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*In loving memory of our beloved late Patron, Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II who crossed the bar on 08 September 2022.*

God rest her soul, Fair wind and following sea Ma'am.

God save the King

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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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Message from the National President -

Shipmate, Duncan L Potts CB, Vice Admiral (Retd)

When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, our Patron, died on 8th September I think we were all shocked. It was not just that 48 hours beforehand she had been receiving the new Prime Minister, but it was also the shock of the strength of our collective national feeling of loss. I can only speak for myself, but my reaction was one of shock, sadness and loss.

Although I had met The Queen more than most - she in many ways book-ended my career, taking my passing out parade at Dartmouth and I had a private lunch with her the year I retired, with a couple of other events in between - I could not claim to know Her Majesty. But as for all of us, she had been the constant, reassuring presence in our lives. She embodied so many of the qualities we like to think are the backbone of our national culture: service; selflessness; modesty; understated; an even, calm presence; and a rallying figure we could all rely on in good times and bad.

The extraordinary 11 days of mourning seemed to show that we still respected and in many ways yearned for the qualities she demonstrated every day for 70 years. Like you I followed the period of mourning closely and think as a country we rediscovered things about our collective selves that we thought had slipped away. The number of people who wanted to pay their respects and the bonding of strangers queuing together showed that the silent majority is still not as the shrill voices in society would have you believe.



I was also struck that what Her Majesty stood for was everything we do in the RNA: service, camaraderie, concern for others, and a belief in society; our Patron and our Association had so much in common. Consequently, I was deeply honoured and privileged to represent you all at the State Funeral. It was a wonderful and very moving service and I will never forget the fading piper that ended the Service. I missed the procession live, but felt very proud to see our National Standard Bearer performing immaculately

on the Global Stage; our Standard played a very prominent role; BZ Steve Champion, you certainly lived up to your name.

Finally, I would like to reassure you that Bill Oliphant and I have already started the process of securing our new Patron. We are shooting high, God Save The King.

Chairman's chat

Hello Shipmates,

After an absence of three months, I am back on the Watch Bill.

Fresh on our minds is the loss of HM Queen which was a great shock to all of us. Knowing our National President has written an introduction to this circular with a reflection on the passing of Her Majesty, I shall say no more, but cherish my personal recollection when the great lady visited East London in 1955 when I was a mere 10 year old in an open topped car passing withing six feet of where I was standing. God Bless Her and God Save the King.



I am not too sure where the past three months have gone, but for six weeks throughout July & part of August I was P7R, but I think the time has come to consider buying a Motor Home given the number of engagements I have undertaken and time away from home. To quote my wife Maureen who's comment I have overheard several times "When I married Keith, I never knew I was marrying the RNA!" No doubt many of you out there may have heard similar comments from your partner.

Where do I start? I am privileged to inform you that at the September National Council Meeting I was re-elected as your National Chairman for a seventh term unopposed, and wish to thank the National Council for their continued faith in me, as it is comforting to know that I must be doing something right, or as a certain Vice Admiral said to me a few years back "I knew Stokers had a purpose". I take this opportunity to acknowledge the service given to the Association by S/M Paul Stephenson (Area 12 (Ireland) NCM) who for the last 6 years has served as National Vice Chairman and decided to retire from the post. Paul has done an excellent job and given numerous hours travelling over from Dublin fulfilling the role and that as Chairman of the Association Management Committee. Thank you Paul for backing me up and stepping up to the mark when necessary. Voted in to replace Paul as National Vice Chairman is S/M Peter Godwin (Area 8 NCM). I am confident that Peter will do an excellent job having been my Vice Chairman of the Finance Administration Committee for several years.

The 18th May saw me attending the Dedication of the Submariners Association Memorial at the National Arboretum and being introduced to HRH Prince William. This is a must-see Memorial just like our own RNA Naval Service Memorial. June was a busy month first off to Belfast to attend the City's Falkands Memorial Service to lay a wreath on behalf of the RNA, closely followed by national committee meetings and national conference linked with F40 events. I can honestly say that the proudest moment of my 46 years RNA Membership was receiving on behalf of the RNA, the Freedom of Portsmouth awarded to the RNA by Portsmouth City Council. Also awarded the Freedom of the City were the Falkland Islands Veterans, Royal Marines Association and Association of Wrens.

The first few days of July saw my Branch (St. Neots) welcoming Shipmates from Letchworth, Royston, Southend, and Wrexham Branches who came to support the Town's two-day Armed

Forces Weekend Event set in our wonderful Riverside Park. To me, this is what the RNA is all about, enjoying the company of fellow Shipmates and renewing acquaintances. All went well until 0500 on the Sunday when I was taken ill followed by three admissions to hospital involving two three-day stays. Despite the pressures the NHS is under, it certainly came up trumps and I simply cannot praise enough the treatment I received, and that from my personal nurse and carer – Maureen. Thankfully, after six weeks I was able to hand in my P7R Card but told to take things easy to recover my strength. I am most grateful for the invitations to visit to Branches at Beccles, Grantham, March & Rayleigh. I send a BIG welcome to our new Branches: St. Vincent (and the Grenadines) based in Gosport, and Torfaen in South Wales. Welcome to the Naval Family. Although I was unable to attend Torfaen's Commissioning, St. Vincent's Commissioning certainly made up for it with some wonderful food with several Shipmates serving in the RN, three of whom are P.O. Chefs.

By the time you read this I will have enjoyed the company of Shipmates at RNA Chichester in celebrating their 75th Annivesary.

What RIG do I have to wear at a Branch Meeting?

A question that I am frequently asked. Simply, whatever you feel comfortable with. There is no requirement under the RNA Byelaws to wear Blazers and Ties etc at a Branch Meeting. Most Branches dress down with many Shipmates mostly wearing an RNA Polo Shirt. Think of the newcomer entering a meeting for their first time, finding everyone sitting there in Blazers and Ties etc. I doubt if he/she will return. There is a time and place for formal RNA Rig such as Remembrance Ceremonies, Funerals, Branch AGM's also Fund Raising. Want to recruit that potential new member who walks through the door? – then dress down.

Do not be disappointed

The President, Deputy President, General Secretary, myself & National Vice Chairman are frequently invited to Area & Branch events which we are pleased to accept. However, please plan a head giving as much notice as possible, even provisional, to avoid the disappointment of a polite refusal.

Membership: A gentle reminder Shipmates. We are no longer a membership subscription Association, but instead invite members to make a donation. The National Council is most grateful to Shipmates who are making donations to Central Office (CO), more so if Gift Aided. Monthly Direct Debit & Bank Standing Order by members is very much appreciated as it enables the National Council (NC) to forecast income for the year. It is hoped that Shipmates who have yet to consider donating consider doing so.

A further reminder. The National Branch Recruitment & Retention Adviser (NBRRA) S/M Gareth Booth is on Standby to give advice, guidance and support to Areas and Branches on matters of retaining and recruiting members. All Areas and Branches are encouraged to appoint a Shipmate to be responsible for recruitment working in conjunction with their own PRO and Gareth. Consider placing a short article each month in your local free newspaper, community, or village magazine, try setting up a Facebook page. If your Branch is struggling to find volunteers to fill Officers Posts, please seek advice & guidance form your Area Secretary, Area NCM, Gareth Booth, or Central Office. DO NOT simply allow your Ship to sink.

