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Editorial

Over the winter months we have continued to make changes in our museum. Photo displays have been changed and some new artefacts have been added and the database has been updated to give more detail of some of the personal collections that have been donated over the years. More changes are planned for the downstairs room and these are at the “work in progress” stage. We have acquired some exhibits from two fairly local museums, one of which is closing altogether and the other which is thinning out some surplus items. We still need to display these properly but given our limited space we are playing a game of put and take to try and gain that extra inch of space – it is a bit like the Krypton Factor!

On a different note, Lowestoft Town Council, who are our landlords, have replaced the older windows in the buildings so we are now fully double glazed and we have more light coming in as the old windows had plastic to try and give secondary glazing but they were difficult to see through, now we can survey the park and watch the bowls from our office.

I am very pleased to tell you that Lowestoft Town Council are to confer the Freedom of the Town on the Royal Naval Patrol Service Association, this was announced a little while ago but the actual official act of conferring the freedom will be at our reunion in October outside our museum after the salute and march past. It goes without saying that we feel very honoured to be recognised in this way. Our Rum Bosun may be persuaded to issue “splicers” for the standard bearers on the day.

Reunion

This year’s reunion will be on Friday and Saturday 4th and 5th October and will follow our tried and tested formula that we always use.

The programme for the reunion is -

1. **Friday 4th October**, the AGM will be held at the same venue as previously, Studio Theatre in Sparrows Nest Gardens at 14.00. This is the old theatre box office and is next to the Restaurant at the bottom of the park.
2. The service of remembrance will be at 11.00 on **Sat. 5th October** (muster 10.45) in Belle Vue Park.
3. We will then continue after the service on Saturday in Sparrows Nest Gardens with the march past, salute and “Sunset” outside the museum by the mast but this year, as mentioned above, there will be the official freedom of the town presentation before “sunset”.

There will be no march down from the memorial, we will just re-gather when everyone has had a chance to make their way down to the Nest and

get their second wind. After being closed for 2 years, the bridge from Belle Vue Park to North Parade is now fully refurbished and open again. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for this poignant and important part of our year.

Visits

Already this year we have had some organised visits to our museum, the first was from the Royal Naval Association Beccles Branch, the next was from the Royal Naval Association Tyne Branch and the third was from the Association of WRNS from the Preston/Fleetwood area. All enjoyed the museum and its naval heritage as well as tea and biscuits and a tot of rum.



RNA Beccles



RNA Tyne



Association of WRNS

As well as these group visits we have had the usual family visitors looking into their relatives war service and just recently we had a couple who came across from Canada to visit our museum, a couple from North Wales, a father and son from Scotland who came down just for a day visit and a couple from the Shetlands, again specifically to visit our museum. We were able to help all of them with their family research and I am glad to say they went away with more information than they came with.

HMS Wildfire III commemoration

The annual parade and service to commemorate the Patrol Service base at Queenborough will this year be on Sunday the 8th September. The parade musters outside Holy Trinity Church, High St. Queenborough at 13.30 for march off at 13.45, the service in Queenborough Park is at 14.00 and is a distance of about 400 yds. After the service the parade will march back to the starting point with the salute being taken outside the Guildhall. A light buffet and entertainment is at the Rose Inn High St, Queenborough which is conveniently right where the parade finishes and is run by an ex Royal Navy man. The Guildhall Museum which has a lot about the RNPS and the Queenborough base will be open before the parade and the Guildhall will be open for Standard bearers to get ready before the parade and for standard bearers to receive their bars and a tot afterwards. There will also be personnel from HMS President in attendance and the organisers would like to see some of our association members as well.

Read about HMS Wildfire at <http://www.wildfire3.com/home.html>

Lowestoft Maritime Museum

The Lowestoft Maritime Museum in Sparrows Nest Gardens is well worth a visit when visiting us, we work closely together with them and have a good relationship with them. Over the years they have made a lot of improvements and have extended their premises a lot. Whereas we cover only the RNPS in WW2, the Maritime Museum, as the name suggests, cover all things maritime. They have a reconstruction of the workshop of Sir Christopher Cockerell with his actual tools and machinery. Christopher Cockerell, who invented the hovercraft, lived and had his workshop at Somerleyton which is only a couple of miles from Lowestoft. Like us, their museum is run by volunteers and our two museums are considered to be important heritage assets to the town.



