretary John Sherwood in March this year, Shipmate Norman Thoroughgood, who partnered John in the pilot project, resumed the presentations with his new assistant to the role, Shipmate Dave Evans.



In November, with the kind permission of the Head teacher of Donibristle PS Mrs. Karyn Rennie and Deputy Head Mrs. Karen Hart, who is our liaison with 6 other Primary Schools, Norman and Dave delivered a total of 9 Power Point Presentations to P7 pupils at Donibristle, Dalgety Bay, Kings Road, Park Road, St Johns, Inverkeithing and Limekilns Primary Schools. The theme of this presentation was, The Battle of the Atlantic and Associated Actions. Aids created for the presentation included a static display covering, The Atlantic convoys and battles, Capt. 'Johnnie Walker DSM', Wolf-Packs and underwater detection and weaponry. A Static display was also provided which covered HM Ships of WW2 era and those that took part in the Atlantic.

As a bonus S/m Dave Evans provided a pair of German binoculars used by a U-Boat commander from the 2nd world war. The children were invited to look through them and contemplate who had held them and what they had looked at.

Testimony to their efforts were shown by the enthusiasm of all the pupils who showed a great interest in the subject and a wish to have more presentations in the future. Below is also a letter of commendation from the Deputy Head of Donibristle P.S.

Good afternoon, Norman and Dave,

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you both for the time and enthusiasm you brought to our Primary 6 classes today. The children were in awe of you and your medals!

There was so much for us to continue to study on the back of your presentation - who knew about the Aberdour connection to sonar! Good luck with the other schools - the interactive parts always go down well.

Thank you also for the invitation to the Wardroom.

Kind regards

Karen

Karen Hart

Depute Headteacher, Donibristle Primary

Norman and Dave are currently putting together further Power Point Presentations for delivery to the Schools throughout 2023.

Through their sterling work they have raised the profile of Rosyth & West Fife Branch of the RNA and brought immense credit to the RNA.

BZ Gentlemen

RNA Chard Branch

Chard branch were entertained at their latest social evening by two former matelots who now help in the running of two very well respected charities in and around the Chard area.

ARK at Egwood

The Chair of RNA Chard Branch had the pleasure of introducing Nigel Bell and Jon Richards to the branch members to provide an interesting insight into Ark at Egwood Community Interest Company that has been set up to aid people within the community, including supporting veterans

Nigel and Jon worked together whilst serving in the Royal Navy (both leaving the Service as Chief Petty Officers within the Welfare Branch after 28 and nearly 24 years respectively) and now continue to work together under the umbrellas of two community interest companies ARK at Egwood and Chard WATCH CIC.



Nigel established ARK at Egwood in May of 2018. ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) is a land-based day facility at Egwood, near the village of Merriott in South Somerset. It is based on 12 acres of land and comprises of animals, horticulture and communal building, and offers a range of activities, experiences and support services to improve health, wellbeing and opportunities for all. ARK has been fortunate to have had a successful application to the National Lottery Community Fund to expand and improve access to mental health support services within Somerset.

Chard WATCH CIC

Jon is now working for Chard WATCH CIC which is also a community interest company working with people in the community with mild to moderate mental health issues and social anxiety, so the close working connection is of benefit to both worthy organisations. ARK and WATCH are also excited to be working more closely in the future as they embark, through the funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, on employing two Project Managers who will be focussing on pooling of resources and working with partner agencies providing support to under-represented communities, such as Armed Forces Veterans.



Members voluntary donations raised £105 for the causes and members were suitably impressed in the shipmates presentation and ongoing camaraderie and banter which brought back memories to a few of us. All in all a great night and BZ to those helping us out.

As ever, our grateful thanks to S/m Dick Moon for the article and photo's.

RNA Falmouth Branch

At the branch meeting a presentation from shipmates to a Falmouth Sea Scout, Lily who hoping to attend the Scout Jamboree 2023 in South Korea. This is a tremendous opportunity, although a little daunting, for her to meet other Scouts from around the world and learn first-hand about their culture.

