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Dear S/M Secretary,

1. Shipmates throughout the Royal Naval Association have expressed their delight that the Association's National Chairman, Shipmate David White MSM has been honoured by HM The Queen in the Birthday Honours List by the award of an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) following many years of selfless work on behalf of the Association. We feel sure that David will continue his sterling work and look forward to seeing him in his newly decorated condition.

Proposed RNA Trip to New Zealand – Cancellation

2. Regrettably, the proposed RNA Trip to New Zealand in February 2009 has been cancelled due to insufficient interest.

Conference Delegates – Travelling Expenses

3. Branches are reminded that the calculation of pooled fares for delegate travel to and from the Annual Conference will be based upon the return second class rail fare irrespective of the mode of travel actually utilised (RNA Bye-law 3). Conference Accommodation costs fall to the Branch.

The 2008 Yearbook

4. The 2008 Year Book is with the printers and will shortly be available for distribution. The Year Book will be priced at £1-00 per copy and, as is customary, one free copy will be provided to the Honorary Secretary of each Branch are kept under constant review.

The RNA Diary for 2009

5. Diaries for the next year will be available in a **Blue** cover. Orders should arrive by **29TH August 2008** and be accompanied by a cheque for the total value.

To: The Assistant General Secretary
Royal Naval Association
82 Chelsea Manor Street
London SW3 5QJ

From: **Branch**

Please provide **2009 Diaries @ £4.00**

Send to:

e-MAIL ADDRESSES

6. RNA HQ Staff continue to attempt to build a library of e-mail addresses within the Association. It would be extremely helpful if those Branch Secretaries able to communicate by e-mail would forward a short e-message to HQ on paddy@royalnavalassoc.com so that registration can begin

Gift Aid

7. Following the change from covenanting to Gift Aid, we have somehow lost momentum. The number of Gift Aid forms, from a membership of 24,590 stands at a modest 3,500. May we remind you that this is free money, which has helped us to maintain our annual subscription at £10.00. A blank Gift Aid form is included with this Newsletter at Annex B. Once completed, a Gift Aid Declaration lasts until it is rescinded. Thank you.

Navy News Subscriptions - Price Increase and Special Offers for New Subscribers

8. The cover price of The Navy News recently increased to £1-80 per issue which is the first increase for 3 years following a large rise in the cost of printing and distribution. However, The Navy News is offering a special deal for annual subscribers with a subscription of £18-00 for 12 issues including postage and packing - the Navy News comes though your letterbox at a very reduced rate. The cover price saving is £3-60 before considering postage and packing - for Overseas please phone 02392-734448 for Airmail prices or contact subscriptions@navynews.co.uk. See the offer each month in The Navy News.

RNA CALENDAR from No. 11 Area – The Best Buy

9. A quite splendid calendar has been produced and published by No. 11 Area and will decorate any clubroom or home. Lavishly illustrated by contemporary naval photographs it is certainly worth the very modest price of £3-00 (including postage and packing). Orders must be received by 31st July 2008. To order, contact:

S/M Peter Reddick – e-mail peter.reddick@ntlworld.com

OR

S/M John Rooney – e-mail f.rooney2@ntlworld.com
Or at 11 Exmoor Grove, Hartlepool, TS26 OXE

The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust – Pembroke House – A High Quality Care and Nursing Home

10. Pembroke House is a care home situated in Gillingham, Kent and is run by the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (RNBT). The home caters for residential and nursing care needs of those who have served as ratings in the Royal Navy or as other ranks in the Royal Marines and their spouses. The Commission for Social Care Inspectorate has awarded its highest accolade to Pembroke House in recognition of the home setting and maintaining the highest standards of care. The home provides care for the elderly frail but is not registered for the mentally infirm, particular those suffering from dementia.

Pembroke House has 49 beds with 19 allocated for nursing care on a dedicated floor. It stands in fine landscaped grounds with a panoramic view overlooking the River Medway. The home is tastefully decorated on a nautical theme and all rooms are single and have en-suite facilities. The home has an excellent relationship within the local community and Chatham Historic Dockyard. It also maintains strong ties with the Royal Naval Association, several branches of which regularly visit the home and in turn invite the residents to their meetings and social events that include BBQs in the home's lovely walled garden.

