



## CHATHAM NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

*President Commodore B Bryant CVO Royal Navy  
Chairman Commander C Tozer RN (Rtd)*

**CNOA Hon Secretary  
Postal contact details awaiting review**

**Email contact@cnoa.org.uk**

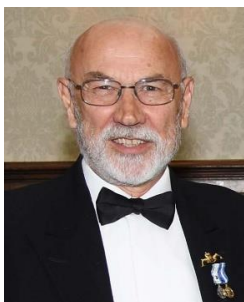
### **Newsletter for January 2019**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The next meeting of the Association will be the New Year Luncheon on **Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 at Bearsted Golf Club** 12.30 for 13.15 when the Association will assemble for good dining, good company, fellowship and fundraising for good causes.



#### **Chairman's Flag Hoist:**



Dear Fellow Members,

As we approach yet another Christmas, it is difficult to believe that one more year has passed. Why is it that time seems to fly as we age and yet as a school boy, a single school term dragged on for so long it seemed as if it would never end? Answers on a post card please.

For many people, this time of year is very much a time of reflection, and not just in our personal lives, although that is important. But as I write this message, I am also thinking of the CNOA. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to recognise every one of you, our members, for the support and contribution that each of you makes to our Association. Everyone who attends a monthly meeting or comes along to one of our social events is adding to our success. So, thank you all for your commitment. Perhaps the biggest commitment of all is made by our committee members. I am extremely grateful to each and every one of them for giving up some of their spare time to ensure that CNOA can continue.

When this newsletter is published, we will be well into the build-up to Christmas. This can be a time of worry for some as we seek inspiration for that ideal present. There is also the stress of shopping

for and preparation of the great feast that we enjoy on Christmas Day. For some, Christmas is a deeply spiritual time. For others simply an annual party of excess. But I think we all agree that this is a special time for being together with our families and especially for the little ones. So, whatever your own celebration style might be, let's all hope for a peaceful and happy Christmas.

In the meantime, perhaps we can reflect for a few minutes and think about those who are unable to relax and enjoy this time of the year at home with their families. Especially our service men and women who are on duty at home or overseas.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Colin

Colin Tozer  
Cdr RN (Rtd)

## **2019 Future Speakers & Events:**

4<sup>th</sup> January: No meeting due to CNOA & Mess on New Year leave

[19<sup>th</sup> January: 2019 New Year Luncheon at Bearsted Golf Club](#)

Please note the date changes below, now second Friday of the month

8<sup>th</sup> February: CNOA AGM, to let the new committee plan the rest of the year

8<sup>th</sup> March: Steve Ware – Coast Watch

12<sup>th</sup> April: To be confirmed - David Dore Film - In the footsteps of Lawrence

10<sup>th</sup> May: Padre Keith McNicol - A village at peace in the midst of conflict

14<sup>th</sup> June: To be confirmed - Lesley Heyhoe - Sailors Society

[28<sup>th</sup> June: Provisional Ladies & Guest Night](#)

12<sup>th</sup> July: Martin Watts – Royal Marines & War at Sea, 1939 - 1945

9<sup>th</sup> August: CNOA on leave

13<sup>th</sup> September: To be confirmed – Lt Cdr Iain Shepherd - ASW in the RN

11<sup>th</sup> October: Brian Maplin - Hovercraft

[25<sup>th</sup> October: Provisional Trafalgar Night](#)

8<sup>th</sup> November: Glen Jones – The Second Afghan War, 1878 - 1880

13<sup>th</sup> December: Cmdr Bryant – President's Address

Additional events will be included as details become available. As always, we are most grateful to those who comment on or send items for this Newsletter. All such contributions by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month please.

*Derek Ireland* (Hon. Secretary) and *Graham Storey* (Newsletter Editor)

## **Appendix 1 - from Cdr David Houston The CNOA New Year Luncheon 2019**

Once a year many members of the CNOA gather for an excellent meal, in convivial surroundings, to spend time with friends and invited guests, to also participate in a charity auction and generally enjoy themselves while helping to raise funds for a number of very worthy causes.

Unlike the more formal Mess Night Dinners which are quite rightly a more regimented, but very enjoyable type of event, the CNOA New Year Luncheon is quite different. Its origin goes back to when the CNOA tried to hold an Annual Christmas Charity Luncheon during the December of 2010 but the weather conditions and travel conditions shunted the event into January, where it now

remains each year as an event to look forward to when the previous Christmas and New Year festivities are over.

Two of the fundraising activities at the Luncheon are a raffle and an auction. For these raffle prizes and auction items are needed, while some of these appear each year, as if by magic, the more there are, the more funds can be raised. Do any of our members please have any suitable things for the raffle and the auction? If so please let David Houston or Jon Vanns know. If it is easier for you, just email [contact@cnoa.org.uk](mailto:contact@cnoa.org.uk) and the email will be relayed to David and Jon. Thank you in advance.

