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GUNUUES



**Red sails** 

### Electronic diving sets take Navy down to record levels



als team has already broken the RN record for a self-contained dive by reaching 86 metres.

### 350 fewer crew for new LPDs

ENTRY into service of the two new assault ships ordered to replace the veteran vessels HMS Fearless and Intrepid will mean a manpower saving of 350 officers and men.

In announcing the £450 million order on July 18, Defence Secretary Michael Portillo said the ships, of similar size and capability to Fearless and Intrepid, will have a ship's company of just over 320 cach.

The older vessels have a complement of 550 each, including 50 officers. The new ships will be designed to have 20 per cent of their accommodation capable of

female occupation. The order has been placed with GEC Marine, and the ships - to be • Turn to back page Eight of the electronically controlled sets will be delivered in February, and eventually the Navy will have 240 of them, Known as the CDBA (Clearance Diving Breathing Apparatus), the equipment has been developed by Carlton Technologies Inc., an American subsidiary of the British aerospace conglomertic Coldware de

ate Cobham plc. Using the sets, Royal Navy divers will be able to deal with magnetic and acoustic mines lying on the seabed as deep as 90m. The depth limit of the set currently in service is just 54m.

### Superior

The CDBA is derived from the standard set in service with the US Navy, but experts believe that new developments have made the British variant far superior. The Royal Navy divers operate

The Royal Navy divers operate under strict safety regulations, but the present equipment is modified from an oxygen design which entered service in the Second World War. Following a critical

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This picture was taken during trials with the new diving set, and shows the backup system developed during the tests.



BOND Super Puma helicopter ings some colour into HMS She then undertoo

brings some colour into HMS Somerset's sea trials as it approaches for a transfer of Flag Officer Sea Training staff.

The Somerset has started her Part IV trials after being accepted into service in May. Earlier she spent a weekend in Falmouth after a shakedown period. She then undertook two weeks of preliminary safety training under FOST before returning to Devonport for the commissioning of her weapons and sensor systems.

Somerset is due to be commissioned in September and will resume her sea trials in October before becoming fully operational the following month. Two-year-old Robert Markland has became the first child to be christened in the ship.

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The ceremony meant that Robert, the son of CPOMEA(L) David Markland and his wife Susan, became the first to have his name engraved inside the rim of the ship's bell.

### Chatham sailors restore Crimea memorial

A MEMORIAL at Sevastopol marking the site of a cemetery for British forces who died in the Crimean War has been repaired and tidled up - by the Royal Navy.

Work on the memorial was car-ried out by 15 volunteers from the frigate HMS Chatham, making a "Partnership for Peace" visit to Odessa in the now independent republic of Ukraine.

The work party had been flown from Odessa with the Commander UK Task Group, Rear Admiral Alan West, While he met the Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian navy and the Deputy Defence Minister, the sailors were armed with hoes, picks and shovels to get the memorial ship shape. The cemetery for those who died

during the siege of Sevastopol in

HMS Campbeltown leads

the ships of Standing Naval Force Atlantic during an

exercise off Puerto Rico.

1854-55 was destroyed during the German siege of the port in the Second World War, and the memorial was built by the local authori-ties just five years ago. It records the names of the British regiments and ships which took part in the carlier conflict.

As a final tribute before leaving, Admiral West laid flowers at the obelisk in the centre of the memorial.

Earlier the Chatham, at the end of an eight-month deployment spent mainly on Gulf patrol, visited Varna in Bulgaria and Constanta in Rumania before arriving at

Ödessa. There, sailors found that they had instantly become millionaires -Ukrainian rouble millionaires, that is, each million equalling £4, the price of three beers.

During the two days that

channel in a simulated mine-

field. At the helm of the Campbeltown was the ship's

Commanding Officer, Capt

Chatham was in the Ukrainian port she was visited by thousands of the public, and on her last evening there the Ukrainian armed forces hand played on the promenade overlooking the ship.

### On the steps of Ukraine

**DESCENDING** the Potemkin steps in Odessa, an Honour Guard from HMS Chatham returns to the ship after taking part in a ceremony to pay tribute to the Ukraine's Unknown Sailor. The flight, which leads from the port to the city, is closely asso-ciated with the unsuccessful 1905 revolution during which the sailors of the Russian warship Potemkin mutinied. The steps were immortalised in a famous sequence from Sergel Eisenstein's film Battleship Potemkin made in 1925.



## Commons vote for plan with extra safeguards **ARBITRATION PLEDGE OVER MQs SELL-OFF**

A VOTE in the House of backed Commons has Government plans to transfer the married quarters estate to private ownership.

The go-ahead was given after the announcement by the Defence Secretary of additional safeguards for residents, including an independent arbitration system over site rede-

velopment proposals. The vote removes the last stum-bling block in the way of the pro-posed sale which has generated months of controversy. As reported by Navy News in January, the deal would involve 60,000 homes in England and Wales, 12,000 of which are vacant.

During July a statement by the Chiefs of Staff backed the pro-posed sale, and in a letter to occupiers, Defence Secretary Michael Portillo stressed that the plan would enable the Ministry of

year lease on the estate, the buyers having limited rights - "very tightly controlled" - to apply for redevel-opment of sites after the first 25 years. The buyers could also propose a swop which would give the

### The new conditions

THREE additional safeguards were announced by the Defence Secretary during the Commons debate on the proposed sale of Service homes.

proposed sale of Service homes. When an exchange option is proposed by the buyer and meets all the criteria for a swop to an area with equivalent amenities such as schools, shops, doctors, etc, families will be consulted before a decision is reached. And should there be disagreement there will be a "back stop" safeguard of independent arbitration. In addition, the quality as well as the availability of schools will be taken into consideration. Mr Pertillo also said that notice of application by the owner for

Mr Portillo also said that notice of application by the owner for redevelopment of any site would be extended from 21 months to four years and would be accompanied by a two-year rent-free period to compensate MOD. MQs within military bases will be immune from redevelopment.

them an MO site in exchange for an alternative where the homes and amenities would have to be at

reiterated the Ministry's pledge that occupiers would continue to deal with the MOD's Defence Housing Agency, not the owner. Charges would con-tinue to be set by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body without any link to the sale.

The buyers would have no dayto-day role in the management of the estate and would not even be allowed to visit sites without giving notice and being escorted.

Air Arm sail into town ... Airmen from RN air station Yeovilton arrive at Earls Court to put Harrier FA2 on display at the Royal Tournament. Picture PO(PHOT) Fet Parker.

Where we have surplus houses, the DHE and the three Services will be working together to identify groups of quarters that can be released, to prevent problems which arise when individual quar-ters within patches are let to civil-ian tenants, said Mr Portillo.

"I have made clear all along that the sale will go ahead only on the right terms; terms which satisfy gitimate concerns and interests. We are committed to ensuring that Service families are properly and

The Chiefs of Staff and I believe that the sale of the estate,

while retaining the DHE for its management, givies us the right basis for real improvements in Service housing which are long overdue. Commodore Bob Turner, the

Navy's Director of Service Conditions, told Navy News that he understands the concerns of some families - mainly in the Army - bot believes they are unfounded.

"The DHE, not the buyer, controls the retained estate, and it is the DHE, like Naval Housing before them, who must manage the day-to-day running of the family quarters estate, and target resources more effectively."

Commodore Tierner, whose staff have been representing the Navy in MOD deliberations, said the Agency was making good progress towards a genuinely customer-cen-tred approach and the application "appropriate" civilian practice.

### Study group

'For example, they are establishing a study group to examine specifically the juxtaposition of serving and civilian personnel, a well known issue as seen in the shrinkage of the Rowner estate at Gosport over many years.

He said that since the formation of the DHE in April, his staff and the Second Sea Lord's Personal Liaison Team had received favourable comments on the manment of married quarters.

He was confident that needs were being met, although there was still scope for further improvement

### Navy drops its guard

WITH 700 Naval personnel committed to The Royal Tournament this year, something had to give - and it was the 96-strong Royal Guard.

Instead, the Queen's route into Earls Court was lined by the sailors and Royal Marines who would be taking part in the arena displays.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence said that as the Royal Navy was this year's lead Service, it was thought to be more important to keep the RN particination in the show at a high level rather than muster 96 personnel to train for two weeks to provide a guard.

"The Queen was informed and fully approved," she said.

### Currently under the com-mand of a British officer -Adrian Johns. As part of the exercise the Type 22 frigate fired a Seawolf missile at a towed **Commodore Andrew Gough** - SNFL was sailing line astern through a cleared target. Picture: LA(PHOT) Mark Hipkin.

Campbeltown

in the lead



### **Rethink on POW** pay deductions

MONEY DEDUCTED from the pay of thousands of prisoners of war in 1939-45 may be refunded if a new Ministry of Defence review finds in their favour.

Up to 50 per cent of the pay of 10,500 officers and 4,000 "protect-ed personnel" – medical service staff and padres – was deducted in Britain during their captivity. It

### Chatham receives its Victory

A FOUR-TON model of HMS Victory has arrived at Chatham Historic Dockyard, 54 years after it was built to star in a film about Nelson.

The 25ft long model was de rigged and brought across the Atlantic by cargo vessel. Restoration of the masts and other work is expected to be finished for its public debut in this country - on Trafalgar Day, October 21.

The model was built for the 1941 film Lady Hamilton, made in Hollywood and starring Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. It was eventually given to the USN Training Center in San Diego where it was on display until the

centre closed. The model was put into the hands of the RN Association branch at Long Beach, who decided to give it to Chatham after an approach by the historic dockyard.

was done on the assumption that Germany and Italy had been abiding by the Geneva Convention and paying prisoners a wage compara-ble to that received by their own Servicemen.

However, enemy countries did not pay prisoners regularly, if at all, and German payment was in virtually worthless camp marks. Now, following a long campaign by the National Ex-Presoners of by the National Ex-rovernment War Association, the Government is setting up a review headed by Earl Howe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Defence.

### Interest

Mr Graham King, spokesman for the NEPOWA said: "At the end of the war anyone who had had his puy deducted and had not received proper pay from the enemy could get a refund, but there was a general lack of information and many did not apply."

Mr King assesses that the Treasury saved £1 million in 1945-46 by not refunding pay deductions of POWs returning from Europe. The Association would like to see the money refunded with interest to the ex-Service people involved, or to the next of kin of those who have died.