We believe that the cottage part of the Maritime Museum was used by the Patrol Service as the office for the medical facilities of HMS Europa which included a lot of commandeered houses in the town as well as on site.

Gezira Sporting Club

Through films and the media we are often led to believe that the war years were dark times, with bad weather, hardships and little home comforts which to be honest was fairly accurate but I don't think many people think about service men having a good time, relaxing in luxury. A copy of a letter was found in our archives which are being re appraised which I found quite surprising. It is from a Lieut Colonel V B Gray who was Chairman of the Gezira Sporting Club in Cairo. It offers what today we would call holiday resort amenities. Accommodation was on 2 "houseboats", the S.S. Puritan and the S.S. Niagara and photographs I have seen on the internet make it look most attractive.



The houseboat Puritan at the Gezira Sporting Club



These photographs are described as - Luxury leave for the Navy in Cairo 19th May 1943. Naval ratings and Petty Officers now enjoy their leave in Cairo on board two houseboats rented for them by the Gezira Sporting Club. All the amenities of the club are paced at their disposal including golf, cricket, football and swimming pool.

GEZIRA SPORTING CLUB HOUSEBOAT

S.S. "PURITAN" AND "NIAGARA"

C A I R O

Dear Guest,

The Members of the Gezira Sporting Club welcome you to these Boats, which they have hired to make your leave a comfortable and happy one.

Bed, hoth bath, morning tea, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are being provided for you, and you can buy on board drinks and cigarettes at reasonable prices.

A radio - gramophone has been installed and a stock of records supplied for your entertainment.

You are close beside the Club grounds, where arrangements have been made for you to play games.

You can kick a football about, play cricket in the nets, tennis, squash rackets and deck-tennis, etc.

There are also bowling greens and croquet lawns, and for anyone who is a golfer and a member of a golf club at home, there are facilities for playing golf in the mornings.

The Swimming Pool is available for you in the evenings, and a bathing costume can be borrowed from the Houseboat Manager.

There is a changing-room with shower baths etc., and a buffet and tea - garden adjoining, which is run for your benefit by several Lady Members of the Club.

This letter will serve to pass you into the Club grounds.

Members of the Club will visit you from time to time to make your personal acquaintance, and see if there is any way in which they can help you to have an enjoyable leave, and to do what you want to do.

We hope you will make yourself at home.

Before you go please sign your name and home town in our Guest Book, so that the Club may have a record of the Sailor, Soldier and Airman Guests, whom it had the honour and pleasure to entertain.

Yours sincerely,

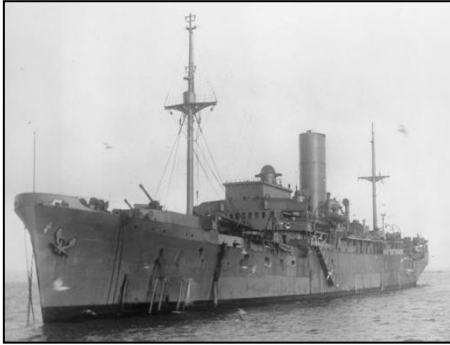
V.B. Gray
Lieut. Colonel,

Chairman,
General Committee,
Gezira Sporting Club.

The invitation letter from Lieut Colonel Gray to visiting servicemen

Brewery ship

It is a known fact that the Navy like a drink and has sometimes been referred to as the worlds biggest drinking club. I have just come across this little known fact that in WW2 the Royal Navy had a ship as a floating brewery! - In 1944, the auxiliary minelayer HMS Menestheus was converted into a floating brewery to provide beer for British personnel in the Pacific, producing 250 barrels of "Davy Jones" ale a



HMS Menestheus as a minelayer

week. The two Royal Navy officers who oversaw the operation became the head brewers at Guinness and Truman's. The Royal Navy rejected an offer from the U.S. Navy to buy Menestheus for £1 million. It was scrapped after war.



