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Chatham Naval Officers' Association



The CNOA Newsletter for March 2020

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HMS Northumberland © Crown Copyright MoD Navy 2020

HMS NORTHUMBERLAND VISITS HER AFFILIATED TOWN

HMS Northumberland sailing into the River Tyne for a routine port visit to Newcastle, in order to strengthen the ties between the Ship and its affiliated county.

The Type 23 Anti-Submarine Warfare Frigate was alongside on the Tyne from Thursday 6 February through to Sunday 9 February. During its stop-over the Ship's company took the opportunity to visit the city and enjoy some of the warm hospitality and friendship for which the city and the region is renowned.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The next evening meeting of the Association will be on **Friday the 13th March 2020** in the Warfare Room, RSME HQ Brompton Barracks 19.45 for 20.00 when the Association will have a general discussion of the way forward. It is an excellent opportunity for members to have their say about how things have been done and how things could be done. The evening will then continue with refreshments and fellowship in the Officers' Mess.

Chairman's Flag Hoist:



As your new Chairman I am honoured to be chosen for the role and have a very hard act to follow looking at those who have previously had the helm. The March speaker has pulled out, which I see as a great opportunity for your new committee to share their 12 month plan and get views from the membership before we put work into our new course.

Our new committee is:

Myself as Chairman and Speakers Convenor; Steve Small as Vice Chairman; Derek Ireland as Honorary Secretary; Jan Dean as Treasurer; Barbara Borland as Social Secretary; Suzanne Wood as Newsletter Editor; Andy Nailor as Membership Secretary; Tim Stopford as Merchandise Officer; Peter Luxton as Welfare Officer; Derek Stoyles as statesman providing wisdom and experience; and Ken Sprowles has kindly agreed to audit the accounts.

Please give some consideration on what you would like the CNOA to do and where you would like it to take place. Several great ideas came from the AGM and our team is considering what we can do to continue the hard work of our predecessors. We need to grow our membership and raise more money for the benefit of our charities and members.

I have been a member of CNOA for over 15 years and have held the role of speakers convenor for the last 9 years.

Yours Aye,

Jon

Jon Vanns
Lt Cdr (SCC) RNR
CNOA Chairman

2020 Future Speakers & Events: With Some Date Revisions

- 13th March: CNOA Planning discussion
- 10th April: CNOA diary clash with Good Friday so no CNOA meeting in April
- 1st May: John Johnson-Allen – The loss of HMS Truculent – To be confirmed
- 12th June: Lt Col Duffield – Chatham Dockyard from old images
- 10th July: Peter Goodwin – Nelson's Arctic Voyage
- 14th August: CNOA is on leave
- 11th September: Guy Bartlett – Stealth Aircraft, State of Art War Machines
- 9th October: Vanessa Nicholls – Dementia Friends
- 13th November: Derek Goodwin – Reflections of Marine Engineering Sales
- 11th December: Cdre Bryant – President's Address

Additional events will be included as details become available.

As always, we are most grateful to those who send items for this Newsletter. **All such contributions by the 5th of each month please.** Please email contact@cnoa.org.uk with articles, news items and photographs.

Derek Ireland (Hon. Secretary) and *Suzanne Wood* (Newsletter Editor)

Could other CNOA members also provide short presentations based on their own service related experiences for the CNOA meetings? **Yes, of course they could!** Please let Jon Vanns know or email contact@cnoa.org.uk

HMS Tyne visits London From MoD Navy



HMS Tyne alongside WWII cruiser HMS Belfast © Crown Copyright MoD Navy 2020

HMS Tyne sailed under the iconic Tower Bridge in London to moor alongside the equally iconic WWII Cruiser HMS Belfast.

The Royal Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) HMS Tyne was in London from the 3-6 Feb 2020 for a routine port visit and berthed alongside HMS Belfast in the Port of London. During her visit, the Ship engaged with her affiliates, local students and the Maritime Reserves.

Fishery protection is HMS Tyne's primary mission. She has a dedicated crew of just 43, who split into 3 watches and head out on patrol in excess of 300 days every year. Together, they safeguard fish stocks from South Shields to the Bay of Biscay. However, safeguarding fish stocks isn't all her crew get up to. They also carry out a number of other tasks including environmental protection, search and rescue and maritime security.

