HMS DUNCAN Homecoming UPDATE

This is an update to the Homecoming letter issued on the 2 Nov 15, please note the change of location for the Park and Ride.

HMS DUNCAN’s homecoming promises to be a very special day as she returns from her maiden deployment and one of the Royal Navy’s first nine month deployments. Whether you are a family member or a friend of one of our Ship’s Company we are very glad that you are able to join in the celebrations to welcome us home.

Unless you require disabled access or have limited mobility, access to the dockyard for those arriving by car will be via coaches from a Park and Ride facility from the Multi-storey Car Park at the Portsmouth International Ferry Terminal.

Directions for the Park and Ride facility are as follows:

a. Postcode for directions to the Ferry Terminal is PO2 8SP
b. From the M275 follow signs for Cross-Channel Ferries.

3 BAE coaches will run from the P&R to Sheer Jetty on a regular basis from 1000-1200 and returning from 1330-1500. The cost is £3 per car for the duration. In the event that the last bus is missed families can return to their cars by walking to Victory Gate and proceed to the Hard Interchange to get on any Portsmouth Park and Ride buses, they will need to tell the driver they are parked at the International Ferry Terminal, Portsmouth.

If you are arriving by other means e.g. train, coach it will be on foot via Victory Gate which is the pedestrian entrance to the Historic Dockyard and is approximately 100 yards from the Hard Interchange and Portsmouth Harbour railway station.

Once at Trafalgar/Victory Gate your name will be checked against the guest list, please bring some form of ID with you (either a passport or driving license). If arriving by the Park and Ride buses you will arrive directly to the Homecoming jetty, Sheer Jetty. If walking via the Historic Dockyard Entrance you will be guided to the Homecoming Jetty from Victory Gate.

At the Homecoming Jetty we will have a large marquee, children’s entertainers and a band from the Royal Marines School of Music and the Portsmouth Military Wives Choir. There will be a hog roast available, mulled wine and mince pies, Duncan ‘Donuts’, a chocolate fountain, for those feeling adventurous in the cold weather an ice cream van and tea, coffee and squash. All of this will be provided to our guests free of charge. There will also be a cash bar for those also wishing to purchase alcoholic drinks.
Whilst the marquee will provide shelter and will be heated please bring sufficient warm and wet weather clothing for the event.

The Ship will be entering the approaches to Portsmouth at 1200, passing Round Tower at approximately 1220. Round Tower has long been a favourite place for people to watch Royal Navy warships return from sea and will offer a good vantage point for our approach. It is, however, quite a walk from there to our berth and will prevent you from seeing us get alongside at 1230.

Please be aware we are expecting over 900 friends and family to attend homecoming therefore please ensure you allow enough time to complete your journey to the Homecoming jetty.

**Timeline**

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<td>Park and Ride opens.</td>
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<td>1030</td>
<td>HMNB Portsmouth opens to Homecoming guests.</td>
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<td>1130</td>
<td>Entertainment starts on the jetty.</td>
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<td>1205</td>
<td>DNCN enters channel towards Round Tower.</td>
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<td>1230</td>
<td>DNCN first line passed at Sheer Jetty, HMNB Portsmouth.</td>
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<td>1300</td>
<td>Ship’s Company ashore.</td>
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<td>1330</td>
<td>First shuttle bus returns to Park and Ride until 1500.</td>
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<td>1500</td>
<td>HMNB Portsmouth closes to Homecoming guests.</td>
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**Getting There**

If arriving by car all guests are kindly asked to use the **Multi-storey Car Park at the Portsmouth International Ferry Terminal**. There will be BAE buses running from the Park and Ride directly to the Homecoming Jetty within the Dockyard.

If you are arriving by another method, other than the car, you will need to enter the Dockyard through an alternative entrance, Victory Gate, and walk to Sheer Jetty. Please see below for further information.

**By Coach**

The majority of national coach services to Portsmouth stop at the Hard Interchange in Portsmouth. If you arrive by coach you will need to enter the Dockyard through Victory Gate, 200 yards away, which is also the entrance to the Historic Dockyard and. There are a total of 12 National Express services a day between London and Portsmouth of which four services are non-stop. These can take as little as two hours.

**By Rail**

Portsmouth Harbour station is the nearest station to Victory Gate. This station is generally the last stop on the line. South West Trains run frequent trains from London Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour, with a journey time of only 90 minutes. There are also regular services to and from Southampton Central with links to the South West and the West Country. Portsmouth Harbour train station is only 200 yards from the entrance to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Details can be obtained from National Rail Travel Information telephone line on 08457 484950 or through the websites www.nationalrail.com and www.southwesttrains.co.uk.
By Taxi

There are a number of taxi companies available in the area, all of which will know Victory Gate.

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<td>Fareham Radio Taxis</td>
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Accommodation

Portsmouth has a large number of hotels; the following list is just a selection of what is available.

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<td>Premier Inn</td>
<td>Binnacle Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO6 4FB</td>
<td>0871 527 8906</td>
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<td>Premier Inn</td>
<td>Long Curtain Road, North Harbour, Cosham, PO5 3AA</td>
<td>0871 527 9014</td>
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<td>Premier Inn</td>
<td>65 Bedhampton Hill Road, Bedhampton, Havant, PO9 3JN</td>
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<td>Holiday Inn</td>
<td>2-8 Cartwright Drive, Fareham, PO15 5RJ</td>
<td>0800 990 3997</td>
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<td>Holiday Inn</td>
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<td>Holiday Inn</td>
<td>The Plaza, Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, PO1 3FD</td>
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<td>Travelodge</td>
<td>Copnor Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth, PO3 5HS</td>
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<td>Travelodge</td>
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<td>Ibis – Portsmouth</td>
<td>Winston Churchill Avenue, Portsmouth, PO1 2LX</td>
<td>023 9264 0000</td>
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<td>The Anglesey in the Crescent</td>
<td>24 The Crescent, Alverstoke, Gosport, PO12 2DH</td>
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<td>Alverbank Country House Hotel</td>
<td>Stokes Bay Road, Gosport, PO12 2QT</td>
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<td>Travel Rest Solent Gateway</td>
<td>22 The Avenue, Fareham, PO14 1NS</td>
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<td>The Roundabout Hotel</td>
<td>46 Wallington Shore Road, Fareham, PO16 8SB</td>
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<td>Red Lion Hotel</td>
<td>East Street, Fareham, PO16 0BP</td>
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<td>Lysses House Hotel</td>
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<td>The Bugle Hotel</td>
<td>The Square, Titchfield, PO14 4AF</td>
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<td>Solent Hotel</td>
<td>Rookery Avenue, Fareham, PO15 7AJ</td>
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<td>Royal Beach Hotel</td>
<td>St Helens Parade, Southsea, PO4 0RN</td>
<td>023 9273 1281</td>
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<td>Queens Hotel</td>
<td>Clarence Parade, Southsea, PO5 3LJ</td>
<td>023 9282 2466</td>
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