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Editorial

Unfortunately this edition of our newsletter is a bit later than normal due to a combination of personal problems and also my PC deciding to join the postal workers and the railway workers and stopped working. Unlike the other 2 concerns I had to give in to its demands and called in an independent arbitrator who reasoned with it, took it away and persuaded it to perform its prescribed tasks without further difficulties to its owner, he then returned the aforementioned culprit to me in exchange for a lightening of my wallet.

Over the years we have always based our museum visitor numbers on a combination of looking at the visitors book, which despite our efforts not everyone fills in and also our estimation. Earlier this year I was going through some bits and pieces at home and came across an old gangway counter we used to use on our passenger boat at Southend and decided it would be easy to hang it on the galley door and just click people in when they arrive. We started this at the beginning of April and to the end of November have clicked in 879, far more than we imagined and very encouraging.

The picture on the front cover, dated 1942, shows the Designer, George Luff, the Joiner, Archie Humphrey and the Painter, John Maltman.

Christmas is almost on top of us and we at the museum will be shutting for 2 weeks, leaving the mannequins on the bridge in charge until we return. Having seen the film "Night at the Museum" I am a little apprehensive as our bridge scene, with 9 life size mannequins, is next to our rum display – what will we find when we return!!

Reunion

Our reunion this year went off well, helped in no small way by the weather. The AGM on the Friday went off with nothing contentious or disturbing but the numbers were low with only 12 attending including the committee and 4 apologies for absence.



The service and parade on the Saturday was intimate and meaningful with a mixture of family members, public, Sea Cadets and 3 of our WW2 Patrol Service veterans. Our Padre, Peter Paine, took the service with our President, Cdr Garry Titmus, Vice President, Cdr David Braybrooke and Lowestoft Town Council Deputy Mayor Cllr

Nasima Begum in attendance. The service began with the Standards being marched on and taking up their usual position on the west of the memorial, the congregation and principal guests on the north side and the Sea Cadets on the East side. This year, instead of



our National Standard being the lead standard, it was joined by the standard and colour from the Sea Cadets and the significance of this will be given a bit later in this publication. The service this year was not only remembering all our shipmates who died during the war and those who have passed since but also Her Majesty The Queen who had recently died one month to the day and this was the theme of the address given by Cdr Titmus at the end of the service. After a break to give everyone time to get down to the Sparrows Nest which took longer this year as the Ravine was closed so anyone with a car had a round the houses trip to get down, we reformed for the short march past the saluting base and formed up outside our museum for the customary words of wisdom and encouragement from our President followed by "Sunset" carried out by the Sea Cadets. Following the parade being dismissed the museum was open for anyone to look round and it was tot time for the standard bearers but the funny thing is that there were only 7 standard bearers, one of which was under age, yet I managed to serve about 20 tots, the rum rats were out in force but it made for a nice end to the "official" part of the day.

Awards

Not quite the Oscars or the Baftas but this year has seen some important recognition for our museum and staff. In the great scheme of things our museum is not up with the industry leaders, it is a small independent, voluntary run museum in a semi rural setting and has a limited audience appeal albeit an important one. We entered the annual Association for Suffolk Museums awards scheme which covered 58 museums in Suffolk. We came second in the "object of the year" category with our baby's gas mask, were highly commended in the "Volunteer of the year" category and short listed to the last 4 in the "Small museum of the year" category. Two things that impressed the judges and indeed the audience when it was mentioned, was the fact that unlike a lot



of museums we stay open for 50 weeks of the year, just closing over Christmas and also by the amount of improvements we were able to make during the COVID lockdown, again something that seemed to surprise people. Bonnie and Leo travelled down to Ipswich for the awards night and took our baby in its gas mask which caused a lot of interest.

During the presentations a presenter from BBC Radio Suffolk interviewed each recipient to give some background to the award. Back at the museum we all patted ourselves on the back and agreed that we must be doing something right.

