



## EDITORIAL

We are now slowly formulating our 2025 Programme of Events. You will find the revised schedule in this Newsletter.

Members please take note of the forthcoming AGM of the Association which takes place on **SATURDAY 22 MARCH** at the Hove Club commencing at **1045**. (The relevant documents are included with this Newsletter). The guest speaker on this occasion will be **Richard Warnick**, the topic being **'Poland and the Intermarium'**. For those, like me who do not know what is meant by an 'Intermarium', it was a post World-War 1 geopolitical plan conceived by Jozef Pilsudski to unite former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth lands within a single polity.

Our meeting in February, when Christina gave a talk on the famous Plastic Surgeon, Archie McIndoe was a great success, with many members attending. We also enjoyed an excellent Curry lunch!

## SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S NAVY QUIZ

1. HMS Victory, 2. Henry V11, 3. Sea King, 4. Battle of Jutland, 5. Nimitz, 6. Greece, 7 Four
8. HMS Ocean, 9. Andrew, 10. HMS Hermes

( Answers correct at the time of Quiz Publication)

## ROYAL NAVY ANNOUNCEMENT

Having initially named the first two ships HMS Daring and HMS Dauntless, the Naming Committee has, after intensive pressure from the European Union in Brussels, renamed them HMS Cautious and HMS Prudence.

The next five ships are to be HMS Empathy, HMS Circumspect, HMS Nervous, HMS Timorous and HMS Apologist.

Costing £850 million each, they comply with the very latest employment, equality, health & safety and human rights laws.

The Royal Navy fully expects any future enemy to be jolly decent and to comply with the same high standards of behaviour.

The new user-friendly crow's nest has excellent wheelchair access.

Live ammunition has been replaced with paintballs to reduce the risk of anyone getting hurt and to cut down on the number of compensation claims.

Stress counsellors and lawyers will be on board, as will a full sympathetic industrial tri-

bunal.

The crew will be 50/50 men and women, and will contain the correct balance of race, gender, sexuality and disability.

Sailors will only work a maximum of 37 hours per week as per Brussels Rules on

Working Hours, even in wartime.

All the vessels are equipped with a maternity ward, a creche and a gay disco. Tobacco will be banned throughout the ship, but recreational cannabis will be allowed in ward-rooms and messes.

The Royal Navy is eager to shed its traditional reputation for "Rum, sodomy and the lash" so out has gone the rum ration, replaced by sparkling water.

Sodomy remains, now extended to include all ratings under 18.

The lash will still be available on request.

Saluting of officers is now considered elitist and has been replaced by "Hello Sail- or".

All information on notice boards will be in 37 different languages and Braille. Crew members will now no longer have to ask permission to grow beards and/or moustaches.

This applies equally to female crew.

The MoD is inviting suggestions for a "non-specific" flag because the White En- sign may offend minorities. The Union Jack must never be seen.

The newly re-named HMS Cautious will be commissioned shortly by Captain Hook from the Finsbury Park Mosque who will break a petrol bomb over the hull.

She will gently slide into the sea as the Royal Marines Band plays the Village People's "In the Navy".

Her first deployment will be to escort boatloads of illegal immigrants to ports on Eng-land's south coast.

The Prime Minister said, "Our ships reflect the very latest in modern thinking and they will always be able to comply with any new legislation from Brussels ."

His final words were, "Britannia waives the rules." (Thanks to Mike Price)

## **DOCUMENTS FOR AGM**

All the paperwork for the AGM is included as attachments to this Newsletter.

Sometimes members have difficulty in opening some of the documents. Should this occur please let me know and I will endeavour to send them in some alternative format.

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DATE	DAY TIME	EVENT	VENUE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
22 Mar	Sat 1045	AGM Lecture/Curry Lunch	Hove Club	Richard Wer- nick	Poland and the In- termarium
16 Apr	Wed 1030	Visit Shoreham Port PubLunch	Shoreham		
7 June	Sat 1830	Mess Dinner	Hove Club		
19 July	Sat 1100	Lecture/Curry Lunch	Hove Club	David Irwin	“Danube Blues” – UN Fluvial Ops during Yugoslav War
12 Sep	Fri 1200	Pub Lunch	Arun View Inn  Littlehamp- ton		
25 Oct	Sat 1830	Trafalgar Night Dinner	Hove Club		
22 Nov	Sat 1100	Lecture/Curry Lunch	Hove Club	Ian Miles	Discovery 2

**TAILPIECE**

Sailor A : *“I hear that fish is good brain food”*

Sailor B : *“Yeah, I eat it all the time”*

Sailor A : *“Well there goes another theory”*

Best wishes,

Bob