



EDITORIAL

The last two events, the Mess Guest Night Dinner and the Lecture/Lunch were both well supported. The Chief Constable of the Sussex Constabulary, Jo Shiner was our guest of honour and she gave an excellent exposition of the duties of a Chief Constable together with the way she rose to this position starting as a WPC with the Norfolk Constabulary. For a young female police officer at that time it was a difficult ladder to climb. Regretfully, we have little in the way of photographs of this occasion but I do include two that we managed to salvage! Our thanks go to ARNO who provided the port for the evening. In the absence of our President, Vice Admiral Sir Peter Woodhead, Captain Philip Sherwin presided.



The next event was an extremely and informative Lecture/Lunch when the guest speaker was Mr Harry Ferguson of MI6 who, when in the role of a spy, explained how such individuals were selected and then how they went about their tasks. The talk was held under Chatham House Rules hence the limitations of the details in this account.



EVENT IN SEPTEMBER

This will take place on **Thursday 7th September** and is a visit to **Shoreham Fort**. Muster at 1100 (see calling notice)



ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD BOYCE KG GCB OBE (RIP)

Members may recall that Lord Boyce was the Guest of honour at our Trafalgar night Dinner in 2013. It was thanks to our Chairman Richard who persuaded him to come. He and Richard were 'old ships' having served together in HMS SUPERB in the early 1980's- he as CO and Richard as WEO. A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Westminster Abbey on 13th July. Lord Boyce held many of the top positions in the Service and important positions outside including Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle. As a member of the Submariners' Association Richard was in attendance.



VETERANS ID CARD

The Ministry of Defence will be launching a new Veterans ID card which will enable public and charitable sector services to instantly recognise the service of a Veteran. This card will provide proof that a Veterans has served in HM Armed Forces in line with the Government definition of a Veteran, which is one day's service.

Currently, there is no way for existing Veterans to easily prove the fact that they have served, and the administrative burden on providers when verifying that a person is a Veteran can be considerable, both in time and cost. This card will allow you to confidentially verify that someone has served in the Armed Forces.



Most veterans over the age of 55 will probably be in receipt of a MOD pension which should cut down the need for fulfilling any other criteria.

As with the Veterans badge, eligibility is open to all Services, their Reserves and Auxiliaries.

Further information may be obtained by contacting via email:

Veterans-UK@mod.gov.uk

or 'phone:0808 1914 218

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Thu 7 th September	1100	Visit	Shoreham Fort	Followed by lunch at the Sussex Yacht Club	
Sat 28 th October	1830	Trafalgar Night Dinner	Hove Club	RA James Parkin CBE	
Sat 25 th November	1100	Lecture/ Lunch	Hove Club	Bill Paterson	MET Police/FCO

Key dates:

28th August Summer Bank Holiday, 25th December Christmas 26th December Boxing Day.

TAILPIECE

“Lunatics not belonging to naval or military service are not to be received on board His Majesty’s ships of war, or fleet auxiliaries except with the special sanction of the Admiralty.” KR&AI 1926 Art 1012

Alright for those who have already joined, of course!

Note: My thanks go to **Lt Cdr Pat Saunders** who has provided me with 10 years of Tailpieces dating back to 1991. These were compiled by the late **Cdr Pip Noel** and no doubt I will be using them in future Newsletters as I have done on this occasion.

Best wishes, Bob