

# HMS DUNCAN

## Family and Friends Newsletter

August 2015



*A small arms firing at sea (SAFAS) taking place*

## Returning to operations

After a very enjoyable leave period for all, we returned to get the Ship ready to continue with our tasking and the second half of deployment. In order to ensure that we are ready to fight; we conducted several days of training and an assurance visit from the Portsmouth Flotilla team. This started with a day alongside in port called a 'fast cruise' which allowed us to conduct the drills required at sea ensuring we were ready in all respects to continue on operations. In addition we have had lots of new joiners to the Ship, so a warm welcome if you are reading this newsletter for the first time.



*The Sea boat crew conduct trials as we return to sea*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

*Dear Duncan Family,*

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer. The opportunity for us to return home for the mid-deployment leave package was very much appreciated after a busy first half of deployment and, I am sure you will agree a valuable inclusion into our deployment programme.

Our time alongside in Bahrain however was also busy as we completed important maintenance, replenished stores, participated in adventurous training and hosted a charity event on the flight deck.

Since we returned to sea we have continued with our deployment programme; completing important safety exercises, conducting training and supporting the USN Theodore Roosevelt.

I am also pleased to use this opportunity to announce my Commanding Officer's Monthly prize for July was awarded to ETWE Dando for his outstanding work in the Weapons Engineering department.

*Cdr Rich Atkinson*  
Commanding Officer HMS DUNCAN

### Fundraising

We have risen over £2000 for various charities since deploying including Red Nose Day and a recent band and buffet event on the flight deck which raised £378 for the Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity. We have lots of ideas and events coming up for the second half of deployment so keep an eye out for pictures shortly!

Did you know our Ship's Charities are linked to our affiliated cities of Belfast and Dundee? They are the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and the Children's Ward in Dundee Hospital.



*DUNCAN preparing to leave Bahrain*



*SLt Grieg checks the chart as DUNCAN sails*



*ET Wheeler and Chef Dickens during a fire exercise*



*A fire fighting team takes up position on the flight deck*



*DUNCAN's first aid team recover a casualty during an Exercise (above) and Revd Balogun conducts his first church service onboard (below)*



## Hands to Action Stations!

As we waved goodbye to Bahrain, DUNCAN prepared to get back to operations by conducting important training serials. The Ship's Company were kept busy to ensure we were ready in all respects to resume tasking. This involved fire exercises, a crash on deck exercise, upper deck weapon drills and action and emergency stations.

## Bish's Corner

Hi everyone, I am 'Segun (*sounded...Shegun*) the new chaplain on board Duncan. I joined the Navy in April, went through Officer Training from May to July, and then joined Duncan in August 2015. I originally trained as a Microbiologist, before moving on to work with the Church for the past 24 years, of which 17 was in a full time role as a Vicar. I am C of E by flavour, and low churchmanship by practice.

I have been married to my wife Busi (a GP by profession) for 13 years with 2 kids, a boy (Toni, 11 years old), and a girl (Fife, 6 years old) and we live in Grays, Essex. I joined the Navy because of my passion for working with people, hoping for some adventure along the way, and being alongside the whole crew as a friend, advisor, and confidant. I am originally from Nigeria and I love F1, MotoGP, Tennis, Golf and the cinema.

It has been a really welcoming and friendly atmosphere for me since joining the ship, and I am really grateful that I am starting my seagoing experience on board Duncan, many thanks indeed to everyone.

I look forward to getting to meet and know everyone on board and the families in due course.

The Revd. Olusegun Balogun

# Meet the Marine Engineering Department



## The ME Department

Onboard HMS DUNCAN, the Marine Engineering Department is responsible for operating and maintaining propulsion, power generation and domestic services systems and equipment. The department is split into 3 different groups to make this happen, with a machinery watch maintained 24-7 from the Ships Control Centre to ensure the safe operation of equipment.

**M1 Propulsion Group** – This group keeps the Ship going through the water by maintaining the two WR21 Gas Turbines which generate high voltage electricity (4160Volts). These power the propulsion motors, which turn the shafts and propellers allowing the Ship to achieve 28 Knots (32mph) through the water.

**M2 Power Group** – Is in charge of the electrical power generation and distribution systems onboard ensuring the lights stay on, both at sea and alongside. This is achieved by maintaining two Diesel Generators which are utilised when the Ship is alongside in foreign ports.

**M3 Ship Group** – This group provides the services to the Ship which allows it to be a home to 240 Sailors and Royal Marines. These services include generating drinking water from sea water, providing hot water for showers, air conditioning vital to keep the Ship cool and sewage treatment.

These three groups make up the ME Department or 'Stokers' with its 45 members; making it the backbone and soul of the Ship, ensuring that Duncan remains at sea!



*POET(ME) Whitfield and ET(ME)s Wilson and Vadiga conducting defect repair on the Fwd Gas Turbine.*



*LET(ME) Brown and ET(ME) Jibb carrying out work within M1 Group.*



*POET(ME) Cannon and LET(ME) Riley conducted maintenance on the Ship's stores lift.*



*The new Marine Engineering Officer Lt Cdr Alex Allen RN took over on the 10 Aug 15.*

The department is made up of 45 personnel; the Marine Engineering Officer (MEO) is in charge of the department with the Deputy Marine Engineering Officer (DMEO) beneath him and a Warrant Officer (WOME). They oversee the work being conducted throughout the department on a daily basis.

The ME department is made up of 4 Chief Petty Officers, 7 Petty Officers, 7 Leading Engineering Technicians and 24 Engineering Technicians that are split and trained across the three groups.

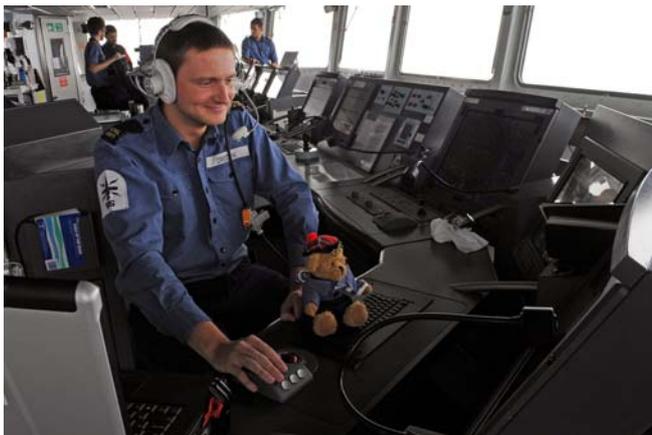
# KIDS CORNER



## DUNCAN the Bear



*Going on a bike ride*



*Helping out on the bridge*



*Practising first aid in the Sickbay*

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a very fun holiday!

I was very happy to come home for two weeks although it was a bit chilly for me after all the hot weather here!

I have some very exciting news for you.

I am running a **drawing/colouring in competition** onboard; I would like you to draw a picture of me on HMS DUNCAN or colour in the picture with this newsletter. There will be 3 categories under 5's, 5-8 year olds and 8 year olds and over and the winners in each category will win one of my friends! If you would like to enter please send an A4 picture to Duncan the Bear, HMS DUNCAN, BFPO 269 with your name, age and address on it. The deadline for pictures is the 30 October and the Captain will be judging the winners!

I hope lots of you can take part; all the pictures will be displayed on the ship so your loved ones can see them!

I have been up to lots of exciting things this month as you can see from the pictures. I have also been filming a special bedtime story for you all called "Watch out DUNCAN" make sure your loved one applies for the book onboard or email me if you would like one.

I can't wait to meet you all when we get back to Portsmouth!

Bye for now,

*DUNCAN*

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