Fees for FY '08/'09 range from £385.00 to £417.00 for residential care and £593.00 to £694.00 for nursing to reflect the level of care required; packages are tailored to each individual and are subject to regular review as needs change. Pembroke House is most definitely not a 'one size fits all' care home! Both self-funding and Social Services funded residents are accommodated provided the fees are topped up where there is a shortfall in local authority funding. The Trust's policy is not to match any shortfalls in funding on the basis that its charitable funds are utilised to provide the highest standards of care and facility within the home at rates that are below the market average. Fees are revised annually.

The Trust only employs staff with the right combination of skills and caring attitude. The home is equipped to the highest standards and prides itself on its bright and airy environment with a dedicated staff who assist residents in enjoying a full, independent and active life.

For more details contact the Home Manager on 01634 852431 or e-mail to enquiry@pembrokehouse-rnbt.org.uk ; further details may also be found on the RNBT's web site www.rnbt.org.uk

News from the York and District Branch

11. The York and District Branch of the Royal Naval Association has been celebrating its 30th Birthday this year. At its May meeting, the Branch was very pleased to honour three Shipmates with Life Membership of the RNA viz: Shipmate Mike Farrington (the Branch Secretary), Shipmate Bernard Hallas (ex-Royal Marines and Branch PRO) who is 90 years young this month and Shipmate Derek Derek Eggleton who has just stood down from the Chairmanship of the Branch. The Branch President (Commander Paul Porter RN, who is still serving and is a former Commanding Officer of HMS YORK) presented the Life Membership Certificates and congratulated the new Life Members. The York and District Branch of the RNA meets at Clarence WM Club on the third Tuesday of each month at 2000 – serving and ex-RN/RM personnel are welcome. The Branch Chairman (S/M Peter A Shepherd) can be contacted at 22 Cherrywood Crescent, Fulford, YORK YO19 4QN (Tel: 01904-655055).

Maidstone Branch of The Royal Naval Association – Annual Sea Service

12. The Maidstone Branch of the Royal Naval Association will be holding its Annual Sea Service on Sunday 20th July 2008, celebrating 20 years of this event and also the 60th Anniversary of its Commissioning. Additionally, the Branch will be laying up its old Standard and dedicating a new one. A warm welcome is extended to all Branches of No. 2 Area (including members of the RMA, FAA and Association of Wrens). The Parade will be led by the Band of TS ARK ROYAL. Muster from 1500 at Aylesford Community Centre. The Service will be followed by a buffet and full bar facilities (price £4) but Standard Bearers will be free and will be rewarded by the traditional tot. Ceremonial Sunset will be performed on completion on the Recreation Ground. Numbers attending should be notified to the Hon Secretary (S/M John Cooper) at 16 Froyle Close, Allington, Maidstone, Kent ME16 ORQ (Tel: 01622-675895).

Falmouth Branch of The Royal Naval Association – Sea Sunday

13. Sea Sunday in Falmouth has been held on the third Sunday in July for many years and for most of that time the arrangements have been made by the Falmouth Branch of the Royal Naval Association. This year the event takes place on Sunday 20th July and the Mayor, Town Council and Royal Naval Association Falmouth Branch will welcome Branches to the Parade and Service. The provisional programme is :

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|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1020 | Parade musters on The Moor, Falmouth
(Parade will consist of units of HM Forces, Veterans Organisations, Youth Organisations together with Civic Guests from Falmouth and the surrounding area). |
| 1040 | The Parade and Standards (led by the Volunteer Band of HMS SEAHAWK (RNAS Culdrose)) marches to the Church of King Charles the Martyr. |

- 1100 Church Service Commences.
- 1200 (approx) Parade reforms, marching to the National Maritime Museum, Cornwall. Salute to be taken by Lady Mary Holborow, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall.
- 1215 (approx) Parade dismissed at Events Square (adjacent to Museum). Participants and those attending the Church Service are invited to attend a Reception to be held in the Discovery Centre of the Museum. Those attending the Reception are invited to visit the Museum facilities free of charge, by courtesy of the Museum Authorities.

