



EDITORIAL

A Happy and peaceful New Year to you all. Hopefully you have managed to dodge all the nasty bugs that are doing the rounds not forgetting the constant presence of Covid!

As you will see at the foot of the Newsletter we have formulated a full programme of events for 2024, some of which will, of necessity are yet to be confirmed.

On Saturday 20 January a well attended Lecture/lunch was held when the guest speaker was Sheryl Green MA. We were enthralled by the excellent presentation relating to the women involved in the SOE during WW2., all of whom exhibited phenomenal bravery. Sheryl left a reading list from which some of her research was done which you will find below.



LT CDR PAT SAUNDERS RD RNR

Our colleague and former Chairman Pat Saunders has informed us that he has unfortunately been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease and regrets that he will not be able to attend SANO functions in future. Pat, as members will recall, is a past chairman of SANO and has supported the association steadfastly over the years for which we all thank him. Your committee has extended best wishes on behalf of the membership to Pat and Maznah as they face difficult times together.

SSAFA REQUEST FROM SUSSEX CHAIRMAN NICK BERRYMAN

Whilst recruitment of caseworkers has started to pick up following severe depletion after lockdown, I am seeking people with the right skills to fill the posts of Vice-Chairman, and of Branch Secretary. The duties are not overly time-consuming, but I need someone with the skills that I believe only a retired officer could provide.

My service was of the light blue variety, but as a Buccaneer pilot I trained many RN pilots and observers, and remain in contact with most of them through the Buccaneer Aircrew Association of which I am the Webmaster. Our President (Capt Ted Hackett) and a number of our committee members are also ex-FAA. and a number of RAF members served on 809 Sqn. I also attended the Joint Service Defence College at Greenwich, so there is still a little dark blue along with the light! Contacts over page:-

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION OF NAVAL OFFICERS

DATE	DAY TIME	EVENT	VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
23rd March	Sat 1045	AGM Lecture/ Curry Lunch	Hove Club	Cdr Rupert Head RN	Atlantic Convey- or Experience
17 th April	Wed	Visit Lunch in "NELSON"	HM Naval Base Portsmouth		Ship visit HM Naval Base Portsmouth
18 th May	Sat 1830	Mess Guest Night	Hove Club		
7 th June	Fri	Lunch	Army & Navy Club Pall Mall		
20 th July	Sat 1100	Lecture/Lunch	Hove Club	Richard Wer- rick	Poland and the Intermarium
5 th September	Thu 1200	Pub Lunch	The Lamb Inn Pevensey Marsh		
26 th October	Sat 1830	Trafalgar Night Dinner	Hove Club		
16 th Nov 2022	Sat 1100	Lecture/Lunch	Hove Club	Shoreham Harbour En- gineer	Shoreham Har- bour

Key dates:

1st January New Year's Day, 29th March Good Friday, 1st April Easter Monday, 6th May Day Bank Holiday, 27th May Spring Bank Holiday, 26th August Summer Bank Holiday, 25th December Christmas 26th December Boxing Day.

TAILPIECE

From S206's:- *"Since my last report he has reached rock bottom, and has now started to dig."
"She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."*

Best wishes, Bob

Suggested reading related to FEMALE AGENTS of the SOE and SIS.

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AUTHOR	TITLE
GENERAL / Anthologies	
Margaret Collins Weitz	'Sisters in the Resistance: how women fought to free France 1940-1945'
Bernard O'Connor	'SOE heroines: The Special Operations Executive French Section and Free French women agents.'
Sarah Rose	'The D Day girls' <i>Also available as an audiobook.</i>
Beryl E. Escott	'Heroines of the SOE 'F' Section.' AND 'Mission Improbable'. <i>Good for ref and dipping in and out of,</i>
Marcus Binney	'The women who lived for danger.'
Rick Stroud	'Lonely courage.'
BOOKS ON AGENTS FEATURED IN TODAY'S TALK	
ON DEEDEE DE JONG	
Airey Neave	Little Cyclone' also, 'Saturday at M.I.9'
Michael Kenneth-Smith	'The Postwoman'
Julien Ayotte	'Code name Lily.' <i>On one of her closest colleagues (Michou)</i>
James McCairns	'Lysander Pilot'.
ON DIANA ROWDEN	
Elizabeth Nicholas	'Death be not proud.' <i>On DR and six other women.</i>
Gabrielle McDonald-Rothwell	'Her finest hour...' <i>on Diana Rowden.</i>
Rita Kramer	'Flames in the field.' <i>On the four female SOE agents murdered at Natzweiler.inc Diana.</i>
ON NOOR INYATT KHAN	
Jean Overton-Fuller	'Madeleine'

A-J Magida	'Code name Madeleine'
Rick Stroud	'Lonely courage.' <i>On four female SOE agents inc Noor. Also available as an audiobook.</i>
Noor Inayat Khan	'20 Jataka tales'
Francis J. Suttill	'Prosper...' <i>on his father's work, capture and execution.</i>
Leo Marks	'Silk and cyanide.' <i>On how he trained Noor and others in coding.</i>
ON CHRISTINE GRANVILLE	
Clare Mulley	'The spy who loved.'
Ray Jenkins	'A pacifist at war.' <i>on Caemnaerts</i>
E.M. Sloane	'When songbirds returned to Paris' <i>on Cecile Lefort – very sentimental. Also avail as audiobook.</i>
Paddy Ashdown	'The cruel victory' <i>on the battles around the Vercors.</i>
ON NANCY WAKE	
Russell Braddon	'Nancy Wake: World War Two's Most Rebellious Spy' <i>NW herself collab with Braddon on this. Also audio</i>
ON M-M FOURCADE	
Lynne Olson	'Madame Fourcade's secret war.' <i>Also available as an audiobook</i>
Marie Madeleine Fourcade	'Noah's Ark: Story of the Alliance Intelligence Service in Occupied France' <i>Her own account.</i>
Edward Wake-Walker	'A house for spies.' <i>On the role of Barbara Bertram and Bignor Manor.</i>
Barbara Bertram	'French Resistance in Sussex' <i>Barbara Bertram's own brief account.</i>
Rodriguez f.e. captain- herve robert	'L'escalier sans retour.'
ON VERA ATKINS	
Sarah Helm	'A life in secrets.'