Not long after this fortune knocked on the door again in the shape of SHARE Museums East who cover all museum in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridge, Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire. This time we were being recognised for Leo's volunteering long service of 33 years with the association and museum. Bonnie and Leo travelled to Ely in Cambridge for the presentation of a silver award and certificate and lunch along with others from museums across the Eastern region. It was interesting to talk



to people from other museums in different parts of the area and get a feeling of how they manage things especially when you consider we are in 2 rooms in Lowestoft and run with 8 volunteers whereas something like the Shuttleworth Collection, who were also at the awards, are a massive concern with an army of volunteers BUT each in its own way achieves what it sets out to do.

It goes without saying that our grateful thanks go to our small but dedicated team here at The Nest. It is also fair to say that true volunteers in all museums and organisations do what they do not because they have to but because they want to, neither do they do it for recognition but it is, nevertheless, nice when it comes unexpectedly.

Daphne Jones (part 2)

THE OTHER SIDE OF MY LIFE IN THE WRNS

The day I went into the WRNS at the door another WRN informed us we would either love it or hate it. As you can imagine it was chaos for us going into this marine building. I think it was a six story hospital and where we slept were about 60 girls in double bunks.

We had to leave our cases and we were taken to different rooms and told where we would eventually sleep, we went to bed after an exhausting time. It was nice to sleep indoors instead of an Air Raid shelter where I had lived for that last year. The next day it really

began instead of getting a uniform we got navy overalls, a bucket and a scrubbing brush and everything was done at the double, no strolling, just running to keep up.

Our living accommodation was our ship, the floor was the deck, the bunks were our beds, dining room was the mess and the kitchen was the galley.

In those days 17 years old were not as they are these days, school kids really, unaware of the adult life, they said that I would either love it or hate it. We had two weeks to decide if that was the life for us. At lectures we had to learn all the ranks, at first I was saluting everyone who wasn't in sailors uniform. We couldn't call them that, they were Matelots.

At lunchtime, no rushing into the mess we walked single file from our desks and marched into the mess and sat on a long trestle table that seated about 30 people with bench seats. If you were unfortunate to sit at the head of the table which I was once you got the meal put in front of you and you had to dish up for 30 girls. A very daunting experience for a 17 year old, by the time I had got my dinner the pudding was coming down from the other end.

Some girls found it hard to accept the discipline but this didn't worry me as I had this all my life from my home life. Many of the girls did not know how to clean their shoes, etc., many of them left before their 2 weeks induction period. By the time we got our posting we were all capable of marching, saluting the right people and most of the other things we had learnt.

I then had a posting to Lowestoft it was billeted in a convent (thought that would make you laugh). I was put in a cabin with the other girls, top bunk which I got used to by this time. The other girls worked in different places, so I was lucky to have friends that I was in the cabin with and also friends that I worked with.

Lowestoft was the nearest place to Holland and France, on clear days you could see the Dutch coast. Naturally we had a lot of bombing if they had



Daphne aged 18

any bombs left over from London raids. We dot them on their way back. One morning we were unlucky, on the way to work were machine gunned by a German Plane. The Matelots threw us in the gutter and fell on top of us to protect us, when we got up the bullet holes were all along the top of the wall. We brushed ourselves down and got on with our work. Nobody cried we all accepted it as part of the war. (All Wrens were called Jenny and Matelots were called Jack).

One day I was talking to a girl while waiting for lunch. That afternoon we had a raid. We had to leave work and go to the shelter. It was a bad raid. All of Lowestoft was flattened, quite a lot of deaths and injuries. When we got back we didn't have to work that day. There was too much destruction. We had to detour around the streets most of the way back. The streets were full of rubble from the buildings. We heard that one of our WRNS had been killed. A few days later I found out that it was the girl that I had been talking to at lunch time. I always remember her when I march in London on Armistices Day.

Reading through this it all sounds like doom and gloom but it wasn't at all. In the quarters we had a ward room (lounge) which had a nice easy chair, a piano, board games where we could sit and relax. Quite a few girls could play the piano so some nights we could have a sing-a-long. Other girls would be knitting or sewing, writing letters or just chatting. Anyone could join.

There was a big Concert Hall at the Nest. Anyone who could tap a toe to toe or warble a note would put on a good show for us. We had a terrific band, The Blue Mariners. All those who had been in dance bands before being called up. Sometimes we had a singer who was from a London show would come up. Apart from that we went to so many weddings. A lot of the girls were marrying their boyfriends. We all rallied around to help. You couldn't buy wedding dresses so if a girl wanted to be in white we all wrote to relatives to see if we could lend one which is what most of the girls did with it being wartime.