To assist with planning the event (and in particular the catering) Branches intending to be represented are requested to complete the following proforma as soon as possible :

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION FALMOUTH BRANCH

SEA SUNDAY – 20TH JULY 2008

Name.....

Organisation.....

Contact Name.....

Tel.No.....

- I/we will be attending
- I/we will be unable to attend
- Our Standard will be paraded
- (Approximate) numbers who will take part in the Parade
- (Approximate) Numbers attending Church only
- We will/will not be attending the Reception in the Maritime Museum

(Delete as necessary)

Please return to:

S/M Ron Burdekin,
Honorary Secretary, Falmouth Branch of the Royal Naval Association,
23 Glebe Close
Mawgan
Helston
Cornwall TR12 6AA
Tel: 01326-221851
07810-404418 (Mobile)

e-mail: rnafalmouth@msn.com

Selsey Branch of the Royal Naval Association – Re-dedication of Standards

14. Selsey Branch of the Royal Naval Association in conjunction with the Selsey Lifeboat, will be rededicating our Standards on Sunday 27th July 2008 at an open air service on the Selsey Lifeboat Green commencing at 1830 hrs. Branches are invited to send their Standards with up to three Shipmates. The muster will be at the East Beach Car Park, (free parking) at 1745 to march less than half a mile to the Lifeboat Green. On completion of the service there will be a Reception at the Selsey Club, Coxes Road. Please see map of Selsey at Annex.

Branches wishing to participate please supply the following information to the Hon. Sec. Brian Hall at Lauriston, 39, Hillfield Road, Selsey, West Sussex. PO20 0LB by 10th July or Email brianhall@selseypc.net or telephone 01243 604273 for further information.

Branch.....We will be attending
Name of Standard Bearer.....
Numbers from the Branch attending.....
Contact telephone number.....

15.

ASSOCIATION OF WRENS
National Reunion at York

22-24 August 2008
Friday Evening Welcome Buffet

**Saturday RM Assn. Band
Concert & Re-education
Socialising - goods stalls -
photo display**

York visitor trips optional

Good accommodation on
campus

Expecting over 1,000 members,
why not join us?

**REUNION HOTLINE 01489
505226**

Not a member? Not a problem,
contact 0207 9320111
wrensassoc@aol.com
www.wrens.org.uk

**Serving RN Women especially
welcome!**

Friends of HMS VIDAL

16. The 2008 reunion of The Friends of HMS VIDAL will be held at The Burlington Palm Hotel, North Drive, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR30 1EG on 6th September 2008. Please contact David Parker, 28 The Sanctuary, Green Lane, Morden, Surrey CM4 5NX (Tel: 0208-648-0160) for full details.

HMS MATCHLESS Association 1942-46 (including other "M" Class Destroyers of the Flotilla)

17. Shipmates from the first and second commission of the above are welcome to attend the 22nd Annual Reunion of the Association which will take place on 20th September 2008 in The Union Jack Club, London. Contact J Horton at 10 Finch Court, Coles Close, Ongar, Essex CM5 OAY (Tel : 01277-366617).

Harlow Branch of the Royal Naval Association – 50th Anniversary

18. Harlow Branch of the Royal Naval Association will be holding a Laying Up and Dedication Service on Sunday 19th October 2008 at St James' with St Luke's Church, Staple Tye, Harlow, Essex at 1500. There will be no March Past. Standards will line the entrance to the Church before and after the Service. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

Harlow Branch extends an invitation to Branches interested in sending their Standard and up to four Shipmates. Branches should contact the Honorary Secretary: S/M June Ray, 37 Park Mead, Harlow, Essex CM20 1RL – Tel: 01279-865919 – e-mail june.ray1@ntlworld.com.

HMS ULSTER 1958-60 Commission – 50th and Final Re-union

19. The 50th Anniversary and Final Re-union will take place between 24-27 October 2008 at the Kistor Hotel, Torquay and full details can be obtained from Reg Ralph, 20 Penhale Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN22 7JX (Tel: 01323-725978) e-mail rejoice@milnet.co.uk.

HMS NAIAD – Re-union

20. A re-union for all those who served in HMS NAIAD is planned for the weekend 31st October to 1st November 2008 and will be held in the Queen's Hotel, Southsea. Details can be obtained from the website www.hmsnaiad.co.uk or contact Paul Gower who is the Social Secretary at reunion@hmsnaiad.co.uk Or via 01443-685861 or 07876-057415.