The situation in the Pacific was stretching British resources thin, particularly in terms of key supplies. Sustaining troop morale was vital there – it was decided that providing freshly brewed beer to the British and Allied forces, unspoiled by long over-seas deliveries from the U.K. or Australia owing to brewing equipment being installed on one or more amenities ships, was an achievable way of aiding this.

At the behest of Churchill himself, the Board of Admiralty ordered the conversion of two ships HMS Menestheus and HMS Agamemnon into amenities ships to support the newly-formed British Pacific Fleet, which was established in late 1944. The vessels sailed to Vancouver, British Columbia, where, in late 1944, their conversion to amenity ships began.

While the conversion of Agamemnon was abandoned around August 1945, HMS Menestheus's conversion was successfully finished – complete with brewery – and the vessel was subsequently deployed to the Pacific, presumably in September. Alongside the brewery, HMS Menestheus was also equipped with a 350-seat theatre, a dance hall, and ample catering space for large parties. Although HMS Menestheus arrived in the Pacific too late to supply beer before Japan's formal surrender on September 2, 1945, it was still of use to forces stationed there.

As such, HMS Menestheus's ability to brew beer didn't go to waste. Distilled seawater was used for the beer, while hop concentrate and malt extract was shipped from the United Kingdom to locations in the Pacific where HMS Menestheus would call at. A 55-barrel capacity copper brewing pot was installed in the forward hold of the vessel, heated by its boilers, while six fermenting vessels were also installed. HMS Menestheus could supposedly brew in the region of 250 barrels of English mild ale per week (around 3.7% ABV). The beer was also made available in five-gallon steel kegs for shipment to troops. George Brown of London's Truman's Brewery was made head brewer of "Davy Jones' Brewery," as HMS Menestheus's brewery was called. He produced the ship's first batch of beer on New Year's Eve 1945, while the second batch was in the works by January 1946. Few images of HMS Menestheus's brewery exist. A silent production film made in 1946, however – which is available to watch online through the Imperial War Museum's website – shows the distillation plant and malt dissolving vessels in use. Toward the end of the film, an advert for HMS Menestheus's brewery – dubbed the "world's only floating brewery" – shows that a pint of ale would have set you back 9d in late 1945 or early 1946. The film also reveals the brewing equipment was installed on HMS Menestheus by "brewing engineers" Messrs. Geo. Adlam and Sons Ltd. of Bristol, England, the company went on to become one of the best known firms of brewers' engineers in the country during the latter part of the 19th century.



HMS Menestheus, after conversion as a brewery
leaving Vancouver with a second funnel added for the brewery

Protection of Military Remains

This is a very emotive subject which often crops up in conversation on museum visits but one I do not feel sufficiently qualified on to accurately comment on except to steer people towards the "Protection of Military Remains Act 1986" see –

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1986/35/contents>

Museum archives

You will see mentions in this newsletter of information coming to light in our archives, let me explain. Our database lists everything in our museum, what it is, who/where it came from, is it a loan or a donation and where it can be found in the museum either on display or in store but many years ago, before the present committee were in post some donations were just listed as "collection" and the folders/papers etc were filled away. Now that the database is considered up to date the curator team have started going through the "collections" with the idea of trying to identify any ship names so visitors enquiring about a particular ship have a bit more to go through. What this search has revealed that there are some real gems of information hidden in amongst all the papers with some about activities we knew nothing about and the following is another such gem.

Cookie

We will start with a faded copy taken from a newspaper –

From the Lowestoft Journal and Mercury – Saturday January 19th 1946

NAVY THANKS LOWESTOFT CANTEEN STAFF

Speaking at the annual dinner and social given by Miss Law to the voluntary workers at St. Andrew's (Church of Scotland) Services Canteen on Tuesday night, Commodore Duke, in thanking Miss Law, her staff and some fifty volunteer workers, on behalf of the Navy in Lowestoft, said that it was part of his work to know how the men under his command spend their time ashore, and how they were catered for in Lowestoft. Looking into the numbers served at St. Andrew's Canteen he found the figures staggering.

