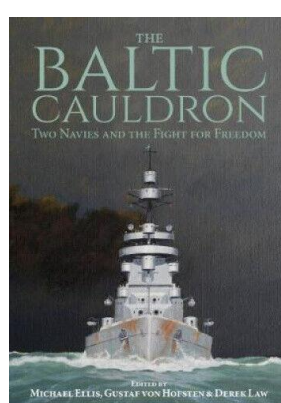




GREETINGS SHIPMATES Welcome to this week's Semaphore Short and I hope that this finds you well. As usual, if anyone has anything that they would like to include in future Shorts, email me or the team [here](#). It's the start of another month next week so no Short as the July Circular will be published. Whilst all contributions will be considered, please note that this is a short update newsletter and we can't publish everything. Some content may be used for inclusion in the next Circular.

RNA LOTTERY – win up to £25,000 and support the RNA at the same time, more details available on this [link](#). There is a form [here](#) for those shipmates without internet access.

FIRESIDE CHATS Tonight's Fireside Chat will be given by Richard Jones and will cover the sinking of the SS Lulworth Hill which was sunk by an Italian submarine in March 1943 and was briefly covered in the Short of 29th May. Next week's chat (Mon 3rd July) will be given by Mike Ellis and is entitled 'The Baltic Cauldron'. The talk will centre on the relationships between the British and Swedish navies since the eighteenth century. Mike is a former Royal Navy Commander and was the UK Naval Attaché in Stockholm. He co-authored of the book of the same title (pictured). Fireside chats take place every Monday at 18:30 and to access the chats, log into zoom [here](#). The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.



HMS CAROLINE GETS FLAGSHIP STATUS National Historic Ships UK (NHS-UK) has made HMS Caroline a Flagship of the Year for 2023. Belfast's First World War ship receives the coveted award "in recognition of her planned public engagement into 2024 as well as the level of social media output and learning resources for schools." Operated by the National Museum of the Royal Navy, HMS Caroline will fly the flag as an ambassador for the UK's maritime heritage and will receive a special broad pennant and a



brass plaque to denote her coveted status. Berthed in Belfast's Titanic Quarter, HMS Caroline is now fully restored to its original 1914 condition. The ship reopened in April this year following three years of closure, enjoying record visitor numbers. HMS Caroline continued in Royal Navy service until finally being decommissioned in 2011, making her the navy's longest-serving warship after HMS

Victory. More information on the ship and how to visit here can be found [here](#).

NHS ENGLAND ARMED FORCES UPDATE The latest update can be found in the members downloads/files section of our website [here](#). NHS services in NI, Scotland and Wales do not have a similar update.

ARMED FORCES DAY Over 108 events took place on Saturday to mark #ArmedForcesDay 2023. The Duke of Gloucester attended the Armed Forces Day National Event in Falmouth, receiving the Royal Salute from more than 1,000 personnel, cadets and veterans involved in the parade. Thank you to our National Events Advisor, Steve Caulfield and his team for representing the RNA in the Military Village in Falmouth. Thank you to so many of you who took part up and down the country representing our Association.



Tyne Branch



Castleford and District Branch



Armed Forces Day - Falmouth



Salisbury Branch



Southend Branch



St Neots Branch

AND FINALLY.....

'YES I AM INTERESTED IN THE NEW BABY AND I KNOW WE ONLY HAVE TWO MINUTES LOVE, BUT LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT HOW I JUST EIGHT PIECED PADDY'