An RNA Contact in Florida

21. S/M Margaret Tedrick is well known to many in the Royal Naval Association since she attends Conference each year without fail, being a member of the Long Beach Branch which is the only RNA Branch in USA. Although Margaret is a member of Long Beach she actually lives some 3,000 miles away in Florida just north of Daytona Beach, and would be glad to meet RNA members informally when they are visiting Florida. S/M Margaret and her husband live at:

226 N Nova Road
Ormond Beach
Florida 32174
Tel: 386-323-9043

e-mail : travellingwren@yahoo.com

Saving Money and Keeping Warm.

22. The National Welfare Adviser (S/M Rita Lock) has these words of wisdom for home owners, private tenants or residential landlords (Council tenants or Housing Association tenants should contact their landlords).

“Would you like to save money, stay warm, lessen the impact of rising fuel prices and reduce your carbon footprint? If so, did you know that you are entitled to a grant for loft and cavity wall insulation? If you are over 70 years of age OR in receipt of an income or disability related benefit the works could even be completely free.

Free insulation is for people on benefit or over 70. The following benefits apply:

Attendance Allowance
Disability Living Allowance
State Pension Credit
Income Support
Housing Benefit
Council Tax Benefit (single persons allowance does not apply)
Child Tax Credit (with household income less than £15,592)
Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
War Disablement Pension (which must include Constant Attendance Allowance or Mobility Supplement)
Working Tax Credit (with household income less than £15,592)
Disablement Pension (which must include Constant Attendance Allowance)

If you think you qualify for any of the above then please apply on line at www.heatproject.co.uk or call 0800 093 40 50 and if this does not apply to your particular area then they will certainly put you onto the right line. If you do not qualify for the free help then a grant towards the cost may still be available. Further details can be found on www.ofgem.gov.uk.

This scheme has got to be worth a free phone call or checking on line.

Save money and stay warm next winter.

Tips on Filling your Vehicles...This is a Message received from a friend:

23. But my line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every litre. Here we deliver about 4 million litres in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel; the next day is jet fuel, and petrol, LRP and Unleaded. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 litres.

ONLY BUY OR FILL UP YOUR CAR OR BIKE EARLY IN THE MORNING WHEN THE GROUND TEMPERATURE IS STILL COLD. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground, the denser the fuel, when it gets warmer petrol expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening.... your litre is not exactly a litre.

In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the petrol, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products play an important role. A one degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

WHEN YOU'RE FILLING UP, DO NOT SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER OF THE NOZZLE TO A FAST MODE. If you look, you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode, you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapours that are created, while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapour return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapour. Those vapours are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TIPS IS TO FILL UP WHEN YOUR TANK IS HALF FULL. The reason for this is, the more fuel you have in your tank, the less air occupying its empty space. Petrol evaporates faster than you can imagine. Petroleum storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the petrol and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation.

Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated, so that every litre is actually the exact amount.

ANOTHER REMINDER, WHEN YOU STOP TO BUY AND THERE IS A FUEL TRUCK PUMPING INTO THE STORAGE TANKS, DO NOT FILL UP.
- most likely the petrol/diesel is being stirred up as the fuel is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Hope, this will help you get the maximum value for your money.

An Announcement from the Ministry of Defence

Additional Recognition for Service Personnel Who Die on Operations

24.

KEY POINTS:

- **The Chiefs of Staff have recommended a new national award for the families of those Service personnel who die on operations or as a result of terrorist action whilst on duty, in recognition of their loss and sacrifice. The recognition will be retrospective.**
- **The Chiefs' recommendation has been supported by MOD Ministers, other Government Departments and approved by Her Majesty The Queen.**
- **An Implementation Team has been set up to decide exactly what form this new recognition should take and who will receive it. More details will be announced later this year.**

DETAIL:

Commenting on the decision, the Chief of the Defence Staff said, "Our Armed Forces demonstrate bravery, commitment and professionalism on a daily basis and as a nation we must continue to show our appreciation. It is equally important that we remember their families who play a vital role in supporting their loved ones serving in the Armed Forces.

