

MNA DIARY DATES 2020 (LEAP YEAR)

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
<u>JANUARY</u>		
Sat 18	Morecambe Branch Christmas Dinner	Morecambe
Mon 20	"Brew Monday" Members get-together for cuppa and chat	UK
Sat 25	Burns Night and Chinese New Year (Rat)	Worldwide
Mon 27	Australia Day	Worldwide
Mon 27	Holocaust Day	Worldwide
Tue 28	MNDCS Sponsorship Meeting - Tower Hill	London
Fri 31	UK Leaves EU at 2300	UK
Fri 31	National Executive Meeting	Birmingham
<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
Sat 01	MNA National Council Meeting - Observers welcome	Birmingham
Mon 03-07	National Apprenticeship Week	UK
Wed 05	180th Anniversary of Cunards RMS Britannia - Built 1840	Worldwide
Fri 07	HMCA Mtg for Health Plan	Grantham
Fri 07	Sea Pie Supper	Southampton
Mon 10	Samuel Plimsoll Day (also invented plimsols in 1876)	UK/Folkstone
Wed 12	RBL Stakeholders Meeting	London
Thu 13	Midland Branch (Christmas) Lunch get-together	Amerton
Fri 14	King George V Formally bestowed Prince Albert as "Master of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets" in 1928	UK
Tue 25	Shrove Tuesday - family and friends get-together for pancakes	UK
Fri 28	Deadline for Full Ahead Articles	worldwide
<u>MARCH</u>		
Sun 01	St David's Day	UK
Sun 08	International Women's Day	Worldwide
Mon 09	Commonwealth Day - Flag raising in Local Councils, take your Standards	UK
Thu 12	CONA Meeting - 1100-1400	Portsmouth
Mon 16	Mathew Flinders Day - Born in 1774	Donington/Australia
Tue 17	St Patrick's Day	UK
Fri 20	Vernal Equinox - equal day and night	UK
Sun 22	Mothering Sunday	UK
Mon 23	World Meteorological Day	Worldwide
Sun 29	British Summertime Begins	UK
<u>APRIL</u>		
Sat 04	Grand National	Liverpool
Fri 10	Good Friday	UK
Wed 22	International Earth Day - 200 Million people in 141 Countries	Worldwide
Thu 23	St Georges Day	UK
Fri 24	Ramadan Begins	Worldwide
Sat 25	MNA National Council Meeting - Observers welcome	Birmingham
Sat 25	ANZAC Day	Australia/NZ/UK
Mon 27	National Gardening Week	UK
<u>MAY</u>		
Fri 01	GET WALKING IN MAY - arrange local events	UK
	National Walking Month - just 1 mile a day for next 10 days	
Fri 08	VE Day 75th Anniversary (3 days)	UK/Europe
Fri 08	London Cenotaph event through RBL	London
Fri 08	MNA Branch members "Toast to the Nation" at 1500 on Friday	UK
	This was the time Winston Churchill made announcement on radio that the war was over	
Tue 12	Garden Party at Buckingham Palace	London
Tue 19	Garden Party at Buckingham Palace	London
Mon 25	Spring Bank Holiday	UK
Mon 25	Closing Date for MN Medal nominations	UK
Tue 26	80th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo and the evacuation of Dunkirk	UK
Wed 27	Garden Party at Buckingham Palace	London
Fri 29	Deadline for Full Ahead Articles	Worldwide
<u>JUNE</u>		
Wed 03	National Fish & Ships Day - Lunch at the Chippy, donation to fishing charity	UK
Mon 08	World Ocean's Day	Worldwide