The Americans sent 6 wedding dresses to each of the forces to borrow. We had a clever girl who was good with a needle and cotton who could make the headdresses for the girls. If you were invited to the reception it wasn't a bit like today, it was cups of tea and whatever. We all just rallied around if we had some dried fruit. The mother managed to make a wedding cake. Quite a lot of the girls got married in their uniforms.

We got paid once a fortnight. The massive amount of 8 shillings which sounds laughable now but you could do a lot with that in those days. We didn't have to buy food or clothing. If any of our uniform was worn out or torn we went to the clothing store to get them replaced. You couldn't buy snacks, crisps, biscuits or sweets during wartime. We did have sweet coupons but they were rare. You could buy 10 woodbines for 5 pennies, a packet of cigs for 20 pennies. They only charged the forces 1 shilling and

6 pence to go to the pictures or to a dance. In the summer the army opened the beach for us. They removed the wire where the beach wasn't mined so we could go out and sit on the beach or go swimming which was a luxury. They came back at 11.00 pm to close the beach in case of an invasion. Once a week we had to learn how to fire a gun; don't know if it was to kill the Germans or ourselves. The Queen Mother did this as well. There was no shortage of men to go out with. If a naval bloke started to get serious, we would ask in the records office if they were married.

We were issued with laundry bags with our names on. We had to send our shirts/collars to the laundry to be washed and starched. We had to do our own washing, no soap powder or detergent, just plain old soap. Sometimes we came home at lunchtime and went to our cabin to find that after inspection the bedding had been thrown on the floor. We hadn't made our beds properly, so we had to do it again. We were very lucky we did not have to clean the cabins again but they were inspected every day and nothing could be left out. They all had to be spic and span, a good lesson for later in life.

The WRNS had a reputation of being snobs and only going out with Officers. Many of the girls married officers but this wasn't always the case. All the girls who I knew got married to Matelots.



*Billeting Accounts staff,
Daphne is middle of 2nd row*

This has been about my time at Lowestoft because I was there the longest. When I went to HMS Duke, my job had been taken by another WRN. I wasn't allowed to sit around and read a book, I had to report to the Regulating Officer every morning and they always had something for me to do. You didn't say no, you just got on with it. If they were short in the galley, I was told to peel the veg or wash up, no machines, or help serve the lunches. It was all good experience for me and taught me respect. The cooks worked hard, they had to be on duty at 6.00 am. The next day I had to clean the cabin. Other times I was moved from place to place, all good experience. When I got to HMS Waxwing, they were closing down so once again I was packing up furniture, books, bed linen, all the things we used every day. Off to HMS Rosyth, a submarine base, and still working so once again I was pen pushing there. I stayed there until I was demobbed which was very sad for me as I loved my time in the WRNS, good and bad times. If I had my life over again, I would do it all again.....

Battle of the Atlantic commemorations

The 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic is being commemorated in Liverpool from 25th – 28th May 2023, coinciding with the Royal Naval Association National Conference. The proposed events are as follows - 25th. Hopefully visiting RN ship open to the public. Military village on Museum site area.

26th. Service at St Nicholas Church (lunch time no time yet) followed by dedication of a memorial in the gardens of the Church plus the switch on (time to be confirmed) of the “light projection of ships that took part in BOA” Evening. Dinner Black Tie at Crown Plaza Hotel Waterfront Liverpool.

27th. Evening 1930 His Majesty’s Royal Marine Band Concert. Tickets on sale now. <https://www.liverpoolphil.com/whats-on/all-shows/his-majestys-royal-marines-band-in-concert/5543>

28th. Lunch time. At Pier Head Liverpool open air Drum Head Service. Hoping for a short march/amble along Canada Boulevard area at Pier Head.. People whose families have their relatives medals etc. and wear them with pride to walk along the short distance and it is short to be at the Drum Head Service.

The following article is taken from the Royal Navy website -

A light show casting the names of ships and men from the Battle of the Atlantic on to a Liverpool landmark will be the centrepiece of permanent 80th anniversary memorials.