The Falmouth Branch have a good liaison with the Sea Scouts and after an excellent PowerPoint presentation she was given a cheque to help with the fund raising. Lily will be returning to give us a talk when she returns.

Our thanks to Falmouth Branch Hon Sec, S/m Carol Wright for keeping us briefed on matters down there in Kernow.....



RNA Portsea Branch

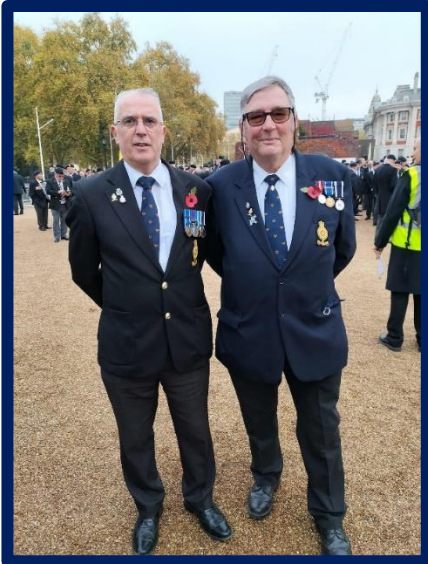
A busy month for the Portsea Branch, starting off with the sponsored hair cut that raised over £500 for Admiral Jellicoe House in Portsmouth, the new care home for RN Veterans.

This was followed by attendance at the Armistice Day Service in Portsmouth Guildhall Square. Members were also present at the Guildhall and wreath laying at the RN Memorial on Remembrance Sunday in Southsea.

Shipmates Richie Farman and Robbie Robson were on parade at the Cenotaph in London.

Finally the month ended with a Skittles Night at the Royal Maritime Club in Portsea where we were joined by members of Portsmouth RNA and the Submariners Association





RNA Limavady Branch

Our thanks to Shipmate John Pudney who has forwarded this report from RNA Limavady.



On 20th November: 7 Limavady SMs travelled to Rathlin Island's for the annual Remembrance Service. SM Andy Guy carried the Standard and SM Royal Alan Anderson laid the wreath on behalf of the Branch.

There was a good turnout from all sections of the community, including the local MP, Ian Paisley Jnr.

Accompanied by his sons. On the return ferry journey from Rathlin to Ballycastle an act of remembrance was carried out at the wreck site of HMS Drake, (Sunk by U-79 2nd October 1917) and an environmentally friendly wreath was cast into the sea at the HMS Drake buoy.



RNA Chatham Branch

Also a few pictures of RNA Chatham attending the Christmas Cracker Celebration at Chatham's Pentagon Center on the same Saturday 19 Nov 2022



My Mother Carmelina, Dr Sue Plummer came along to spread the festive cheer and represent the RNA Chatham

Event Manager and Co-organiser of the Christmas Cracker event Jack Brackstone-Brown in his very festive Suit made sure all ran very well indeed,

the footfall in the Pentagon Center i was informed was around 30.000 and hopefully a few new members two of which ex RN .

Happy Christmas all from RNA Chatham,

RNA Colchester Branch

RNA Colchester Branch are celebrating their 'Promotion' to City status after the late Queen Elizabeth promoted a number of towns to city (B13 promotion!) in celebration of her Platinum Jubilee. Congratulations Shipmates.

The Romans founded Camulodunum in AD43 when they landed in Britain. Six years later, they created a permanent settlement for Army veterans here, and classified it as a Colonia, the Roman equivalent of modern-day city status. Celtic queen Boudica objected to the Roman occupation of her territory and eventually took over and destroyed large parts of the city. It still, however, proudly boasts of being "Britain's 1st City".



As part of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations earlier this year, Colchester's status as a city was reinstated and, at a ceremony on 23 November, the Letters Patent, one of the last documents signed by the late Queen, were presented to the Mayor, Cllr. Tim Young. The ceremony was originally due to take place on 12 September, but had to postponed when other event intervened.



