

Dear Members

I hope you are all safe and well. Really looking forward to catching up with you all during 2025, along with meeting all of newest members.

HMS Prince of Wales



As mentioned before, we have some exciting events to look forward to this year, including hopefully a visit on board HMS Prince of Wales that is due to dock during summer 2025. Once I get information from Capt. Colin I will share this with you.

Information to date is that it will spend a couple of weeks in Yokosuka before sailing into Tokyo Bay, where it will stay for about one week before departing.

To get you excited here's a bit from British Forces News on [You Tube](#)

And here's a report from [Navy Lookout](#)

Mikasa & Saru Shima



Date: **Saturday, 21st June**

Time: **Meet from 10:00**

Address: **Mikasa Historical Memorial Ship** - (<https://www.kinenkan-mikasa.or.jp/en/index.html>)

Run Ashore. We would love you and your family to join us on our day out to visit on board the Mikasa and then to walk short a distance to the boat that will take us to [Saru Shima](#).

As you may be aware, the Mikasa was the Flagship of the fleet that, under Admiral Heihachiro Togo, annihilated the Russian Baltic Fleet and brought Japan to a historical and decisive victory in the Japanese-Russo War, thereby securing Japan's independence and increasing her international standing.

The famous [Togo Turn](#) maneuver still studied today, can be heard through this podcast.

This Battle of Tsushima was also instrumental in giving hope and confidence to nascent Asian and Arabic nations, as well as personally to later leaders, like Prime Minister Nehru of India and President Sun Yat Sen of the ROC, in their respective achievements.

Saru Shima ("Monkey Island" bereft of monkeys) is the only natural island in Tokyo Bay and a lovely little spot for a day's excursion.

The outing will be around six hours so please bring a packed lunch that we can enjoy on the island before a leisurely walk around the island and visiting the pre-war battlements and the red brick barracks.

If you would like to join please reply to this email so we can gauge interest. The cost of the ferry to the island is ¥1300 for adult and ¥600 for elementary students, children below elementary school age are free.

The Mikasa is ¥500, with any child under 15 free.

Commonwealth War Graves Yokohama



Date: **TBC**

Time: **TBC**

Address: **Common Wealth War Graves** - (<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/49433/yokohama-war-cemetery/>)

As mentioned previously during Remembrance service last November, I spoke with Asako Ando, who, along with her small team, manages the

Hodogaya War Cemetery. I asked if we could help in anyway to support her and her team maintain this beautiful space.

She mentioned that if any of our members could find a day during the summer months, she would be very grateful for help with general upkeep. For those of you who are interested, I have provisionally booked two Saturdays in the first half of September. I will confirm which is most suitable and share the Saturday with you.

TN25



Date: **Friday, 17th October**

Time: **Meet from 18:30 - 23:00**

Address: **New Sanno Hotel** - (<https://www.thenewsanno.com/>)

One of our annual events is Trafalgar night on which we dearly hope that as many members as possible will join us for our formal evening of Toasts Talks and Singing to remember and celebrate Lord Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar.

Epic History on [You Tube](#) does a great reconstruction of this famous battle

Remembrance Sunday



Date: **Sunday, 9th November**

Time: **Meet from 09:30**

Address: **Commonwealth War Graves** - (<https://www.cwgc.org/visit-us/find-cemeteries-memorials/cemetery-details/49433/yokohama-war-cemetery/>)

Another of our annual events is Remembrance Sunday when the RNA along with many Embassies, will lay wreaths to remember the Fallen. All are welcome along with families. There is no cost and there will be a small buffet for all.

Pie and Pint



We are still organizing bits, but we hope to arrange an informal evening at the [Swan and Lion](#) at some point over the next few months. Obviously, we will keep you updated and try to give you as much notice as possible.

YIS Food Fair May 2025



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Nothing really RNA related, but if anyone is in the Honmoku Yokohama area on Sunday, 18th May, Yokohama International School will be hosting their [Annual Food Fair](#). The food service at the school is run by Darren's company and as of every year we will be contributing by cooking 300 serves of Fish & Chips. Everyone is welcome and if you visit the school, please come and say hello to him - he'll be the one in the kitchen frying.

There are over 80 other stalls and food booths at the event to represent the many diverse nationalities at the school. There's a lot happening for all ages!

Ron Drabkin



To keep you updated Ron is now a member of the RNA Branch and we look forward to hearing his stories, for the new members Ron is an American writer with an extensive knowledge of WW1 Royal Navy Carriers amongst other areas of the military with his most recent book Beverly Hills Spy.

Here's a few links;

AOB

We are always looking for opportunities to come together so we are happy to hear suggestions from members; something with a nautical theme is preferred but by no means required.

Looking forward to catching up with you all soon!

Geoff, Caryn & Darren

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