Non-commissioned Servicemen were not entitled to enemy pay and had no money deducted. Neither did those who were captured by the Japanese.

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Mr Portilio Defence to spend £100 million on upgrading the homes, many of which are in poor condition. The MOD would have a 200-

# Agencies go for people power

A NEW Defence Agency to ensure enough Naval manpower is fully trained, available and effectively deployed in peracetime was launched last month by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Earl Howe.

Under its first Chief Executive, Naval Secretary Rear Admiral Fabian Malbon, the new Naval Manning Agency (NMA) will be responsible for maintaining a vital contribution to Front line capability, he said.

Owned by the Second Sea Lord, the NMA would stay within Portsmouth Naval Base. The greater flexibility which agency status would bring would provide opportunities to build on current professional expertise and high performance to achieve greater efficiency and value for money.

The agency had identified a number of key targets for its first year, including:

 More than 93 per cent of officer, rating and RM other ranks to be filled.

 Total strength of RN personnel to be within one per cent of remainment.

More than 60 per cent of officers to receive more than four months' notice of change of appointment and more than 90 per cent of ratings/other ranks to receive more than the specified notice for change of employment.

 Number of occasions where minimum time ashere criteria are not met to be fless than 150 per year. Meanwhile Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames announced that a commercial partnering agreement between the Royal Navy and the Flagship Training comortium had been given the go ahead (see also page

11). The decision allowed the Naval Recruiting and Training Agency to enter a formal agreement with Flagship Training and develop plans for each of the NRTA's shore training establishments – which should take about six months.

### Apprentice-style

A key element is the prospect of training "under the White Easign" - drawing on the RN brand name and reputation for quality training. This could include expanding foreign training, apprentice-style technical training and personal development training.

development training. Said Mr Soames: "This new arrangement provides a unique opportunity for the UK public and private defence sectors to work together in the world defence market and provide the right environment for substantial investment under the Government's Private Finance Initiative."

### Felmouth was also the venue for the rededication last month of the Type 22 frigate HMS Cornwall, returning to the Royal Navy's front line after her first major refit. She last visited the town in 1988 for her commissioning by her sponsor, The Princeas of Wales.

the first time.

**That famous smile** 

THE QUEEN Mother, who will be 96 on August 4, arrives at Falmouth after a short cruise down from Portsmouth in HMY

Escorted by HMS Glasgow, the Britannis had earlier visited Belfast with The Prince of Wales, docking in the harbour for

# Shetland soothes the sandeelers

HMS SHETLAND was sent to the Wee Bankie fishing ground in the Firth of Forth during an eight day confrontation between Greenpeace vessels and Danish sandcelers.

'Oggie, oggie, oggie!'

DEVONPORT finished champions of this year's Field Gun competition at the Royal Tournament with 22 points, the Fleet Air Arm team following with 20 and Portsmouth in third place with 19.

place with 19. Echoing Euro 96, Portsmouth fell victim to penalties. They actually came home ahead of arch rivals Devonport in the Saturday afternoon run – only to find that a few fatal mistakes in their drill had cost them their hopes of joint first place.

Then they went on to lose to the Fleet Air Arm in the evening. The victors marched

the evening. The victors marched through the streets of Plymouth on 23 July , Meanwhile HMS

Meanwhile HMS Collingwood A team won the Brickwoods Trophy in the establishment's Field Gun Day which attracted teams from all over Britain – and one from HMS Rooke in Gibraltar (see back page). Greenpeace were protesting at "over fishing" of the sandeels, used for fish meal and oil, and the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency called in the Navy ship when the Greenpeace vessel Sirius came on the scene.

came on the scene. Sirius deployed four rigid inflatables along with a variety of floats in the path of the fishing vessels and swimmers also entered the water holding onto the floats, which passed down the side of the trawlers before floating clear astern, the Shetland's commanding officer L1 Cdt Duncan Mathhews told Navy News.

"The Danish fleet steadily rose to around 30 vessels and the Sirius was joined by another Greenpeace vessel, the Arctic Sunrise.

### Boardings

"We carried out routine boardings of the sandeelers, close to the Greenpeace boats, and our presence was very much appreciated by the Danes.

"Throughout the period we mediated between both sides and encouraged constructive discussion to defuse a potentially volatile situation – Very pistols were fired by the fishermen and fishing nets cut and damaged by Greenpeace throughout the eight day dispute.

"We monitored several standoffs between the two parties - one of which developed into a 15 knot chase with one Danish fisherman threatening to 'sink' the Sitius.

"Skillful scaboat handling and stoic indifference to the Greenpeace antics by our ship's company ensured that no-one was injured, no fishing vessels damaged - and only minor inconvemence inflicted on the fishing

> Sultan swings with a super show

HMS SULTAN's Summer Show – one of the most popular single events staged by a naval establishment – looks set to have doubled last year's total takings, which will send over £12,000 to local and naval charities.

Thousands flocked to the Engineering School's spectacular, where attractions included displays from the HMS Sultan Window Ladder and Aerobic Display team, MOD Dog Handlers, a field gan competition and the Tigers Motorcycle Display Team.

Sultan's Sentinel steam engine and 20 other engines and road rollers were popular items, along with the Double LL Vintage Car Club from Michurst. Homage to Ardent

COMMANDER UK Task Group Rear Admiral Alan West visited the Falkland Islands and Iaid a personal wreath from a Sea King helicopter over the last resting place of HMS Ardent, the Type 21 trigate he commanded in 1982 which was sumk by bombing in Grantham Sound with the loss of 22 lives.

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MEMBERS of the Mencap Day Centre visited RN Air Station Culdrose last month to watch a practice run by the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Crew.

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COCKLESHELL community centre at Eastney was opened by the last survivor of the famous "Cockleshell Heroes" who trained nearby for the raid on shipping at Bordeaux Bordeaux in 1942, former RM Cpl Bill Sparks,

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TRAFALGAR Day Service in Exeter Cathedral will be held on Sunday, October 20 at 11.15a.m.

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THE LST and Landing Craft Association held a service at the Royal Naval War Memorial on Plymouth Huse to commemorate the D-Day landings.

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THE ROYAL Hospital School Concert Band, which has just released its first CD, 'Holbrook' (tel 01473 327494 for copies at £10) performed at the Royal Tournament last month.

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NEW Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess at HMS Heron was opened by Capt Sir Donald Gosling who was made an honorary life member.

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SS CANBERRA, the cruise liner which ferried British troops to the Falklands in 1982, is to end her career next year, P&O Cruises have announced.

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HMS BELFAST in War and Peace, a new eshhibition on board the World War II cruiser preserved on the Thames at Tower Bridge, opened last month.

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PRINCE Michael of Kent , Honorary Commodore of the RNR, opened the new home for HMS Vivid at Mount Wise, Plymouth.

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GOSPORT Aviation Society is to hold a memorial service and present a plaque at the house in Lee on Solent where ten Wrens statiuned at HMS Daedalus were killed during a bombing raid on 23 November 1940. Contact Mr R-Jones, the Gosport Aviation Society, Priddy's Hard, Elson, Gesport for details.

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A SEARCH and Rescue helicopter from 819 Naval Air Squadron at RNAS Prestwick took part in the Midlothian Safety Day at Arniston House, Gorbridge.

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RNAS CULDROSE Theatre Club has won the Bombara Trophy for best overall performance in the RN Drama Festival – for the second year running – with their production of Dennis Potter's "Blue Romembered Hills'.



### URNUs make for a big boat race

FOR the first time, the RNR Sailing Regatta was open to the University RN Units, so there were around 40 boats on the water for each race at the RN Sailing Centre at Whale Island.

Seen accepting the Longden Cup from Commodore Donald MacDonald are S/Lt Jennifer Sanderson and Lt Anthony Stickland from HMS King Alfred, which hosted the event.

# Drafty... Supply and Secretariat



# Mind the gap, please

THE RETENTION of personnel in the Navy is a major problem.

With so many people leaving, a gapping problem has been created and the Supply Branch is one of the most affected.

For the last few months shore schemes of complement have come under close scrutiny as the gapping problem has worsened.

Redundancies, increased use of reduced margin for medically downgraded/welfare cases, maternity leave, the extraordinary number of ratings leaving the Service on TX or on notice, recruitment shortfalls and fewer Part IV trainces emerging from Raleigh to compensate are all factors which have taken their toll.

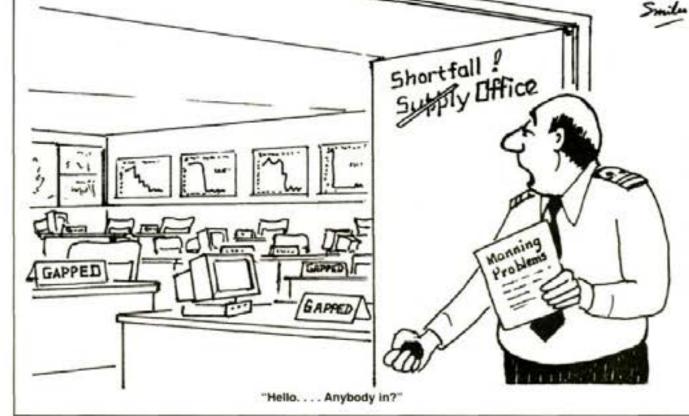
### Gapping

Gapping is prevalent in all. Supply categories but the difficulties are most apparent in the Writer Branch.

Gapping of billets is, as far as ossible, in accordance with DCI(RN) 41/96 but a substantial number of billets are 'singleton' posts and many units are complemented with less than four Writer ratings, making it difficult to invoke the terms of the DCI and this places even greater pressure on the larger establishments.

2OE and a relaxation on the withdrawals of notice, together with short extensions of service has helped but in the middle of 1996 almost every establishment was below 85% manning and several to less than 70%.

Drafty is doing his best with the limited resources at his disposal to ensure an equitable spread of the pain and fully appreciates the con-



cerns of all employers.

In particular, the effect of gap-ping on ratings who should be attending professional and leadership courses, PJTs and EVTs is well recognised.

But in view of the prediction that the Writer specialisation will move into deficit by early 1997 it is likely that gapping ashore and tur-bulence will increase.

Captain Naval Drafting now has the scope to offer more in the way of 18 month notice withdrawal. These will be selective, targeting those people we need to keep rather than those who would like to stay.