Thu 11	HMT Lancastria Service 80th Anniversary	London
Sat 13	Trooping the Colour	London
Sun 14	Falklands Chapel Service & Lunch	Pangbourne
Sat 20	Longest Day of the Year - Summer Solstice	UK
Sun 21	Weymouth Veterans Parade	Weymouth
Sun 21	Father's Day	UK
Mon 22	HM Forces Veterans Flag Raising Day, take your Standards	UK
Thu 25	Korean War, 70th Anniversary	UK
Thu 25	International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Day of the Seafarer	Worldwide
Sat 27	Armed Forcers Weekend at NMA with entertainment for all ages and live music	Alrewas
Sat 27	Armed Forces Day Main Event	tbc
<u>JULY</u>		
Sat 04	National Council Meeting - Observers welcome	Birmingham
Mon 06-12	Seafarers Awareness Week - Seafarers Safety - raising awareness of seafarer safety	UK
	Branch collection for SfUK's 'MERCHANT NAVY FUND'	
Tue 07	COBSEO AGM	London
Wed 08	Repatriation of Capt Fryatt - Harwich Mayflower Museum	Harwich
Sun 12	SEA SUNDAY	UK
Fri 31	Black Tot Day - 50th Anniversary of end of Rum Ration	UK
<u>AUGUST</u>		
<u>Sat 01</u>	Summer Proms at NMA with fireworks from 1800	Alrewas
Sun 02	Malta Pedastal Convoy Departs - Tail of the Bank	Clyde
Wed 05	Mayflower and Speedwell set sail from America	Southampton
Sat 08 - 15	Cowes Week	UK
Fri 14 - 16	VJ75 At National Memorial Arboretum (NMA)	Alrewas
Sat 15	VJ Day 75th Anniversary	Worldwide
Sun 16	George Cross Island Service, All Hallows by the Tower	London
Fri 28	Deadline for Full Ahead Articles	Worldwide
Mon 31	Summer Bank Holiday	UK
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
Thu 03	Merchant Navy Day - Promote even more Red Ensigns in your area	UK/Overseas
Fri 04	Normandy Memorial Dedication	France
Sun 06	MNDCS20 at Trinity Square Gardens, Tower Hill	London
Sun 06	Mayflower set sail again for America	Plymouth
Wed 09	Loss of MV Derbyshire in 1980 - 40th Anniversary Service	Liverpool
Tue 15	80th Anniversary of Battle of Britain	UK
Tue 22	Autumnal Equinox - Equal day and night	UK
Thu 24	World Maritime Day	Worldwide
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
Thur 01	Shipwrecked Mariner's 180th AGM	London
Fri 02	Older People's Day - Local Engagement with community groups	UK
Sat 03	National Atomic Vets Awareness Day (BNTVA)	UK
Wed 07-13	National Curry Week	UK
Wed 14	MSSC AGM (Annual Court)	London
Wed 14	Annual National Seafarers Service, St Paul's	London
Thu 15	Maritime Foundation Service - All Hallows by the Tower	London
Wed 21	Trafalgar Day	UK
Fri 23	National Executive Meeting	Birmingham
Sat 24	MNA AGM and Re-union plus the Members Open Forum	Birmingham
Sun 25	Clocks back one hour at 0200 hrs	UK
Wed 28 - 29	Maritime Charities Group (MCG) 2-Day Seminar	London
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
Mon 02	Fields of Remembrance - well worth a visit with 120,000 tribute crosses	Westminster Abbey
Sat 07	Festival of Remembrance - Albert Hall	London
Sun 08	Remembrance Service at Cenotaph and St Pauls	London
Sun 08	HCMM MN Service at Tower Hill	London
Wed 11	Mayflower anchors off what is now Provincetown Harbour, Cape Cod	
Wed 11	Armistice Day	UK
Wed 11	Silence in the Square - Trafalgar Square	London
Sun 15	MNA Newport Service of Remembrance	Newport
Fri 27	Deadline for Full Ahead Articles	Worldwide
Mon 30	St Andrew's Day	UK
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
Thu 10-14	Seasonal Lunches at NMA with entertainment	

Mon 21	Shortest Day - Winter Solstice	UK
Fri 25	Christmas Day	Worldwide
Mon 28	Bank Holiday Monday (in Lieu of Boxing Day)	UK
tba	Branch Christmas Lunch/Dinner	Worldwide

ANNIVERSARIES IN 2020

115th Anniversary of Royal Fleet Auxiliary
150th Anniversary of the first voyage of Cutty Sark
215th Anniversary of Beaufort Wind Scale
400th Anniversary of Mayflower and Santa Maria sailing to the Americas on 6th September in 1620
1725th Anniversary of the 1st coin in England depicting a ship c295, a Roman Quinarius