From a single room, in which free teas were given to Scots lads in the early days of the war, the canteen expanded rapidly, and rooms above the Odeon cinema were secured. Bombed out of there, other rooms were obtained at 111 High Street, where men and women of the services could find friendship and excellent service under the efficient direction of Miss Law.

3200 HOT MEALS IN ONE DAY

In thanking 'Cookie', Mrs. Menhennet, for what she had done, the Commodore added that in one year she had cooked a number of meals equal to four times the total strength of the peace-time Navy scattered all over the world. That figure by itself was tremendous. The average number of hot meals served daily was one thousand, the peak figure for one day, a Saturday in December, 1944, being 3200. Miss Law, her assistant Miss Petrie, Mr Saunders, the caretaker, the cook and all the ladies present could be justly proud of the great work they had done.

On behalf of the Church of Scotland the Chaplain, the Rev. Alex Spence, R.N., said he wished to thank the ladies who came along so willingly and

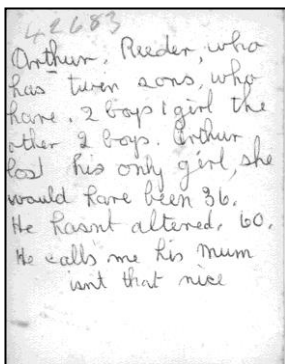
regularly during the dark trying years of war to give their friendship and service to the men doing one of the least conspicuous, but most uncomfortable and dangerous, jobs of the war, that of minesweeping.

RESOURCEFUL SAILORS

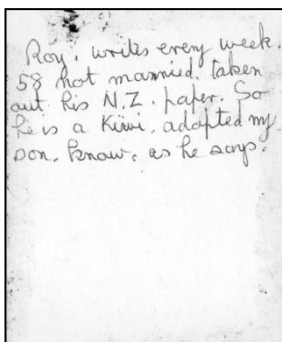
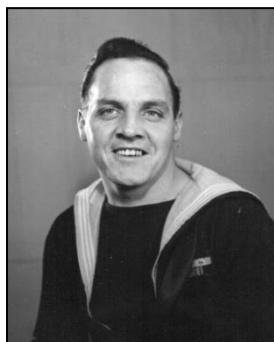
When appointed to Lowestoft, the Chaplain hearing that there was a Church of Scotland Canteen, had visions of doing more scrubbing and serving than preaching. He had been happily disillusioned. In their usual resourceful way the grateful sailors attended to the heavier work of cleaning and tidying up.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Canteen will be affectionately remembers in many parts of the world by the men they have so willingly fed and befriended.

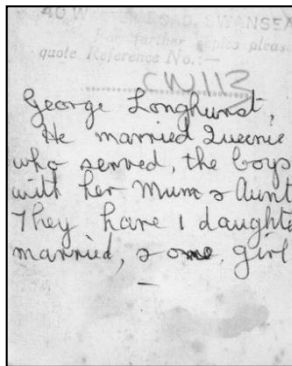
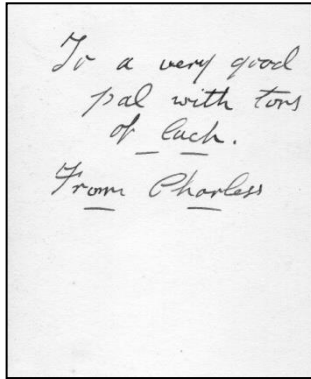
Cookie, Mrs A Menhennet, was very popular and asked the sailors and other people using the canteen for photographs of themselves and many of them kept in contact with her for years afterwards and in the papers we also found some of these photographs which Cookie had written on the back of, it caused a few tears in our office. We have selected a few to share here and give a feel of the affection they felt for each other.