"It is a sad but unavoidable reality that some of our brave service personnel pay the ultimate sacrifice in the name of their country. That is why my fellow Chiefs of Staff and I believe the time is right to recommend a new award for the families of those who die on operations in recognition of their loss. We will now be giving careful thought to how we can do this in a fitting way."

Written Ministerial Statement to the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for Defence

Members of the Armed Forces who die on operations or in training are remembered on the new Armed Forces Memorial in Staffordshire which was dedicated by Her Majesty The Queen last October. For some months now the military Chiefs of Staff have been giving careful consideration to how the nation might give additional recognition.

The Chiefs have concluded that the time is now right to recommend a new national award for the families of those personnel who die on operations or as a result of terrorist action whilst on duty. This award will recognise their terrible loss and the sacrifice made by their loved one whilst serving their country. The Chiefs' recommendations have been endorsed by MOD

Ministers, by the cross-Government committee on Honours and Awards and been approved by Her Majesty The Queen.

The recognition will be in the form of a memorial scroll and an emblem for wear. The scroll will be similar in concept to those that were issued to the families of those who died in the two World Wars and in Korea in the early 1950s. The introduction of an emblem for the families of those killed is not something that we have done as a nation before but similar recognition already exists, for example, in Canada and New Zealand. The Chiefs of Staff have also recommended that the award should be retrospective.

Much detailed work will now be required to consider what the criteria for the award should be, how far the award should go back, who will receive it along with other issues such as the design and production of the scroll and emblem. A team has been established and is pressing ahead with this work. This is a sensitive and complex subject and we must take time to get the details right. It will therefore be some months before the award will be ready for issue and I expect to be able to announce more details later this year.

I pay tribute to the bravery and courage that the families of all our serving men and women show and I hope that the new award will provide a more visible form of recognition from the nation for those who pay the ultimate sacrifice in the name of their country.

Question and Answer Brief

Why are we doing this now?

The Chiefs of Staff took into account the current operational environment, including the intensity of operations, which for periods of time in Afghanistan, has been some of the fiercest fighting that our Armed Forces have faced since the Korean War which is the last time similar recognition was awarded by the nation. They also considered the sad regularity of casualties occurring in Iraq and Afghanistan and the impact that these deaths have upon the families that they have left behind. The Chiefs also recommended that it would be appropriate to consider back-dating it to recognise those who have died on operations in the past.

Why has it taken so long to properly recognise those who make the ultimate sacrifice for their country?

This is a sensitive and complex matter which the Chiefs of Staff have taken time to give their careful consideration. The new award is in addition to other ways in which those who are killed or injured on operations are already recognised. For example, letters of condolence that are sent to the next of kin in the event of a death and the option of a military funeral with a Service headstone and grave maintained at Government expense. The MOD Medal Office mounts the medals of those who die on operations and gives them all to the next of kin in a presentation box. The new Armed Forces Memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire pays tribute to all of those killed on duty or as a result of terrorist action since 1948.

Will the award extend to those wounded/injured on operations?

After much deliberation, which included consultation within their Services, the Chiefs of Staff decided not to recommend additional recognition for those wounded or injured on operations. The Chiefs believe that such a system of awards could become divisive and would risk undermining the highly valued system of British military honours, decorations and medals. Those injured on duty pay a high price, but that duty is the same for all and the hardship of operational duty is shared equally by many. There is no evidence of a wide spread desire for such an award within the Armed Forces. Those who are injured deserve our greatest support and the best way that we can do this is in providing them with the proper medical and other care that they require.

Who will receive the award?

We envisage that the award will be made to the next of kin of those who die on operations but this will be considered in detail by the Implementation Team. Recommendations on the precise qualifying criteria will result from the work of the Implementation Team.

Will families be sent the award or will they have to apply? Will the award be presented to families by The Queen?

The Implementation Team will be considering these issues and we hope to announce details later this year.

What form will the award take?

The Implementation Team will consider this in detail but we envisage that the award will be in the form of a memorial scroll and an emblem for wear. The scroll will be similar in concept to those that were issued to the families of those who died in the two World Wars and in Korea in the early 1950s.

Why not a medal?