Three reasons were cited by the Government for the award, namely the history of Colchester; its continuing military background as a Garrison Town for the last 165 years; and its cultural infrastructure, referring particularly to the award of the Art Fund Museum of the Year

2021 to the *Firstsite* gallery. RNA Colchester branch was honoured to be invited to attend the ceremony and more than 200 people assembled in the Moot Hall to witness the presentation of the Letters Patent by the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Jennifer Tolhurst. Lord Lt Tolhurst commented on the “modern, vibrant and multi-faceted” nature of the city and drew attention to its military heritage.

The current Garrison Commander Lt.Col. Ed Rankin, symbol of that continuing heritage and a supporter of the campaign, said there was a “real sense of shared pride” at Colchester’s newly revived city status. That sentiment was repeated by several speakers on behalf of the Council, notably its leader Cllr. David King and Colchester’s High Steward, Sir Bob Russell, who has been a leading campaigner for city status for many years.

The campaign began in earnest when, as part of the Queen’s Ruby Jubilee in 1992, a competition was opened for towns in England to apply for city status. Colchester was one of 20 to enter. Further competitions were launched in 2000 as part of the Millenium celebrations and in 2002 for the Queen’s Golden Jubilee. Colchester voted in 2009 to increase its efforts to achieve the award and *Destination Colchester*, which had been founded to promote and improve the town, was brought onside to help the movement. Thirty years of work has now been rewarded. The presentation ceremony was immediately followed by a resolution, unsurprisingly unanimously passed, that changed the name of Colchester Borough Council to Colchester City Council.

RNA St Neots Branch

Very many congratulations to RNA St Neots for reaching their 50 year Anniversary.

BZ and congratulations from everyone in the RNA .



S/Ms of the St Neots Branch celebrated the 50th



anniversary of the Branch founding on Saturday 19th November. (Branch was Commissioned on 17 November 1972.) Members below are shown listening to an informative and amusing speech by S/M Commodore Mark Slawson, RN OBE (Ret) Deputy National President.

S/M and National Chairman Stoker Keith Ridley is seen here, obviously mistaking the photographer for a waiter and ordering another beverage. He

was also responsible for obtaining the prizes for and running a highly entertaining raffle draw at the end of the evening. BZ to S/M Maureen Ridley on his right for her outstanding contribution to all aspects of the event.





Branch President John Gibbs gave a very interesting and mirth-arousing talk about the Branch history including one instance where S/Ms were invited to a brewery (a really bad idea) and drank the brewery bar dry! He also highlighted the many current activities and good causes undertaken. S/M in the background is Allan Brown a founder member and treasurer for 23 years.

From L to R S/Ms Stella Gibbs, John Gibbs, Commodore Mark Slawson, and Clair Slawson talking to Branch chairman Geoff Patterson who chaired the 50th anniversary committee.



Here S/Ms John Gibbs and Mrs Clare Slawson are seen cutting the delicious 50th anniversary cake.

In the foreground is the Rum Tub where rum was ably dispensed by S/Ms Mike Milne and John Gibbs for the toast to the King proposed by Commodore Slawson. In the background can be seen the large array of prizes for the raffle.



A special mention to S/M Tony Webley who did a splendid job as maître d'hôtel in ensuring that the table flow to the food stations was orderly and did not result in unseemly congestion.

Guest included S/M Paul No 6 Area Chairman and his wife Val, S/M Geoff Apperley BEM, No 6 Area Secretary plus S/Ms from branches in No 6 Area

S/Ms, five of whom are founder members, photographed during the Branch Commissioning on 17th November 1972

S/Ms L-R are Stewart Simpson, Terry Brown, Alan Brown, Ted Smith, Tom Mumford, Isabel Hughes, and Bob Hughes



CROSSING THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

Ronald Smith
Lt Colin Marshall (RNR)

Ron Smith - Reigate Branch

Reigate Branch are so sad to announce the loss of a branch legend. Shipmate Ron Smith, our long term standard Bearer and former National Standard Bearer passed away peacefully in his sleep with wife Jean at his bedside.

