

# ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION SEMAPHORE SHORT

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 22nd  
2023

**GREETINGS SHIPMATES** Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. Just a reminder of the new schedule - There will be a further Short on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and then from October, we establish the new routine which will be; First Friday – Circular, second Friday – Branch officials update and the following Fridays, the Short (2 or 3 depending on how Fridays fall) As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts, email the team [here](#). Whilst all contributions will be considered, please note that this is a short update and we can't publish everything. Some content may be used for inclusion in the next Circular.

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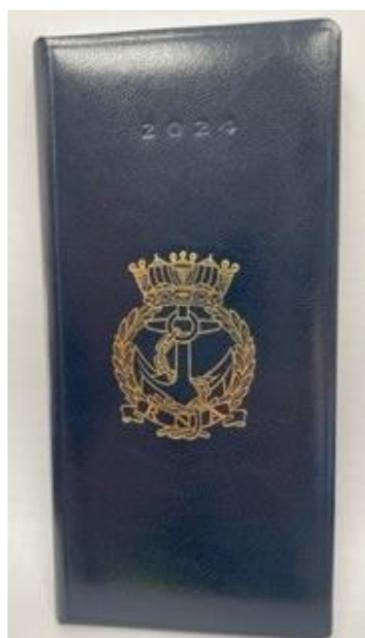
**FIRESIDE CHATS** Monday evening's Fireside Chat (25th) will be a talk on a daring WWII mission entitled 'Operation Source – X-Craft v Tirpitz' and will be given by Paul Godfrey. The following Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> October), regular presenter Malcolm Farrow will be giving a presentation entitled 'Britain Beyond the Seas'. Fireside chats take place every Monday at 18:30 and to access the chats, log into zoom [here](#). The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.

## SELF-EMPLOYMENT DISCOVERY WORKSHOP

Whether you've already started working on your business idea or are just beginning to consider self-employment, the X-Forces Naval Community *Self-Employment Discovery Workshop* could be for you! This free, one-day workshop on 1st November is designed exclusively for the Naval Community – that means serving personnel, veterans, spouses and first-degree family members. It's supported by Greenwich Hospital, which means there is no cost to you, and is delivered via Zoom to make it accessible to all. The workshop covers the pros and cons of self-employment, peer to peer and other support, the attributes of a successful entrepreneur and understanding what a self-employed business means for you and your family. You can register [here](#) for the course

## BIENNIAL PARADE VIDEO

As has been reported in the Circular and on our social media sites, the recent biennial parade in London was a great success. For those that would like to see the event in full glorious technicolour, you can now do so on YouTube [here](#)



## 2024 RNA DIARY

Next year's diary is now available to purchase from Central Office for £6 each which includes postage. We only have 250 Diaries available for sale this year so please order early to avoid disappointment. Please call Central office on 02392 723747 or email [here](#) to place an order.

## COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION EYES ON, HANDS ON

Do you know where the nearest Commonwealth War Grave is to you, do you know who is buried there? There are over 160,000 war graves spread across the United Kingdom in around 12,500 different cemeteries. Some of these cemeteries are large concentrated sites such as Brookwood and others may only contain one grave. With a limited number of maintenance staff and a huge number of graves, the Commission has a project called 'Eyes on, Hands On' where volunteers around the country visit local graves and memorials and carry out very basic maintenance and report damage back to the authorities.



This is a great opportunity to give something back to those that made the ultimate sacrifice whilst also getting you out in the fresh air and getting some gentle exercise. For more information, and to see if your area is looking for volunteers, visit the CWGC web site [here](#)

## AND FINALLY.....

**'SECURE FOR ACTION' MEANT KNOCKER AND SHINER  
HAD TO IMPROVISE WHEN IT CAME TO MIRRORS**

