



Arheion Polemou welcomes all its friends back and wishes them a healthy (and wealthy !!) autumn and winter.

In these difficult years, months, weeks and days, Arheion wishes to think that our place is a safe and warm place for adults to come and play. Not to play “stratiotakia” (although personally I love doing so) but play in the sense of meeting with friends, hearing and seeing new things and sharing new experiences.

I wish also to extend an invitation to all of our friends to volunteer and come forward with ideas for presentations and, even better, to volunteer themselves to present, or get their friends and relatives to do so. Personal experiences are fascinating even if they are second hand. Personally, I have hours and hours of tales and stories about the War, the Occupation and the Civil War from

my grandparents, parent and relatives. I am sure that all of you will have similar stores of collective memories which, if they are not shared, will disappear with us for ever. It is a sobering thought that very few people who experienced the war as adults are now left alive. Most of us knew someone on that age bracket. Once we, ourselves, are gone there will be no direct, live link with the past, except third hand memories and books !

Without mentioning names so as not to embarrass them, I have two volunteers to do a presentation on the Expedition to Asia Minor and on the history and role of the Greek Army Medical Corp. Please do contact me to arrange for your presentations !

Also the Arheion need a volunteer(s) for a presentation on the 28 October on a relevant theme. You do not need to be a historian to present to us, your friends !

Also note in your diaries, Friday 10 October when our good friend and prolific author John Carr will present his new book on the armored cruiser AVEROF.

Thank you for your friendship and support !

Andrew and Anabella Freris

INVITATION

Friday 10 October 2014 at 7.30 pm

The War Archive is delighted to invite you in a presentation on

The Hellenic Royal Navy Ship (RHNS) AVEROF

The presentation will be in English

Averof deals with the entire history of the ship, from how it was financed and procured by the Greek government through a stroke of luck, through to its launching in 1911, its initial adventures in Greek hands, its decisive impact in the Battle of Cape Helles, ending the First Balkan War, its tribulations with coups and counter-coups in the 1920s and 1930s, its miraculous escape from destruction in World War II and sojourn in the Indian Ocean, then its takeover by communist mutineers in Alexandria, followed by its return to Greece and retirement (and neglect) at Poros until 1984, when its restoration finally began.

Presenter

John Carr

John Carr was born in Staffordshire in 1948, and spent a career in broadcasting and journalism.

He has written many news articles and made many radio and television broadcasts from Greece, where he was the correspondent for the Wall Street Journal Europe (1986-1993) and The Times of London (1992-2011). John has a BA degree from the University of Maryland (USA) and an MA from the University of Leicester (UK) in history, politics and mass communications. He is the author of "The America Capsule" (2005), a science-fiction novel, "On Spartan Wings" (2012), a history of the Royal Hellenic Air Force in World War Two, and "Sparta's Kings" (2012), The Defence and Fall of Greece 1940-1941" (2014) and also "Royal Hellenic Navy Ship Averof" (2014)

The Arheion is looking very much forward to your presence in this event.

We ask you however to let us know whether you will be coming either by replying to this email at afreeris@wararchivegr.org and/or by contacting Maka Dokhnadze at the phone of the Arheion, 210-8676390 ,or mobile phone 69-98088220 by latest Monday 6 October. Please do note that space is limited.
