

# Sussex Association of Naval Officers

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## Association Newsletter - February/March 2020

### CORONA VIRUS

THE EC IS CONSTANTLY MONITORING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS IN THE UK AND WILL FOLLOW ANY RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND. AS THINGS STAND AT THE MOMENT, OUR NEXT TWO SCHEDULED EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE. THE MEMBERSHIP WILL BE KEPT INFORMED.

We now have a complete schedule of events for the 2020 season and are fortunate enough to have eminent guests of honour/speakers for our two major functions, the Mess Guest Night and the Trafalgar Night Dinner.

Please note the change in the programme for the AGM/LECTURE LUNCH; all the relevant documentation is enclosed with the full version of this newsletter, as sent to members and accessible via the **Members only** page of this site. This will be held on SATURDAY 4th APRIL. The speaker will be Ian Miles and the topic 'Night Air Warfare Over Sussex'.

Our Mess Guest Night will be held on FRIDAY 15th MAY.

We look forward to good attendances at both these events.

### MEMBERSHIP

It is with sadness that we record that in 2019 seven of our members crossed the bar: Cdr Warwick Child, Capt Robin Sard, Cdr Martin Richards, Lt Cdr John Woods, Lt Cdr Ted Atkinson, Capt Jeremy Stewart and Lt Charles Humphrey. We have however welcomed Maj Mal Weobley RMR and Rear Admiral Mike Kimmons.

### DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

MoD has published updated guidance on the medals awarded to serving members of the armed forces, veterans and MOD employees; and who can receive them. Details at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medals-campaigns-descriptions-and-eligibility> .

### SANO WEBSITE – MEMBERS ONLY PAGE

This site now includes 3 “members only” facilities on a page of that name: A link to a full version of the then current newsletter (for security and privacy reasons, published versions omit event venues/times, booking forms and SANO’s bank details); the full events programme for the year (again with venues and times, unlike the version appearing on public page “Programme”); and any other current sensitive or confidential content. This does not affect distribution of the Newsletter and other documents, e.g. AGM papers, to the membership via post or email, or public page “Incoming”, which remains available for members’ contributions to the website. Password changes will be notified in newsletters. Any ??s etc to Joe Kirk, Webmaster, 01903 523206 sano.webmaster@gmail.com .

## URNU LEADERSHIP AWARDS

SANO members are invited to a reception with Sussex URNU on 7th May 2020 which will culminate in the presentation of awards for leadership to members of the unit. SANO members are further invited to drinks on completion of the ceremony. SANO members interested in attending this event please register your interest with SANO Secretary Ray Wright ( [sano.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sano.secretary@gmail.com) ) who will furnish detailed arrangements idc.

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
4 Apr	Sat	AGM/Lecture/Lunch	Ian Miles, Sussex historian	Seeing in the dark – Night fighter operations over Sussex during the 1941 Blitz
15 May	Fri	Mess Guest Night		
20 Jun	Sat	Lecture/Curry Lunch	CWGC representative	Commonwealth war graves
Jul, date tbd	Thu	Lunch/Visit		
13 Aug	Thu	Pub Lunch		Optional walk nearby
24 Oct	Sat	Trafalgar Night Dinner	RAdm Mike Kimmons, SANO member	
28 Nov	Sat	Lecture/Lunch	Cdr Mike Maddox, SANO member	

Key dates: 10th April Good Friday, 13th April Easter Monday, Friday 8th May May Bank Holiday, 25th May Spring Bank Holiday, 31st August Summer Bank Holiday, 25th December Christmas, 26th December Boxing Day.

School hols: Easter 6 to 17 Apr, HT 25 to 29 May, Summer 23 Jul to 3 Sep, HT 26 to 30 Oct. Christmas 21 Dec to 4 Jan.

## TAILPIECE

After a plumber has finished repairing some faulty pipework in a brain surgeon's home, he handed him the bill. 'One thousand pounds! For an hour's work?' cried the surgeon. 'That's ridiculous! Why I'm a brain surgeon and I don't charge that much.' To which the plumber replied, 'Funny, when I was a brain surgeon I didn't either!'

Best wishes,

Bob