Area & Branch Committees: It has been brought to my attention that some Areas and Branches are experiencing a shortage of committee members, and that following their AGMs, 'interested

Shipmates have expressed a willingness to serve. Strike while the Iron is hot. There is no need to wait until the next AGM as there are two courses of action open. The committee may either Co-opt such Shipmates onto the committee or call an Extra Ordinary AGM to appoint them. The latter can easily be fitted in before the start of a monthly Branch Meeting and take just a few minutes, providing the due notice has been given to Branch Members.

Well Shipmates, time to stop rattling on and get this Chat to young Andy Christie the Editor.

To all our serving Shipmates including reservists maintaining the peace, and keeping the sea lanes open, keep up the good work, we are thinking of you. To all Shipmates and your families in the UK and throughout the world keep safe. For those at sea, a safe return.

Stay safe everyone.

Yours aye

Keith Ridley

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1. ★ Central Office Open Day – Friday 30 September 2022

Central Office held the last Open Day of 2022 on Friday 30 September 2022 in Portsmouth. Shipmates from RNA Christchurch and Lee on the Solent and Stubbington Branches enjoyed a first class visit hosted by the Central Office Team.

They were also joined by two very special guests and their families. We had the huge honour of welcoming World War Two Veterans – Tony Snelling aged 99 and John Keating (a mere slip of a lad at 96....)

S/M Tony had served in the Arctic Convoys in HMS Wild Goose, whose Captain was the famous Johnnie Walker and S/M John served in MTBTs before joining HMS Nelson where he faced 'Kamikaze's' during action in the Pacific prior to the Japanese surrender.



Everyone was treated to a sandwich lunch and Harbour Tour. Capt Bill surprised them both by presenting S/M's Tony and John with RNA Life Membership, which they were both thrilled with and of course a tot was had by way of celebration.

The Central Office Team would be delighted to welcome and hosts Shipmates and Branches from all over the UK as we previously did pre-pandemic. The programme includes lunch and a Harbour Tour.

So, to assist you in planning your trip to Portsmouth for next years 'Open Day's' please see the dates listed below.

- Friday 16 June 2023
- Friday 14 July 2023
- Friday 11 August 2023
- Friday 29 September 2023

Please contact Sara@royalnavalassoc.com if you require any further assistance or advise on accommodation options 02392 723747. We will be delighted to host you especially if you haven't been to visit us.

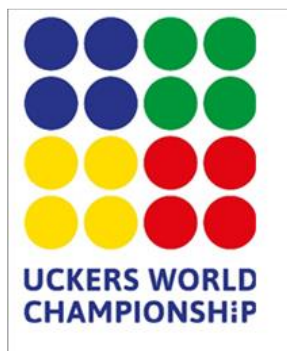
2. ★ Important Notice - Change of Bank Account details

Branch/Club Treasurers and Shipmates should be aware that the Bank Account details for Central Office have changed.

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If you any questions please email Kathryn at Kathryn@royalnavalassoc.com



Shipmates.... Quick **Uckers Update.**

If you are not aware By popular demand Uckers is back, so get those dice up and loaded you six throwing people!

This years event will take place in No 5 Boathouse, courtesy of RNRMC, which is the second building on the right as you enter the dockyard through Victory Gate at the Hard. (Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station)

Look at the line up of Trophies.....



In order..... (L to R) 'Snakes Eyes All Out' 'Best Dressed Team' ' The Tacky Two' and 'Biggest Mixy'

For a Squid (£1) guess the number of Dice in a 'see-through bag' in the Best Dressed Team Cup all proceeds to RNRMC.....

We have a full entry with teams from all over the UK! However, if you still haven't entered you need to contact uckersworldchamp2021@gmail.com immediately.

Church Notices

- Unfortunately, there will be no parking available within the Naval Base on this occasion with the exception of Disabled Blue-Badge holders, who need to let us know in advance. There is plenty of parking around the Hard area and access will be through Victory Gate via a security bag check by the Naval Museum staff.
- Refreshment will be available as last year with sandwich lunch!
- Rules will be as last year. A few competitors last year were unhappy with round table 'coaching' but the Committee felt that We would appeal to 'Gentelmanly / Womanley conduct in relationship to coaching would be observed and that anyone could call for an official to observe to ensure that there is no excessive coaching taking place.

- Fancy Dress / Banyan / Team Uckers Kit as very much encouraged and a prize will be awarded to the best Team / Individual

Let's bring The World Champions 'The Ludo Two' down a peg or two they are already practising..... And claiming another victory is certain this year!

Looking forward to seeing you all even if your from Bluith Wells.....

Snake Eyes All Out



4. ★ Welfare/Wellbeing Workshop – Update

Dear Shipmates – you may recall in the August edition of the Circ that I gave dates for the Welfare & Wellbeing Workshop as 7/8th October and thank you to those who have expressed their interest in attending thus far.

I do have an update – due to unforeseen circumstances the workshop has been rearranged for **3rd & 4th February 2023**. The venue is now confirmed as the Senior Rates Mess HMS Nelson, Portsmouth and I am sure that you will be pleased and feel at home with this venue and in particular the Pickle Bar! Can I ask that you email me with your intention to attend at lynda@royalnavalassoc.com or call me on **07591 829 416**.

This workshop is intended for all Branch Welfare Officers, Area Welfare Officers, those supporting Project Semaphore and those providing mentoring support at HMS Raleigh. If you have an interest in attending this workshop and fall outside of these categories do, please contact me to discuss. It is my intention that all attending have their costs (other than personal beer money) covered and I am looking to securing additional funds to achieve this. Of course, there is the expectation that Branches support you financially in your role to attend but together we can look at needs for assistance be that branch or individual.

I do hope that you will come and join us for what is promising to be an engaging and worthwhile weekend and if you have any topics you would like to see covered please let me know.

Lynda Welfare & Wellbeing Programme Manager

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The delegate rate at the Royal Maritime Club for accommodation is;

Classic Double for single Occupancy with Breakfast @ £70.65 per room , per night

Classic Double for 2 with Breakfast @ £96.30 per room, per night

se Room Reference GA000340

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Support for Project Semaphore

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

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

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

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

6. ★ 2023 RNA AGM/Conference – Liverpool 26/28 May 2023

The 2023 RNA AGM/Conference will be held in Liverpool over the weekend 26/28 May 2023. The Battle of Atlantic 80th commemorations will be held over the same weekend and Shipmates will be included in the full range of events. Area 10 and Central Office personnel are embedded in the organising committee, which is led by the Naval Regional Commander, Cdre Phil Waterhouse RN to ensure the RNA is fully engaged in this prestigious national event.

Area 10 are putting together a fabulous weekend of entertainment, with bands and singers on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. It is hoped that we will have golf, fishing and uckers competitions on the Sunday Afternoon. The gala Dinner will be partly themed around the BOA and will be a black tie event.

Liverpool will be a very busy city over the weekend with a civil reception on the Friday night, a light show on the Saturday night a drumhead service on the Sunday. There will also be a military village on the pier head alongside a number of Warships that will be visiting the city that weekend for the BoA 80.

Area 10 have secured accommodation at two hotels in Liverpool -

- The Adelphi, a 3 star hotel the specialises in events and reunions.
- The Novotel which is about 1/2 kilometre away from the Adelphi and offers a bit more upmarket service, for those that prefer a little luxury.