Ron was a long term member of the branch and his passing has left us all devastated. Rest in peace old oppo, your duty is done.

Colin Marshall – Peterborough and District Branch

Colin Crossed the Bar on 11th November 2022. He was a long-time member of the Peterborough and District Branch of the Royal Naval Association and had held the position of Branch Chairman in the past.

Colin also had a long association with the Peterborough Sea Cadets which he joined as a young cadet in 1941. After a period of service in the Navy he returned and spent his life as a volunteer helping many young cadets have an amazing experience and create lifelong memories. He was an active part of the unit into his 90's.



RIP Shipmate

RNA Members Benefits

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The 'Shortcast' Editors Note

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

	<p>Please check go to link for RN Shipmates.co.uk for a comprehensive list of further reunions. www.rnshipmates.co.uk</p>
2023	
	<p>Calling all RN Chefs / Cooks / Caterers past and present. You are invited attend the next reunion in Cardiff on 12-14 May 2023.</p> <p>Reunions have taken place reunions in Birmingham, Liverpool & Paisley. Which have been well supported. What we do is - have a raffle, a book of remembrance, for the fallen chefs / caterers, an auction all in aid of Bravehound which supports former servicemen women and there families, which provides training and dogs to support veterans.</p> <p>We were delighted to have one of the dogs aptly named Paisley, after a previous reunion, and its veteran owner to come and have a chat with us all.</p> <p>For futher details please contact Martin McDonough (ex Leading Cook) at martin.mcdonough@sodexogov.co.uk</p>

Swinging the Lamp – Dec 2022

The RNA is grateful to the Author, Lt Cdr Lawrie Phillips TD, RD, RNR for allowing us to publish a selection from the RN Day by Day. If you would like to read more it can be purchased from - The History Press and is priced £60 ISBN 978 0 7509 8266 5



Date	Year	Entry
1 st	1962	Heavy repair ship <i>Duncansby Head</i> and the former guided missile trials ship <i>Girdle Ness</i> commissioned as <i>Cochrane</i> to be the temporary naval barracks and administrative HQ at Rosyth while a new facility was built near the dockyard, replacing the former <i>Cochrane</i> at Donibristle. <i>Cochrane</i> was recommissioned ashore on 11 December 1968 and finally paid off 31 March 1996.
2 nd	1796	<i>Southampton</i> captured the Spanish privateer <i>Corso</i> off Cape delle Mele.
3 rd	1974	HMS <i>Andrew</i> , the oldest RN submarine and the last armed with a deck gun, fired the last shell ever from a British submarine, in the Portland Exercise Areas, shortly before paying off at Devonport. Lt-Cdr Paul Hoddinott signalled 'The reek of cordite has passed from the Royal Navy's Submarine Service. Last gun action surface conducted at 031330Z. Time to first round 36 seconds. May the art of submarine gunnery rest in peace but never be forgotten'. Her 4-in/33 calibre Mk XXIII gun and the shell cartridge are in the RN Submarine Museum.
4 th	1978	Carrier <i>Ark Royal</i> returned to Devonport after her last WESTLANT deployment to pay off.
5 th	1969	Chinese Unofficials. 'Tailors, Cobblers and Barbers are not to be employed in HM ships west of Suez. The only Chinese Unofficials who may be brought west of Suez are Laundrymen and may not remain west of Suez for more than 12 months. When in Home Waters Laundrymen are not to work as Tailors, Cobblers or Barbers.' – DCI(RN) 1511/69.
6 th	1917	GC (ex-AM): LS T.N. Davis for disposing of burning ammunition in blazing and drifting tug at Halifax, Nova Scotia.
7 th	1941	Japanese naval air attack on US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and British base at Hong Kong.
8 th	1914	Battle of Falkland Islands. Vice-Admiral Sir Doveton Sturdee (<i>Invincible</i>) defeated Vice-Admiral Graf von Spee (<i>Scharnhorst</i>) off the Falklands Islands. Battle Honour: Falkland Islands 1914. Ships: <i>Bristol</i> , <i>Carnarvon</i> , <i>Cornwall</i> , <i>Glasgow</i> , <i>Inflexible</i> , <i>Invincible</i> , <i>Kent</i> , <i>Macedonia</i> . Sunk: <i>Gneisenau</i> , <i>Leipzig</i> . <i>Nürnberg</i> , <i>Scharnhorst</i> . Escaped: <i>Dresden</i> . War Medal: clasp 'Falkland Islands 8 Dec 1914' approved but not issued.
9 th	1819	Destruction of the Joasmi pirate stronghold at Ras al Khaimah. Ships: <i>Aurora</i> , <i>Curlew</i> , <i>Eden</i> (Bombay Marine), <i>Liverpool</i> , <i>Nautilus</i> , and three others. Troops: 47 th and 65 th Regiments, 1/3 rd , 1/11 th and flank company of 1/2 nd Native Infantry.
10 th	1942	Destroyer <i>Roebuck</i> , building at Scotts, Greenock, was prematurely launched by a near miss by a German bomb and lay submerged for nine months.