Organisers are hoping to raise £750,000 to create four lasting reminders of the sacrifices made between 1939 and 1945 to keep Britain’s sea lanes open and ultimately guarantee the defeat of Nazi Germany.

As headquarters of Western Approaches Command for most of World War 2, as well as being one

of the UK’s principal ports, Liverpool has become the focal point for remembering the battle down the decades.

The former Western Approaches HQ has long been a museum, legendary U-boat killer Captain ‘Johnnie’ Walker is immortalised in statue form and the city’s parish church, St Nicholas, celebrates and commemorates Liverpool’s association with the sea and the sacrifices it has demanded.

For the 80th anniversary in May 2023, the original plan was to unveil the Battle of the Atlantic Memorial at Pier Head.

In view of the pandemic and the huge pressure on personal and public finances, the charity has scaled down its initial £2.5m memorial.

Instead, four smaller-scale projects are planned – and hopefully completed by May 2023.

'Atlantic lights' – a permanent light show each evening with the names of seafarers and ships involved beamed in Morse code on to the façade of Liverpool's iconic Exchange Flags office block complex, where Western Approaches Command was located from 1941-1945.

A garden of remembrance at St Nicholas' Church

A heritage trail/audio tour across Merseyside taking in some of the key sites in the battle.

A growing partnership with the Western Approaches Museum to preserve its unique collection and support educational projects.

Commodore Gary Doyle, who was the Royal Navy's regional commander in the North West and is now heading the memorial appeal, said the scaled-down plans were fitting given the austere circumstances – and he hoped would collectively "commemorate, educate and inspire".

He continued: "We feel we have to innovate and adapt to this new more challenging economic climate and we think the new concept is more realistic.

"We particularly want to focus on how the Battle of the Atlantic was a great British and allied success story. We are a maritime nation and perhaps this battle was – with the support of many people from other nations – our greatest achievement. Without it we could not have fed or armed ourselves and there would have been no D-Day, no Bomber Command raids, no trans-Atlantic supplies to the Eastern Front or a North African campaign."



At least 111,000 sailors and military personnel from around the globe died in the six-year battle, including 26,500 British merchant and 23,000 Royal Navy sailors.

Some 3,500 merchantmen and 175 warships - 15 million tons of allied shipping in all - was lost, while three in every four U-boats was sunk.

The battle reached its peak between March and May 1943. In the final month, the Germans recalled their U-boats from the Atlantic after they suffered unsustainable losses: 43 boats sunk, 37 damaged.

They continued to menace shipping until the war's end, but never seriously threatened Britain's supply lines again.

For more information about the memorial, sponsorship packages and to make a donation visit: <https://battleoftheatlantic.org/> or [email here](#).

Namsos Memorial

The following was sent to me by our member Forbes Wilson with details of how his father's bequest in his will secured a plaque in Namsos.

My father and former S/M of the RNPS, John Wilson accompanied me many times on my trips to Namsos, Norway between 2001 and 2018. Not only did he come to appreciate the events surrounding the loss of his father's ship, HMT Rutlandshire, bombed and sunk in the Namsen fjord on the morning of the 20th April 1940, he also made many good friends in Namsos.

My father died on the 13th September 2020, leaving in his Will a sum of money (£1,000) to the Friends of the Namsos British War Memorial which we decided should be used to design, manufacture and install a plaque, to be placed next to the British War memorial; the memorial having been previously unveiled on the 17th May 2000. The British War memorial commemorates those regiments landed at Namsos during April 1940 and those Royal Navy ships either damaged or sunk in the Namsen fjord during the spring of 1940, including the 4 RNPS trawlers, HMT's St. Goran, Aston Villa, Gaul and Rutlandshire.

Following a request to the Royal Navy, I was joined in Namsos by 2 serving officers from the Royal Marines. Lieutenant Colonel James Lewis, Commanding Officer, 42 Commando and Warrant Officer Steve Barrett, this being no coincidence since it was 350 Royal Marines that were the first to land in Namsos on the night of the 13th / 14th April 1940. The first detachment landed in Bangsund from HMS Glasgow to take up blocking positions around Bangsund, south of Namsos. The second detachment landed from HMS Sheffield to secure the harbour.