Cookie



At the top of the photo it just says – One of the many who never came back



More about the canteen and its people have been found on the BBC WW2 People's War site as follows –

Two weeks away from the Blitz — or so I thought. It was in a January in the early '40s (1941 or 1942 — perhaps someone can remind me, if they recognise the story) that I was allowed a fortnight's holiday while in nursing training in London. My home was in Scotland but there was no point in my going there since there was no one at home. However, my mother, a widow, was in Lowestoft in charge of a Rest Centre and Canteen for naval personnel which had been set up by the Church of Scotland. It seemed the answer to my holiday problem. Trains were unheated in those days and the journey was long and tedious, but I arrived eventually and found my way to the Rest Centre which was in the middle of the town next to a cinema and opposite department stores, tearooms and hotels.

The Centre's work. The Centre had started as a small room furnished to give warmth and comfort, with reading and writing facilities, but such was the demand, that the premises had to be enlarged to accommodate the increasing number of Norwegians, English and Scots attracted by the

home baking and hot soup. Working parties of sailors were delegated to scrub floors, wash dishes and peel potatoes. One rating complained that he couldn't sleep at night for the eyes winking at him. Services were held on Sundays, and entertainments organised. A staff of ladies, some Lowestoft housewives and officers' wives offered to serve the meals. For many men it was a little bit of home. There were frequent air raid warnings and "Red alerts" sounded when danger was imminent, but people became used to them.

Bombs fall One evening at about 5pm when the area was thronged with busy people finishing work and doing their last-minute shopping, a stick of bombs fell with massive force along the street. Diving under the counter we in the kitchen tried to shelter from the rain of bricks, glass and the choking dust. When we got to our feet, mercifully unharmed, we realised that the whole front of the building had collapsed and was open to the elements, and where once we had looked out on a busy thoroughfare there was now nothing but piles of rubble. An appalled silence followed as we assessed the extent of the devastation. To make matters worse snowflakes floated in and it was bitterly cold.

Miracle soup By some miracle the urns filled with soup and boiling water had somersaulted from the cookers behind us to the floor, yet none of us was scalded. Not one person in the Rest Centre was injured, and supplies of gas and electricity and the telephone remained intact. Somehow we managed to clean up most of the mess, the urns were put back in place and we prepared to provide almost the only hot drinks to be had. The cinema next door, although extensively damaged, served as a temporary mortuary. From time to time a whistle sounded and there was sudden silence as the rescuers listened for voices from those trapped in the debris. Throughout that long night we handed out cups of tea and bowls of soup to relief workers, wardens, police and anyone who came for food, comfort and friendship. When time allowed we took turns to sit with our feet in the gas oven to warm them a little. It was some comfort to know that we were able to help at such a time when many lives were lost. By the cold grey light of morning it was obvious that without major repairs the Rest Centre could not continue to function and that the work in Lowestoft would be put on hold until new premises were found. My holiday was certainly the most unexpected in my lifetime and I shall not forget it.

The premises at 111 High Street have long gone as they were demolished to make way for a new road but for anyone who knows the town it is now the A47 nearly opposite the Police station.

Poem

A MAJESTIC GRAVE

Watch you the crashing sea and rolling wave, Stare well, for you see a majestic grave, Engulfed complete, poor humble souls below, As jagged rocks hold firm their bodies fair. Plankton smoke washes their drifting hair. Moving silty sand, slowly digests an arm, a hand, Likewise great ships, all broken, once so grand, Decks full awash, fathom bathed, lying at an angle, While torn bowels gulp black oil, a last discharge, Signing well a deep spot where all do rest at large. Forever, moving tidal stones grind and tumble, Spoiling delicate forms, like our bodies humble, 'Till nought's left whole for man to recognise, Each spirit gone, lost as vapour to the skies. Watch you well that crashing watery grave

Keith Holt.

Ocracoke

This report has been written by Richard Eagles who along with his friend and fellow RNPSA member Andrew "Bear" Wolf make the trip every year from their homes in Florida up to North Carolina, a trip of over 900 miles each way.