### Transfers

Transfers out of the Writers Branch will only be allowed to the sideways entry branches. 2SLCNH Gosport's WAC 131553Z June 96 is the latest signal on branch transfers.

The offer of more extensions of service (EOS) for the Writer Sub Branch of up to two years will be possible while this shortfall exists.

This is favoured over an increase of 2OE numbers as it has fewer long term implications over

advancement and promotion prospects.

The extended period of two ars will initially be targeted at LH level, with shorter extensions for senior rates

Many Caterers and Stewards will have heard about the Cazalet report which reviewed the need for official residences and the employment of uniformed staff on the retinue of the Senior Officer occupying them

Plans have now been drawn up to implement those recommendations as they affect Naval manpower. Inevitably, some Chef, Caterer and Steward billets will be lost, but by no means all.

In his report, Sir Adrian Cazalet recognised that the appropriate level of support to senior officers in certain posts was entirely justified and should continue, so some dedicated billets will remain.

In addition to this, the Second Sea Lord's department has been looking at the most efficient way to provide flexible support for occasional entertainment in the years ahead.

### Pooled resources

This has led to the establishment of small pools of suitably qualified men and women at Northwood, Devonport and Portsmouth for this task.

#### The billets are:

HMS Warrior; CPO, LCH, CH1, POSTD, LSTD and STD1(Start February 28, 1997)

HMS Drake; CH1 and LSTD (Start January 6, 1997)

**Royal Marines** Chefs needed

DRAFTY has heard a reliable buzz from the field kitchen range at Lympstone that the corps has a slight shortfall its requirements for in chefs.

Interservice transfer to the Royal Marines is open to any suitable applicants (there are no females in the Royal Marines except for those in the band service) who are capable of completing the 30 week initial train-ing course at Lympstone. For further details, contact your Unit Personnel Office.

HMS Nelson; CPOCA, POCA, 2CH2s, POSTD and LST (Start February 28, 1997)

Some of these new billets will be filled by ratings on existing retinue staffs. Should you wish to be con-sidered for one of them when coming ashore, consult your Divisional Officer. If he or she recommends you, send in a C240.

It has been four months since the amalgamation of the Cook and Caterer sub branches officially got underway and we said farewell to the Cooks and welcomed the Chefs

Ahead lies a three-year transition period where cross training consolidated by appropriate on the job expertise will be the flavour of the months to come.

DCI(RN) 4/95 included the information that some senior rate members of the branch will not be eligible to attend the cross training course, because of the three-year return of service criterion.

Ratings in this bracket need not feel disadvantaged, because Drafty sees no significant downturn in the opportunities for the source branch skills, other than the Cazalet Review, over this period.

But for those with longer time to serve, the priority is to complete the respective career or cross training acquaint course at Leading Hand or Petty Officer Level.

Please consult your line manager with a view to getting on the appropriate course at HMS Raleigh as soon as you can be spared.

Drafty will be happy to advise on dates and vacancies available on these courses. He must fill the courses, so there may be some gapping ashore.

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### Ships of the Royal Navy No 489 London theatre-goers enjoy

SUMMER leave is never more welcome than when it has been well earned as the ship's company of the Type 22 frigate HMS London would cheerfully testify.

Between November last and March the vessel was engaged on Operation Hamden in the Adriatic and was the only NATO ship to be consistently off the Bosnian coast within range of the shore Styx missile batteries

The first Royal Navy ship to visit a Croatian port (Split) since hostil-ities began in the Balkans in 1992, she was the last RN vessel under atre following the success of IFOR. NATO command to leave the the-

OR. As well as fulfilling ber opera-HMS tional commitments, HMS London carried out goodwill assignments in Albania and made visits to Barcelona, Malta, Palma and Bari in Italy. Throughout the period she played host to many important visitors, including high-ranking members of the Armed Forces of this country and others, the Archbishop of Split and the British Ambassadors to Albania and Rome

Three weeks of post-deploy-ment leave on HMS London's return to the UK on March 21 was to be followed by weapons training off Plymouth, a visit to Newcastle, enhancement work at Devonport, six weeks of assisted maintenance while alongside and two weeks of sea trials on the enhancements.

At the end of this month the ship is scheduled to deploy again for several weeks of operations and exercises.

Primarily designed for anti-sub-marine warfare, the Navy's Type 22 frigates are also well-equipped for self-defence and attacking targets above, on or below the sea surface. HMS London is the fourth of the six "stretched" Type 22 Batch Hs; her sister shing hence Beaver her sister ships being Beaver, Boxer, Brave, Sheffield and Coventry. Launched in October

1984, she was accepted into service in February 1987.

For ASW she is equipped with a 2031 towed array for long-range passive sonar and a shorter range 2050 active sonar for detecting submarines. To attack them she carries two triple-barrelled torpedo tubes and either one Sea King or two Lynx helicopters, armed with their own air-launched homing torpedoes.

HMS London's air defence cen-tres around the Seawolf missile system, designed for short-range anti-aircraft/anti-missile threats.

#### Exocet

Operated either automatically or manually, the system consists of two six-barrelled launchers together with fire control radars which guide the missile to the target. In addition the ship has two 30mm twin-barrel and two 20mm singlebarrel gan systems for close-range targets.

Her four Exocet surface-to-sur-face medium-range missiles are for use against ships, and her aircraft may carry Sea Skua anti-ship mis-siles. The 30mm and 20mm guns may also be used against surface targets.

HMS London's communica-tions equipment and sensors are part of an integrated system which leeds a centralised computer system. In the operations room radars, sonars and other sensors feed their information into the computer system.

The data is then rapidly displayed in a format geared to aid the command's evaluation of and counter to any threats to the ship. Powered by marine gas turbines, the ship uses her Rolls-Royce Olympus engines for full power (25,000 shp each) and her Rolls-

Royce Tyne engines (5,300 shp each) for cruising. They drive through gearboxes on to twin shafts fitted with con-

trollable-pitch screws. Highly manoeuvrable, the ship bas twin rudders and is capable of speeds up to 30 knots.

Comfortable if somewhat con-Comfortable if somewhat con-fined accommodation is provided for the ship's company and the ves-sel is fully air-conditioned. Recreation at sea is provided by films, videos, television, sports equipment and libraries catering for both leisure and educational needs. The ship is also fitted with a well-equipped size-bay. Many organisations are proud

Many organisations are proud to be connected with a ship with as noble a heritage as HMS London. noble a heritage as HMS London. Her affiliations encompass the City of London, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, 6 Sqn RAF, 236 Operational Conversion Unit RAF, 42 Cdo RM, Worshipful Company of Mercers, Guild of Freemen of the City of London, St Batholomew's Hospital, James Burrough Ltd, Edmonton SCC, TS City of London, TS London, Chalkwell Bay Sea Scout Troop, Downside School, Old Londoners' Association, North Russia Club Association, North Russia Club and Exeter Flotilla.

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Facts & figures

Pennant no: F95. Builder: Yarrow Shipbuilders, Glasgow, Laid down: February 7, 1983. Commissioned: June 5, 1987. Length: 148.3m. Beam: 14.5m. Draught: 6.2m. Displacement: 4,850 tonnes. Ship's company: 270-290 (30 women). Speed: 30 knots. Endurance: 4,000 nautical miles at 18 knots. Propulsion: 2 x Rolls-Royce Olympus and 2 x Rolls-Royce Tyne gas tur-bines. Generators: 4 x Paxman diesel generators, each provid-ing 1 Mega-Watt. Weapons: Seawolf anti-air missile system (2 x six-barrelled launchers); Exocet surface-to-surface medium-range missiles (four); Ship's Torpedo Weapon System (STWS) (2 x triple-barrels); 2 x 30mm twin barrel and 2 x 20mm single barrel gun systems. Helicopter: Lynx HAS Mark 5; Sea Skua air-to-surface guided missile; Sting Ray anti-submarine hom-ing torpedo; heavy machine gun and Pod (0.5mm). Ship's motto: Domine dirige nos; God guide us.

HMS London spent her Adriatic deployment well within range of shore-based Styx missile batter-les and was the last vessel under NATO command after the success of IFOR. Peters HMS fluences Press Unit

FIRST of the long line of Royal Navy ships to bear the name London was a 40-gun merchantman hired or regisi-tioned from the East India Company in 1652 for the duration of the First Dutch War.

She was followed by a 64-gun second rate, launched at Chatham in 1657 for the Commonwealth Navy. She was one of the squadron which brought Charles II to England from exile in 1660. In 1665 she blew up with the loss of all but 19 of the 351 men on board.

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London offered to replace the ship at the City's expense and while this new ship was being built at Deptford a merchant ship of the same name was impressed. She and her merchant crew fought at the battle of Lowestoft in June 1665.

The new ship, a 96-gun first rate, was launched as the Loyal London a year later. Partly destroyed by fire during the Dutch attack on the Medway in 1667, she was rebuilt as HMS London and enjoyed a long and honourable career.

A 16-gun brigantine followed in the name and then a 90-gun second rate, which saw action during the American War of Independence and in Europe. The next HMS London, a 90-gun second rate launched in 1840, took part in the bombardment of Sevastopol during the Crimean War.

#### Zanzibar

From 1874 to 1884 she was employed as a harbour depot ship at Zanzibar, where her steam pinnaces were employed continu-ously on the suppression of the East African slave trade. In 1881 her CO, Capt Charles Brownrigg, was killed in action with a slav-ing dhow while leading a patrol.

1902 saw the commissioning of another HMS London, a 15,000ton battleship. Ten years later she was fitted with a flying-off plat-form over her forecastle and conducted experiments with Short sea planes during the Fleet manouevres of 1912. During the First World War her service included providing cover for the Anzac landing. She was later converted as a mine layer. igs. She was later converted as a mine-layer.

Next to bear the name was the 9,850-ton heavy cruiser commissioned in 1928. In 1939 she was more thickly armoured and much-improved anti-aircraft armament was installed. The work was not completed until 1941 when she assisted in mopping up the Bismarck's supply ships. She served in Northern waters, including the Arctic and in 1944 sailed for Ceylon to join the Eastern Fleet.

In 1949 she attempted to assist HMS Amethyst, damaged by Communist artillery in the Yangtse, but was herself damaged and forced to retire with 67 casualties.