A medal would not be appropriate as it is intended for wear by the person who earned it and not by a family member. The introduction of a medal for those who die on operations would by its very nature be a medal that could never be worn by the recipient. Gallantry medals are awarded posthumously on occasions but in the main they are worn by those who earn them.

When will the first awards be issued?

It is unlikely that the award will be available to be presented before the end of this year. The timescale will depend on the progress made by the Implementation Team and their recommendations. We want to press ahead with this as quickly as we can but we must take time to get the details right.

Will the criteria be the same as for those named on the Armed Forces Memorial?

The criteria for the Armed Forces Memorial are essentially for those who have died on duty or as a result of an act of terrorism. The 'died on operations' qualifying criteria for the new award are likely to be narrower than this but this will be considered by the Implementation Team.

Will the new award apply to civilians operating alongside the military on operations?

This award is intended for Armed Forces personnel only. How civil servants killed in an operational environment might be recognised is being considered separately.

Has there ever been something like this before?

Yes. Since WW1 British personnel who died on operations have been recognised in a number of ways:

- From Dec 1918 next of kin of those killed in WW1 received a memorial scroll from The Sovereign and a plaque, or 'dead man's penny'.
- From Mar 1946, next of kin of those killed in WW2 received a memorial scroll from The Sovereign.
- A memorial scroll was reintroduced in Mar 1955 for Korea, based on the design of the WW2 scroll.

25.

Veterans Outreach Support (Portsmouth) 1500 - 2000 1st Wednesday of the Month

Dr Morgan O'Connell [recently Chief Consultant Psychiatrist to Combat Stress] and **John "Joe" Erskine** [SSAFA – Forces Help (Portsmouth)], together with **David Watts**, [General Manager of The Royal Maritime Club], have put together a "Veterans Outreach Support" programme for ALL Ex-Service Veterans and/or Family Members of Veterans.

The venue is **The Royal Maritime Club (formerly The Royal Sailors Home Club), Queen Street, Portsmouth** - between 3pm and 8pm on the first Wednesday of every month. (If demand is high additional dates may be made available). Accommodation is available in the Club for anyone attending the programme, why not stay a few days and make a break of it. <http://www.royalmaritimeclub.co.uk/> You must quote "**Outreach at agreed Members Rates**" when booking or you may be refused accommodation as a non member.

It will be a "Drop in Centre" where ANY Veteran - or family member of a Veteran, can come for an individual private chat with a Doctor [GP] (**To Be Confirmed - may be by appointment only**), Psychiatrist (Morgan O'Connell), and/or a Therapist. The term Veteran means all Ex- Armed Forces (plus - Merchant Navy [MN], Royal Fleet Auxiliary [RFA], Navy Army and Air Force Institute [NAAFI] Staff and Locally Entered Personnel [LEPs] - who served in War / Conflict Zones)

There will also be an Advice Centre where representatives of the following Ex-Service Agencies will be in attendance:-

**The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmens Families Association - Forces Help
SSAFA - Forces Help]**

The Royal British Legion [RBL]

Combat Stress [The Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society]

**The Services Personnel and Veterans Agency [SPVA]
(Welfare - War Pension/AF Compensation etc.)**

The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust [RNBT]

The Army Benevolent Fund [ABF]

The National Gulf Veterans and Families Benevolent Association [NGVFA]

Any Veteran, **or Family Member of a Veteran**, can drop in, just for a confidential chat with the Doctors or Therapist, AND/OR for advice from the Agencies AND/OR to take the opportunity to meet up with other Vets and have a chinwag, maybe a meal in the restaurant and/or a few drinks in the bar. Use the time to arrange to meet other Vets there to have a social afternoon / evening in an informal friendly atmosphere amongst friends, if you wish. It is not intended to hold any sort of group sessions; unless a particular group of individual Veterans request one and that session will be private and confidential to that group.

If any Veteran, or Family Member of a Veteran, wishes to attend privately just to have a chat with the Doctors or the Therapist, they may do so by just coming along OR by ringing **Dr Morgan O'Connell on 01329 834512** to make a specific appointment. If you get the answering machine then PLEASE leave your name and number and Morgan will get back to you within 48 hours. This is his office telephone at his private practice and it is only manned three days a week.