For information the Gala dinner will be held in the Adelphi Hotel. (Separate Details to follow).

There will be a high demand for hotels over the weekend so **early booking** is strongly recommended as there are limited rooms available (250 at each hotel) and only 600 spaces for the dinner.

The costs, contact numbers and booking forms are available at the rear of this Circular. So get *booking and come and join in the fun.....*

Update.....

Central Office Staff (Andy, Malcolm and Gemma) met with the Area 10 Conference organising team Shipmates Fred Pilgrim and John Arnold at the Adelphi in Liverpool to discuss the finer points of organising Conference. Whilst there the Hotel Management provided a tour of the public rooms, and they have undergone a refurbishment recently. You can imagine arriving in the hotels halcyon days waiting to transfer to your liner for the journey to America. The bedrooms we saw were clean and tidy. So, Shipmates get booking for next years Conference.

7. ★ Office of Veterans' Affairs – Stand By for the Veterans' Survey coming soon



The Director of the Office for Veterans' Affairs, Jessie Owen has written to inform Veterans that a UK-wide Veterans Survey will be launched shortly. He explained that hearing from the veteran community is vital and that is why the government will be launching

the Veterans' Survey this Autumn.

This is the first ever exercise to collect feedback from the veteran community across the UK coordinated by the Office for Veterans' Affairs and the Office for National Statistics. Responses to the survey will help us better understand the experiences, needs and wellbeing of the veteran community, and guide future action.

It is important we hear a wide range of views and we would like to encourage as many ex-UK Armed Forces veterans and their families to share feedback. The survey will be live for 12 weeks from November. The exact date will be released shortly.

8. ★ Naval Military History – HMS Belfast



Restoration work on HMS Belfast S1 Bofors Gun has been taking place. I am sure you will agree it looks brand new!

For those of us who are not aware of the Bofors Gun.....

The name Bofors is strongly associated with the Bofors 40 mm L/60 gun used by both sides during World War II. This automatic cannon is often simply called the *Bofors gun* and saw service on both land and sea. It became so widely known that anti-aircraft guns in general were often referred to as Bofors guns.

9. ★ Monday Evening Fireside Chats

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

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

Date	Presenter	Subject
Monday 10 Oct	Angus Konstam	U-47 in Scapa Flow
Monday 17 Oct	Gordon Simmonds	Signalling In Nelsons' Navy
Monday 24 Oct	David Griggs	SOSUS in the Cold War
Monday 31 Oct	Phil Burgess	SNO HMS Glasgow T26

** Lecture subjects may change at short notice.*

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

10. ★ Governance 'Stuff' Update

Head of Governance, Shipmate Nick Purkis has recently advised a Shipmate on the requirement to hold Zoom/Teams by Area or Branches. Please see S/M Nick's comments below –

In relation to virtual meetings, there is no requirement for Areas (or Branches) to hold physical meetings. Indeed, last Friday the AMC held its meeting via Zoom. National Council, the AMC and the FAC, all hold half of their meetings virtually and the other half physically. There is no

prescription in the Charter, Rules or Bye-Laws as to the format of meetings. Whilst physical meetings are desirable, the National Council recommends a mixture of physical and virtual meetings, to reduce expenses and make the meetings more accessible for everyone.

The rules that were suspended by the National Council during lockdown, was the requirement to hold an AGM and file annual returns. At the start of lockdown, Zoom meetings were not widely accessible nor understood, however this is no longer the case.

On the point of the composition of Branch Committees, Bye-Law A4 states that Area Committee members are elected from amongst the Branch members. Therefore a member who resigns from a Branch and moves to the HQ Roll, is no longer allowed to attend Area meetings (unless invited as an observer) or hold office within an Area Committee.

Finally, attached to this edition of the Circular are the following forms –

- NCM and DNCM Nomination Form 2023 (**Required at CO by 1600 03 February 2023**)
- Proposed Motions and Amendments for Annual Conference 2023 (**Required at CO by 1600 03 February 2023**)
- Nominations for Governance / SOC 2023 (**Required at CO by 03 February 2023**)
- Delegate Application Form for Conference 2023 (**Required at CO by 19 May 2023**)

11. ★ RNA Defence Employers Recognition Scheme – Silver Award

The Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) encourages employers to support defence and inspire others to do the same. The scheme encompasses bronze, silver and gold awards for organisations that do this for the armed forces community, aligning their values fully with the Armed Forces Covenant in many practical ways.

At a ceremony in September at HMS King Alfred, General Secretary Bill Oliphant and Malcolm Little represented the RNA receiving the Silver Award from Nigel Atkinson, Lord Lt of Hampshire

The RNA will certainly strive for Gold at some time in the future. BZ to Malcolm for all his hard work, on Shipmates behalf, in achieving this prestigious award



12. ★ When I met her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth.....

I am sure many Shipmates have a tale to tell about how and when they met Her Majesty. Please read below a lovely article received from Cdr Roderick Harvey RN (Rtd). If you would like to share your story then forward it to andy@raoyalnavalassoc.com

After the shock of learning of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, it is difficult to believe that such a constant in our lives is no longer physically with us, but as the sad news finally sinks in, it has given me an opportunity to reflect on some of the qualities we will all miss.

Many years ago I had the honour and privilege of serving onboard HMY BRITANNIA. It was her kindness and mischievous sense of humour which stood out for me and have helped lighten the loss.

As Balmoral was somewhere The Queen reportedly "left her crown at the palace gates" similarly on BRITANNIA when on annual cruises around the Western Isles she visibly relaxed, knowing she was in safe and loyal hands surrounded by family and far from press intrusion.

One evening, The Queen held a reception in the Pool of London. As she came onboard she noticed that my right hand was in plaster and asked what had happened. I explained that I had broken it playing rugby against the Queen's Flight. A little later I was approached by The Queen's Equerry Major Hugh Lindsay. He said that The Queen wished to see me. "What had I done wrong?" was my immediate thought. I noticed that she was talking to a red-headed giant who towered over her and that his right arm was in plaster and in a sling. With that wonderful smile of hers and a twinkle in her eyes, she said that she thought we would like to meet and was further amused as we shook our left hands. The giant



was none other than my all-time rugby hero, the former England International Maurice Colclough, who I had watched live in Paris in 1980 when, after years in the wilderness, we won the Grand Slam. Despite the crowded reception and with so many guests present, she made the effort to introduce us knowing I would have been unlikely to have met him without her.

A further example occurred when in 1984 a million-strong crowd converged on the banks of the Mersey to witness the Parade of Sail of 70 Tall Ships. The Queen was able to enjoy a unique view from BRITANNIA, moored off Liverpool's Alexandra Dock.

That evening, The Queen was informed that we were about to overhaul the Russian four-masted Kruzenshtern, the world's second largest sail training ship. At the time, the embarked Royal Marine band was entertaining Her Majesty with trad jazz. On hearing that we were nearing this legendary barque, The Queen asked for the doors to be opened and so on that balmy evening the ragtime rhythms of "Hold That Tiger" wafted over the water. For the Russians it must have summed up all that they had been told about the decadent West!

13. ★ Naval Children's Charity - Update

How do you explain the trickier parts of life to a young child?

[The death of Her Majesty, The Queen](#) earlier this month got me thinking about young people and grief.

Her Majesty was very important to a lot of young people - especially those associated with the Royal Navy.

