



EDITORIAL

Apologies for the delay in issuing the latest Newsletter. As I mentioned in my last publication, which was a calling notice for the next Lecture/Lunch I have been beset with a few problems the most unfortunate resulting in a ten day stay in hospital following a severe hip injury as a result of a fall with a small ladder and a 4 hour operation to repair the damage which will set me back several weeks. To add to this, my computer is also misbehaving!

Last month the Association held its Mess Guest Night when the Guest of Honour was **Commodore Nick Wood RN**. I attach a few photographs.



The next Lecture/Lunch is to be held at the **Hove Club on Saturday 19 July, 11.00 for 1130** when the speaker will be our member Mr David Irwin who will relate his experiences patrolling the Danube and Tisza Rivers to enforce a UN arms embargo. You should have received a calling notice for this event but another is included with this Newsletter.

Request from Sussex Branch of SSAFA

The Chairman of the Sussex Branch of SSAFA, Nick Berryman is due to retire. There is an opportunity for a retired officer to take over the role. Further details of the role can be obtained from Nick (nick.berryman@sussex.ssafo.org.uk).

TYPE 31 FRIGATE

The **Type 31 frigate**, also known as the **Inspiration class**, and formerly known as the **Type 31e frigate** or **General Purpose Frigate (GPF)**, is a

class of five [frigates](#) being built for the [Royal Navy](#), with variants also being built for the Indonesian and Polish navies. The Type 31 is intended to enter service in the 2020s alongside the eight submarine-hunting [Type 26 frigate](#) and will replace the five general-purpose [Type 23 frigates](#).^[16] The Type 31 is part of the British government's "National Shipbuilding Strategy".^[17]

Under construction by [Babcock International](#), it is based on the Odense Maritime Technology (OMT) [Iver Huitfeldt-class](#) frigate hull and is marketed under the name Arrowhead 140.^{[18][19]} The design has been sold to Indonesia as the two ship *Fregat Merah Putih* ("Red-White frigate") in September 2021, and to Poland for the three ship *Wicher-class* frigates in March 2022 (Wikipedia)



PROGRAMME OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER	TOPIC
19 July	Sat 1100	Lecture/Curry Lunch	David Irwin	"Danube Blues" – UN Fluvial Ops during Yugoslav War
12 Sep	Fri 1200	Pub Lunch		
25 Oct	Sat 1830	Trafalgar Night Dinner		

Best wishes, Bob