

SEMAPHORE SHORT

AHOY SHIPMATES! The formal season of Remembrance is now behind us - but the RNA honours those who paid the ultimate price, and those who lived and fought alongside them, every day of the year. Whether it is at a funeral for a shipmate, honouring the anniversary of the death of a Naval hero, or paying tribute at a service marking the loss of a warship, RNA members are there to thank their predecessors and comrades for their service and sacrifice. We will remember them.

LISBON MARU FILM The film 'The Sinking of The Lisbon Maru' is to be shown as the closing film in the Electric Shadows 2024 Chinese film festival at the Phoenix Theatre, Leicester, on 1 December at 6.30pm.

The film is a documentary, directed by Fang Li, that sheds light on events of 1 October 1942, when Japanese transport ship Lisbon Maru, carrying more than 1,800 British prisoners of war, was torpedoed off China by an American submarine that was unaware of its 'passengers'. Chinese fishermen risked their lives to rescue almost 400 prisoners from the ship, though more than 800 POWs died.

Details of the film are here: www.ukchinafilm.com/electric-shadows-2024-closing-lisbon-maru/

Tickets can be obtained here: <https://search.app/1WcAtriMuzLTWAec9>

There is no news yet of a date for a wider theatrical release for the film.



Image: S/M Nigel Huxtable BEM

FIRST-TIME VETERANS The RNA enabled three sailors who fought in World War 2 to march with them at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday. The men, William Jones, aged 99, Donald MacAngus, 99, and Kenneth MacNaughton, 100, all served in the Royal Navy and clearly recall their time in the war. They expressed heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to march as none of them had ever attended the Cenotaph at Remembrance before. See the full story in the December Semaphore Circular, out on Friday 6 December.

CENTRAL OFFICE VISITS Central Office staff would be delighted to be invited to your Area meetings. We'd love to tell you about our initiatives and to hear about the work being done in your Area and Branches. Please email Chris Trevethan, on cos@rnassoc.org to let us know when and where you are meeting and we'll do our best to attend. And keep us updated about events, presentations, and any other branch news - comms@rnassoc.org

TELL US! Did your branch attend Remembrance ceremonies? Send a report and pictures to comms@rnassoc.org if you'd like the chance to feature in December's Semaphore Circular.

FIRESIDE CHATS Our popular Fireside Chat programme continues on Monday (18 November) with group leader S/M Ron Shilton talking about the activities of the RNA Motorhome, Caravan and Camping Special Interest Group (SIG). The following Monday (25 November) Brenda Shackleton will deliver a Fireside Chat on the subject of 'The Rescue Ships - Part 2'. Please note that there will be no Fireside Chat on Monday 2 December, which is the date of the RNRMC annual Carol Concert. Fireside Chats start at 1830 every Monday, and you can access the chats by logging in to Zoom here. The meeting ID is 288 830 5105 and the access password is Shipmate.

WALK THIS WAY There are just four places left on the RNA Thriving Together walking weekend from 29 November to 1 December at Ambleside in the Lake District, at a cost of just £25 (the event is generously supported by the RNRMC). For more details and to book a place please email cml@rnassoc.org

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