The plaque was unveiled on the 7th June by Lieutenant Colonel James Lewis. The English translation is as follows –

Namsos British War Memorial Plaque Translation

The first soldiers to land on Norwegian soil were a division of the British Royal Marines. This happened during the night of the 13th and 14th April 1940. On 16th and 17th April, additional troops were landed in Namsos. These troops immediately moved south towards Steinkjer.

On the 19th April, two French battalions of the 1st Chasseurs Alpins arrived. The trawler Rutlandshire under the command of Chief Skipper John Wilson was the only ship in Namsos on the morning of 20th April. Between the 20th and 30th April, five ships were bombed and sunk in the Namsen fjord: the trawlers RUTLANDSHIRE (2), GAUL (4), ASTON VILLA (3) and ST. GORAN (5), and the sloop BITTERN (1). On the morning of the 30th April 1940, ST. GORAN and BITTERN were attacked by German JU 87 Stukas based in Trondheim. Five sailors were killed on ST. GORAN, and 20 were killed on BITTERN.

The greatest loss of life occurred on the 3rd May. Afridi (6) was the last ship to leave Namsos. In the Norwegian Sea, the ship was attacked by JU 87 Stukas. The ship was hit by two bombs. One went through the radio room and exploded next to the boiler room. The other also hit just forward of the bridge on the port side. This bomb started a fierce fire at the stern of the mess decks. AFRIDI capsized and sank with the bow first, 330 kilometres north-west of Namsos. Of AFRIDI's crew, 53 were killed, including an officer. In addition, 13 soldiers were killed. AFRIDI had also saved 69 soldiers from the French destroyer BISON, and of these, 35 were killed.



Forbes has produced a great web page dedicated to his grandfather, Skipper Lieutenant John Wilson DSC RD RNR, charting his time in the RNVR in the Patrol Service and this can be seen at <https://www.royal-naval-reserve.co.uk/>

Russian Archive

Russian Archive on Irishmen who served on Arctic Convoys:

To support the International Center of Northern Convoys located in St Petersburg, Russia, <https://north-convoys.com/> in their admirable efforts to preserve the historical memory of Irishmen from the REPUBLIC OF IRELAND who served or who were lost on the Arctic Convoys during 1941-1945, families currently residing in Ireland, the UK, USA, Canada, Australia or New Zealand, might consider recording the details of their relative's wartime experience for eventual inclusion in this Russian archive.

See the letter published in the Irish Examiner on Friday 05 November 2021: titled Archive on Irishmen on Arctic Convoys-

<http://www.irishseamensrelativesassociation.ie/Irish.Examiner-05.November.2021.jpg>

See also article by journalist Sean O'Riordan published in the Irish Examiner dated 17 October 2021: "Russian museum to honour Irishmen who served in deadly Arctic convoys":

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40722717.html>

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Warship Weeks

Warship Weeks were the British National savings campaigns held during the Second World War, with the aim of a Royal Navy warship being adopted by a civil community. During the early parts of the war, the Royal Navy not only had lost many capital ships but was facing increasing pressure to provide escorts for convoys in the Atlantic. While there was not a shortage of sailors, ships sunk by enemy action had to be replaced.

The list below are Suffolk towns that participated in the scheme and the ships they "adopted" and as you can see 3 were Patrol Service ships.