PLEASE NOTE that this programme will be subject to change as the programme evolves.

Branch and Miscellaneous Announcements

26.

Area 2

Purley – New venue is; The Old Comrades Club
Frequency as before 194 Brighton Road
Coulston CR5 2NF

Area 5

March – New Secretary is; S/M E Rasell
3 Overstone Drive
Coldham
Wisbech PE14 0NG

Sudbury, Halstead & Headingham – New Venue is; Delphi Social Club
Newton Road
Sudbury CO10 2RR

Area 10 – (is in **A/10** not 7 as stated in last circular)

Llandudno – Now meet on; 4th Thursday @ 1930

Scottish

Orkney – New Secretary is; S/M P Cairns
Aurangi
Holm
Orkney KW17 2SD
Tel. 01856-781 799

Stonehaven – Act. Secretary is; S/M D Berrisford
5 Woodview Place
Stonehaven
Aberdeenshire AB39 2TD

Donations to the Central Charities Fund

27. CENTRAL CHARITIES FUND Donations received previously
and acknowledged with thanks:- £5,559.57
Donations since and now acknowledged
with thanks;

Orkney	20.00
Harlow-In Memory of G Catt	25.00
Harlow-In Memory of T Capewell	25.00
Harlow-In Memory of R Eschele	25.00
Harlow-In Memory of T Smedley	25.00
In Memory of S/M Ashdown	105.00
Donations of £10 or less	<u>46.00</u>
Total	<u>£5,830.57</u>

History Notes

28.

- 1 July 1946 First nuclear air-burst explosion over an unmanned fleet (Bikini Island, Pacific) Operation Crossroads Able.
- 3 July 1860 Gold Oak Leaves introduced for peak of caps for Commanders and above.
- 6 July 1971 Fastest ship in the Fleet race between HMNS RAPID and HMS CAVALIER – CAVALIER won by a head after 64 miles at an average speed of 31.8 knots.
- 7 July 1950 HMS JAMAICA sank a Torpedo Boat off the East Coast of Korea – the only surface engagement of that war.
- 9 July 1794 Captains' Servants remustered as Boys – in three Grades.
- 10 July 1943 Operation Husky – Invasion of Sicily – 199 RN Warships, 1,260 Landing Craft and 155 UK Merchant Ships took part in addition to 80 Warships, 814 Landing Craft and 82 Merchant ships of other nations.
- 13 July 1860 Pte Dalliger RMLI hanged at the yardarm of HMS LEVEN in Yangste for attempted murder – last hanging at the yardarm.
- 14 July 1974 HM Ships HERMES, ANDROMEDA & RHYL evacuated British subjects from Kyrenia, Cyprus during Turkish invasion.
- 18 July 1959 Submarine OBERON, sixth of the name and first of class, launched at Chatham.
- 20 July 1588 Spanish Armada off Plymouth.
- 22 July 1903 Opening of the first Royal Navy School of Music.
- 25 July 1956 President Nasser of Egypt announced nationalisation of the Suez Canal.
- 26 July 1815 Napoleon Bonaparte arrived in Plymouth in HMS BELLEROPHON.
- 30 July 1927 Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, First Sea Lord since 1 November 1919, went on half pay and was succeeded by Admiral Sir Charles Madden. Beatty's 7 years 9 months as First Sea Lord have never been equalled in duration.
- 31 July 1970 Last tot issue.

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ANNEX A

GIFT AID DECLARATION

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Title Forename(s) Surname

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I want the charity to treat all donations I have made from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid Donations

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Notes

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2. You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).
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4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask the charity. Or you can ask you local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.

BOOKS

Naval Accidents since 1945 This is a fascinating book which is comprehensive and busy. Written, obviously as a labour of love, by a serving Marine Engineer Officer it covers a host of events all over the world, including those which may be seen as embarrassing to the RN and some even slightly humorous. The author demonstrates an extensive knowledge of ship safety systems and from time to time shows an ironic side to his nature. The book is thoroughly recommended and could educate and entertain over many an autumn and winter evening. It is available from Maritime Books, Lodge Hill, Liskeard PL14 4EL (01579-343663) (www.navybooks.com).