### Battle Honours

Kentish Knock 1652 Gabbard 1653 Scheveningen 1653 Lowestoft 1665 Sole Bay 1672 Schooneveld 1673 Texel 1673 Barfleur 1692 Chesapeake 1781 Croix Island 1795 Copenhagen 1801 Marengo 1806 Crimea 1854-5 Dardanelles 1915 Atlantic 1941 Arctic 1941-3 Kuwait 1991

Last HMS London before the present frigate was a 5,440-ton County-class guided-missile destroyer, completed in November 1963. She was the first of the name to be built by a commercial shipyard (Swan Hunter), all her predecessors being Dockyard-built.

She served all over the world, taking part in the Cook Bicentenary in New Zealand in 1969 and the United States Bicentennial Review off New York in 1976. In March 1979 she was the last British Naval unit to leave Malta, embarking the Commander British Forces and his staff to complete the withdrawal. She paid off in 1981 and was sold to Pakistan the following year.

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focussed on next year's centenary of Turbinia's startling debut at the Diamond Jubilee Review, we should not forget that on February 17 1897 official acceptance texts were carried out on the first operational diesel engine at the works of Maschinenfabrik Augsburg, This engine developed 20 hp

and significantly its over all efficlency was 26 per cent - more than double that of the steam

engine of that time. This engine can be seen at the Deutsches Museum in Munich. It is significant that the iventions of Rudolf Diesel and Charles Parsons came to fruition in the ame year - no two names can better represent achievements in 20th century marine engineering than these. D.Streeton, Westcliff-on-Sea.

TURBINIA and the Viper Class tried to work out how to convert all that power to thrust and tried to do it with multiple propellors on multiple shafts - and the Viper's broke up at speed because of the torque whip of her four shafts and umpteen propellors.

Turbinia and Viper went amazingly fast and quickly their Lordships hauled on board that it was propellor design and reduc-tion gearing that made the differ-CROC

So with HMS Dreadbought a return to the norm of one propel-lor per shaft was made and she kept the advantage of turbine

power and higher speed. Sir Anthony Parsons is an expert on the background to his grandfather's invention. I met him when he was Ambussador to Iran in 1974-79. - R.Becker, Gosport

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IT IS most gratifying to note the Rating Corps Study Group's recognition that "with their different operating levels and technical skills, the mechanic's general utility is complemented by the artificer's diagnostic skills, systems knowledge and technical innovation.

To de-enrich the associated technician's skill of hand and understanding of the theory of technological construction processes to a mechanic would lead to many problems in this rapidly changing technological

cra. The ubiquitous 'tiff' provides greater job flexibility early in his or her career compared to the more narrowly and later trained mechanic. The more practical mechanic has, and must rightly be able, in my opinion, to develop his/her skills in the RN and continue to provide the technical support . The mechanic also provides the

necessary later entrants into the artificer scheme. It is a personal view that retention of both a technician and a mechanic -- in the right

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demonstrate his professional provess in achieving repair, must ratio - is the pragmatic and correct way ahead. Although RCSG recommendatherefore be absolutely essential. Equally as important, the right

calibre of person must continue to

be encouraged to join the Service as an artificer. - L.Dancey, Secretary, the RN Engineers

2SL/CNH Bulletin of Spring 96 stated that following all the hard

decisions on Options for Change

and the Defence Costs Study we have brought our manpower state

in 1995.96 to a position where naval strength is in line with our

this to be the case, many establish-ments and ships are now experi-

encing a significant reduction in

manpower due to gapping and the continuous requirement to sup-

port the ever present extraneous events, both ashore and afloat. The apparent 'black hole' that

exists in the Warfare Branch in particular, is an area of concern

The Ratings Training (Ab

Water Weapons) section at HMS Dryad has seen some courses can-

celled already this year due to

nsufficient ratings available. I am sure that many of us

believe the initial manpower calculations were incorrect and we are all now feeling the full impact throughout the Fleet. -WORTO(AWW) M.C.Morris,

Although some might perceive

Secretary, the Benevolent Society,

requirement.

for us all.

HMS Dryad.

tions are proposals for the future, 6 Setting the artificer base level

at PO.

· The demise of the Charge Chief.

I believe the subject of status for the artificer cadres and indeed perhaps for the whole of the rating corps has been sadly understated. Great store is placed on self esteem by modern management; within a military environment status can only be reasonably derived from rank/rate, not solely from

money To maintain a technician's status, therefore, a suitable rank/rate must be attached to broadly differentiate the artificer from the mechanic.

I can accept that rank inflation -for whatever reason - has been allowed to take place but the cost of change cannot surely be justified, even in the longer term. unless the proposed rate deflation is a thin guise for a reduction in pay by not equitably equating "skill pay" to the present pay differentials in rates.

The logic for the demise of the Charge Chief rate is again flawed if looked at in terms of effective management. For an extremely small daily pay rate a senior, pro-fessionally qualified artificer is able s to deputise ne majority for hard-pressed MEOs.

With RCSG proposals, all CPOs yould apparently be charge qualified, rewarded by "a more flexible puy regime". Would these flexible pay regime". pay regimes be reflected in artifi-

cers' pension rights? Perhaps fewer artificers would be required in the future, but this must, it can only be assumed, be reflected in a smaller artificer

Fir as long as there is a require-ment for a Royal Navy, the ability becomes increasingly important.

A high calibre technician, with enthusiasm born of status to

## As expected, no uniformity of agreement on new rig

HAVING joined as a Junior Electrical Mechanic in 1955 and left as a CPO Radio Mechanician in 1978 I experienced all the major uniform changes since World War II.

The current round seems emi-nently sensible and by and large covers all we used to drip about. Decent tropical uniforms in modern, easy care fabrics; a good raincoat (but is a tropical raincoat on offer?); bush jackets for senior rates etc

The Crewsuit is a particularly good answer to a multi-purpose working rig providing it comes in enough sizes and is of smart, easy to launder material.

Changing Tiffy Apps into Square Rig is something I never thought I would live to see happen Therefore, can we now finally get the CPO uniform modernised?

May 1 suggest doing away with those anachronistic buttons? As a mechanician I was not happy when we lost our jacket lapel budges and had to walk around looking like Tiffs.

The buttons also kept getting stuck up a nostril every time I wiped my nose on my sleeve ... Why not introduce lapel badges for all of what are now called

Artificers. CPO and Charge Chief Tiffs could then wear them on their lapels as a rank badge in conjunc-tion with the cap badge. CPO Artificers with a crown above and the Charge Chiefs with a crown above and star below.

This would clean up the CPO uniform. A small, blue tropical branch badge could be worn on the right chest opposite the medals on tropical rigs. Everyone would then know what all chiefs did for a living just by looking at them. J.Stuart, Mannheim, Germany.

THE INTERESTING centre spread on the development of square rig in your May issue gives rise to the following questions: when was the knife pocket deleted from the jumper and can you enlarge on this pre 1914 ditty? "Old Dan Ittley said to me,

Is your pocket six by three, Trousers under twenty-three And seams upon your shoul-

det My spelling of Ittley is probably - but the tune was Harry r's "The Lass from rankie. - F.M.J.Wotton, wrong Lauder's Killiecrankie. Ventnor, IOW

Cdr David Hobbs writes: The knife pocket was over the left breast in much the same position as the watch pocket on a gentleman's suit, it was removed from the outside of the jumper in about 1900 when the 'new', tighter fit-ting jumper was introduced; from that time the lanyard was still worn around the neck but the knite was tucked into an inside pocket not unlike the one that still forms part of the jumper today.

The ditty is clearly based on entries in the Uniform Regulations for Petty Officers. Men and Boys' which gave both patterns and instructions for seamen to make their 88 IN the years before World War I. I have referred to the 1907 edition but no doubt earlier versions were

Briefly, the jumper pocket had to be six by three inches to hold a

clasp knile firmly without it being difficult to get in and out. 'Trousers under twenty-three refers to the size of the bell bottoms which were not to exceed 23 inches in circumference at the bottom.

Seams on your shoulder refers to the seams on the jumper which had to be finished neatly on the shoulder and not off the front or rear, thus giving a scrutly, "unseamanlike" appearance. Taken together, the lines prob-

ably reflect the sort of questions men were asked by their division-al officers when they had made themselves a new square rig before they were allowed to wear them on divisions.

Perhaps the Dan Ittley (of uncertain spelling) was a long standing instructor at a training establishment such as HMS Ganges, remembered in song by those who suffered under him much as the wartime aircrew new entries who passed through HMS St Vincent remember CPO Wilmon

THE INTENDED 'new look' uniform is not a smart outfit - far from

The V front of the jumper is far too small, which creates a bulky and untidy appearance. The collar and silk does not lay flat and in turn makes the jacket front look too high and untidy.

Many of my friends and I were in the Royal Navy during the early 1950s and we all feel that the uniform of that period was the best and smartest-styled ever.

The full or semi U front of the acket complemented a nearly flat laying silk and collar, the trousers fitted the thighs and from above the knee the bell bottoms would begin to extend to the full width.

The current fabric used is a big improvement on the blue serge material, though. So other than that the only exclusion needed would be to remove the lanyard, just keeping it for seamen on upper deck duties when the bosun's call would be needed. – **D.Bishop**, Binstead, IOW

**REGARDING 'How Victorious** took action on working dress' (July issue), the person responsible for promoting the adoption of Working Rig to the Admiralty was the ship's Commander, Cdr R.C.V.Ross, DSO. Now 95, he is our president and

takes much interest in our affairs. As well as operating American air-craft and adopting American pro-cedures, we were known as USS Robin' during our secondment to the US Navy. At that time, Victorious and Saratoga were the only two Allied carriers in the Pacific – M.Evans, HMS Victorious (1941-45) Association.

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for decreasing numbers of warships, submarines and aircraft to remain within a tactical theatre



## Swan's wild shooting on target at last

1 WAS delighted to read the letter about HMS Swan's last fight(April issue). I was a coder on board at the time of her sinking and the strangest thing about this engagement was indeed the accuracy of her gammers, which on previous occasions had left so much to be desired.

Whilst on escort duty in the South Atlantic a plane and drogue were scot up for target practice. The Swan shot down the plane. The pilot was fortunately rescued by another destroyer.

Sometime later we were sent out of Freetown for gannery practice with a tug and tow. The Swan's first salvo bracketed the tug, whose skipper promptly cut his tow and fled.