11 th	1997	HMY <i>Britannia</i> paid off at Portsmouth Dockyard. HM The Queen was piped ashore at 1500. Flag of Lord High Admiral and White Ensign struck.
12 th	1957	Tornado struck the Hamoaze and Devonport Dockyard in the wake of a storm. Royal Marines from Lympstone deployed to assist in flood relief. Saltash to Plymouth car ferry stranded on the Saltash road.
13 th	1939	Submarine <i>Salmon</i> torpedoed the German cruisers <i>Leipzig</i> and <i>Nürnberg</i> 130 miles W.of Jutland. The <i>Salmon</i> , on patrol in the North Sea, sighted three enemy cruisers and hit both the <i>Leipzig</i> and <i>Nürnberg</i> . The <i>Leipzig</i> remained under repair for a year, and then was employed on training duties; the <i>Nürnberg</i> took six months to repair. Nine days before, the <i>Salmon</i> had sunk U-36 in the same area, the first successful submarine versus enemy submarine attack in the war. For this patrol her CO Lt-Cdr Bickford was promoted and awarded the DSO.
14 th	2006	Chief ERA Leonard Williams, veteran of two wartime sinkings in the Far East and four years as a POW in Japanese hands, died aged 87. He was in the frigate <i>Amethyst</i> during escape from the River Yangtze in 1949 (DSM). As Chief ERA was the first to start up the engines of the new royal yacht <i>Britannia</i> in which he served for twelve years.
15 th	1959	The modified Rothesay-class Type 12 anti-submarine frigate HMS <i>Falmouth</i> launched by Swan Hunter on 15 December 1959.
16 th	1941	Destroyer <i>Thracian</i> beached at Hong Kong. Salvaged by Japanese forces as PB 101. Recaptured in September 1945.
17 th	1939	German pocket battleship <i>Admiral Graf Spee</i> scuttled by her crew off Montevideo following the Battle of the River Plate.
18 th	1967	Coastal minesweeper <i>Maryton</i> returned to HMS <i>Vernon</i> at Portsmouth after a 13,000- mile passage from Singapore, the longest unaccompanied voyage undertaken by a Ton-class vessel. She sailed from Singapore on 12 October and returned via Penang, Gan, Mombassa, Durban, Simon's Town, Walvis Bay, Takoradi, Dakar and Gibraltar. Water was strictly rationed on the long legs and limited to 1.5 tons a day. 'The Coxswain managed to arrange a One and One tot for part of the trip but the Jimmy soon caught on as to how much water we actually saved in he process, so we reverted to Two and One.' – Rob Guyatt LSA
19 th	1942	Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, wrote to the First Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, that he was 'still grieved to see our submarines described as "P.212", etc., in the daily returns. I thought you told me that you would give them names. It is in accordance with the tradition of the Service and with the feelings of the officers and men who risk their lives in these vessels. Not even to give them a name is derogatory to their devotion and sacrifice.' A list of names was submitted after Christmas. 'With the help of the whole submarine headquarters' staff, including Wrens, and every conceivable work of reference, a list of names was eventually produced, to which the Prime Minister himself, impatient as ever of delay and, of course, knowing nothing of the difficulties, contributed two: <i>Tiptoe</i> and <i>Varangian</i> ' – Capt T.D. Manning and Cdr C.F. Walker, members of the wartime Ships Names Committee.

