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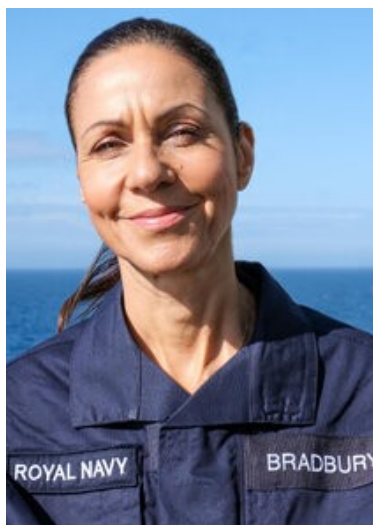
We now look forward to our next event which is the Annual Trafalgar Night Dinner to be held at the Hove Club on **SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2024 at 1830**. Our Principal guest on this occasion will be **Capt Stephen Mardlin MBE MBA ACMA RN** who has now retired from the Service after a wide and varied career. (see Calling Notice below).

On Thursday 5th September a dozen or so members braved the elements to attend the Lunch at Bistro Pierre in Eastbourne. From the attached photo it would seem that all are enjoying themselves. Regrettably, I was unable to attend on this occasion.

Whilst it early days we always have to give consideration to our next year's Programme of Events, and to that end, we make our annual plea for any member to submit suggestions for lectures, speakers, visits etc. Please let our Secretary know.



'WARSHIP, LIFE IN THE ROYAL NAVY'



This was a series of programmes aired a few weeks ago on Channel 5 presented by Julia Bradbury and JJ Chalmers himself an ex Royal Marine. The programme gave unprecedented access to the Royal Navy which featured life on board HMS PRINCE OF WALES with Julia Bradbury and JJ Chalmers who relived his experiences as a recruit at the Royal marines Depot at Lympstone.

Back in Portsmouth, Bradbury trades her naval uniform for a rifle and bayonet, tackling drill marching, a fundamental aspect of naval recruit training. Can she maintain her composure and precision under the watchful eyes of the training instructors?



The episode concludes with Chalmers visiting Dartmouth's Britannia Royal Naval College, an institution steeped in naval history and royal connections. It's here, on the croquet lawns, that royal romances blossomed, and both King Charles and Prince William underwent their officer training, leaving their unique marks on the wardroom ceiling. (Safari)

HMS TRENT

The Royal Navy has intercepted its first-ever “narco sub” – filled with £160m (\$208M) worth of cocaine.



HMS Trent seized the vessel in the Caribbean Sea in eight drugs busts in seven months, the Portsmouth-based patrol ship has stopped nearly £750m (\$979M) of narcotics reaching the streets of the UK in eight months.

Trent’s latest operation, alongside the US Coast Guard and a US Maritime Patrol Aircraft, was the first “narco-sub” the Royal Navy has ever intercepted.

The ship’s boarding team – comprising US Coast Guard personnel, Royal Marines from 47 Commando and specialist sailors –

clambered aboard the semi-submersed vessel in waters 190 nautical miles south of the Dominican Republic.

The team seized 2,000kg of cocaine with a street value of £160m, striking yet another blow to the Caribbean drugs trade. (Royal Navy News)

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

| DATE | DAY TIME | EVENT | VENUE | SPEAKER | TOPIC |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 26th October | Sat 1830 | Trafalgar Night Dinner | Hove Club | Capt Stephen Mardlin RN | |
| 9th November | Sat 1100 | Lecture/Lunch | Hove Club | Brian Roussel | Shoreham Harbour |

Key dates:

25th December Christmas 26th December Boxing Day.

TAILPIECE

“For some inexplicable reason the right is assumed, on behalf of temporary or portable electric leads, to do what no other form of rope or wire in the ship is allowed to do, namely hang in bights. This is said with no intention to reflect on the high standard of efficiency of the torpedo party; it is simply a fact.” (from ‘Running a big ship’ by Capt Rory O’Conor)

Best wishes, Bob