Finally, a few days before she was sunk, Swan's gunners nearly shot down a friendly Catalina. But when the chars were down

But when the chips were down our lads certainly gave those Ju88s a pounding. Six out of 12 was good going.

Incidentally, those rescued Spanish seamen J.P.Lane mentions had to be forcibly prevented from pinching the whater. – A.Leverton, Nottingham.

### Nelson and bounty

1 VISITED the old churchyard of St Martin's in Canterbury and found a tomb with the magic name of Nelson.

The inscription reads: "Sacred to the memory of Hilaire, Countess Nelson, Dachess of Brotite, The beloved wife of George TKnight of Godmersham in this county, Daughter of Admiral Sir Robert Barlow. She died at Paris the 22nd of December 1857."

I wonder what this tomb is doing there, in what is supposed to be the oldest Christian church in England, and what the family connection with Nelson is? - J.Gillis, Herne Bay. Michael Nash of the 1805 Club tells us that Hilaire was the second wile of Lord Nelson's elder brother William who became the first Earl Nolson after the hero's death. They were married on March 26 1829 – he was 70, she was 28 – and he settled his house in Portman Square on her, plus £4,000 a year. Her first husband had been her cousin, George Alwrick Barlow, Captain of the 4th Dragoons, who had died in India in 1824 leaving her with only £150 per annum. – Ed.

### Miracle for Michael

I WOULD like to pay tribute to the wonderful work of the RN Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. My son Michael, who is pro-

My son Michael, who is profoundly mentally handicapped, went to Lourdes for a week with the Plymouth-based group for special needs Service children. Lourdes is a magnificent place,

charged with emotion. The week was devoted to children and among the many activities was a chance for them to take part in a torchlight procession. There were also walks, picnics, parties and fan all the way.

Michael had an absolutely fantastic time – although he is unable to speak, his gleaming smile reflected all his thoughts!

"Thank you" doesn't seem enough to say to all the volunteers who gave their time to look after our children. The love, care and kindness they showed made this

### Brazen hustlers

HOW refreshing to read in this age of technology the comments and praise of the CO of HMS Brazen, Cdr Alan Adair, regarding the courage and skill of the ship's boarding partias.

ties. We may not have the world's largest Navy any more, but in quality and endurance we are second to none. – J.Copper, Whitstable.

 HMS Brazen prepares to board the Delta Star. During her seven months with NATO's Standing Naval Force Mediterranean, engaged on Operation Sharp Guard, the Type 22 frigate made 104 boardings enforcung the arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia. After 14 years in RN service, she is to be handed over to the Brazilian Navy this month.

a very emotional week for all concerned. I feel Michael had his 'miracle'.

Thanks also to all the ships and establishments that support this very worthwhile cause. - J.Eling, Tornoint.

### Rosy view of Royals

THE PAINTING you used to illustrate returning Royal Marines from Trafalgar (July Royal Tournament supplement) paints a rosy but misleading picture. I'm afraid.

Marines were indeed returned to their barracks in many cases, but very few seamen were allowed ashore.

The best illustration of this perhaps is Nelson's own ship HMS Victory. After the battle two thirds of her ship's company were directly transferred to the newly built HMS Ocean, which Collingwood promptly took to the Mediterranean.

Most of Nelson's men had not stepped ashore for several years before Trafalgar – and were to remain at sea for several more to come. – **D.Shannon**, The Nelson Society.

# Uniform that came in God's good time . . .

AS PER the DCI I applied for my maternity uniform and waited – and waited and still I waited until some 11 weeks later it appeared. By this time my current uni- The uniform will anyway only be

By this time my current uniform no longer fitted and I was already in civvics. This was found to be most acceptable by

all senior staff involved in my place of work. Not all that enthusiastically, I went to stores to collect it - only to find it did not fit. It was also very

badly designed. It seems to be a popular belief that once you become pregnant you lose all dress sense. This thing is supposed to allow you to blend in with your Service counterparts but contrary to this belief if I had worn it I would have felt that all that was missing was a sign above my head saying 'I am pregnant'.

my head saying 'I am pregnant'. After such a delay in getting the uniform, to send it back to be changed was not seen to be cost effective.

Surely a more cost effective idea, especially in the hard times the Forces are in at present, would have been to give each woman a small grant towards maternity civilian clothes of appropriate colours for each of the Services.

of use for a few months, after which it will either be destroyed or used again if the same service woman stays on and becomes pregnant once more. - NTD Registry, COMCLYDE, HMNB Faslane.

### Memory of Guatemala

REFERENCE your article on HMS Brave's visit to Guatemala (June issue), claimed to be the first in living memory.

I remember HMS Danae going to Poerto Barrios for a visit from 15-19 February 1935 when she was attached to the North America and West Indies Squadron. – A.Ellis, Beshill on Sea.

We have also received notification of visits by HMS Apolio and HMS Dundee in the late 1930s, HMS Ballinderry (1946) and HMS Morecambe Bay (1954) – Ed.

### Shaken but not heard

THERE was one slight inaccuracy in your article on the Battle of Jutland (June issue) concerning the hit on HMS Lion's 'O' turret. You said everyone was killed, but there was one survivor - my late uncle CSgt David McKay, RM.

late uncle CSgt David McKay, RM. It appears the top of the turret was virtually peeled back and set on fire. Despite his wounds and being badly burned, he clambered out and reported direct to Admiral Beatty on the bridge that the turret was out of action.

Another occupant of the bridge later commented on how strange it was that no-one there had heard the explosion.

the explosion. As in all major actions in World War I where there were numerous acts of bravery, the awards were shared by the Allies and my uncle was given the Croix de Guerre. – J.H.Wilson, North Berwick





• Wren Steward Elizabeth Linch talks to a local lady at the Exercise Green Fever Evacuation Handling Centre in Belize.



# **GREEN FEVER** HAD FEARLESS **IN ITS GRIP**

### HMS FEARLESS returned to Portsmouth at the end of last month after a three and a half month deployment to the United States and the Caribbean.

After taking part in Exercise Purple Star - during which she headed the UK Task Group and carried out an "extremely successful" amphibious landing under cover of darkness on the beaches of North Carolina - the assault ship carried on at the forefront of Exercise Caribex 96, a number of unit level training exercises.

These culminated in Exercise Green Fever in Belize, a large scale evacuation plan in an earthquake scenario leading to civil unrest and outbreaks of disease.

#### Aid for indians

Elements of 3 Commando Brigade and the RFAs Sir Galabad, Sir Tristram and Sir Geraint accompanied Fearless for this, bringing together more than 2,000 British sailors and troops with the Belizean Defence Force.

Many British and local Belizeans provided the 300 willing "evacuees" who were vitally important to the exercise's success - and medics from Fearless were able to give real assistance to the native Mayan indians. Many of those taking part had

never seen a warship or a heli-

copter before. The Task Group was joined by the West Indies guardship HMS Argoll and its tanker RFA Gold Rover before it anchored close to the Guatemalan border off Punta Gorda.

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Landing craft and helicopters quickly put 42 Cdo Group ashore again under cover of darkness, so that the local population, which would already be distressed and

frightened, would not suffer further anxiety by witnessing the large movement of troops. "Moving while people slept also ensured that troops established themselves quickly and efficiently,

ready to meet people and offer help at first light to potential evac-uees," Fearless's Aviation Officer Lt Cdr Alan George explained. Once ashore the troops, includ-ing elements of 4 Assault Sqn RM

and some ship's company from Fearless, deployed with their vehi-cles into an area of about 800 square kildmetres.

Their job was to locate children, families and elderly people and move them to an evacuation assembly area. Although they were searching

in difficult terrain with a population spread over a wide area - with few communications - some help was provided by local officials who provided details of British nationals and their last known whereabouts

### Threatening

Evacuees were gathered togeth-er in small settlements at the base of the Maya Mountains before moving them to the coast. "By day these densely covered

jungle ranges were enchanting - by night they provided a more sinister and threatening backdrop as the operation continued," said Lt Cdr George

"Helicopters provided the only means of transport for evacuees and troops in remote areas, when flooding rivers and broken bridges made dirt tracks impassable.

"The high temperatures, moun-tainous terrain and violent thunderstorms tested the helicopter crews to the full, often operating out of small clearings surrounded by the jungle tree canopy. "Nonetheless, the 300 real civil-

ians taking part in ther exercise were found, gathered together and subsequently moved to reception areas at Punta Gorda and Independence, another small coastal town some 30 miles north."

After registration and initial medical aid, helicopters and landng craft moved the evacuees to Fearless and RFA Sir Geraint. In a real disaster they would then have been moved to an area of more permanent safety - but at the end of the exercise it was back to school, work or another day with the Voluntary Service Organisation or Operation Raleigh for the volunteers.

### Looting

If dealing with evacuees was not enough, the task group had had to face with many more diverse challenges - families taken hostage, aircraft and people missing in dense jangle, looting and dealing with rape cases and bereavements. "The whole exercise was most

successful, extremely realistic and created much national interest in Belize," Lt Cdr George concluded.

"It was witnessed by senior officials from neighbouring South American countries - but nothing could have been more rewarding than the smiles of the young children.

As part of the newly formed Joint Rapid Deployment, Fearless and 42 Cdo Group can expect to undertake this sort of operation throughout the world at any time -as they have done in the past in Guyana and Montserrat.



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### **Delighted of Tunbridge Wells!**

THE DRUMS and Band of the Sea Cadet unit TS Brilliant lead the ship's company of HMS Brilliant they exercise their 35 Freedom of the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells for the last time.

At the end of this month the Type 22 frigate will decommis-sion and transfer to the Brazilian navy.

HMS Brilliant has been affiliated to Tunbridge Wells since her launch in 1981, continuing the close link the town had with her World War II prede-cessor. The Freedom honour was bestowed during the Falklands War,

#### Reception

The salute at the last parade was taken by the Lady Mayor, Clir Ruth Baker. Later the Borough Council hosted a lunch and civic reception for the ship's Commanding Office Crip December 2015 Officer, Cdr Duncan Polts, and his officers and men. In the afternoon and early

evening sporting and charity events were organised, fol-lowed by an evening reception and dance.

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# Safer dives thanks to Navy men's invention

 From front page safety audit of the sets, combined with doubts over whether they complied with health and safety requirements, a replacement pro-gramme was started.

