HMS Formidable: The Adventures of my Grandfather against the Tirpitz and Japan.

Friday 6th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Volunteers Lounge.

Author Terry Crowdy grew up listening to his grandfather's tales of wartime adventure on the aircraft carrier HMS Formidable. Arthur Flint completed his training in February 1944 at the Steward School in HMS Pembroke, Chatham before his adventures took him up into the Arctic Circle, to Gib, Suez, Australia and, with the mighty British Pacific Fleet, the seas around Japan. Flint took part in the 1944 attacks on the German battleship, Tirpitz, the 1945 battle of Okinawa and the final battle against Japan. Twice struck by kamikaze aircraft, and once nearly sunk by a careless electrician, Formidable and her crew gained a reputation for fearless action. Listen to Arthur Flint's anecdotes – the war as experienced by an ordinary lad.

Terry Crowdy is a military history author who lives in Rainham, Kent. His many books on the Napoleonic Wars, espionage, and the Second World War are published internationally with many translations. He has appeared on radio and television (most recently with comedian/ historian Al Murray) and spoken at prestigious conferences and venues, including the International Spy Museum in Washington DC, and the Museum of Military History in Vienna. Copies of his most recent book: 'Formidable: Arthur Flint's War Against Tirpitz and the Kamikazes' will be available on sale.