It might also bring up feelings about lost loved ones closer to home, especially if a relative is unwell or has recently died.

Resources that can help adults explain difficult emotions and concepts are so valuable. We have recently developed two booklets to support children and young people and their parents and carers when a parent dies. These will be on our website soon.

[We're also partnering with Thinkably](#), an online resource bank of e-books and other materials, that can help parents, guardians and teachers help children through some of life's big questions and challenges. Naval families will be able to access this library for free for the next 12 months.

One of the topics they cover, 'Tech Anxiety', has been a focus of ours over the past few months. We found there was a significant gap in understanding how serving families use social media during periods of deployment.

We've commissioned the Anglia Ruskin University's Veterans & Family Institute to look at this in more detail, in particular the differences in how parents and children use instant messaging, some of the limitations in internet based communications and how this is impacting children's emotional wellbeing.

You can [read a summary of the launch event](#), or the [report in full](#), on our website.

Best wishes

Claire Scherer

CEO Naval Children's Charity



14. ★ Royal Navy Shop - RNA Products

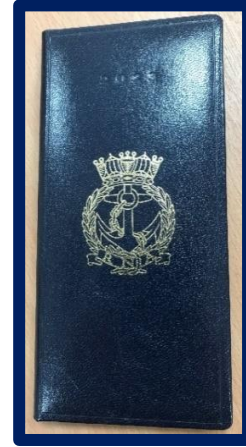
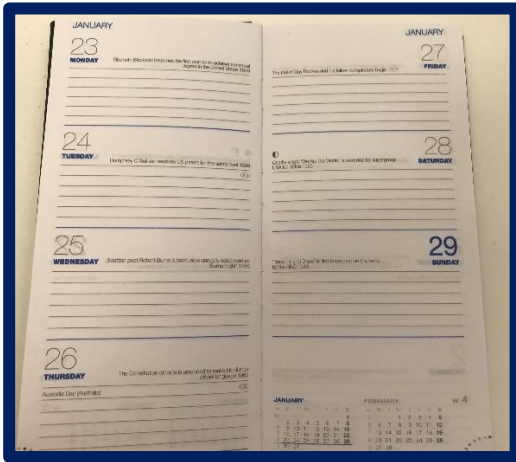
Shipmates will be delighted to know that the RNA Clothing/Products held in stock by the Royal Navy Shop have been reduced by a 17% Discount so it was cheap as chips but is now 17% discounted cheap as chips!!

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

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

15. ★ RNA 2023 Diaries

The 2023 Diary is now available to purchase at £5.50 each, please ring 023 92 723747 or email admin@royalnavalassoc.com to place your order. Please note that as our supplier no longer uses plastic binding in the manufacturing process, the diaries are not spiralled bound as in previous years, but come as a complete diary with the cover attached, as per the photograph



16. ★ Renewal by Shipmate Brian Prince (Christchurch Branch)

Thanks to S/M Brian forward the poem below for our enjoyment.

Every dawning every day brings the sun up in the sky,
Every Sunset come to pass, brings new life to tree or grass,
And as we wonder at these things, life passes by on endless wings.

Like a bird in it's first spring – full of life that nature brings,
It flutters on it's endless way,
It's die is cast – it's patterns set,
Marching forward everyday, Never changing , ceaseless Yet...

For every flower that comes to bloom – a bee or bird will set it's coomb,
For every single fertile flower, will form a fertile seed to bring new life, new hope each Spring
And satisfy a need.

For every mighty Oak tree – ageless and profound
Will come a sudden storm at night and bring it to the ground.
It's course is spent, it's traces broke, it's branches all around
It's life span spent, it's quest fulfilled, it's settles on the turf,
To bring new life kinds of different food to bird and bee and serf.

But from the debris of that tree, new life will soon abound,
A tiny acorn oaks on seed is pushed into the ground
And with the coming of the Sun, the passing of the rain,
Will bring new life to that small seed and start it all again.

By Brian Prince 18 November 2008.

17. ★ 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

18. ★ Caption Competition

What on earth is going on here?? Check out Captain Bill's Inspector
Gadget left arm.....



Gin Lovers.....

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

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

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

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



Pussers

Calling all 'Rum Rats'

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

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

www.pussersrum.com



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Hayes Travel - Foreign Exchange Rates

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



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RNA Longcast

29 Oct	2022 World Uckers Championships – Portsmouth
29 Oct	Area 5 Meeting - Harwich
10 Nov	Garden of Remembrance
11 Nov (pm)	Budget Meeting
13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
17 Nov	FAC On-line
18 Nov	AMC – F2F (Venue TBD)
19 Nov	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting – RNA Gosport (Committee 17 Nov)
09 Dec	National Council Meeting - Portsmouth
21 Dec – 03 Jan	Central Office Closed for Christmas
31 Dec	S/M Andy Christie - Leave's the Building
2023	
21 Jan	Area 4 Quarterly Meeting – Bridport Branch
03/04 Feb	Welfare / Well-Being Workshop – Royal Maritime Club Portsmouth
17 Feb	CONA (Conference of Naval Associations) Mtg – RMC Portsmouth
26 Feb	Area 3 AGM/Quarterly Meeting – RNA Waterlooville (Committee 24 Feb)
03 Mar	National Council Meeting - Portsmouth
06 May	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting (Committee 04 May)
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)
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
18 Nov	Area 3 Quarterly Meeting (Committee 16 Nov)
2024	
Jan (DTBD)	Area 4 AGM – Dorchester Branch
May (DTBD)	National Standard Bearers Competition

D'ye hear there'.....

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

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RNA Builth Wells Branch

On Tuesday the 6th of September Branch Members and friends of the Branch journeyed to The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. This was to specifically pay our respects at the Submariners Memorial which was completed earlier this year. The Branch contributed to the fund raising for the memorial in memory of a founder member who was a Submariner all his career and sadly Crossed the Bar in 2018.

We spent a very good day at the NMA which also was very thought provoking for many of us. The picture shows the group at the Armed Forces Memorial.



Thanks to the Branch and Club Support Fund for helping to fund the outing.



Over the Bank holiday Shipmate Gordon Williams, Chairman of Area 7 (Wales/Cymru) along the National Recruiting and Retention Advisor, S/M Gareth Booth and Mary Shiptonmillsdunk manned the RNA Gazebo at the Cardiff 'Pride' event recently.

Over the weekend they received many visitors at the RNA Gazebo and signed 10 new members, although not everyone who attended the event were members of LGBT+ family. This was a wonderful weekend and we meet some charming

people.

S/M Gordon went on to say..... "We heard some really sad stories concerning the treatment of ex-servicemen and one that stands out concerned a chef who came out whilst serving on board and was threatened that he would be 'thrown overboard' for being gay. He went AWOL and was eventually caught and discharged with loss of 'good conduct badges' and medals. We attended this event with open minds and are so pleased that we promoted the RNA. We received some good feedback and were thanked for attending. (We noted the Army attended for 1 day only and the RAF did not attend, it was the weekend!)

S/M Gordon went on to say "Shipmates please welcome any LGBT+ folk who want to join your branch, remember we are one Naval family and all welcome"

RNA Dublin Branch

Dublin branch members, led by NCM 12 Shipmate Paul Stephenson attended the British Embassy in Dublin to sign the book of condolence for her late Majesty.