There have been some changes to the organization this year as Joe Schwarzer has retired (it was Joe and his son who found the Buxton graves back in the early 90s) this meant we had no solid and reliable contact to keep us informed of any developments. Joe's wife Melanie has some serious health issues so they could not attend. The other organizers seem to be in a constant state of flux and as we have come to expect the Patrol service has to take it on the chin (a bit of an after thought). The RN in DC receive all the info. Fortunately we have come to know contacts that can help although they change every 3 years. Bear and I began our long journey to the Outer Banks of NC at 6.30am Tuesday (This was the first year we had RNPSA logo's to attach to the car) we have learned the hard way to watch the weather a thousand miles to the north of where we live in sunny south Florida. There were no storms approaching from the Atlantic, the west was a little 'iffy' but not too bad, our wives did not come this year as we were staying in Hotels that were rather old and dated, but



Their vehicle with RNPSA logo

clean (when the wives came we have rented vacation property and go for a full week). We stayed overnight in Fayetteville NC and arrived in Buxton Wednesday afternoon, checked in to our hotel and visited the Gravesite. The Coastguard had prepared the site for the following morning. Thursday morning the weather was very muggy 90% humidity and lots of mosquitoes it was quite like home in the summer, we ate breakfast at a local diner and always run into someone we have met on previously. The Buxton service went well and our wreath was there along with the RN and Coastguard wreaths, due to the change in organization we were not called upon to 'fluff' the wreath. However the Patrol Service was recognized (at Buxton) by Danny Couch a local community dignitary who is well known in the County.



The island of Ocracoke is only accessible by ferry and this is where our vehicle RNPSA Logo came in handy (Thanks to Bear we were ushered into the priority lane as we were on official



'Coastguard business no questions asked). In previous years we have had to wait in line and it can be for many hours. We met up with the usual groups who attend and 'swung the lamp' for a bit. Lots of familiar faces, a few new ones too and noted that a few of the older retired 'Coasties' absent, sadly some had 'crossed the bar'.

Cdr Derek Powles and his family were the attendees representing



the RN from Washington DC. This was his 3rd and final time as his tour of duty here ends next month. Cdr Powles was very gracious toward the Patrol Service and took time to acknowledge the RNPS at length and in detail during his speech. We were called upon to 'fluff' the wreath, the

firing party gave out three volleys and acknowledgements were made, we got changed and went off to the lunch reception. We said our farewells to Derek Powles, his family, Pipe major Loudermilk and USCG pipe and drum band the locals who we see every year. We are looking forward to next year. It is an honour and pleasure to attend and I highly recommend anyone coming to The USA to attend if possible.

The photographs show - the US Coast Guard firing party.

“Bear Wolf, Richard Eagles and Cdr Derek Powles RN with the RNPSA wreath.

Cdr Derek Powles RN, Sundae Horn (organizer Ocracoke), Richard Eagles, Cdr Richard Lane Royal Canadian Navy, William Rutledge (US Coastguard chaplain), LT Robert Custer and Lt Cory Woods (US Coastguard).

Web Master needed

You should all be familiar with our association web site www.rnpsa.co.uk which has been an important part of the association and museum since its inception many years ago. We are now looking for someone to take over the running of the site as our present webmaster, who has run it since day 1, now has increasing business, domestic and other demands on his time. With modern technology whoever takes on the position does not necessarily have to be in the Lowestoft area and it is not a full time job, more a case of updating information from time to time, which usually comes via the secretary. Please give this some serious thought as it is a vital part of our public image.

Can you cook?

A lady in France has been in communication with our curator team regarding her father as follows –

Further to our email correspondence, i have pleasure in enclosing my father's RNPS cookery book – George Loveley. He originated from Boston, Lincolnshire. Upon enlisting for the war he was asked if he could cook a joint of meat. As his family's profession was hotel keeping & running a bakery he said “yes” – “In that case you will be a cook”. He was sent to Lowestoft to be trained at was then the Harris Girls School. A secretary there was Violet Tuttle – Finding that George was a Christian & she was a Salvation Army girl, she invited him there. They were married after the war & eventually settled in Lowestoft. Dad worked for his father-in-law on the fish



market as A A Tuttle. George was born in November 1920 & died aged 100 in 2020.