Last year WO(D) Mo Crang headed a nine-man team of ratings from Fleet Diving Unit 3 (FDU 3) based at Portsmouth, in the most exhaustive trials of self-contained diving equipment ever undertaken by the Navy.

During 900 dives representing 37,000 minutes underwater, the team narrowed down competing designs to eventually recommend the Carlton product, incorporating developments proposed during the project.

### Sensor display

Among the features of the equipment are sensors which show the set's breathing gas levels and battery state on an electronic display in the diver's mask. The mask itself is of full oral type and dis-penses with the nose clip which has to be used with the old sets.

The set operates sciently and is non-magnetic, allowing clearance divers to deal with sophisticated acoustic and magnetic mines. A depth time recorder displays the diver's present and maximum depths, the time and water temperanure

"Unlike the old sets, the new CDBA informs or warns the diver of changes through the electonic monitoring display," said WO Crang. "With the old sets, divers have to suffer from a symptom before they know something is wrong.

One of the inventions for which members of FDU 3 have been directly responsible, is an external breathing system (XBS) as back-up in case of failure of the main set at depth.

The compact XBS equipment may be used for up to three hours and is suspended along the diver's guideline to the surface. The appa-ratus allows the diver whose main set has failed to avoid decompres-sion sickness by pausing for up three hours before surfacing.

#### Heating

The XBS will incorporate a sys-tem of communications with the surface, and apparatus to heat the diver's hands.

The FDU 3 team conducted months of trials at the Defence Research Agency at Alverstoke; off Horsea Island, Portsmouth; and for seven weeks in deep and open water at the Fort William Droing Training Centre on the West Coast of Scotland.

No fewer than 38 dives were made to depths below 80m, ten of them reaching 80m, including one by WO Crang achieved in a remarkable 2 minutes 10 seconds.

#### More pay?

Although the new sets will be standard issue for clearance divers. descents to depths below 60m will only be carried out by members of the Fleet Diving Group and divers in some mine countermeasures vench

For them the new equipment may result in more pay, as regula-tions state that those who dive below 60m using an in-service life support system carn an extra 15 an hour and £50 per dive.

It is expected that clearance divers will be able to use the new sets after three weeks' training at the Defence Diving School, Horsea Island,

FDU 3's gift to leukaemia kids – page 10.



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801 CYCLISTS from Squadron pedalled from Boston to New York after exercise Purple Star raising £800 for the Special Care Baby Unit at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

The Squadron, deployed in HMS Illustrious, completed the 300-mile ride from Boston in five days and rejoined the ship at Manbartan.

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BIRMINGHAM'S Royal Naval Reserve Unit HMS Forward fielded four teams in a charity run to raise money for a kidney dialysis machine in the city's children's hospital.

LI Cdr Stephen Foster who captained the officers' team said: "There were a few tired and creaking joints the next morning but everyone enjoyed themselves!"

The teams all completed the four-mile relay and helped to raise £3,000 towards the cost of the machine.

## Helping Hands Fun and games for children of

Chernobyl A DOZEN young victims of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl visited Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth for a day of fun and entertainment host-

ed by the senior ratings who work there. The team from Britannia all became pirates for the day and

after a morning of games and activities in the gym the group took to the water in two of the college's picket boats.

#### Walking the plank

Led by Master At Arms Steve Stephens, alias Greybeard the Pirate, the children explored the River Dart until all the pirates were forced to walk the plank.

The visit was part of a month-long visit arranged by the Excter-based charity. Isca, Children of Chernobyl, which aims to give the youngsters a break from the radiation that still affects their country. Belarus, ten years after the disaster. а. **\_** 

FIVE sailors from HMS

Excellent have high hopes of raising £1,000 for sick children by parachuting from 3,000ft. The team, led by RPO Mitch Youngman, were training for the jump at the RN RM Sport Parachute Control at

Parachute Centre at Dunkeswell, Devon, as Navy News went to press.

All proceeds will go towards the children's ward at St Mary's Hospital in Portsmouth. Sponsors can contact RPO Youngman on 01705 547380.

HMS Horworth's MEM Gary Orchard raised £300 for the charity Cancer and Leukaemia In Children (CLIC) by completing the London Marathon.

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Royal's company raised £2,000 by cycling from

adopted charity, the Liz Dawn Breast Cancer Appeal, and the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Jimmy's Hospital, Leeds. The Ark's links with Leeds

off Gibraltar.



LReg Lew Lewis is forced to walk the plank into the River Dart by the youngsters from Belarus

### Deep divers give up extra pay for poorly youngsters



Chaplains find fund raising is a black and white issue

COLLINGWOOD'S HMS Mike Brotherton Revd recently made a right Charlie of himself!

He led a team of 20 runners, all dressed as Charlie Chaplain, in a 600-mile run from HMS Collingwood in Hampshire to Collingwood House Northumberland.

They were welcomed in Bristol, Burton, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, Hull, Bri ងព do arr in

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0 0 Another team of runners from HMS Collingwood are hoping to take part in the New York Marathon in November to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund.



Veston welcomes the Revd Mike Brotherton on his Collingwood House, Morpeth. cture: HMEL No.

WO Geoff Stevens, CPO Peter Eggbeer, Chief Radio Supervisor Dave Irvine and

Mrs Carol Hawkings have start-

ed their training in earnest and

are looking for sponsors.

If you would like to make a contribution or have a fundraising idea, please con-tact Marie Loney at HMS Collingwood on Fareham 01329 332312. **DIVERS** from Portsmouth reached new depths in trials of an experimental life support system (see page one) and managed to dig deep into their pockets for charity at the same time. The team of ten men from

Fleet Diving Unit Three at Horsea Island donated two pounds of their extra experimental diving pay every time they submerged and raised a grand total of £1,575.

#### Heartfelt thanks

They decided that the money should go the children's leukaemia ward at Southampton General Hospital and visited the unit to present

Staff said the cash would be used to buy toys and games for the youngsters and thanked the team, from the bottom of their

### Sutherland makes her presence felt

SAILORS from the Navy's newest Type 23 frigate HMS Sutherland have been giving up their spare time to forge links with the community in their affiliated area.

A team of volunteers has been remodelling the gardens of Migdale Hospital, Bonar Bridge, erland to make as for wheelchair-bound patients.

Another group helped the teachers of Golspie High School to run an activities week which saw the children orienteering, hill walking, gold panning and visiting a nature reserve.

The ship, which is being built at Yarrow Shipbuilders Ltd on the Clyde, also got off to a fine start in their new affiliation to the Highland Regiment by joining forces with members of the 1st Battalion for a sponsored walk.

They set off from Cromdale to the stirring sound of the bagpipes and arrived in Aviemore two days later and raised hundreds of pounds for deaf children in the process.

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The town was abuzz for their ival and Church bells rang t to greet them on the final ge.	
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Eight members of HMS Ark Portsmouth to the ship's affili-

ated town of Leeds. The money will be go towards the Lord Mayor's

go back as far 1941 when the people of the city raised £9.3m to replace Ark Royal 3 which was sunk by a German U-boat

### For those in peril.. Disaster at sea can strike at any time. But

life ashore has its disasters too - when sailors grow old, become disabled, fall on hard times, leave widows to be cared for and children to be educated.

King George's Fund looks after Royal Navy and Royal Marines widows and orphans from two World Wars and the Falklands Campaign to the present day. It is also the vital safety net for the many organisations serving the Merchant and Fishing Fleets. Every year, some 80 or more maritime charities receive over £2m in help from KGFS.

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# Soames admits to a momentary lack of foresight . . .

Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames is not just another "suit from Whitehall", as one of his predecessors in the job was once described. A big, breezy extrovert, he has occasionally got himself into trouble for speaking his mind, something few successful politicians care to do. More rarely still, he doesn't mind admiting to the odd mistake . . .

At the At the ground-breaking People in Engineering exhibition at HMS Collingwood he spoke to Navy News Editor Jim Allaway about how he sees the Navy coping with the process of change.

niquely among the current set of UK Defence Ministers, Nicholas Soames has had direct experience of the Armed Services.

For him it is an obviously useful distinction - but one he is uncomfortably aware is increasingly rare throughout society.

"The fact is that until 1963 every able bodied man did National Service. That may have carried a penalty for the Services themselves but it did the country an awful lot

of good, "It ensured that for the next foresceable generations there was in every family in the land someone who had a contact with the Services, quite apart from those who actually had war service or who were regular servicemen.

"Well, those generations are now leaving the scene, so fewer families have that connection any more. And the Services are smaller and don't produce so many people with that involvement either which all adds another 10,000ft to the mountain we have to climb,

"Because recruiting is now a major problem. It is a more serious one for the Army than it is for the the Army is very well Navy recruited on the technical side, but the infantry are going through a very bad patch. "The Royal Marines, too, are

difficulties in some having respects, but they are working very hard to overcome them. By and large, Naval recruiting is not bad there's another side to the but problem.

"I find that the young people who are coming into the Navy are extraordinarily intelligent - very technically aware. Unfortunately few of them look at it as a very long term career.

### Different climate

That's something we are going to have to do something about -how you pull people right the way through for a longer term of ser-vice where you retain continuity of

"We are operating in a different "We are operating in the 50s, climate than we were in the 50s, 60s and 70s + or indeed the 80s. These are people with different ambitions and aspirations - and we are going to have to handle that in terms of their careers, without sac-rificing any of the Navy's standards and skills. "It's easily possible to do that the Services are the best man man-agers in the world."

Something of the flavour of the new people coming into the Navy was caught in last year's BBC doc-umentary series 'HMS Brilliant'. The public lowed it – it had a peak audience of 9m - and it had a positive effect on recruiting. But the Navy didn't like parts of it at all – and nor did Nicholas Soames.

"Bits of it I thought were dread-ful - I thought the part about the Wrens was ghastly and it made my

toes curl. "If I were a senior officer in the Royal Navy - and they all know what life in a frigate is like - would I want something like that to come across at a time when the Press (although I think their heart is largely in the right place regarding the Services) will use any opportu-

nity to beat them up? "So I thought it was giving them ammunition - I felt it was bad for the Navy's image.

"But I was quite wrong - and now I'm thrilled to admit that I was wrong. The rest of the series was very good and it showed the Navy in a very positive light - and most ost of our fellow citizens of the r thought the same.

