



## May 2022

### EDITORIAL

We are saddened to have lost a number of members over the last twelve months but it has been encouraging that we have been able to recruit new members to our Association. If you know anyone who would care to join us please give their names to Ray our Secretary. There was a very successful visit to HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH (report below), 16 members attended, followed by lunch in the wardroom of HMS NELSON. Our next event is a curry/lecture lunch on 9th July at the Hove Club.

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce new members of the Association :-

Mr Ian Miles, Mr David Irwin, Mr Bill Paterson OBE and  
Lt Cdr (SCC) Martin Rankin-Thorn RNR

### OBITUARY JIM BANGERT (RIP)

Jim was one of our long-standing and loyal members who recently passed away after a long illness. His funeral service has taken place at All Saints Church, Hove, on Tuesday 17 May.

### VISIT TO HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH



young officers.

On 29th April a group of SANO members were privileged to have a conducted visit to HMS Queen Elizabeth whilst the ship was alongside in Portsmouth Naval Base. Much has been written about the ship since she was commissioned so I will confine myself to my personal observations.

We were honoured to be conducted around the vessel by the XO Commander Hugh Harris, a former CO of Sussex URNU, together with three



“ENGAGE!”

Having previously served in HMS Ark Royal (R09) I couldn't help making comparisons. Firstly, the size. Ark Royal at 50,000 Tons was a very large ship but is easily dwarfed by Queen Elizabeth at 65,000 Tons. Next the complement (with air wing embarked) Ark Royal at 2,600 Queen Elizabeth at 1,600. Looking round the ship one could easily see the reason for less people. Munitions and stores handling are well thought out with automatic handling arrangements designed in. Fire hoses stored on ready use reels rather than stowed separately from the hydrant. Much more automation on the bridge, flying bridge, ops room and ready rooms. Watertight doors operated by one handle rather than multiple clips all round. I could go on.

It goes without saying that the SANO party was very impressed with the ship and her people. A great day out was followed by an excellent lunch in HMS NELSON wardroom.. Perhaps we should arrange a visit to HMS PRINCE OF WALES in a year or two's time.

## HMS SHOREHAM

HMS SHOREHAM drew a good local crowd as the minehunter bade her goodbye to various groups and associations who've been linked with the ship throughout her 20-year-career. The 41 men and women who have carried the town's name around the world on front-line operations since 2002 exercised their Freedom of the district with a march and parade through the heart of Shoreham-by-Sea for the fourth and last time since being honoured in 2011.



“it has been real privilege to bring HMS SHOREHAM back to her home town where she was first commissioned-and to hand back the Freedom of the District awarded” said the final Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander Andrew Platt...who began his RN career aboard the ship. “Over her 20 years of service- with nearly half these spent deployed in the Gulf, HMS SHOREHAM’S strong maritime links with our home town have been a great support to a generation of sailors-and it is right that we express our thanks to Shoreham-by-Sea during this visit.”

The ship has clocked up more than 120,000 nautical miles- enough to take her around the world five and a half times-and visited more than 30 ports at home and abroad while serving under the White Ensign. (From ARNO Matters 204)

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Date	Day/Time	Event	Venue	Speaker	Topic
9 July 2022		Curry Lunch		Sarah Nathaniel	Commonwealth War Graves (Research)
1 Sept 2022		Pub Lunch	tba (E Sussex)		
22 Oct 2022		Trafalgar Night Dinner			
26 Nov 2022		Lecture/ Lunch		Stewart Angell	Secret Sussex

No TAILPIECE this month! Contributions greatly received!

Best wishes, Bob

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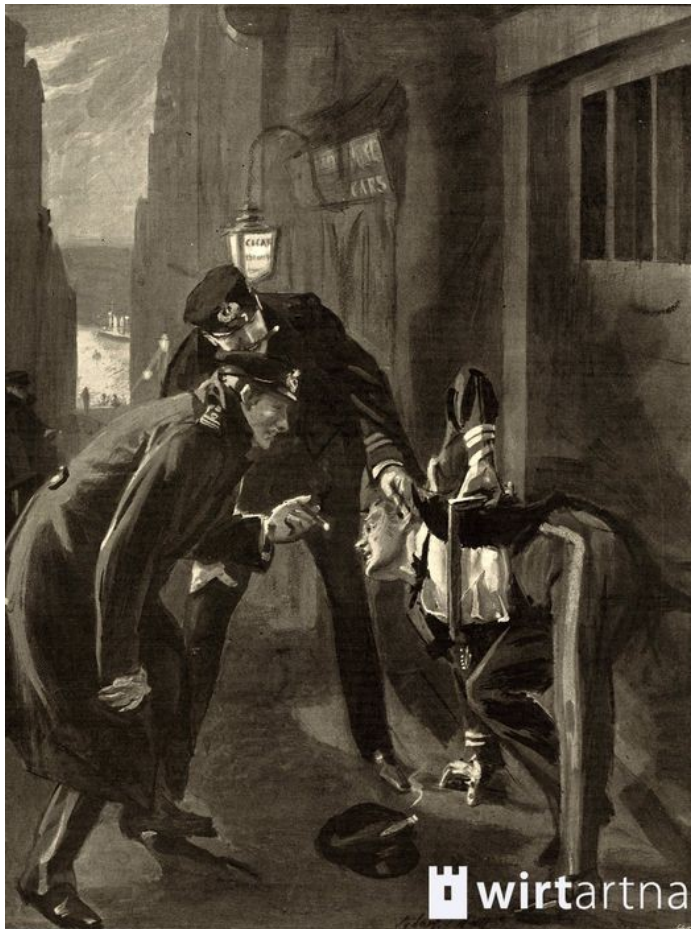
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### NAME THE CEREMONY



### WHAT WAS THE FUNCTION OF THIS WARSHIP IN WW2?