At the museum we have a couple of these Patrol Service cookery books but to be honest they do not look as if they have been used much whereas George's book is well used and includes quite a few hand written recipes. The book not only contains recipes but how to run a kitchen, in fact everything from start to finish that is needed to be a good cook. – I may be leaving myself wide open for criticism here but a lot of the modern youth would do well to read, learn and inwardly digest the contents of this book rather than living on takeaways!

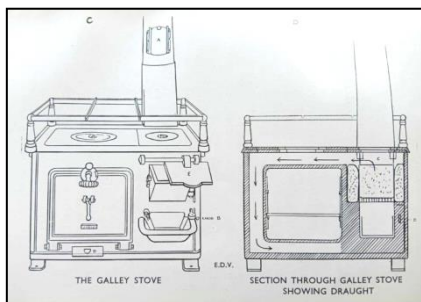
Anyone visiting the museum is welcome to have a look through this cookery book, it is fascinating.



The school for cooks and stewards



The end result being marked



The galley stove used to cook 3 meals a day for about 35 people

D-Day 80

As I write this, D-Day 80 is a couple of weeks away and by the time you read this it will be all over but I thought I would share with you the memory of one of our former committee members, museum steward and one of my escorts for the National Standard, Arthur Skelton. Arthur is probably best remembered for always being very smart, even in working clothes at the museum but especially when he was in his blazer and grey trousers which had the sharpest creases that I have ever seen. Arthur was in charge of a

landing craft on D-Day and footage of him on the landing craft running into the beaches at Juno Beach can be found on the YouTube channel. He suffered some major injuries during his time at Normandy when he was hit by shrapnel which left him with lifelong wounds and pieces of shrapnel used to come to the surface of his skin from time to time and he had to have them removed.

See - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U_RC-SrV-Q



Arthur as we remember him



Arthur on D-Day



The Last Post

Obituary for Summer 2024

S/M A G Lindfield
S/M E Clayton
S/M E De'ung
S/M W Bishop
S/M M Merriman
S/M W Deas
Mrs B Pointon

Felixstowe
Preston
Wimborne
Reading
Stanford Le Hope
Anstruther
Lowestoft

Suffolk
Lancashire
Dorset
Berkshire
Essex
Fife
Suffolk

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them**

Slops

Slops items for sale from HQ - Summer 2024

Item / Title	£	Qty	£
Lg. Blazer Badge, Gold wire	12.00		
Lg. Blazer Badge, Woven	6.50		
Small Beret / Blazer Badge, Gold wire	9.00		
Small Jumper / Beret Badge, Woven	4.00		
Association Crested Tie	10.00		
Museum pen	1.00		
Lapel Badge, Blue enamel	3.00		
RNPS Poppy badge	8.00		
White Ensign Car Sticker	0.50		
RNPSA Car sticker, coloured	2.00		
RNPSA Bookmark	1.50		
RNPSA Colouring Poster	0.30		
Photo Key Ring (Museum building)	1.00		
Photo Fridge Magnet (Museum building)	1.00		
RNPS Memorial Post Card	0.10		
Sparrows Nest Post Card	0.10		
Christmas cards - original	0.50		
Christmas cards – clean sweep	0.50		
HMS Europa Booklet	1.00		
Churchill's Pirates Pt.2 (book) reduced	1.00		
RNPS crested Epaulettes (limited stock)	5.00		
Blue Mariners CD	4.00		
The Story of the RNPS, 2 CD set	6.00		
Total	£		
P & P Small items	1.75		
P & P Large / Heavy items	3.75		
Total Submitted	£		

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The Craftsman is made by hard and intelligent application. He loves his work and finds his satisfaction in progress, skill and accomplishment. By these he fosters his own self-respect, and wins the respect of others.

The good Cook is none other than the true Craftsman. For him the day of opportunity is at hand.

H. C. FOOT
Paymaster Captain

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