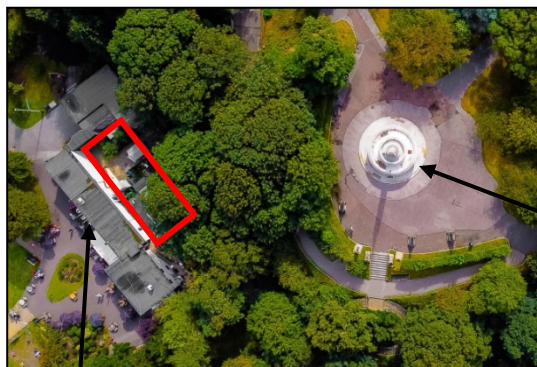
Town	Warship Name	Warship Type
Aldeburgh	ML 118	112' Fairmile-B Motor Launch
Bungay, Beccles & Hailsworth	HMS Brave	Algerine Class Fleet Minesweeper
Bury St Edmunds	HMS/m Upright	U-class Submarine
Eye	HMS Waveney	River Class Frigate
Felixstowe	MGB 323 MTB 333	110' Fairmile C Motor Gun Boat Canadian Power Boat 70' MTB
Framlingham	HMS/m H44	H class Submarine
Hadleigh	MTB 22	Vosper 70' Motor Torpedo Boat
Haverhill	MTB 227	Vosper 70' Motor Torpedo Boat
Ipswich	HMS Orwell	Oribi class Fleet Destroyer
Leiston	HMS Leyland HMS Staffa	ASW Trawler Mine Sweeping Trawler
Lowestoft	HMS Lowestoft	Grimsby class Sloop
Mildenhall	HMS Macbeth	Shakespearian class Trawler
Samford	MTB 94	Vosper 71' Motor Torpedo Boat
Saxmundham	HMS Polka	Dance class ASW Trawler
Southwold	ML 114	112' Fairmile-B Motor Launch
Sudbury and Melford	HMS Scarab	Insect class River Gunboat
Stowmarket	HMS Borage	Flower Class Corvette
Woodbridge	HMS Easton	Hunt class Escort Destroyer

Warship Week was a nation wide initiative and given the earnings back in the 1940s and the hardship people were enduring during the war large sums of money were raised. As an example, in 1941, the admiralty allocated Penelope to the town of Blackpool as the objective of the town's Warship Week. It had been hoped to raise at least £1m, in the week commencing November 29, but in fact, it raised £1,506,746. Unfortunately in February 1944, hit by a torpedo, as she left Naples, the vessel which the resort had lovingly supported, sank in less than a minute – causing the deaths of 417 members of her crew.

How we look from the air

Two aerial views of our museum in the Sparrows Nest Gardens and the memorial in Belle Vue Park above.

The space behind our museum (in red) shows where the 17th century building stood until the 1960s



Our Memorial

Our Museum



Sea Cadets

In the reunion report I said I would expand on the significance of the Sea Cadet unit colour being on parade.

As regular attendees at our reunions many of you will be aware that the Lowestoft Sea Cadet unit, T.S. Europa, have been attending since our inception in 1975 and we, in return have always supported them by instigating awards and with financial help, attending their awards nights and Naval inspection nights. The unit used to be a large successful unit at one time and our association Parade Commander, Ted Thompson, was in fact Commanding Officer of the unit for many years. The Sea Cadet Corps nationally is split into Areas and then further into Districts. In recent years the Lowestoft unit has undergone a few changes of Commanding Officer, which can be attributed to a distinct lack of support from both District and Area in spite of endless requests for assistance etc. the consequence being that cadet numbers have declined and the building that is now the unit headquarters is no more than a dilapidated shed which rent has to be paid on but no upkeep is done on it and the unit staff are not allowed to do any work on it. Earlier this year things came to a head when the District Officer came to a meeting of cadets, staff and parents and suggested that perhaps the senior cadets could go to the neighbouring Beccles unit 10 miles away and the Junior cadets could stay at Lowestoft until things improve. Both myself and association committee member, Rachel Brogan,



The 3 principle standards with our National Standard, Cadet Graves with the Lowestoft SCC Colour and Beccles instructor, CPO Tony Easter with the Unit Standard.

are Trustees of the Lowestoft unit and have been actively involved along with a few others in trying to keep the unit afloat but 6 months later the District Officer came and told us that the only solution he could see was to merge the Lowestoft Unit and the Beccles Unit which would mean that the Lowestoft unit would cease to exist. Not all of our cadets were able, for various reasons, to get to Beccles but those who have made the move are getting on well. So no longer will you be able to see the T.S. Europa cap tally on parade.

The Sea Cadet units have a "Colour" and a "Standard" but the Colour can only be paraded with a guard of a prescribed number but this year the Commanding Officer of the Beccles Unit managed to pull some strings and got permission for the Lowestoft Colour along with the Standard to be paraded without a guard at our RNPS reunion service in October. Given the significance of this it was decided that they should lead the parade alongside our National Standard. The honour of carrying the Unit Colour went to Cadet Graves who is a Lowestoft cadet who moved to the Beccles unit, she did very well especially as it was the first time she had done anything like that and only had 2 minutes instruction just before the service started.

