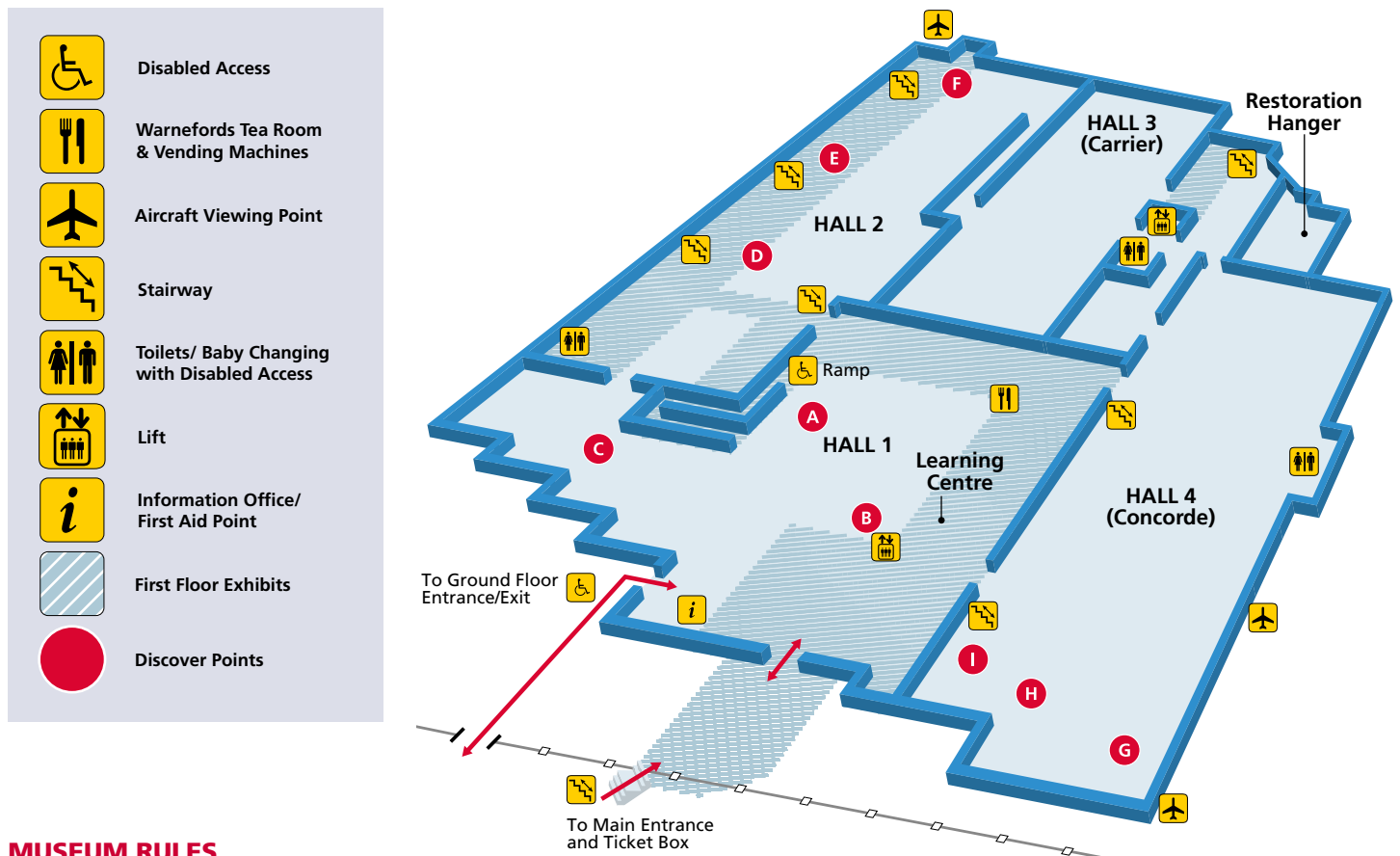




# PLACES AND PEOPLE OF THE ROYAL NAVY

The fabric of the Royal Navy and the Fleet Air Arm has been woven with many tales of people from all different backgrounds, and experiences. In this trail you will discover the stories behind some of the men, women, aircraft and the diverse range of places all over the world that make up the story of the Royal Navy.

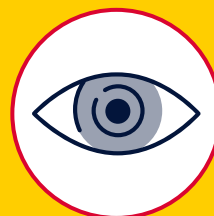


## MUSEUM RULES

- Please only eat and drink in designated museum spaces.
- Please do not run
- Please stay in your small groups as you go around the museum
- If you are using the Learning Centre as a lunch space, the door code is **C4590Z**

## HINTS & TIPS




- As you go around the museum, you will see our amazing volunteers. Make sure you ask them lots of questions!
- Try using the 'See, Think, Wonder' Model as you go around the museum. What do you **SEE**? What do you **THINK** is going on? What does it make you **WONDER**?



# HALL 1




Discover different experiences of WW1 in the Royal Navy from Britain and the Commonwealth, and the importance of remembrance today. Learn about some of the surprising journeys of the Search and Rescue helicopters to places all around the world.

