

THE ASSOCIATION OF WRENS AND WOMEN OF THE ROYAL NAVAL SERVICES

Founded 1920

Patron: HRH The Princess Royal



**WE HAVE
MOVED**



HQ OFFICE MOVE

As mentioned in our July newsletter Lanyard House (our HQ building) is about to undergo a whole new re-wire. We are currently in the process of packing up and will be moving into our new temporary office next week.

Please note the office will be closed ALL day on the 17th September and will open in the new office on Monday 21st September.

We are doing all we can to ensure that the office continues with business as usual but please bear with us during this time.

Thank you.

**Our new telephone number whilst we are
away will be**

07470 554033

We will have NO access to our AOW office number or voicemail during this time

CALLING NOTICE

OUT OF TOWN MEETING

The 2027 Out of Town Meeting will be held in YORK on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April 2027.

Further details to follow shortly.

Position of Honorary Treasurer

Do you have the skills and knowledge, or be prepared to learn, to:

- Ensure the financial resources of the Association meet its present and future needs
- Ensure appropriate accounting procedures and controls are in place
- Ensure compliance with the Constitution, charity law and other relevant legislation or regulations.

The Honorary Treasurer, Anne Cameron is approaching the end of her 5 Year tenure in this role. This calling notice is for any Member of the Association who would be interested in taking on this important and responsible position as part of the Board of Trustees. For the right person with the time, commitment and drive to work as part of a team this role has many benefits both rewarding and interesting giving the opportunity to help shape the future of the Association.

The position requires effective people skills with the ability to work in a collaborative, inclusive manner drawing on the experience and skills of the other Trustees. Good communication is essential both written and oral as well as a working knowledge of digital tools such as Microsoft Office 365 and Social Media platforms. The Accounting system in use is Xero where on-job training can be provided if required.

For more details about the role – Terms of Reference and Job Description - please contact the office. office@wrens.org.uk Anne and the Chairman are always happy to discuss in more detail and a handover would be provided.

110th Anniversary of the Women's Royal Naval Service

2027 marks the 110th anniversary of the formation of the Women's Royal Naval Service. We are planning our celebrations and will share more details when we can. Watch this space!



The Jewel in the Strand Flower Festival

22 - 24 September 2026

Join us for a celebration of St Mary le Strand church's remarkable architecture, history and heritage. This Grade I listed building will be transformed by immersive floral installations by some of London's most exciting professional florists.

All proceeds from the Flower Festival are in aid of our Jewel in the Strand project which will restore this beautiful church for generations to come.

Book your tickets and find out more by scanning the QR code.



ST MARY LE STRAND



THE JEWEL
IN THE STRAND



Registered Charity No. 1140177

Tickets booked online: **£5** / purchased on the door: **£6** / Students go **FREE**

Cenotaph 2026



We have a few places available for the Cenotaph Parade on Sunday 8th November. If you would like to take part please contact the office ASAP.

Field of Remembrance

The Field of Remembrance is an annual memorial event where tributes are planted to honour those who have lost their lives in military service. If you would like to enter the ballot to attend the opening ceremony which will be held on Thursday 5th November 2026 at Westminster Abbey please contact the office ASAP.



Do you live in the Rutland Area - Post Code LE15?



Following on from a successful implementation of the new Birmingham Informal Group. We are now looking any members who would be interested in meeting up in the Rutland area with the possibility of starting up your own informal group.

Please contact the office if you are interested.



Mental health helpline

Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you.

24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For further help visit [Samaritans](https://www.samaritans.org) Call 116 123 for free

The **WRNS Benevolent Trust** provides practical advice and financial support to former members of the Women's Royal Naval Service ('Wrens') and their families. We also helps fund education and training, giving veterans the opportunity to rebuild, retrain and thrive.



