



# Association Newsletter, September 2020

## EDITORIAL

SANO is delighted to inform you that the show is once again on the road. Amidst all the trials and tribulations associated with Covid 19, we have been able to reinstate our activities programme for the remainder of the year.

The first of these will be our annual Trafalgar Night Dinner, to be held on **Saturday 24 October**. Details are to be found on the booking form. Keeping in mind social distancing, the format of the dinner and proceedings will be subject to some modification.

Our final function of the year will be a Lecture/Lunch which will take place on **Saturday 28 November**. On this occasion we will be holding the AGM for 2020, which has been held over since lockdown. **PLEASE NOTE THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THIS DATE.**

## EC VACANCY

We are sad to have to announce that our Treasurer, Dusty Miller, has had to resign owing to future work commitments. He could find himself at any place in the world at any given time which makes his role as Treasurer difficult to sustain.

NOMINATIONS FOR THIS POSITION ARE REQUIRED (or do we have a volunteer??).

## MEMBERSHIP

SANO welcomes back into its fold a former member, **Lt Cdr Noel Atkins RD RNR**.

## OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we announce the death of two of our members, **Cdr Chris Roberts RD\* RNR** and **Lt Cdr Gwilym Roberts CBE RNR**.

### **Cdr Chris Roberts RD\* RNR**

Commander Christopher Jeffrey Roberts, FNI RD\* RNR, died in the early hours of 22 June after a fall at home a few days previously.

Chris had been a SANO member since 2007, having served 1967-92 at Sussex Division RNR on List 1. He was regarded as a fine example of an officer committed to helping others and furthering themselves. His service included 2 years RN recall 1986-87 as Merchant Navy Staff Officer at the School of Maritime Operations.

### **Lt Cdr Gwilym Roberts CBE RNR**



SANO was sad to learn of the death on 31 July of Lieutenant Commander David Gwilym Morris Roberts, CBE FICE FIMechE FREng RNR, at 95.

Born at Harlech 1925, and having read engineering at Cambridge on a state bursary, Gwilym entered the RNVRE Engineering branch at London Division 1945. He served in HMS Sheffield whilst flagship of the America and West Indies Station. During this time he transferred to the RN as a temporary Sub-Lieutenant (E). He returned to the RNVRE 1948 and was promoted Lieutenant 1949 and Lieutenant Commander 1957, in which rank he retired 1961.

*Full obituaries of both these officers are to be found on the Obituaries page of the SANO website, <http://www.sussexnavy.org/obit/>.*

### **TRAINING OFFICER WITH SUSSEX URNU**

We have received this notice from URNU. It is unlikely that SANO members will be able to fulfil this role but perhaps you may know someone who may be interested (Ed)

Sussex University Royal Navy Unit is looking to recruit a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to assist with delivery of training.

The individual should have a Maritime or teaching background (RN/RNR/RM/RMR/Merchant Navy/URNU/SCC/CCF(RN)/Sea Scout/RYA). Applicants must pass a full Royal Navy Medical, Military Swim Test, Security Clearance and be under the age of 50.

Through a programme of maritime and leadership training, Sussex URNU delivers an insight into the Royal Navy to Undergraduates from universities across Sussex. Training takes place on a Thursday evening from our HQ at The University of Brighton, at weekends from around the country and during deployments onboard Royal Navy Warships.

24 days (made up of Thursday evenings (1/4 of a day's pay), weekends and a minimum of 1 week a year) is the expected minimum commitment, with a potential to complete more days as required. Ability to attend on a Thursday evening is crucial.

Initially appointed into the rank of acting Sub Lieutenant the individual will be paid £81.13 a day with the potential to earn a tax-free bonus of £161 in the first year. Training, uniform, and expenses will be provided.

Interested applicants should email a copy of their CV, along with a covering letter to the Commanding Officer (NAVY TRG BRNC-URNU SUSSEX CO@mod.gov.uk).

Closing date for applications: 31 January 2021

**NB** – The successful applicant will be appointed into the Royal Navy Reserve for the sole purpose of URNU training (List 7a). They have **no** call up liability.

## QUIZ SOLUTIONS

The three submarines in the last Newsletter were (a) Delta (b) Echo (c) Foxtrot.

## CROWDFUNDING FOR COLD WAR MUSEUM IN PLYMOUTH

Below is a link to a crowd funding page for a project that Rear Admiral John Weale (recently retired FOSNI & RASM) and Ian Whitehouse (ex CO HMS Sovereign) are working on with Plymouth City Council and the NMRN to establish a new Cold War Museum in Plymouth, with HMS Courageous at its core, as part of the Devonport South Yard regeneration programme.



Details of the proposal are at the link. In essence, it is to remember the history of the Cold War from Plymouth, which was the home of both the S and T class submarines and the SM School before all training and operations migrate north to the Clyde and we lose the unique history of operational submarines in Plymouth. The intent is to try and raise £40K by Christmas such that we can complete a scoping study of the feasibility and costings for a Cold War Museum (Sub Hub) to include what work needs to be done to provide Courageous with a permanent home. Any donation you give will be gratefully received. Finances are being managed by the RNRMC and any funds donated above the target figure will be given to the RNRMC SMF charity.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hmscourageous?utm\\_term=k2xZRzMRw](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hmscourageous?utm_term=k2xZRzMRw)

## 60 SECOND UPDATE, ROYAL NAVY

60 Second Update is the internal communications channel for the Naval Service, reporting on issues affecting our sailors, airmen and marines. Briefings lasting 60 seconds are given by junior rates and can be found on [www.royalnavy.mod.uk](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk) or via a link on the SANO website, [News](#) page.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TOPIC
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 20	Sat	Trafalgar Night Dinner	
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 20	Sat	Lecture/Lunch	War in a Stringbag

## TAILPIECE

The ship was sinking. An Englishman with a pipe in his mouth came out of his cabin and asked the captain: “Where’s the boat for smokers?”

Best wishes, Bob