## **Appendix 2 - from MoD Navy HMS Queen Elizabeth returns from successful initial fast jet trials**

Royal Navy aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth, sails back into Portsmouth today, 10Dec2018, after successfully completing initial fast jet trials, marking a new era in UK Carrier Strike capability.

The 65,000-tonne carrier's first transatlantic deployment, which began in August, saw her embark two F-35B Lightning II test aircraft, from the Integrated Test Force (ITF) based out of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland. She also conducted an historic, week-long visit to New York.

During the Development Trials, the jets conducted 202 takeoffs from the ship's ski ramp, 187 vertical landings, and 15 shipborne vertical landings (SRVL) a landing technique unique to the UK. They also dropped 54 inert bombs, testing the weight loading in a variety of weather conditions and sea states. The operating envelopes will be further expanded during Operational Trials, scheduled for next year.

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson said: "HMS Queen Elizabeth's inaugural deployment to the US has not only marked the return of the Royal Navy's carrier strike capabilities, but also strengthened our special relationship with US forces. A true statement of our global reach and power, this ship will serve the United Kingdom for generations to come, keeping the nation safe and supporting our allies as we navigate increasing threats."



Aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth, returns to Portsmouth after successfully completing initial fast jet trials © Crown Copyright MoD Navy 2018

Having assumed Command from Rear Admiral Jerry Kyd in New York, Captain Nick Cooke Priest summed up the deployment, saying: "The 'WESTLANT 18' deployment has been a real success; and let's not forget that we are just a year on from the Ship being commissioned and accepted into

service. The main effort – Fixed Wing Flying trials have delivered outstanding results, which is testament to the co-operation, hard work and dedication of both the Ship’s Company and the US Integrated Test Force, assisted by the US Navy and US Marine Corps. Their combined efforts have put us in an excellent starting position for next year’s Operational Testing. The Ship has proudly flown the flag for the UK across the Atlantic”.

Commander Air onboard, Cdr James Blackmore oversaw the flight trials and said: “Since the ship sailed from build only 17 months ago we have operated Fixed Wing - most notably the F-35B - Rotary Wing and the Tilt Rotor MV-22 Osprey – 9 different aircraft types in all. We have proved the incredible design of the Queen Elizabeth Class of ship and the partnership with the F-35B. In that combination, we have something very special that will provide significant operational capability for decades to come, strategic choice for our government and a Task Group focus for the Royal Navy; we are truly back in the Super Carrier era”.

The deployment was also the first for the reformed UK Carrier Strike Group staff, headed up by Cdre Michael Utley, who said: “This has been an extraordinarily successful deployment on the Royal Navy’s journey to full Carrier Strike capability. It has once again demonstrated the strongest of relationships with our closest allies in the US and will underpin future work as we re-introduce fixed wing aviation at sea. The design of HMS Queen Elizabeth, specifically built for the immensely capable F-35B Lightning II, has enabled outstanding progress which will form the basis of Operational Testing in 2019. The other Task Group units deployed, including HMS Monmouth, our new Royal Fleet Auxiliary Tanker RFA Tidespring and the Merlin Helicopters from 820 and 845 Naval Air Squadrons, as well as Royal Marines and members from our sister Services, have all contributed to this significant success.”

The ‘WESTLANT 18’ Task Group comprised HMS Queen Elizabeth, HMS Monmouth, RFA Tidespring and aircraft from 820, 845 and 814 Naval Air Squadrons, as well as Royal Marines from 42 Commando and supporting units from the US Navy and US Marine Corps.

As the carrier’s escort HMS Monmouth sailed back towards her home in Plymouth, Commanding Officer, Cdr Will King said: “HMS Monmouth has pioneered the way as the first unit to escort the Carrier on her historic first deployment. It marks a significant stride forward for the wider Royal Navy fleet in generating the UK’s Carrier Strike capability. The training we have been able to do amongst our combined UK and US Task Group units has benefited us enormously”.

HMS Queen Elizabeth will remain in Portsmouth during the early part of 2019 undergoing maintenance.

## **Appendix 3 - from Lt Clifford Mickleburgh A more unusual sighting by Tower Bridge**

I was at lunch on board the “stone frigate” HMS President when Tower Bridge opened and the Brazilian training ship Brasil, identification number U27, was seen being towed “astern” out of the Pool of London by two Switzer tugs ready for her voyage down the Thames.