They were met by the Defence Attache, Col Sean Grant.

The photo shows L to R

S/M's Maurice Keane, Paul Stephenson, Col Sean Grant (Defence Attache), Dermot Stones, Ken Martin (RBL ROI) and Nigel Brisbane



RNA Torrevieja Branch



Torrevieja Branch are in need of assistance please.....

Are there any Branches / Individuals who are no longer practising the noble art of 'Standard Bearer' that are retiring their Standard Bearer webbing / kit who would be willing to transfer to a new loving home here in sunny Spain?

If so, please contact S/M Tony Jenkins, Torrevieja Chairman at Chairman.RNATB@mail.com or 07576 117222

RNA City of Glasgow Branch

The City of Glasgow RNA were contacted by the family of Francis Kelly, a US Medal of Honor recipient with a view to laying up the flag that covered his coffin with a museum. S/M Kenn McKinnon chairman of the branch made arrangements with the Armed Forces Veterans Association to receive it at their museum in Dumbarton Central Station, room 2 on platform 2.

On the 20th of September Graham Houston great grandson, Mary Houston great grand daughter, Marilyn McDermot great grand daughter and David Houston great great grandson handed the flag over to Tony Barr and Hugh Doohan of the Veterans Center.



Francis Kelly was born **Archibald Houston** in Anderston, Glasgow, Scotland. He enlisted in the US Navy from Massachusetts, and served as a 'watertenderin' the collier USS *Merrimac* during the Spanish–American War. Kelly was one of eight volunteer crew members when Rear Admiral William T Sampson ordered *Merrimac* sunk to block the entrance of Santiago Harbor, Cuba. On the night of 2-June 3, 1898, during the attempt to execute this mission, *Merrimac's* steering gear was disabled by enemy gunfire, and she sank without obstructing navigation. Her crewmen were rescued by the Spanish and made prisoners-of-war. After the Battle of Santiago de Cuba destroyed the Spanish fleet a month later, Kelly and his shipmates were released. For his actions during this operation, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Francis Kelly remained in the Navy after the Spanish–American War, ultimately obtaining the rank of Chief Machinists Mate. He returned home to Glasgow, and died there in 1938, his death certificate states "Archibald Houston (formerly Francis Kelly), US naval pensioner". He is buried at Sandymount Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland.

His Citation to be awarded the Medal of Honor read as follows:

In connection with the sinking of the U.S.S. Merrimac at the entrance to the harbour of Santiago de Cuba, June 2, 1898. Despite heavy fire from the Spanish batteries, KELLY displayed extraordinary heroism throughout this operation.

RNA St Neots Branch

S/M Ian Cameron reports that St Neots S/MS had a good turnout for King Charles 111's Proclamation.

The very emotional event took place in St Neots Market Square on Sunday 11th September to hear the



Proclamation of Accession of Charles III. Members of St Neots Branch attended in No 1s. (Acknowledgement S/M Maureen Ridley)

Dignitaries in attendance included from L – S/M and RNA Chairman Keith Ridley, Daryl Brown MBE Deputy Lieutenant to the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Ben Pitt St Neots Mayor, and S/M Geoff Patterson.

Finally, congratulations to Branch President S/M John Gibbs and wife S/M Stella Gibbs on celebrating their 'Diamond' 60th Anniversary.



S/M John who is President of the St Neots branch, and S/M Stella, recently achieved the enviable milestone of 60 years of marriage on the 1st September 2022. His late S/MS, best man, Peter Skelton; Rob Strathairn, and Dave Lott are also in the picture.

Best Man Peter was buffer of HMS Dartington and at the same time John was buffer of HMS Wilkieston. They were both new UW1s from Vernon in 1960.

Competition between them was getting their respective sweeps out fastest. This was always the challenge which added a new dimension of enthusiasm to a dangerous procedure.

Peter was really chuffed to be John's Best Man.

Dave Lott was to become one of the first Fleet Chiefs in the RN.

(Editor's Note; BZ to both of you and very many congratulations from all at Central Office)

RNA Wallasey Branch

S/M John Williams reports from Wallasey concerning the loss of Her Majesty.

Wallasey RNA were invited to Remembrance service at Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday 18 September. On Monday 19 September the Wallasey RNA held a short service led by the Chairman Shipmate Kevin Cosgrove.

After the Service Shipmates retired to the club to watch her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 funeral.



RNA Wansbeck Branch

S/M Derek Wilkinson from RNA Wansbeck forwarded an article concerning the loss of the Trawler 'Gaul' which sank in 1974 with the loss of 36 crew. Which will remind Shipmates that life sea can often result in tragedy.

A commemorative service was held on Sunday 25th September 2022 at Fidlers Green North Shields to remember the 36 crew members who lost their lives when the ship sank in 1974 off the coast of Norway in bad weather. The trawler was based at Hull, and six of her crew were from the North Tyneside area. Wreaths were laid by various groups and individuals in remembrance, including some dignitaries: the elected mayor of



North

Tyneside Anthea Redfern, the Lord High Sherrif, and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland represented by an RN Commander (retired) who had served for 38 years at HMS Calliope RNR depot on Tyneside.



The statue of a fisherman sitting was erected thanks to the local council and Henry Sims father, the money being raised from the two communities in less than a 6 month period. A bell ringing ceremony was performed as the names of the crew members were read out individually. A scale model of the ship was also on display. Refreshments after the service were provided at the Low Lights Heritage Centre nearby. There was also some entertainment laid on by a group called Beeswing, who sang some sea shantys.

The service was organised by the Fisherman's mission in North Shields who had arranged for a bus trip of 50 from the Hull area to attend the service which was conducted by Supt. Peter Dade the Area Officer, assisted by Brian Chambers the Secretary of the commission and a member of retired fishermen.



RNA Cheltenham Branch

It is with great sadness that Cheltenham Branch are announcing that Shipmate Douglas Hughes has crossed the bar.

His funeral will be held at the Cheltenham Crematorium "Oak Chapel" in Bouncers Lane Prestbury GL52 3TJ at 1500 on Friday 21 October 2022. Family friends plus all Shipmates and RBL members are welcome.

Standards have been requested by the family. Replies to Robertwheatley864@hotmail.com or 01242 224192. Reception to be arranged

RNA Rosyth and West Fife Branch

On Sunday 4th September a large number of our Members embarked on a road trip to visit our National Arboretum combined with a visit to Bletchley Park. The trip was organised by shipmate and Branch Member Mrs. Barbara Firth.

Having made the rounds of Fife, to pick up all our intrepid pilgrims, our coach then headed South around 0930. The Craic on the bus throughout the journey was as bright and refreshing as the glorious weather we were blessed with. All was going swimmingly until we were near Preston, on the M6, where we encountered significant delays due to an RTA earlier in the morning. Undeterred, we pressed on in high spirits, more so at the back of the bus (no names mentioned), and reached our Hotel in Oldbury in plenty of time for our evening meal and after dinner refreshments.





With an early start on Monday morning we arrived at the Arboretum in plenty of time to take part in the daily service in the Chapel. This part of the visit, as ever, was deeply moving and set the tone for our pilgrimage to our Royal Naval Memorial and tour of all the other Memorials and gardens, we were able to take in during on this visit. Some of our shipmates opted to walk, others took the train while a few opted for a Golf Buggy.

