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Greetings Shipmates and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Very many thanks for the good wishes you have sent me and also the contributions and suggestions, the system works because YOU want it to work, and it works even better if you copy this out to your members or, contact them to have their email address put on the circulation list.

Read on, lots of good stuff!!

25 YEARS OF RN SHIPMATES

*****-----NEW FOR 2018-----*****

Yes believe it or not, the massive card index filing system started 25 years ago, followed a couple of years later with the Quarterly 'Lost Shipmates' newspaper. How many of you have still got the original one, put together on an old Amstrad PCW? And how many of you visited the stands I had at the International Festivals of the Seas in Portsmouth? The last one in 2005 was one of the best.

It was the cost of printing, envelopes and the ever rising cost of postage which put a stop to the 'Lost Shipmates' magazine, also the ability of Associations to do their own web sites to say their own thing.

And in all of this time, shipmates and their relatives when a shipmate has crossed the bar, have been contacting me still seeking old shipmates or information. I have therefore started ---- FOR 2018 ----, our 25th year, a new ***** SHIPMATES SEEKING ***** system. Rather like the old card index filing system, but FREE and no expense, just a bit more finger work on the keyboard.

SHIP	YEAR	SHIPMATE	LOOKING FOR	BRANCH	FROM	email	delete
Collingwood	1958	Mike Crowe	John McGlynn	Electrical	Glasgow?	mike@rnshipmates.co.uk	Jan-19

The ships will be in chronological order, then in date order.
 A few do's and a few don'ts. DO follow the above format. DO keep it brief. DON'T try to get me to add a story, it's a single line with the ship and date the important thing. REMEMBER that this goes out with the Reunions listings to HUNDREDS of H.M.Ship's Associations, Royal Naval Association Branches, RNA HQ who update their Reunions listings, Navy News, (who extract and post reunions if there is space), quite a few Royal British Legions, (have I got yours?) and ever such a lot of individuals who contact me. The line will be displayed for a year, so my entry will be deleted in January 2019

Who are you looking for? Secretaries, make this an announcement at your next meeting.

Just email details as my entry to me ASAP, time is galloping on with 'The speed of a thousand Gazelles'. (Anybody recognise that saying?)

And something else new for you read on.

A ROYAL NAVY REUNION FOR THE UNATTACHED

I have had it suggested to me that I organise a reunion for the ex Royal Navy men and women who are 'not attached to any Ship's Association' and therefore are missing out on the camaraderie of a get together of like minded people. Friday to Monday. Friday meeting up and swinging the lamp, Saturday coach trip to somewhere interesting. Gala Dinner Saturday night.? Local Sea Cadet Band to give a display and hold a raffle for them? ... Sunday a remembrance service in a local church/cathedral?

Shrinking Association? No Association? All join in together? Wives and Partners welcome.

Let me know your thoughts ASAP with numbers to royalnavyreunions@gmail.com

No commitment to let me know your thoughts, I just want to see if there is the interest.