

# ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION SEMAPHORE SHORT

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29th  
2023

**GREETINGS SHIPMATES** Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. This is the last Short before we go into the new routine next month, starting with the Circular next Friday (6<sup>th</sup> October). As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts, email the team [here](#). If you are sending a document, please also attach any embedded pictures separately. 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 in the next Circular.

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## BRITAIN BEYOND THE SEAS THE LAST PINK BITS



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**FIRESIDE CHATS** Monday evening's Fireside Chat (October 2nd) will be a talk on 'Britain Beyond the Seas' where regular presenter Malcolm Farrow will taking a 'stroll round the rump of Empire'. The following Monday (October 9<sup>th</sup>) Craig Jones from Fighting with Pride will be talking about the ramifications of the recent Government apology and some details of the compensation rollout following the historic wrongs inflicted on the Armed Forces LBGT+ community. 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.

## SECOND SEA LORDS MESSAGE

At the recent Biennial Parade in London, the Second Sea Lord, Vice Admiral Martin Connell CBE spoke of the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Royal Naval Association and the Royal Navy and spoke warmly of the affiliation that the two organisations have with each other. You can view a video of his speech [here](#)



## AROUND THE BRANCHES

Present at a meeting of the RNA Aylesbury & District No.1 Branch were four members who had recently survived a meeting of the HMS Ganges Association meeting and had been presented with certificates to commemorate 60 years since joining HMS Ganges. Congratulations to (left to right) Topsy Turner, Ron Hale, Robert Taylor and Trevor Hooper. Any shipmates in the Buckinghamshire area that want to get involved with the branch can do so at Rivets Sports and Social Club, Aylesbury, HP21 8AD. Meetings are held at 19:30 on the first Wednesday of every month.

## SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MILITARY AND DEFENCE PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The MOD has published a series of collated links to support services for military and defence personnel and their families, and for Veterans and their families. The links are contained within respective web pages for the serving and veteran communities and cover things like childcare, employment, finance, housing, pensions and compensation and welfare support. To access the new support pages, click on the appropriate link below and then bookmark to your computer or device if needed.

### [MILITARY AND DEFENCE PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES](#)

### [VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES](#)

## WRITE YOUR WILL FOR FREE TODAY

Have you been putting off writing your Will? We can help. The RNA has partnered with Will writers Guardian Angel Network to offer you



the chance to write your Will for free either online, over the phone or in person. Leave a gift in your Will to the Royal Association in your will so we can continue to support those in the naval community across the world. For more information, please look [here](#)

# SEAMANSHIP SOCIAL

**SATURDAY NOV 4TH @0930**

Tour the Royal Navy School of Seamanship HMS RALEIGH inc RAS Rigs. Short memorial service & refreshments. Followed by social at Torpoint & District Comrades and United Services Club.

For further details or you wish to attend please email: [RNSeamanSpec@outlook.com](mailto:RNSeamanSpec@outlook.com)

## AND FINALLY.....

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