These greatly improved amenities provided at the Arboretum, greatly enhanced the experience for our elderly and not so mobile veterans and partners and enabled them to take full advantage of the time there to visit as many sites as feasible.



The weather on the day was stunning with, blue skies, light breeze and temperatures over 22 degrees C, contributing to a thoroughly enjoyable day, despite a few sun burnt faces and pates. The catering facilities at the Arboretum were second to none and great value for money.

Following our supper on Monday evening shipmate Jim Stewart, with the permission of our hotel manager, delivered the first round of a two round Quiz with the second round to be delivered on the Tuesday evening. This was most enthusiastically received and provided some light entertainment to fill the evening.



An early start again on Tuesday morning saw us back on the bus en-route to the much anticipated exhibits at Bletchley Park. We were not to be disappointed, and it really opened our eyes to the magnificent achievements that this facility, and its personnel, delivered to success of the allied prosecution of WWII. How fortunate our Sceptred Isle was to produce such great minds as Alan Turing and all those dedicated and unrecognised (secrecy being the critical key to their unequalled success in those long dark years) British and Allied civilians and service personnel. It makes one wonder such secrecy could ever be achieved in our current era of cybernet and technology. The

self discipline required to work at Bletchley and the ability to work with such secrecy (over 9,000 personnel lived and worked there 24/7) for all those years without a single leak is truly amazing. I would advocate a visit to this treasure for every school child in Britain.



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After supper on Tuesday evening Jim delivered the second round of the quiz. There were no losers but the top three teams shared the entry cash pot of £54. With the company slowly whittling down all the usual suspects negotiated a bar extension and chewed the fat for another couple of hours. We all of course know who we are and in true Bletchley tradition we will safeguard that little secret.

Sadly, the euphoria of our Branch outing was somewhat dampened on our return up North by the

sudden passing of our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September. This event, sadly, brings to a close the longest chapter in our illustrious history under the reign of our most loved, loyal and compassionate Monarch. I believe her passing has left a void in all of the hearts of all the nation and Commonwealth. There is no doubt that His Majesty King Charles III will fill this void and safeguard the legacy of Queen Elizabeth II.

God Save The King.

RNA Helston Branch

The Chairman received a call from 814 Squadron on 31st August (The Flying Tigers) RNAS Culdrose asking if the branch wanted a stall on their families' day in three day's time!

So it was a mad time trying to get items ready for the table which was offered but the squadron. The secretary came up trumps with RNA bits & pieces from his loft. The day went well in getting the word of the branch out the community. 814 personnel looked after the lads with drinks & food. Photograph L to R S/m George Scott (Chairman), S/m Alex Willett (Standard Bearer) & Shipmates Tony King & Peter Cherry Committee.



The branch supported the Warspite Association for their annual memorial service at the Warspite stone in Marazion the service was brought 30 minutes earlier so the Mayor and all the town &

council officials could attend a special Commemoration Service for our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II. The branch also attended the service at the All Saints church in Marazion. The branch meeting in the week the Chairman opened the meeting with a moving tribute to our late Queen. Members attending gave their recollections of meeting or seeing The Queen. The chairman worked at Boscombe Down where the Royal Flight used to land to visit local Army bases. S/m Josie Locke remembers being on HMS Kent as a young Wren for the Silver Jubilee. S/m Joe Locke recounted being in



the Royal Guard in 1971 & S/m Tony King recalled being on a submarine and using the Royal Yacht as a target (don't tell the King). At the end of the meeting shipmates signed the book of condolence in the Guildhall.

RNA Lee on the Solent and Stubbington Branch

Lee/Stubb Shipmates set off for Presidents in high spirits, especially after the last one was cancelled due to the stand collapsing in Horseguards! The new programme took in the Cabinet War Rooms, strongly commended by all Shipmates followed by a trip round Buckingham Palace.



The Buckingham Palace tour was, as you would expect incredible.

However, it was during the tour we heard that Her Majesty was gravely ill and had sadly passed away as the coach was making its way out of London.

So, it was heavy heart we made our way back south in a very sombre atmosphere and such a tragic way to end what started as a super day.

We will all very much remember where we were on the day Her Majesty passed away.
God save the King.

RNA Portsea Branch

Our thanks to Shipmate Richie Framan for his report from deepest Portsea.....

A packed Cathedral in Old Portsmouth attended the annual Service for Seafarers which was attended by HM Lord Lt of Hampshire, The Lord Mayor, Naval Base Commander, Commodore John Voyce OBE Royal Navy and 7 standards were present including Portsea RNA and the County Class Destroyer Association



After the main service there was a short service at the Nelson Statue in Grand Parade, Old Portsmouth, where a wreath was thrown into the sea by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and several wreaths were laid at the statue.



RNA Cromer Branch

Members of The Royal Navy Association based at Cromer Tennis Club, Norfolk have reached across the generations and donated a new squash championship shield to the Junior Squash team to help them aspire to new sporting heights. The Junior Squash Championship will be played this winter with the name of the Junior Champion placed on the shield and on a new honours board.

Kelvin van Hasselt, Chairman of the Tennis Club thanked the Royal Naval Association Cromer Branch for their generosity in donating the RNA Junior Squash Champion Shield with an annual update of the junior squash champion's name.



The Royal Naval Association in Cromer looks forward to supporting the development of a new generation of squash players, boys and girls, under the guidance of the Tennis Club's 2 very experienced squash coaches.

The photograph shows Mr Van Hasselt receiving the Junior Squash Shield from Bishop Dr John Mills, Chairman and Chaplain of the Royal Naval Association, Cromer and accompanied by some of the members of the RNA branch".

RNA Chard Branch



An invitation was received from the Captain and crew of HMS Somerset to attend a day at sea with them on Thursday 1st September 2022. The invitation was for three members of the branch to attend the 'Affiliation day' for those association/ clubs and businesses that are affiliated or associated with the ship.

Shipmates Malcolm Day (Chard President), Mike Kirkland (treasurer) and Sue Kirkland were

selected to attend by branch members.

The trio had a brilliant day at sea starting with breakfast hosted by the Warrant Officer and Chief's mess after which they put to sea on a sunny calm day during which time they visited various parts of the ship and in their case escorted by a Petty Officer as can be seen in some of the attached images. Those onboard were entertained to a helicopter fly past and a most enjoyable day was had.

It is hoped to maintain our association with the ship and hopefully be able to visit her again when she is alongside nearer to the Christmas period hopefully. Dependent on her orders etc



in the future it is hoped also to have members of the ship's company to attend a future event with the branch in Chard.

BZ to the Captain and crew we heartily thank you for the memorable day sea and the rekindling of memories of life at sea in the past..

(Thanks to S/M Dick Moon for forwarding the above article)

CROSSING THE BAR – Celebrating a life well lived

[John \(Yorky\) Marshall](#)

[David Michael Wilson](#)

John (Yorky) Marshall - Uttoxeter Branch

It is with great sadness that Uttoxeter Branch has to report that Shipmate WO2 John Marshall RM "Crossed the Bar" on the 15th of July 2022. The Funeral service and Cremation were held at Stafford Crematorium on the 11th of August 2022.

The RNA Branch Members led by their Chairman S/M David Emery MBE formed a Guard of Honour and the Branch Standard, borne by S/M Phil Davis proceeded the casket and escorted by fellow ex Royal Marines and friends.