"In the process, Leading Seaman Goble has become a national hero - I'm seriously thinking of having a large picture of him on my office wall. He's a great man, obviously. I haven't had the opportunity of meeting him yet. but I'm looking forward to doing 50

"The best advert for the Navy is actually going to see it at work which is not something many peo-ple have the opportunity of doing. Because the Navy is very, very busy, very hard pushed, very stretched – and I think that is a

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gering success. "I believe the Navy has a great deal it can teach industry and I

also think the Services can learn a great deal from private enterprise. "There is no harm in blending the two so long as it is quite clearly understood what the Navy's role and tasks are - and they are immutable. And they must come

first."

served in the 11th Hussars from 1967-70



 NICHOLAS SOAMES: "I felt it was bad for the Navy's image . . . But I was quite wrong and now I'm thrilled to admit that I was wrong." good thin

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"I do hate the fact that we've been through this awful process of change. It's been like a hurricane and, as the last First Sea Lord, Ben Bathurst said: 'the storm may be over, but the swell remains.' "Well, we're in a less heavy sea than we were, but the turbulence

of change is still there - and we have to ensure that we are not asking too much of our people and their families.

#### Obligation

"And so we look for greater sta-bility - but I do think that it is important that the Navy is busy Young men and women do not join the Navy to sit on their arses.

"Now that Operation Sharp Guard in the Adriatic has shut down, that's one less obligation for the Navy to undertake. I was looking at the statistics - it has involved RN frigates and destroyers and I don't know what else and it has been a very good exercise in littoral operations.

"The ministerial-directed tasks that we place on the Royal Navy are onerous - and we are properly grateful for the way they cope with

reat credit for the way it has cut

"I think the classic example of

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The Hon Nicholas Soames MP, Member for Crawley, was born in 1948, the grandson of Sr Winston Churchil, Educated at Elon, he atend-ed Mons Officer Cadet School and

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LS Goble, star of 'HMS Brilliant': "He's a great man, obviously.

'And I think the Navy deserves

the tail of its support services with the introduction of the various agencies. The RN saw it coming before the other two services did and it has done it very well.

where these agencies are going to show up at their very best is the Naval Recruiting and Training Agency - that is going to be a stag-

### Trials success with GR7s opens way to seaborne deployments



# **RAF TO OPERATE** FROM CARRIERS Marlborough



wins Freedom

inspects HMS Marlborough's guard after the ship's affiliation with the Wiltshire community was clinched by her receiving the Freedom of the Town.

The Freedom scroll was presented to the ship's Commanding Officer, Capt John Rodley, by Clir Smithers.

After a short service conducted by the padre to the Fourth Frigate Squadron, the Rev. John Hill, and local clergy, the ship's company exercised its new right to march through the

swords drawn and bayonets fixed.

They were accompanied by the Corps of Pipes and Drums of the ship's affiliat-ed regiment, the Royal Dragoon Guards.

Guests at a civic lunch included the ship's sponsor, Lady Black, wife of Admiral Sir Jeremy Black: the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough; and Rear Admiral Michael Harris, Clerk to the Worshipful **Company of Clothworkers** which is also affiliated to the ship.

to RAF ground-attack Harrier squadrons operating from Royal Navy aircraft carriers, have been successfully completed in HMS Invincible.

Trial Hornpipe has been conducted this year by the Strike Attack Operational Evaluation Unit flying Harrier GR7s. Initial tests concentrated on ensuring that the aircraft's inertial navigation sys-tem, produced by GEC Marconi, was capable of alignment at sea.

Once that was proved, the trials extended to include night launches, attack profiles and recoveries using the GR7's electro-optical sensors.

Although RAF ground attack Harriers have flown from carriers

### 100-mile nam save sick

HMS Argylt's Lynx hel id on a bull carrier at the end of a 100-mile flight to save a seaman suffering from acute appendicitis.

on duty as West Guardship, was ie at Bridgetown, rbados, when the call for Ip came via the US Coast

The Lynx crew (pilot Lt Steve Solleveld) was illed from shore leave the aircraft laur rendezvous with ek bulk carrier, **may** 

After the helicopter made radio contact, the ship re-positioned her der-ricks to allow the aircraft to d on one of the cargo tches.

hatches. Argyll's medical officer, Surgeon Lt Mark Every confirmed the sailor's con-dition and prepared him for the flight ashore. In torrential rain and poor visibility the sick man was flown to Barbados where he was taken to hos-pital. Later he was described as being in a sta-ble condition and out of danger.

past - notably as a stop-gap during the Fulklands War - the ree ular deployment of whole units for weeks at a time will be a new ven-

fure. Ground crew are expected to accompany the aircraft when they

sonnel would be embarked at any

New flexibility

tions, such as the recent commit-ment to NATO's action in Bosnia,

RAF GR7s would enhance the flexibility of Royal Navy aircraft carriers in the ground strike role.

During a busy summer, HMS Invincible has also played a leading role in a Joint Maritime Course off

Scotland, and Staff College Sea

Days in the Channel. And in late

June she managed to squeeze in a

four-day visit to her affiliated city

Under some operational condi-

one time.

of Durham.

embarked the Deputy Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, Commodore John Cartwright and his battle management staff. The exercise involved 40 vessels and 150 aircraft from a total of nine countries. are deployed to sea, although it is not yet certain how many RAF per-

For the

HM ships Manchester, Battleaxe and Iron Duke prepare for gunnery practice during the Sea Days. Pictures LA(PHOT) Dave Coombes

> During the work-up phase, the carrier undertook live firings of two of her Sea Dart air defence missiles, both finding their targets.

JMC,

Invincible

In late June the ship berthed at North Shields for her visit to Durham, thousands of people queueing to get on board while she was open to visitors. The Mayor of Durham, Cllr Joe Anderson, joined the ship for her passage up the Tyne and hosted a civic dinner and funcheon for officers and ratings.

presented the Bosnia Medal He to PO Mick Body and during the luncheon was presented with a gavel by the ship's Executive Officer, Cdr Joe Gass. As well as taking part in sports events, members of the ship's com-pany – led by the Commanding Officer, Capt Ian Forbes – formed a working party to help St Cuthbert's Hospice.

#### Chinese admiral

Invincible returned to her flagship role for Staff College Sea Days, during which she wore the flag of Flag Officer Surface Flotilla, Vice Admiral John

Flotilla, Vice Admiral John Brigstocke. The demonstrations included gunnery by HM ships Iron Duke and Manchester, a light jackstay transfer by HMS Battlease, mine clearance by HM ships Sandown and Cottesmore and aerial displays by Sea King belleconters. Sea by Sea King helicopters, Sea Harriers, and RAF fornadoes and Harrier GR7s.

Among the VIPs welcomed on board for the Sea Days was the Commander of the Chinese navy, Admiral Lianzhang.



### **Record-breaking run by York**

DURING her first month on Armilla Patrol, HMS York spent almost three weeks at sea in the Gulf.

In that time she carried out eight boardings of merchant ships in support of UN sanctions on Iraq, resulting in one arrest and one ship being diverted from its destination.

After she relieved HMS

Chatham she took part in an exercise with that ship and the fleet tanker RFA Brambleleat, as well as units from the USA and Bahrain.

Before taking up station in the Gulf, York visited Chittagong in Bangladesh and Singapore where a two-week self-maintenance period allow-ed families and friends to visit the ship's company there. Sailing at an average of 16.2 knots, her passage from Britain to Singapore took just 23 days, with refuelling stops at Cochin

and Djibouti.

She also set up a record, travelling 9,725 miles in one month, more than in any other month in the Type 42 destroyer's 11-year history.

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# Culture shock for HMS Monmouth men Sailors sample life in the Army

A DOZEN sailors from HMS Monmouth gained a first-hand view of Army life in a unique exchange with their affiliated regiment, the Royal Monmouthshire Engineers Militia.

The eleven ratings and one officer were amazed to find themselves billeted in tents for the exercise Militia Crown, the first week of the territorial regiment's 15-day annual camp. And the cultureshock continued when the 0600 reveille broadcast over the camp's loud speakers was followed by "Good Morning, Victnam."

The sailors were not spared early morning PT and were involved every aspect of camp activity, with the happy exception of guard duty and pot bashing.

The party was administered by 225 (City of Birmingham) Field Squadron (Militia) and most of the men worked on the construction of foot bridges on the Wye Valley Walkway near Monmouth.

Others were attached to 108 Welsh) Field Support Squadron (Militia) and carried out artisan training with the restoration of a Victorian summer house in the garden of the CO's quarters at the regiment's HQ.

The group enjoyed a full social programme and at the end of the

week they formed the 'enemy' for mock battle at a mini-tattoo, showing the regiment's many visitors the operational capabilities of a field squadron.

### Royal review

The sailors, led by 5/Lt Clive Sturdy, formed up with 255 Fd Sqn and marched past the Honorary Colonel of the regiment. HRH The Duke of Gloucester, who jointly took the salute with the Mayor of Monmouth.

The sailors were each presented with a commemorative medallion and were included in the camp's regimental photograph by the RSM.

The naval party enjoyed their time with the regiment, the first occasion that ratings have been involved in exchange training as previous contact was limited to the officers and PO/Sergeants messes.

HMS Monmouth's men were also warmly welcomed by the peo-ple of Monmouth who hold great affection for the ship.



Above: HMS Guernsey's Boarding Officer Lt Scott Sellars and LSA Rob Harding carry out a rou-tine fishing inspection on board the Belgium beam trawler Avontuur.

The boarding, on behalf of the MAFF, was one of the last before HMS Guernsey (right) sailed for a six-month refit in Rosyth.

### Guernsey's 'last' patrol

HMS GUERNSEY is benefiting from a six month refit in Rosyth after her latest stint

In the last year the ship, under the command of Lt Cdr Justin Hughes, has patrolled all around the UK and paid vis-its to Amsterdam and Antwerp, and took part in the 50th liberation day parade in her name-sake Channel Island. Pictures: WEM Sta Thompson



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### **Miss World** transported by 845 San

THE CURRENT Miss World, Jacqueline Marcano from Venezuela, managed to visit most British units in Bosnia with the help of 845 Naval Air Squadron.

The Squadron transported Miss Marcano by Sea King heli-copter, enabling her to keep up with her hectic schedule of appearances where she brought smiles to many men who are nearing the end of their six-month tours with IFOR.