Please use the photographs if you consider suitable. (Editor - Yes, and more from members please)

# Appendix 4 - from Cdr David Houston

## The CNOA New Year Luncheon 2019 Application Form



**Event:** New Year's Luncheon  
**Venue:** Bearsted Golf Club  
**Date:** 19th January 2019 1230 for 1315  
**Dress:** Lounge Suit / Smart Jacket and Tie  
 (Club Rules: Jeans etc are Not permitted)

(Please Print Names.)

			Menu Choice					
			Menu on the back of this form					
MEMBER's Name	Initial	Rank/Title	Starter A,B,C,D	Main E,F,G,H	Dessert I,J,K,L	Veg.	Celiac	
GUEST Name/s								

Dinner Cost per Head: £ 20.00

(All drinks will be from the Bar at Club prices)

Cheque enclosed for the sum of: £

Payable to: CNOA

I regret that I am unable to attend but enclose a donation to our Service Charities.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form together with cheque to:

Commander David Houston, 105 Bridge St, Wye, Ashford, Kent TN25 5ED

Tel: 07719378993

No later than Wednesday 9th January.

However the List will be closed if the permitted numbers are achieved prior to that date

## Tables

The club makes use of round tables that normally seat 8. There are a few tables that can seat 10. I will endeavour to seat your party together at one table and if you are a group of 8 then that will be great. So please round up your friends – get them to bring their chequebooks and let's make this a really great New Year's Lunch with heaps raised for our Association's charities

## Menu

### Starters

- A. Spiced parsnip and apple soup, finished with parsnip crisps
- B. Wild mushroom arancini with spicy tomato sauce
- C. Caramelised red onion tart topped with dressed rocket
- D. Prawn and avocado salad in a Marie Rose sauce

### Mains

- E. Traditional roasted turkey breast with all the trimmings
- F. Paupiette of plaice stuffed with salmon and dill mousse on a bed of crushed new potatoes, prawn and lobster bisque sauce.
- G. Honey roasted belly of pork, on a bed of black pudding bubble and squeak, cider jus
- H. Creamy leek, garlic and potato pie, roast pumpkin puree

### Desserts

- I. Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
- J. Lemon posset with raspberry meringue and biscotti biscuit
- K. Bramley Apple crumble with vanilla ice cream
- L. Fresh fruit salad

Tea and coffee to follow with a selection of Christmas petit fours

## Appendix 5 – from a Member's studio Another masterpiece painted by Roy Standen



At the December 2018 CNOA meeting, the Chairman presented an oil painting of HMS ENDURANCE by Lt Cdr (SCC) Roy Standen to Commodore Barry Bryant RN, in recognition of his continued service as the President of CNOA.

## Appendix 6 – from MoD Navy

### The Royal Navy never sleeps, 24/7, 365 days a year. Even at Christmas

During December, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kolkata has been involved with KONKAN exercises with HMS Dragon. The Konkan exercise provides a platform for the two navies to periodically exercise at sea and in harbour, so as to build interoperability and share best practices.



HMS Dragon and Indian Naval Ship Kolkata © Crown Copyright MoD Navy 2018



HMS Dragon fires its 4.5 gun © Crown Copyright MoD Navy 2018

This Christmas, please give a thought for the ship's company of HMS Dragon deployed near the Indian sub-continent doing vital tasking while other RN ships' companies enjoy leave with their families. The safe arrival of goods shipped in containers, or shipped as bulk cargoes in specialised ships often use busy but potentially vulnerable sea routes that need the effective protection of friendly naval forces working together to deter those who would prefer to disrupt the shipping traffic.

# Appendix 7 – from the CNOA Hon Secretary

If you enjoy the CNOA activities, why not extend an invitation to a like minded serving or retired officer? or ask them to look at [cnoa.org.uk](http://cnoa.org.uk)



## CHATHAM NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

*President: Commodore Barry Bryant CVO RN*

*Chairman: Cdr Colin Tozer RN (Rtd)*

### APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME		FORENAMES	DATE
HOME ADDRESS  Tel. No:-  E Mail Address:-		BUSINESS ADDRESS  Tel. No:-  E Mail Address:-	
RANK	TYPE OF COMMISSION	SPECIALISATION / AWARDS & QUALIFICATIONS	
BRIEF CAREER DETAILS			
<p><b>General Data Protection Regulation:</b> - I agree that all the above details may be maintained and kept by the CNOA and RSME for the purposes of membership records and security. I agree / do not agree (delete as applicable) to my details being published in a membership booklet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>SIGNED</b>.....</p>			
PRESENT OCCUPATION			
PROPOSERS NAME	PROPOSERS SIGNATURE	HOW LONG KNOWN	
SECONDEES NAME	SECONDEES SIGNATURE	HOW LONG KNOWN	