



EDITORIAL

We are now approaching the end of our season with a final Lecture/Lunch to be held at the **Hove Club on SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER at 1100** when the speaker will be **Bill Paterson OBE** and the title of the lecture will be **“ON THE INTERNATIONAL BEAT.”** Bill rose to the rank of Chief Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police and also had experience in various countries around the world.

This is the time of the year also when your committee convenes to outline a programme of Events, Speakers and Guests for the forthcoming year. Your input is most welcome and therefore if you have any thoughts on any of the above, please let us know.

VISIT TO SHOREHAM FORT IN SEPTEMBER

It was an exceptionally hot day when 9 of us gathered at the Fort to be given a guided tour by the curator Gary Baines. The Fort was built in 1857 at a cost of £11,685. 10s. 0d to defend against Napoleon 111 and manned by 500 personnel. It is now undergoing extensive refurbishment at a substantial cost to provide a museum and educational centre dedicated to the period. After the visit we repaired to the Sussex Yacht Club for lunch.



HMS FITTLETON MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial to those who lost their lives in the HMS FITTLETON disaster was completed on the 17th September and dedicated at a service in St Mary's Church, Fittleton, Salisbury. SANO was represented at the service by Rear Admiral John Lippiett and Captain John Stoy.



On This Day.... 15th October 1993

On This Day 1993 **Commandant Anne Spencer**, the last Director of the Women's Royal Naval Service retired & her post was abolished as the WRNS were integrated in to the Royal Navy. Succeeded by 1st, Chief Naval Officer for Women in the Royal Naval Service, **Captain Julia Simpson RN** (SANO member!)



TRAFALGAR NIGHT 2023



On 28th October SANO held its Annual Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Hove Club. The toast to the 'Immortal Memory' was proposed by Rear Admiral James Parkin CBE who was our principal guest. 40 members and guests were in atten-



dance, despite the atrocious weather, to what turned out to be an excellent evening. We thank **Capt Julia Simpson RN** for standing in as President for the evening. Congratulations to the Hove Club for providing an excellent meal! Deviating slightly from the usual Trafalgar Night address, Admiral Parkin gave a superb account of the order of battle of the assembled fleets together with the intricacies and techniques of their manoeuvrability and tactics, (enhanced unwittingly by a superb map of fleet deployment on the reverse of the menu card!) A good evening was had by all!

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Sat 25 th November	1100	Lecture/ Lunch	Hove Club	Bill Paterson	MET Police/FCO

TAILPIECE

Comment on the sentences below?

'What has four letters and sometimes seven but never five?'

or :- 'There are 30 cows on a farm and 28 chickens. How many didn't?'

Best wishes,

Bob