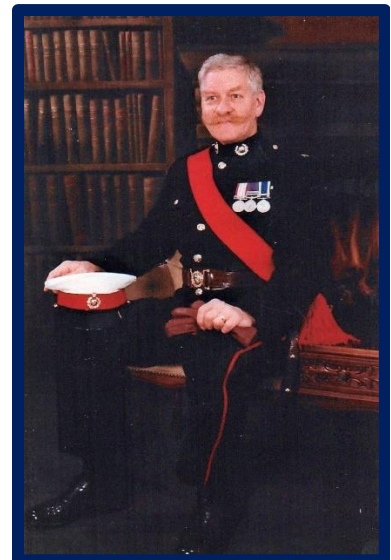
John (Yorky) Marshall started his RM career on 9th June 1952. After 12 weeks training he was posted to Eastney Barracks and then onto TTCRM and then back and forth between Barracks,

His first posting was to HMS Vanguard in 1953 where he gained his Marine First Class serving on her until September 1954. He then joined 40 and 42 Commandos and saw action in Aden and the Malayan Peninsula. He was promoted to Corporal in 1955. After spells at various UK barracks and Christmas Island, it was onto the JSAW centre and promoted to Sergeant.

After a term with 45 Commando in 1964, he joined HMS Bulwark where he was given command of the landing craft on board. He then joined HMS Caledonia and 41 Commando and was promoted to Colour Sergeant and then back to ATURN. His final ship was HMS Intrepid and promotion to QMS and after "Intrepid" and was stationed at RMB Eastney and in 1974 became WO2.

After active service, John joined the RN&RM careers office in Hanley where he served for 15 years until his retirement in 1989 and whilst still employed by the Careers Service joined the RNA in 1983. He was an active member of the Branch eventually becoming President.

He will be immensely missed by his family and all who knew him.



David (Davy) Wilson - Corby Branch

It is with great sadness that the Corby Branch announce the passing of one of our staunchest shipmates, David (Davy) Wilson. (13 Apr 1942 – 15 Aug 2022)

Davy joined the Royal Marines in 1959 and clocked up thousands of sea miles aboard various ships. The ship, he spoke of most vividly, was HMS Ark Royal. He spent 18 months in Borneo, Malaya and Singapore from 1964 to 1966. Davy lived with his family in Plymouth until his demob in 1969.



Shortly after this the family moved to Corby and Davy became a founder member of Corby RNA in 1987. Davy was an active member and was without doubt the “life and soul of the party”

Davy’s health declined in recent years but despite this he continued to be positive and determined, continuing to attend meetings and occasions when he could.

Davy will be sorely missed. May he find safe anchorage.

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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

	Please check go to link for RN Shipmates.co.uk for a comprehensive list of further reunions. www.rnshipmates.co.uk
2022	
07/10 Oct	<p>HMS RELENTLESS 80th Anniversary Reunion</p> <p>To be held at the Cambridge Bar Hill Hotel, Cambridge</p> <p>Friday 7th - Monday 10th October 2022</p> <p>All ex-Rusty Rs from any commission are most welcome to attend</p> <p>Contact SFEVENTS - sarah@sarahfletcerevents.co.uk</p> <p>or the Association Secretary - contact@hmsrelentless.org</p>

Swinging the Lamp – Oct 2022

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Date	Year	Entry
1 st	1988	Hard-lying money replaced by long service at sea bonus.
2 nd	1804	Abortive attack with Fulton's fireships off Boulogne by Keith, which Gambier considered 'a horrible and anti-Christian mode of warfare'.
3 rd	1943	Battle of Termoli, Adriatic Coast. Amphibious operation by 40 Cdo RM to seize port and strategic road ahead of advancing forces. One DSO, three MCs, two MMs.

4 th	1982	Leander-class frigate <i>Bacchante</i> , transferred to RNZN on 1 October, commissioned as HMNZS <i>Wellington</i> . DCI(RN) 434/82.
5 th	2004	The submarine HMCS <i>Chicoutimi</i> (ex-HMS <i>Upholder</i>) running opened up on the surface in heavy seas in the E. Atlantic, was seriously damaged by a fire when she took in water through the open upper lid which arced the main power cables between the forward battery and the main propulsion switchboards. One officer died. <i>Chicoutimi</i> lost all power on board and drifted for sixty hours. She was towed 220 miles to Faslane, escorted by the frigate <i>Montrose</i> , and arrived on 10 October. Order of St John: Surg-Lt Michael Lindsay RN.
6 th	1901	Queen Alexandra became Patron of the Naval Nursing Service, which was renamed Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.
7 th	2001	RN SSNs launched TLAMs at Taleban and al-Qaeda locations inside Afghanistan
8 th	1914	The second RN air attack from Antwerp on airship sheds at Dusseldorf and Cologne; Sqn Cdr D.A.S. Grey and Ft-Lt R.L.G. Marix, flying Sopwith Tabloids. Grey failed to find the target at Cologne due to fog and, under heavy rifle and shell fire, bombed the main railway station. Marix blew up the airship shed at Dusseldorf with the new rigid airship Z9, the first Zeppelin destroyed by a British aircraft. He ran out of petrol on the way back and returned to base on a borrowed bicycle. The base at Antwerp was overrun by the Germans that night and the naval crews destroyed their aircraft before withdrawing.
9 th	1862	VC: AB George Hinckley (<i>Sphinx</i>) for twice covering 150yd of ground under enemy fire to rescue wounded men. British and French landing parties, assisted by Chinese troops, repulsed the Taiping rebels and captured the city of Fung Wha, above Ningpo.
10 th	1946	Torpedo and Anti-Submarine (TAS) Branch formed: Torpedo Branch passed electrical responsibilities to the recently formed Electrical Branch and amalgamated with the Anti-Submarine Branch, formerly based at <i>Osprey</i> , Portland, to form the new TAS Branch based at <i>Vernon</i> .
11 th	1940	Battleship <i>Revenge</i> , seven destroyers and six MTBs bombarded Cherbourg. Covering force: cruisers <i>Cardiff</i> , <i>Emerald</i> , <i>Newcastle</i> and six destroyers. Operation Medium.
12 th	1940	Operation Sealion, the planned German invasion of Britain, postponed until spring 1941. 'Had Hitler been able to dominate the English Channel – be it only for twenty-four hours – he might have succeeded. But like Napoleon before him, he was never in a position to do so' – Vice-Admiral Friedrich Ruge.
13 th	1996	<i>Scott</i> , the biggest surveying ship ever built for the Royal Navy, launched at Appledore by Mrs Portillo. Vessel ordered to replace <i>Hecla</i> . Designed to commercial standards and provides deep bathymetric capability off the Continental Shelf. Her multibeam sonar suite permits mapping of the ocean floor. Full load displacement 13,550 tons. Ship's company of sixty-three divided into three watches, only two of which embarked.
14 th	1965	801 NAS at RNAS Lossiemouth became the first operational unit to be equipped with Buccaneer aircraft. On 18 October one of these, XN 980, made a low-level pass over Nelson's Column to mark the 160th anniversary of Trafalgar – an impressive photograph which was fully exploited by DPR(N) and DNR.

