



## January 2023

### EDITORIAL

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year, although perhaps a little belated. Whilst the year may not be prosperous at least we can hope that it will become somewhat more peaceful than 2022 and hopefully Covid can be eliminated! On a more cheerful note I am pleased to announce that we have a full Programme of Events for the forthcoming season, with many thanks to our Secretary Ray. There may be a few minor tweaks but we will inform you in due course. We have, of course held our first Lecture/Lunch at the Hove Club, when the guest speaker was **Vice Admiral Paul Bennett**, who happens to be one of our members. I believe that this event was probably the best attended (save for Trafalgar Night) for several years.

### LECTURE LUNCH

Admiral Bennett presented a most detailed account of the origins of NATO and all its member states (28 in Europe and 2 in North America). As was the title of his lecture,



the talk was personal view of how the whole organisation functioned. It was interesting in many cases how decisions were finally reached. He pointed out that the national characteristics of the delegates of the various nations very much influenced the final outcomes despite what was recorded in the minutes!

### MEMBERSHIP

SANO is pleased to welcome Lt Cdr (SCC) Vic Woolgar RNR

## OBITUARY

We were sad to learn of the passing of Professor Gerald Moore. Gerald was a veteran of WW2, a Sub Lieutenant in the Royal Navy during the Battle of the Atlantic and subsequently involved in the Arctic Convoys.

## THE ROYAL NAVY OFFICERS' CHARITY

The RNOC was delighted to be awarded Charity of the Year at the Association of Charitable Organisations (ACO) Annual Conference and Award Ceremony on **Thursday 22 September 2022**. The Awards celebrated the achievements of the sector and the RNOC was recognised for its longstanding and wide-ranging benevolence across the Royal Navy Officer family.

SANO is of course proud to have contributed to the work of RNOC.

## SANO MEMBERSHIP

Who do you know and what do you know of them? This statement was prompted by a discussion at the recent Lecture/Lunch. One of our members was surprised at the depth of experience and the inter-connecting circles of service (old ships) amongst the membership and suggested that we print the occasional CV of a member (with permission of course). This would involve sending in a CV covering your career/association with the RN/RNR/MN or related services.

## LATEST EDITION TO THE FLEET

### HMS GLASGOW (TYPE 26 FRIGATE)

The ship is being assembled on the River Clyde in Glasgow. The first steel was cut for *Glasgow* in July 2017 with the ship expected to be delivered in 2024 and operational in about 2026. In January 2018, work started on the second hull section.

In January 2020, the Royal Navy announced that the ship was more than halfway through construction. In July 2020, the Royal Navy announced that work on the final section of *Glasgow* has started!

On 18 April 2021, the fore section of the ship moved out from its building shed on the Clyde, and on 1 May 2021 was joined with its aft section for the first time. She was then launched on 25 November 2022 in preparation for tow to the BAE Scotstoun shipyard for her fitting out. Commissioning was anticipated by late 2026 to be followed by a work-up period prior to reaching initial operating capability! In October 2022, the Secretary of State for Defence, Ben Wallace, stated that the initial operating capability (IOC) for the ship had slipped from 2027 to 2028. WIKIPEDIA



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2023

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> February	1215	Lunch	Ardington Hotel Worthing		
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> March	1045	AGM/Lecture/Lunch	Hove Club	Dr. James Bosbotinis	QE Class Carriers Geopolitical Implications
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> April	TBA	Visit Lunch in "HORNET"	QINETIQ Haslar		
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June	1830	Mess Dinner	Hove Club	tba	
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1100	Curry Lunch/ Lecture	Hove Club		True story of MI6
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> September	1200	Visit	Shoreham Fort	Followed by pub lunch Swiss Cottage	
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> October	1830	Trafalgar Night Dinner	Hove Club	RA Jude Terry (TBC)	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> November	1100	Lecture/ Lunch	Hove Club	Bill Paterson	MET Police/ FCO

### Key dates:

2<sup>nd</sup> January New Year's Day, 7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April Easter Monday, 1st May Day Bank Holiday, 6<sup>th</sup> May Coronation, 8<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Bank Holiday 29<sup>th</sup> May Spring Bank Holiday, 28<sup>th</sup> August Summer Bank Holiday, 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas 26<sup>th</sup> December Boxing Day.

### TAILPIECE

*'Champagne , if you are seeking the truth, is better than a lie-detector. It encourages a man to be expansive, even if reckless, while lie-detectors are only a challenge to tell lies successfully'*  
(Graham Greene)

Best wishes, Bob