

# SEMAPHORE SHORT

**AHOY SHIPMATES!** Schools are breaking up, the weather is erratic, travel is disrupted - it must be British Summertime! We might be in a lull between some major set-piece events, but rest assured the Association is gearing up for the next round of events and looking ahead to next year - a big one for us as we celebrate our 75th anniversary. But we know Branches and Areas are out there spreading the message of the RNA over the summer at events across the country - send us pictures and let us know what you are doing!

**PLAY THE ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION WEEKLY LOTTERY AND WIN UP TO £25,000** [PLAY NOW](#)

**CRAFTY CHANCE** The Crafts Workshop is looking for a small group of veterans with PTSD for a series of free creative workshops, including blacksmithing, crafting and psychoeducational workshops to help maintain wellbeing. The series begins on 7 August, from 1000 to 1530 one day a week over six weeks at The Crafts Workshop in Devonport. To book, or for more information, contact Louise on [enquiries@thecraftsworkshop.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thecraftsworkshop.co.uk)



**BOOK LAUNCH** RNA Member and part of The Veteran.UK Team who put together **Fighting With Pride - LGBT+ Military Charity's Directory and Review** Mike Davis-Marks (pictured right) with Alan Spence (Director at The Veteran UK) and Caroline Paige, CEO of Fighting With Pride at the book's launch event. The RNA is a proud member of Fighting With Pride's Pride Veterans Standard programme, highlighting its commitment to being inclusive and welcoming to LGBT+ Veterans, serving personnel, and their families. Bill Oliphant, RNA General Secretary, said: "The RNA is honoured to be part of Fighting With Pride's Pride in Veterans Standard programme, underscoring our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and support for LGBT+ Veterans, serving personnel, and their families. With over 20,000 shipmates, we are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming space for all."



**SHE\_SEES** A pioneering exhibition spotlighting inspirational stories of women in the maritime industry is coming to Portsmouth. Launching on Friday 2 August, visitors to Boathouse 4 in Portsmouth Historic Dockyard will be able to experience the free, thought-provoking SHE\_SEES exhibition, which is spearheaded by global safety and education charity Lloyd's Register Foundation. The exhibition blends visuals, art and storytelling, with portraits of inspiring women, including local examples. Hosted in partnership with Portsmouth Historic Quarter and the University of Portsmouth, it taps into archive materials from the UK and Ireland to uncover the history of trailblazing female voices in the industry, and aims to change the tide on diversity.

**FUNERAL FOR CPO** The family of former CPO Brian Leyland are sad to report his death on 3 July. Brian served in HMS Ark Royal until its decommissioning. His funeral will be on 2 August at 1115 at Holy Family Church, 274 Beacon Park Rd, Plymouth.

**FIRESIDE CHATS** Our next Fireside Chat is on Monday (22 July) when Geoff Parsons will talk about National and Naval Flags of S America and Antarctica as seen during voyage of MV Oosterdam Jan 24. Fireside Chats start at 1830 every Monday, and to access the chats, log into Zoom here. The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.

**RESEARCHING NEEDS** The 'Meeting the Needs' research project is now recruiting serving personnel and serving spouses/partners to share their experiences to help support Royal Navy and Royal Marine serving, ex-serving personnel and their families. Greenwich Hospital in partnership with RAF Benevolent Fund are undertaking a joint and large-scale research project to understand the scope of support required to meet the needs of serving and former Royal Navy and RAF personnel and their families. This is fully supported by the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC). See <https://tinyurl.com/n3j8f7m3>

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# THE ROYAL MARITIME HOTEL

## 2024/25 EVENT SCHEDULE

**ROBBIE WILLIAMS TRIBUTE**  
FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024  
£20.00



Join us as Lee Pashley stars as Robbie Williams and he will help you to relive the magic and essence that is Robbie. Lee will combine Robbie's trademark arrogance with his own humour to give the audience an electrifying experience.

**TINA TURNER TRIBUTE**  
FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025  
£25.00



Tina Turner will be played by Karin Bello who is known for her passionate and dynamic tribute to Tina. 'Typically Tina', is known for her resemblance to Tina Turner and her energetic performances.

**MURDER MYSTERY**  
SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025  
£45.00



Join us for a killer 3-course meal to help uncover the true killer amongst you, but remember, keep your wits about you and keep an eye on everyone around you! You never know who to trust.

**TRAFALGAR NIGHT**  
FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2025  
£80.00  
MEMBERS £75.00



Join us for our Trafalgar Night event on Friday 17th October 2025. There will be live music, a toast to the 'immortal memory', and a delicious 4-course dinner with wine and port. Accommodation is also available for overnight stays.

**DISCO PARTY NIGHTS**  
EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
NO COVER CHARGE



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As part of our valued local community, we would like to invite you for a tour of our luxury, state of the art care home on Locksway Road, Portsmouth.

Having just celebrated our second anniversary at Admiral Jellicoe House, our home sets new standards in providing residential care, nursing care, respite and dedicated dementia support for RN, RM and WRNS veterans and their dependants in a luxury, home from home environment.

**SATURDAY  
20TH JULY**

**1030-1200  
1330-1500**

To book an  
appointment call  
**02392 000996.**

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# Thriving Together

## 10/11th August

### Bushcraft and Watersports

DORSET

£60

**Saturday: Hands-on venison butchery workshop,**

**Axe Throwing, Archery, Survival Skills**

**Feast on venison steak and stew**

**Overnight camp in the woods**

**Sunday: BBQ breakfast**

**Paddleboarding**



**BOOKING DEADLINE:**  
25th July

This break is financially supplemented thanks to a grant from the RNRMC, and is available to Shipmates who have loneliness and/or isolation, issues, or have physical or mental wellbeing challenges.

To enquire or book:

[cml@rnassoc.org](mailto:cml@rnassoc.org)

## £60 per person

Bring a sleeping bag, waterproofs (just in case), and prepare yourself for fun-filled, laughter oriented days of connection.

Transport from Portsmouth, collection from Wareham station or drive yourself

To qualify for this special break you need to be serving or veteran RN or RM, or a spouse or child (over 18), and an RNA member. Priority will be given to those recently back from deployment, spouses with a deployed partner, those who have loneliness or isolation issues, or anyone who feels that they would benefit for some reason. You don't have to be broken - just tell us why you need a break (confidential- no information is shared or stored).