



Royal Observer Corps Association

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

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18th March 2022

News & Information for All Members

It is with sadness that I must notify you of the sudden death of the following:

Colin Jones - 16 Group Newsletter Editor
Tony Peach – 14 Group

I know you will join me in sending our thoughts and condolences to their family and friends. Please will you remove Colin Jones from your newsletter circulation addresses. Circulation to 16 Group send to David Jones.

St Clement Danes Service to commemorate the formation of the RAF. 10th April 2022

Once again, our ticket allocation has been reduced:

National Standard Bearer Mr Tim Kitching and Mrs Kathryn Kitching,

1 Group Standard Bearer Mr Terry Giles and Mrs Jacqui Giles, they will be seated downstairs.

The 2 Gallery seats allocated to our Vice Chairman, Treasurer Area Rep Mr Dave Arnott and Mrs Ann Arnott.

National Arboretum Gathering & Seaborne Memorial – This will take place on

Saturday 14th May in the ROC Grove. Please gather at the Grove from 1300 for 1400 when The Seaborne Memorial will be unveiled and dedicated. The Reverend David Simpson will lead the short service of dedication. Please will **all Groups Standards** be there by 1330 for a briefing and rehearsal of the march down the Grove. If you do not have a Bearer able to march, please bring a base to enable it to stand by the Memorial.

Platinum Anniversary Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. The official Beacon Lighting will take place on Friday 2nd June. It is appreciated this may not be practical for some Groups. Several Groups are using other methods such as shining a light at sundown or raising the Standard at a Post. **It is very important to register with Bruno Peek before the 3rd June whatever method is used to ensure ROCA participation is recorded in the record of participants. The book will be sent to HM to inform her of all those who took part.**

Saturday 11th June 2022 – ROCA Heritage Display at RAF Cosford weekend air show. Held at RAF Cosford Airfield (not at Cosford Museum site)

All invited to support and visit the weekend air show and National ROC display.

Sunday 12th June 2022 – Newhaven Fort – ROC WW11 exhibition open day and 2 Group AGM. Paul Norris and PW has spent many hours salvaging and restoring the WW11 displays destroyed in the floods at the Fort. They had built up the display over many years all welcome to visit this unique ROC exhibit.

Yeovilton Air show – It has been announced that it will not take place this year but plans to next year.

Saturday 18th June 2022 – Boscombe Down Aircraft Collection Old Sarum (BDAC) open day – John Shere will present his excellent power point on the ROC above & underground – all welcome to attend his presentation that will last about an hour. It will also be an opportunity to visit this unique collection of Aircraft and the ROC Museum Display.

The ROCM display is an ongoing long term development project.

Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th June 2022 – Weston Supper Mare Armed Forces weekend and International Air Show. All welcome to view on the sea front this renowned display. 12 Group has been allocated a prestigious display area. The display is supported by the ROCM.

We will once again take part in the opening Ceremony and the sunset Drumhead Service on the Sunday. Please come and support us on the display and march pass.

National Reunion Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October 2022 – Prince of Wales Hotel Southport Liverpool. Final details, options and booking forms will be available shortly.

100th Formation of the Corps Saturday 25th October 2025 – The Chairman and Secretary are liaising with St Clement Danes to hold a celebratory service for all former ROC, family, and friends. The President and all former ROC Commandants will be the invited VIPs. The service will be followed early evening by an informal celebration reception in the Gascoigne room at the Union Jack Club. Other events will take place throughout this celebratory year.

Heritage Report – Edwina's latest report highlighting the network and support of the national heritage work done on behalf of us all.



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Area Reps Committee Meeting ~ the next scheduled issue of snippets will follow Area Reps meeting to be held 9th July 2022.

Parades Ceremonies Events known to date

Dates for your 2022 diary further dates will be published as you let us know what is happening locally or nationally.

Full up to the minute details available at www.rocatwentytwelve.org, for specific heritage related items see www.roc-heritage.co.uk

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