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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER'S ASHES TO BE SCATTERED FROM HMS BELFAST

On 8th April 2010 the ashes of Lt Cdr L R Borley will be scattered from HMS Belfast in the Pool of London. The ceremony will take place at 1300 hrs.

Leonard Borley, who died at the age of 91, was a Sea Scout who later qualified as an Engineer and was instrumental in the design of magnetic loop aerials for direction finding, many of which are in use today. He later joined the Royal Naval Reserve and followed this with service in the Royal Navy at sea in numerous Royal Navy ships throughout World War 2 including a number of tours of duty as Communications Officer in HMS Belfast. He was Signals Officer at Dover Castle in the lead-up to D-Day in 1944. After leaving the Navy, he continued with his own business in the electronics industry and retired in 1978.

Len was a member of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society (RNARS) and regularly appeared on the air from his home in Gosport, Hampshire from where he operated using his amateur radio call sign G4LIK. He was also a naval historian amassing a large library in the process. He was married and had a son and daughter. His wife Edith died in 1979 and his daughter Anne died in 2005.

2010 is the 50th anniversary of the RNARS. A special callsign GB50RNARS is being aired by members of the Society throughout the year and from the Bridge Wireless Office of HMS Belfast during the whole of April.

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A copy of a newsletter article on Lt Cdr Borley can be obtained from The **Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society**. The Society can be contacted by post at: HMS Collingwood, Newgate Lane, FAREHAM. PO14 1AS. The Chairman, Mick Puttick, can be contacted by telephone on 02392 255880. The Society web site is at www.rnars.org.uk