## A THE NAVY'S AIR WAR 1914-1918 EXHIBITION




-  **See:** In the Royal Naval Air Service, the number of men serving in 1914-1918 rose from 828-55,000. Men from all over the British Empire and Commonwealth were called upon to help win the 'war to end all wars'.
-  **Think: Experiences.** One of these men was Sgt William Robinson Clarke who was from Jamaica, and became the first black pilot to fly for the Royal Flying Corps (which merged with the Royal Naval Air Service in 1918). How different do you think William's experiences of war were to other pilots?
-  **Wonder:** How would you feel leaving all that you've known, and fighting for a country many miles from home?



## B REMEMBRANCE

-  **See:** Many veterans of WW1 and conflicts since have lived with haunting memories of their battle experiences, like Henry Allingham who was an air mechanic in 1915.
-  **Think: Importance of Remembrance.** Remembering those who gave their lives is important to the nation and the armed forces. In the museum we have a remembrance wall dedicated to those who lost their lives in the Fleet Air Arm. Why do you think it's important for us to remember?
-  **Wonder:** Henry Allingham hardly ever spoke about his experiences of war. Can you wonder why this was?

## C HUMANITARIAN WORK – SEARCH AND RESCUE




-  **See:** One important job for the Royal Navy is to respond to emergencies at sea. Navy personnel and their aircraft, such as this Sea King helicopter, need to be ready to respond to emergencies anywhere in the world.
-  **Think: Places.** This Sea King deployed to a number of different situations and environments. What different equipment might be needed for these different assignments?
-  **Wonder:** It takes a team of people to carry out Search and Rescue (SAR) missions. What sort of jobs do you think you would have to do on SAR missions? Which job would you like to do?



# HALL 2




Explore the diversity of people that make up the Royal Navy today, particularly the changing role of women over time. Learn about the work of the WRNS, the first female Fleet Air Arm pilot, and discover the variety of 'places' the Royal Navy operate from.

## D THE WRNS

-  **See:** Although women weren't allowed to do all the jobs of men in the Navy, the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS) had a vital role to play during the wars. In WWII, Leading WRN Patricia Lee would often fly with pilots to check radios were working in the aircraft, and some could be seen cycling on the airfield at Yeovilton during training.
-  **Think: Women's Jobs.** Can you spot Leading WRN Patricia Lee holding a black box, and another on an ice cream bike? What is the box she's holding, and what were the bikes used for?
-  **Wonder:** How different do you think a WRN's experience of the Navy were compared to Royal Navy women today?






## E UNIFORM OF FIRST FEMALE PILOT

-  **See:** The ban on women serving in the Royal Navy was lifted in 1994, and today over 3000 women serve in the Royal Navy. A real first for the Fleet Air Arm was Lt. Clare Donegan who became the first female pilot in 1998. See if you can spot her flying suit on display.
-  **Think: Women in the Royal Navy.** Think about the jobs women can do in the Royal Navy. Are there some jobs that surprise you?
-  **Wonder:** Step into Lt. Donegan's shoes... how would you feel being the first female pilot?



## F THE VIEWING GALLERY

-  **See:** The Fleet Air Arm have two air bases in the UK. From here, Royal Navy personnel can be posted all over the world, and have to be ready for any mission. Look outside the window in the viewing gallery, and you may be lucky enough to see some activity on the airbase.
-  **Think: Deployment.** The Royal Navy don't just operate from air bases. Where else would you find Royal Navy servicemen and women?
-  **Wonder:** Think about what it must be like to live and work in a different country, with a culture different to your own?



# HALL 4

This hall explores the variety of places the Royal Navy have deployed to, including different war zones around the world. Explore thoughts and feelings of going to war, and discover the diversity of roles and jobs of the Royal Navy today.

## G THE FALKLANDS



**See:** In April 1982, the Royal Navy were sent to reclaim the Falkland Islands, a British territory 8000 miles from the UK, that had been invaded by Argentina. Many armed forces personnel including the Royal Navy, and Royal Marines were sent on the long journey by sea and by air



**Think: Packing for a journey.** Imagine getting ready to deploy to the Falklands. What kind of equipment or personal items would you take with you while you were away?

**Wonder:** How might you feel being caught up in a war or conflict?



## H AFGHANISTAN



**See:** The Westland Sea King ZA298 has seen action all over the world, flying in war zones in Northern Ireland, the Falklands to Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2010, the helicopter suffered a grenade attack that left a large hole in its side, which has since been repaired.



**Think: Names.** This helicopter has a funny nickname: 'King of the Jungles'. Can you find out the story behind this name?

**Wonder:** Many people have flown or travelled in this aircraft, and have their own stories of daring flights and survival. Why do you think its important we look after these aircraft, and keep them on display in the museum?

## I LONDON OLYMPICS



**See:** The Royal Navy have a whole host of roles like pilots, engineers, including some ceremonial ones too! The lantern that carried the Olympic flame for the London 2012 Olympics was transported to London by Sea King helicopters from Yeovilton. A Royal Marine delivered the torch by abseiling from the helicopter!



**Think: Jobs.** Which Royal Navy jobs do you think you would be good at? What would inspire you to join the Royal Navy?



**Wonder:** What do you think the Royal Navy might look like in the future? How do you think it might change?

