

# THE ASSOCIATION OF WRENS AND WOMEN OF THE ROYAL NAVAL SERVICES

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# JULY Newsletter

## Events



### **The Village Hotel, Filton, Bristol**

If you wish to stay overnight,  
quote the code VMEET when  
booking to receive a 10%  
discount. Bookings must be made  
directly with the hotel on 0117  
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### AGM 2026 - Bristol

Just to confirm the date of the AGM is 10th  
October not December as noted in the minutes  
of the Out of Town. Apologies.

There are still places available for the meeting  
and 3 course Dinner. Cost of dinner is £45 with  
menu tba

To book your place please contact the office or  
you can use the below link

[🌐 2026 AGM Dinner - Village Hotel Bristol](#)

## Cenotaph Parade 2026

We have inputted our members into the RBL Cenotaph Portal - Please do check your spam/junk and promotions folders in your inbox as we still have 43 attendees who have not completed their registration



Wimbledon has been another huge success with 11 of our members attending this years Championship - thank you to those who stepped in very last minute. The Lest We Forget Charity are so grateful that we can ensure they have bums on seats! - Thank you to them for their continued support of the AOW

## Christmas already?!



## Thames River Cruise

12<sup>th</sup> December

Climb on board the Golden Salamander off the Westminster Pier and receive your welcome drink followed by a finger buffet dinner and dance the night away whilst you take in the Christmas lights of London on the Southbank

Please email HQ, [office@wrens.org.uk](mailto:office@wrens.org.uk) together with payment via the link below to book

Tickets £75 [🌐 Thames River Christmas Cruise 2026](#)

Embark at Westminster Pier at 18:30 and disembark Westminster Pier at approx 22:00

## Afternoon Tea

12<sup>th</sup> December

The Clermont Hotel, Charing Cross is the venue for this festive Afternoon Tea 1430-1700 at a cost of £39.15pp

Booking is directly with the hotel via an email to [dine.cc@theclermont.co.uk](mailto:dine.cc@theclermont.co.uk) with WRNS26 which **must** be in the subject line. Don't forget to list any dietary requirements and allergies. You will then receive a payment link by return.

Some members have experienced a little trouble booking this event - please do persevere or let us know if you continue to have issues - This is proving to be a lovely popular event

- This event can be cancelled up to 7 days prior via the hotel

## Dunkirk Little Ships - Tickets Available

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September



We have been offered 10 tickets to attend the ADLS Veterans Cruise - Dunkirk Little Ships on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026. The day will start with a short service of commemoration, mid to late morning, from Penton Hook Marina. You will then embark the Little Ships for a down river trip which will conclude at Weybridge Mariners Club (WMC) on Shepperton Lock Island. Afternoon Tea will be available at WMC followed by sunset ceremony. Bus transport will be provided to return to Penton Hook. Expected finish 1930

Please contact the office if you would like to be put in the ballot for this event  
[Office@wrens.org.uk](mailto:Office@wrens.org.uk)

Online Shop - [www.wrens.org.uk](http://www.wrens.org.uk)



Large Jute Shopper



Wine Cool Bottle

(sorry spelt water wrong)



More new items will soon be available to buy in the online shop! Water Bottles, Trolley Tokens, Mobile phone holders, Notepads, Window Stickers, Large and Small Shopping Bags.

# News and announcements

## Archivist Lottery Grant



Thank you to Jan Vanson, Heather Rimmer and Sarah Ayton for all of your time spent on this so far

As you will have read in the Wren magazine, Jan Vanson has made huge advances with cataloguing our memorabilia items by securing a Lottery Grant

During the hottest two weeks in June, we had 2 wonderful Archivists come to HQ and spent 3 days assessing our items, how we are storing them and advising us on how we should move forward. More information will be in the Summer Wren



**Support us through  
easyfundraising**

AOW HQ have signed up to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) - this is an app which you download to your phone and will pop up each time you go to make an online purchase with their linked retailers such as M&S, Argos, Tesco, Trainline etc. Each purchase generates a donation made to our Association with no additional cost to you - Thank you



## CALL TO ACTION

### Do you live in the Solihull or Coventry Areas?

We have a member who would be really interested to see if there is any appetite out there for a new Informal Group in these areas - Please do let us know at HQ via [office@wrens.org.uk](mailto:office@wrens.org.uk) if you would be interested



*Office Gossip* This month we celebrate Clare's 2 year work Anniversary - Yeay!! We have both truly enjoyed supporting you all and constantly looking for ways in which we can make improvements.

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Lanyard House (our HQ building) is about to undergo a whole new re-wire - eek - as soon as we have been advised on dates, we will start to put plans in place to ensure that this office continues with business as usual. We will let you know if there are any temporary changes to our support



### Deadlines:

## Wren Winter Edition

All articles for this edition should reach us by the 26<sup>th</sup> October

We are still receiving lots of photos embedded into emails which reduces their quality - please do try and attach them as files if you can - this saves any possible disappointment

*Clare and Tina x*

Let us know what you'd like to see more of either in upcoming newsletters or from AOW HQ Just email us [office@wrens.org.uk](mailto:office@wrens.org.uk)