We are led to believe that other small units across the country will face a similar situation with being merged with bigger units.

Models in bottles

Earlier this year we were contacted by an ex Royal Navy man, Allan Stevens. Allan has for a lot of years made ships in bottles and as he had done 2 bottles with RNPS armed Trawlers in he asked if he could donate them to our museum which we readily agreed to. Allan sent me some photographs of the trawler models before they went into the bottles and it was hard to imagine that they were that small as the detail was superb. When he arrived at the museum with the 2 bottles we were amazed at the detail and naturally how he managed to get them in! One bottle had models of the trawlers Sir Lancelot, Coldstreamer and Boyne and the other had Sir Tristram and Lindisfarne. These are now on display in the museum and well worth a look.



This shows the detail on Allan's model of the Sir Tristram which is only about 3 inches long

In the course of conversation with Allan it transpired that Allan is internationally known and has articles written about him and his models, he is one of a very, very few who have made ships in a yard of ale!



These are the 5 models in the 2 bottles that are now on display in our museum



One of Allan's famous ship in a yard of ale!

Usual reminders

Association Facebook page If you search on Facebook under Royal Naval Patrol Service, you will see about 3 different sites, you need to look at the one that has the picture of our badge as seen here. This is now the most active and almost official Facebook site for the RN Patrol Service. A lot of people have posted on it and have since found out a lot about their relatives that were in the RNPS. The site web address is as follows <https://www.facebook.com/groups/133715066730668/>
The administrators of the site are Patrol Service Association members.



Subscriptions – PLEASE NOTE that association subscriptions become due on the **1st January each year** for all classes of membership.
The current subscription rate is **£8 for Served Members** (formerly known as Members) and **£10 for Members** (formerly known as Associate Members) and could you also please make sure you send in your membership book for updating and SAE with your subscription so that your renewal can be accurately recorded and accounted for and your book returned to you.

Wreath laying service With the help of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (and others) it is now possible to arrange for Poppy Wreaths to be placed on graves in most overseas countries.

Please make requests for laying at least eight weeks in advance.

Contact The Poppy Appeal, Royal British Legion Village, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7NX Tel: 01622 717172

Wreaths can now be ordered from the Poppy Factory with our coloured wreath centre rather than the old black & white hand drawn one.

Curator If you are sending anything to the Museum can you please make sure you state if it is on **loan** or a **gift** as it helps with the cataloguing and any future claims to ownership and with photographs please give descriptions and/or names where possible. All item coming into the museum are catalogued and a form is completed, one copy is kept on file and the other copy goes to the donor so everything is on a firm footing.

The Last Post



Obituary for Winter 2022

S/M J Palmer	Alford	Lincolnshire
S/M A Daniel	Lingfield	Surrey
S/M Mrs P Parker	Haverhill	Suffolk
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**At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them**

Slops

Slops items for sale from HQ - Winter 2022

Item / Title	£	Qty	£
Lg. Blazer Badge, Gold wire	12.00		
Lg. Blazer Badge, Woven	6.50		
Small Beret / Blazer Badge, Gold wire	9.00		
Small Jumper / Beret Badge, Woven	4.00		
Association Crested Tie	10.00		
Museum pen	1.00		
Lapel Badge, Blue enamel	3.00		
RNPS Poppy badge	8.00		
White Ensign Car Sticker	0.50		
RNPSA Car sticker, coloured	2.00		
RNPSA Bookmark	1.50		
RNPSA Colouring Poster	0.30		
Photo Key Ring (Museum building)	1.00		
Photo Fridge Magnet (Museum building)	1.00		
RNPS Memorial Post Card	0.10		
Sparrows Nest Post Card	0.10		
Christmas cards - original	0.50		
Christmas cards – clean sweep	0.50		
HMS Europa Booklet	1.00		
Churchill's Pirates Pt.2 (book) reduced	1.00		
RNPS crested Epaulettes (limited stock)	5.00		
Blue Mariners CD	4.00		
The Story of the RNPS, 2 CD set	6.00		
Total	£		
P & P Small items	1.25		
P & P Large / Heavy items	2.50		
Total Submitted	£		

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