Use the QR Code to find out more. or visit:

wrnsbt.org.uk

Annual General Meeting Saturday 10th October 2026

The Village Hotel, Bullfinch Close, Bristol BS34 6FG

There are still some places available for this years AGM being held at The Village Hotel, Bristol with many also joining the informal 3 course dinner in the evening. Please contact the office for details. office@wrens.org.uk



Please note if you are planning on travelling to the AGM by train there are planned engineering works on Saturday 10^h and Sunday 11th October. Buses will replace trains in the Salisbury area and the lines will be closed ALL weekend due to maintenance work. This will effect both South Western Railway and Great Western Railway. Please allow extra time for your journey and visit their websites for further information.

Don't forget to let us have your menu choices!

- Starter: Smooth Chicken Liver Pate with fruit chutney, toasted croûte and baby leaf salad
- Vegetarian Starter: Warm Butternut Squash and Feta Tart with red pesto mayonnaise and baby leaf salad (V)
- Main Course: Lemon and Tarragon Chicken Breast, on a bed of spring onion mash, chargrilled vegetables and grain mustard sauce
- Vegetarian/Vegan Main Course: Grilled Sesame Seed and Ginger Tofu on a bed of stir fried greens and wholemeal noodles, with a chilli and coriander dressing (VG)
- Dessert: Sticky Toffee Pudding, toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream



Festive Afternoon Tea

The Clermont Hotel £39

Saturday 12th December 2026

14:30 to 17:00

We already have 53 members attending this event - Brilliant ! if you have contacted the Clermont please ensure that you have paid - your booking will not be confirmed without payment

Book directly with the hotel via dine.cc@therclermont.co.uk Use reference WRNS26 which must be in the subject line of your email. Don't forget to list any allergies or dietary requirements when you make your booking.

Your booking can be cancelled up to 7 days prior via the hotel.

CHRISTMAS DISCO PARTY CRUISE

DECEMBER 12TH 2026

Calling all Britannia's daughters!

join us on board the Golden Salamander for the best girls night out afloat.



£75

You board from Westminster pier at 1830, where you will receive your welcome drink.

Middle deck is home to the bar and has access to the rear deck where the bathrooms are located.

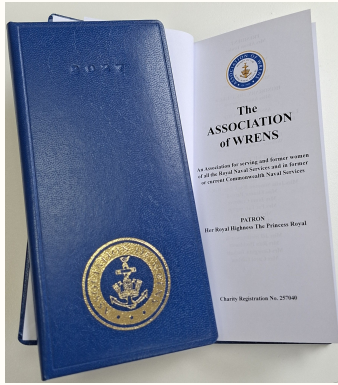
The upper deck has a dance floor where the resident DJ will be playing throughout the cruise. The upper deck also has access to an outside observation deck.

The lower deck is the main seating area where light refreshments will be served.

Unfortunately there is no wheelchair access.

Email the office to book office@wrens.org.uk

Please note our new telephone number from Monday 21st
September will be 07470 554033



2027 Diaries

Shop
NEW
ITEMS



TROLLEY TOKENS

Shop all new items via this link: [Shop - Association of Wrens](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

NB: Whilst we are in our temporary office, orders will only be posted once per week - this may cause a slight delay in receiving your order so please order early for any Christmas Cards or gifts.



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to 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!



HERITAGE
COLLECTION

Our Memorabilia has been carefully moved to its temporary home, whilst our building works is carried out, within the RN Trophy Stores here on HM Naval Base, Portsmouth. It sits amongst 5000 other precious RN artefacts with a further 7000 pieces being loaned to Ships and Establishments. It is an amazing facility full of rows of shelving



Office Gossip

Our Honorary Treasurer, Anne Cameron, recently had a big birthday so we treated her to a lovely afternoon wine tasting at Tinwood Estate nr Goodwood, yum!



Take Care
Clare and Tina x



**Are you looking for a
Branch to join?**



**What do you want to see
more of?**



**Changed Address
Recently?**

Let us know your area
office@wrens.org.uk

Have ideas on how our
association can offer members
more?
office@wrens.org.uk

Don't forget to let us know
office@wrens.org.uk

If you no longer wish to receive our newsletters - please do let us know

office@wrens.org.uk

Thank you!