20 th	1963	'Ceremonial at Colours and Sunset. Henceforth, men hoisting and hauling down the Colours are to keep their caps on. QR&AI Article 1349 will be amended accordingly.' – DCI(RN)2369.
21 st	1747	Capt Thomas Fox of the <i>Kent</i> (74) dismissed his ship by a court martial on board <i>Duke</i> (90) in Portsmouth Harbour for 'misconduct and misbehaviour' during Hawke's battle with <i>L'Etanduerre</i> , 'The Second Battle of Finisterre', on 14 October 1747.
22 nd	1916	War Cabinet directed the establishment of a Fifth Sea Lord to be responsible for naval air services, 'contrary to the considered views of the Admiralty'.
23 rd	1940	An 'immense explosion' near Unicorn Gate, Portsmouth Dockyard, possibly caused by a crashing German aircraft with a full bomb load, destroyed several nearby streets. 'The dockyard wall held but there were 40 men in the yard wounded' – Admiral Sir Wiliam James, C-in-C Portsmouth.
24 th	1957	The small Naval Party employed on Christmas Island in support of British nuclear weapon tests, NP 2512 and NP 5555, named HMS <i>Resolution</i> , received greetings from the Admiralty: 'Their Lordships wish to convey Their appreciation to the officers and men of HMS <i>Resolution</i> of their work on Christmas Island on this the 180th anniversary of the discovery of the island by Captain Cook in HMS <i>Resolution</i> .'
25 th	1965	The 500th day of patrol work by the Royal Navy in Malaysian waters since the start of Indonesian 'Confrontation'. During 1965 British warships steamed 1 million miles and killed or captured 1,400 Indonesian raiders for the loss of two officers killed and eleven men injured.
26 th	1767	Catherine Nelson, wife of the Revd Edmund Nelson of Burnham Thorpe, died aged 42 leaving eight children, including Horatio (9).
27 th	1831	<i>Beagle</i> sailed on five-year circumnavigation carrying Charles Darwin, subsequently author of <i>On the Origin of Species</i> .
28 th	1975	Third Cod War. The first collision of the 'War' between Icelandic Gunboat Thor and frigate Andromeda; fifty-six collisions were to follow, many severe enough to force the frigates to return to the UK.
29 th	1944	Minesweeper <i>Ready</i> recovered Biber No. 90 – a one-man submarine – 45 miles off Dover. The first recovered and now in the Imperial War Museum
30 th	1778	Capture of St Lucia by Admiral Hon. Samuel Barrington and General Grant. Ships: <i>Boyne</i> , <i>Nonsuch</i> , <i>Preston</i> , <i>Prince of Wales</i> , <i>Centurion</i> , <i>Isis</i> , <i>St Albans</i> . Frigates: <i>Ariadne</i> , <i>Aurora</i> , <i>Carcass</i> , <i>Pearl</i> , <i>Venus</i> . War of American Independence.
31 st	1999	Frigate <i>Westminster</i> , anchored off Greenwich, heralded the New Year and the (popularly accepted start of) the Third Millennium

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
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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 15 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.