HMS Severn, Tyne and Mersey make up the Fishery Protection Squadron – the 'Cod Squad' – the oldest unit in the Royal Navy.

Seafarers UK Trustee Lord Mountevans highlights issues facing fishers

From Seafarers UK



As the UK Fisheries Bill proceeds through Parliament, Seafarers UK Trustee Lord Mountevans grasped the opportunity on 11 February to inform Peers about the challenges facing Britain's small-scale inshore fishers and their coastal communities.



Prior to his speech in the House of Lords, Lord Mountevans met with Seafarers UK CEO Catherine Spencer and Grants Director Deborah Layde to be briefed about the charity's ongoing campaigning on behalf of fishers in need and their families.

Lord Mountevans commented that fixed fish species quota allocations have seriously disadvantaged the smaller sector that 'despite making up 80% of the UK fleet by number has access to less than 2% of our national allocation.'

He stated: 'A recent investigation found that the five largest quota holders control more than a third of UK fishing quota. And around half of England's quota is ultimately owned by Dutch, Icelandic, or Spanish interests.'

Continuing, Lord Mountevans said: 'My Lords, the Bill and the welcome accompanying debate around the UK fishing industry affords a once in a life time opportunity for Government and society to address some of the challenges I and other noble Lords have noted.'

'The small boat sector is not challenged only economically. In the past 10 years, 94 fishermen have died off the UK, 529 have suffered serious injury and 210 fishing vessels have been lost.'

In conclusion, Lord Mountevans referred to Seafarers UK's 'Fishing for a Future' report from 2018 and recommendations made in a subsequent study, which is soon to be published by the charity.

City Naval Club 108th Luncheon on board HQS Wellington - Monday, 3rd February 2020 From Lt Cdr Clifford Mickleburgh

HQS Wellington is a fine historic venue, formerly HMS Wellington (launched Devonport,



1934), a Grimsby class sloop. We had a full house with 110 members attending. On arrival drinks were served on the upper deck and then down below to the magnificent dining room.

Our guest was Admiral Tony Radakin CB ADC, who was appointed First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff in June 2019. He was born in Oldham and made in the Royal

Navy. He gave a very upbeat talk on the Royal Navy and is very excited about the Royal Navy's future and was prepared to answer some "awkward" questions.

Admiral Radakin was commissioned in 1990 and his operational service has included the Iran/Iraq Tanker War, security duties in the Falklands, NATO embargo operations in the Adriatic, countering smuggling in Hong Kong and the Caribbean, and three command tours in Iraq, both ashore and at sea. He has commanded from Lieutenant to Rear Admiral of ashore, afloat and international forces. This includes HMS BLAZER and Southampton URNU, HMS NORFOLK, the Naval Training Team in Iraq, the Iraqi Maritime Task Force, Portsmouth Naval Base, Commander of UK Maritime Forces and NATO's High Readiness Maritime Component Commander.



His staff appointments have predominantly been in either joint or defence roles, including:



operational planning at PJHQ, two tours as a Military Assistant and two tours involving financial, capability and strategic force development. More recently, he was Chief of Staff of the Joint Forces Command (2016 to 2018) and Second Sea Lord (2018 to 2019).

Date for your Diaries...

Our 109th CNC lunch is planned for Monday 1st June 2020 when The Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP will be our guest on board HQS Wellington.

VE Day Commemoration Mess Dinner and Dance From Lt Cdr Jon Vanns

Date: Friday 8th May 2020

Place: Salomons Estate, Broomhill Road, Southborough, Kent TN3 0TG Tel: 01892 515152

Dress: Service Personnel Rig 2B with miniature medals or 1B, Civilians Dinner suit, or dark lounge suite with black bow tie. Ladies - Evening Dress

A note 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



CHATHAM NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

President: Commodore Barry Bryant CVO RN

Chairman: Lt Cdr Jon Vanns (SCC) RNR

APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

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HOME ADDRESS Tel. No:- E Mail Address:-		BUSINESS ADDRESS Tel. No:- E Mail Address:-	
RANK	TYPE OF COMMISSION	SPECIALISATION / AWARDS & QUALIFICATIONS	
BRIEF CAREER DETAILS			
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PRESENT OCCUPATION			
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