15 th	1945	The last 'service' launch of a Fairey Swordfish from a RN carrier – <i>Ocean</i> ; but Cdr David Hobbs cautions that <i>Centaur</i> launched Swordfish LS326 and NF389 during the filming of 'Sink the Bismarck' in 1959, both aircraft were on Navy charge and flown by a serving crew.
16 th	1759	Eddystone Light first lit.
17 th	1918	Monitors <i>General Wolfe</i> and <i>Lord Clive</i> bombarded German positions on the Belgian coast, the last occasion on which the RN fired 18-in guns in action.
18 th	1949	Lt HRH The Duke of Edinburgh RN joined the destroyer <i>Chequers</i> (Capt J.E.H. McBeath RN, Captain (D) 1st DF) at Malta as First Lieutenant.
19 th	1939	Supply of dentures to Serving Ratings. 'An initial supply of dentures at the public expense is allowable to serving ratings of all branches, including recruits and Royal Marine ranks, provided: 1a. The supply is essential to render the man dentally fit for general service . . . 1b. The need for the supply had not arisen through the man's imprudence or fault.' – AFO 3074/39.
20 th	1914	<i>Glitra</i> , first British merchant ship to be sunk by a German submarine, torpedoed by U-17 14 miles W.S.W. of Skudenaes. Until then the submarine had been regarded as an anti-warship weapon.
21 st	1844	Capt George Moubray, Captain of HMS <i>Victory</i> at anchor in Portsmouth Harbour, had to move smartly when HM Queen Victoria and HRH Prince Albert came up the side unheralded. The Queen, entering harbour from Osborne en route to Windsor, had seen the laurel wreaths at the ship's masthead and, on being reminded that it was Trafalgar Day and told that the wreaths were hoisted in memory of Admiral Nelson, decided to have a look round.
22 nd	1994	<i>Resolution</i> , Britain's first Polaris submarine, paid off after sixty-nine patrols.
23 rd	1943	Light cruiser <i>Charybdis</i> sunk by the German TBs T-23 and T-27 off Triagoz Island, France (48.59N, 03.39W). Destroyer <i>Limbourne</i> torpedoed by the German TBs T-22 and T-24 in the same position; sunk by <i>Talybont</i> and <i>Rocket</i> . Operation Tunnel. Ships: <i>Charybdis</i> , <i>Grenville</i> , <i>Limbourne</i> , <i>Rocket</i> , <i>Stevenstone</i> , <i>Talybont</i> , <i>Wensleydale</i> . Dead washed ashore on Channel Islands; buried by islanders despite German occupation. The only RN cruiser lost in 1943.
24 th	1805	A major newspaper scoop gained by the <i>Gibraltar Chronicle</i> with news of Trafalgar following receipt of Collingwood's letter to General Fox, the Governor. <i>The Times</i> first reported the news on 6 November.
25 th	2007	The ship's bell of the battleship <i>Prince of Wales</i> , sunk off Malaya on 10 December 1941 and retrieved by RN divers in August 2002, was handed over by Rear-Admiral Alan Massey, ACNS, at Admiralty House, Portsmouth, to the Malaysian Minister of Foreign Affairs for exhibitions to mark fifty years of Malaysian independence. The bell was returned in the destroyer <i>Edinburgh</i> in August 2008 and is preserved in Merseyside Maritime Museum.
26 th	1944	Carrier <i>Implacable</i> (Admiral Sir Henry Moore), light cruiser <i>Mauritius</i> and six destroyers of 26th DF successfully attacked shipping between

		Bodo and Rorvik (and on 27th and 28th). Operation Athletic. FAA Sqn: Barracuda: 828, 841; Firefly: 1771; Seafire: 887, 894.
27 th	2002	The RN's newest warship, the frigate <i>St Albans</i> , alongside in Portsmouth, damaged when P&O ferry <i>Pride of Portsmouth</i> from Le Havre, entering harbour in gale-force winds at 0500 on a Sunday, slewed off course and collided with the frigate's port side. Port bridge wing and 30-mm gun deck were buckled and damage to starboard side hull. The frigate returned to sea on 12 February 2003.
28th	1958	First flight of the pre-production Wasp helicopter (XS463), flown by Ron Gellatly, from White Waltham.
29 th	1792	Last of <i>Bounty</i> mutineers executed at Spithead.
30th	1954	X 51 (<i>Stickleback</i>) set new altitude record for a submarine – 279m. (This was reached on a railway track on Shap Summit.)
31st	1967	Cunard liner RMS <i>Queen Mary</i> , departing Southampton for the last time en route to Long Beach, California, was played off from 107 Berth by a RM band. She was over-flown by fourteen RN helicopters in anchor formation: six Whirlwinds of 771 NAS, six Wessex of 826 NAS and two Wasps of 829 NAS. Once clear of The Nab channel, the carrier <i>Hermes</i> steamed past and cheered ship.

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

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

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

Dinner in restaurant

Breakfast served in the Pearce Suite.

Live entertainment Friday and Sunday

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

Car Parking £15.00 per car for duration of weekend.

Accommodation can be booked on

0151 709 7200 Ex 2 or 3

ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL

Royal Naval Association Annual Conference 2023

Room Rates 25th - 28th May 2023

250 Rooms available for the Gala Dinner

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

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

Dinner in restaurant on Friday and Sunday.

Breakfast served in the Pearce Suite.

Saturday Gala Dinner in the Banqueting Hall.

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

Live entertainment Friday, Saturday and Sunday Evenings

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

Car Parking £15 per car for duration of weekend.

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

Or on the electronic booking form on

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

NOVOTEL HOTEL LIVERPOOL CENTRE

(4 Star Hotel)

Royal Naval Association Annual Conference 2023

Room Rates 25th - 29th May 2023

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

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

Guests to pay in full 28 days prior to arrival

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

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

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

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

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

Hotel contact details

40 Hanover Street, Liverpool, L1 4LN

Tel: 0151 702 5100



Booking and Payment Form for Royal Naval Association Annual Conference 2023

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

GUEST DETAILS

Main occupant name:

Occupant name:

Nights per stay:

Room Type required:

Date of check in:

Email:

Contact number:

Additional comments:

PAYMENT DETAILS

Total Rate of Stay: £

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

Full Address of Cardholder:

Credit card type and number:

Card expiry date:

Name of the bank that issued the card:

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

Name:

Signature:

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

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries:

NCM in Areas. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, Scottish and DNCM in all Areas

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

Names of Nominees

NCM **DNCM**

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

Address of Nominee NCM.....

..... **e mail**

DNCM.....

..... **e mail**

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

NCM

DNCM

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

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

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

Candidate's Branch

We are aware of the above nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

Signature of Secretary (Candidate's Branch)

Candidate

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

Signature of Candidate Dated

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

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

PROPOSED MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

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

Name of Proposing Branch:

Motion / amendment

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

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

Name of Seconding Branch:

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

Notes

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

Nominations for Governance Standing Orders Committee 2023

For the attention of All Branch Secretaries

Applications are sought for the Governance Standing Orders Committee.

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

NAME OF NOMINEE

PROPOSED BY BRANCH

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE

.....

.....

E mail Post code

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

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

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

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

Candidate's Branch

We support this Nomination.

Signature of Chairman (Candidate's Branch)

Signature of Secretary (Candidate's Branch)

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

Signature of Candidate

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

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

Delegate to Annual Conference 2023 Liverpool

Branch secretaries should note the following before submitting their application.

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

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

Branch		Area	
Name of Delegate			
Car registration		Passenger Name	
Delegate's Address	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Telephone No Post Code </div>		
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