



EDITORIAL

I would like to wish all members a very Happy New Year and hope that Covid does not take over our lives in the same way that it has manifested itself over the past two years. From all the evidence we glean, there does seem to be a glimmer of hope over the horizon.

Sadly, for the Association, this has not been a good start to the year, having lost two of our members, Cdr Mike Priestly RN and Lt Cdr Peter Mulleneux RD RNR. (see below).

On a much more cheerful note, we have managed to put together a full programme of events for the year and in almost all cases, guest speakers and lecturers have confirmed their attendance according to the table below.

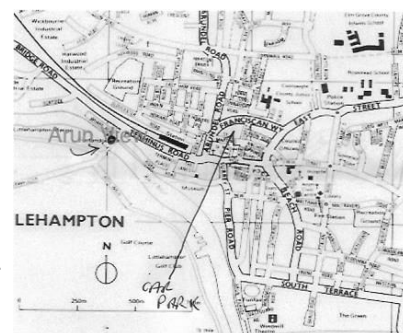
We start the year with a pub lunch to be held once again at the Arun View Littlehampton. Our last visit was in 2018 and proved to be most successful. We had a beautiful view over the River Arun which unfortunately was eclipsed by torrential rain!

In this Newsletter I also attach the latest communication that has been received by our Chairman from the Commanding Officer of HMS SHOREHAM.

PUB VISIT TO THE 'THE ARUN VIEW' LITTLEHAMPTON



The visit is scheduled to take place on **THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY**. The hostelry, as its name would suggest is situated on the bank of the River Arun, a stones-throw from the centre of Littlehampton. Car parking is limited, especially around lunchtime due to the pub's popularity but there is adequate car-parking in the town, the nearest to the 'Arun View' being some 400m due south



along the river bank near to the 'Look and Sea' Museum. Otherwise, there are couple of car parks in the town- centre. 'The Arun View' is on the Terminus Road-Footbridge junction. (See Ray's Booking Form below).

OBITUARIES

LT CDR HUGH PETER MULLENEUX RD RNR

Former members of HMS SUSSEX were greatly saddened by the death on 11 December of Peter Mulleneux. Peter served as a seagoing officer for many years until his retirement in 1971 and was a very popular member of the Unit who combined a highly professional approach to his duties as watch keeper and navigator with a cheerful and friendly manner, but he was also a member of a wardroom which achieved notoriety by inadvertently dropping the anchor on the Admiralty's degaussing gear in Burntisland! In civilian life he was a farmer at Wadhurst where he was active in the local community. A memorial service for Peter will be held at St Mary's Church, Ticehurst, East Sussex TN5 7AB, at 1400 on Friday 4 February.

CDR MICHAEL JOHN PRIESTLEY RN

SANO members were shocked by the sudden death of Mike Priestly on 2 December. Mike had a great life in the Royal Navy and Fleet Air Arm from 1966 to 1999. His early years were spent as an Observer in Buccaneer Squadrons, serving in three carriers, before transferring to the General List (X) Branch.

After commanding HMS ACHILLES, HMS MINERVA and 819 Naval Air Squadron and some exciting staff appointments (and acting as the helicopter pilot in the James Bond film *The Spy Who Loved Me*), Mike left the RN and joined a private law firm as an office manager, rising to be Head of Business before retirement in 2015. He then took a great interest in many charitable and other activities, including the Bluebell Railway, and as a season ticket holder of Southampton FC. A memorial service for Mike will be held in the spring.



PROGRAMME 2022

Date	Day/Time	Event	Venue	Speaker	Topic
17 Feb 2022	Thu 1200	Pub Lunch	Arun View Littlehampton		
19 March 2022	Sat 1045	AGM/Lecture/ Lunch			QE Class Carriers/ Geopolitical Implications
29 April 2022	Fri	Visit			
21 May 2022	Sat 1830	MGN			
9 July 2022	Sat 1100	Curry Lunch			Commonwealth War Graves (Research)
1 Sept 2022	Thu 1200	Pub Lunch			
22 Oct 2022	Sat 1830	Trafalgar Night Dinner			
26 Nov 2022	Sat 1100	Lecture/Lunch			Secret Sussex

Key dates:

15 April Good Friday, 18 April Easter Monday, 2nd May Day Bank Holiday, 2nd June Spring Bank Holiday, 3rd June Platinum Jubilee, 29 August Summer Bank Holiday, 25 December Christmas, 26 December Boxing Day, 27 December Bank Holiday.

TAILPIECE

Reply to a signal received by an officer, congratulating him on his promotion:
VMT. Psalm 140, 2nd half of verse 51 (1 "they have set gins for me")

Best wishes, Bob

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