### Tradition upheld

True to the best of naval traditions, one of 845 Squadron's more optimistic bachelors seized the opportunity to invite Miss Marcano to a forthcoming social event and it is rumoured that her response was enthusiastic and positive!

Meanwhile the Squadron has been busy with less glamourous but more traditional tasking, carrying out demanding casualty evacuations and a heavy workload of routine flights, moving people and equipment about the country.



Miss World, Jacqueline Marcano, meets some of the men from 845 Naval Air Squadron. Picture: LA(PHOT) Terry Margan

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### <u>People in the News</u>



### Brit sailor voted tops at NATO HQ

LWTR Brian Wood stands head and shoulders above the rest at NATO headquarters in above the rest at NATO headquarters in Norfolk, Virginia. The reason? ... He's the first Briton to win the title Military Member of the Year on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic (SACLANT). Brian was presented with the award by Rear Admiral Merrill W. Ruck, Chief of Staff to SACLANT, for his exceptional performance on and off duty throughout 1995. As administrative supervisor for ten multi-national

As administrative supervisor for ten multi-national officers in the Plans and Policy Division, he trans-formed the routines of two busy offices into a cohe-sive and workable format. He also single-handedly ran the British Forces Post Office at SACLANT for the first height of the second seco

first half of the year. Off duty, Brian coaches football at local youth clubs and has been voted Most Valuable Player on SACLANT's successful soccer team. He also organ-ises golf competitions and represents the Command at the sport.

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### William's in the chair

WO2 William Rendell RM holds WO2 William Hendell HM holds up his badge of office as chair-man of his local parish council in Teignbridge, South Devon. William has been a parish councillor for six years and vice-chairman for the past two. He has served in the Corps for 32 years, the past nine being with the recruiting service.



POAEA Douglas Wright has received the Harry Megson Memorial Award – an engraved decanter – as the best PO Artificer course student. Douglas, who received the tro-phy from the widow of Capt Harry Megson, serves with 820 Naval Air Squadron based at RN air station Culdrose.

### Security firsts .

THREE members of the Royal Marines serving in the same office in Portsmouth have become the first UK Servicemen to attain an internationally recognised security

qualification. Major Barry Heath, Capt Nic Smith and WO2 John Gilliland passed the examination for the Certified Protection Professional Qualification of the American

Society for Industrial Security. The three are Royal Naval security experts, Major Heath recently having been awarded an MSc in security management.

### Jon's rare skill wins through

PHOTOGRAPHIC analysis of aerial reconnaissance pictures is still a rare skill in the Royal Navy, yet a Naval photographer has been chosen as the Serviceman who in 1995 made the most outstanding contribution to the subject.

PO(PHOT) Jon Gathwaite's prize is the Medmenham Trophy, awarded this year for the 50th time by the Medmenham Club committee. Club members are all serving or past photograph

interpreters, including Constance Babington Smith who is credited with identifying the German V2 rock-et site at Peenemunde during World War II.

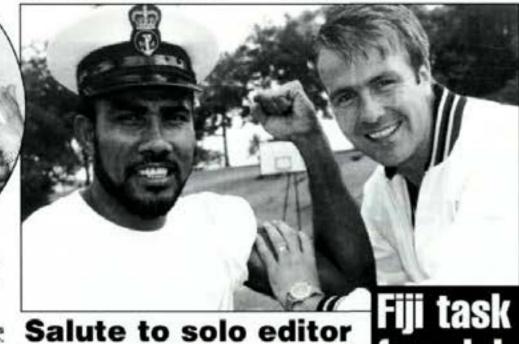
### Bosnia missions

Jon is serving at the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at RAF Brampton, Camb-ridgeshire, and was nominated for displaying excel-lent skills there and for promoting and maintaining ship's company awareness of Sea Harrier recce missions over Bosnia while he was serving in HMS Illustrious.

He was awarded the prize at the Medmenham Club's annual general meeting at Henley-on-Thames. The ceremony was also attended by his wife Lorna, a POWWTR at Centurion Building, Fareham.



PO(PHOT) Jon Garthwaite – winner of the Medmenham Trophy for intelligence analysis of recce photographs.





IN COMMON with Navy News, another Naval publication has taken a class award in the highly competitive competition run by the British Association of Communicators in Business

Broadsheet, the First Sea Lord's annual magazine, was outright winner in the BACB's special publications section. It received two awards of excellence - one for Cdr Laon Hulme as solo editor of the magazine and

another for its VJ commemorative supplement. Writing to Cdr Hulme, the Director of the association, Allen Brobyn, told him: "It was no mean feat to have achieved awards of excellence in your first two years of editing .... You have a clear talent for editing and are a gifted amateur in our field."

# for club swinger

POPT Frazer Quirke tests the muscles of Fijian naval PT rating Isimeli Miran-alasekula during a rare encounter in the South Seas.

Frazer, based in Hong Kong, was one of a five-man Joint Services training team Services training team deployed to Fill with A Company, 1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles. The troops were there for Exercise Vakatotolo (Fast) Coral, the first exercise of its kind undertaken in Fiji by British forces for ten years

While the Gurkhas exercised while the outwas exercised in the interior of the main island, "club swinger" Frazer was at Queen Elizabeth Barracks in the capital Suva where he ran a three-week PT training course for members of training course for members of the Fijian armed forces.

Valuable service TWO people who have been involved in the care

of the Navy's 25,000 trophies for 30 years between them, are mov-ing on to other Naval jobs.

Bill Howard and Ann Day – pictured with some of their charges – have worked at the Service's Trophy Centre in HMS Nelson for 19 and 11 years respectively.



### People in the News

# Mr Shiu (70) ends [Jon takes prizes-48 years at sea

CHINESE laundryman Shiu Hang Che is hanging up his shipboard iron after almost 50 years at sea in British and New Zealand warships.

Mr Shiu (70) began his ser-vice with the Royal Navy in transferring to the 1948. RNZN in 1957. He has spent almost all his working life in ships, logging more sea time than any member of either of the navies he has served. Until now he has been able to

spend only a month a year with his wife and family in Hong Kong, and until the 1980s did not even see New Zealand as ship's companies changed in Singapore.

### Korean War

For the past 20 years Mr Shiu has been an employer, holding contracts to provide up to 14 Jaun-drymen on British ships and up to six on New Zealand vessels.

His hard work has allowed him to fund his youngest son through Oxford University where he gained a PhD and is now a sur-geon and lecturer in Hong Kong. His two other sons joined the police force there, one of them ecoming an inspector. Mr Shiu, who saw service in the

Korean War and in the Indoniesia Confrontation, received the Queen's Service Medal in 1987. the Now a New Zealand citizen, he plans to settle in his adopted coun-- to start a small laundry at Devonport NZ naval base.



The oldest laundryman at sea? ... 70-year-old Mr Shiu on his last trip with HMNZS Wellington.

### Marines honour medic Sharon

ROYAL NAVY paramedic Sharon Gardiner, serving with the Royal Marines, has been awarded the Commendation of the Commandant General RM for "oustanding commitment to her duties'

Her achievements have included life-saving treatment administered to a man who had attempted sulcide. She also gave outstanding assistance during HMS Fearless's aid project in Guyana in 1994, and has carried out field work with the Marines since 1995. Her last job in the Service, before she volunteered for redundancy, was with the Commando Training Centre at Lympstone.

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# at the double

FOR THE first time the top two RN executive course annual prizes have gone to the same officer - S/Lt Jon Taylor of HMS Dolphin.

He won the Admiral Sir Richard Clayton Memorial Sword as the Special Duties List Seaman officer gaining the highest marks, at Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth, on the SD Greenwich course and

the executive course. He also took the Carl Zeiss binoculars prize as the student achieving the highest marks overall on the executive course.

### **GEC Marconi**

The sword, was presented on behalf of GEC Marconi Underwater Weapons, by the company's defence adviser, Vice Admiral The Hon Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton, S'Lt Taylor received the binocu-lars from the managing director of Carl Zeiss (Oberkochen) Ltd, John Cockert Cockerill.

Other prizes presented at the School of Maritime Operations, HMS Dryad went

S/Lt George Franklin of HMS Anglesey – the £150 Beaufort-Wharton

S'Lt Jon Taylor an execu tive course first.

Testimonial Prize for navigation marks.

S/Lt Barry Sillers of HMS Dolphin the £100 Goodenough Prize for warfare examination marks. S/Lt Alan Wilson of HMS

Arun – the £150 Ronald Megaw Memorial Prize for the highest exam and course

### Quick change for Peter

PASSING out day at HMS Sultan meant a rapid uniform change for Peter Buckenham. While training as an artificer apprentice at the School of Marine

and Air Engineering, Peter (right) passed the Admiralty interview board for officer cadetship, and was selected to join Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth on the same day as passing out divisions at Sultan.

After taking part in the divisions he quickly drove to Dartmouth to exchange his artificer's uniform for that of an officer cadet.

 One of the new arrivals at Sultan is JAEM Sam White, whose passing out parade at the new entry training establishment at HMS Raleigh was watched by his father, Tony White, who that day was retiring from the RNR as a licutenant-commander.

Tony joined the Royal Navy in



1968 and eventually flew as a commando pilot, later becoming a Swordfish pilot with the RN Historic Flight.



FOUR years of excellent service as HMS Walney's Naval stores accountant has won for POMEM(M) Len Hutton the quarterly prize of "The Walney Spirit" – a bottle of Famous Grouse whisky spon-sored by distillers Matthew Gloag & Sons. He also received a cer-tificate and £30 from the ship. Len is pictured, with his shipmates, paralleling the prime from the ship. Len is pictured, with his shipmates. receiving the prizes from Matthew Gloag and Walney's Commanding Officer, Lt Simon Hardern.

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# Suitability Tests for late entry PT branch ratings.

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### Age limit lifted for PT Branch

THE AGE limit of 25 for entrants into the Navy's PT and Recreation Branch has been lifted. The requirements for candidates are now:

The passing of an aptitude test; at least 12 months at Able rate at the start of the LPT course; recommendation as leading rate potential by commanding officer; medical fitness and physical suitability; a pass at 5/5 standard in the Naval Maths and English Test; six months' very good conduct; at least a year's sea time; at least two years left to serve at the start of the qualifying course; and – in the case of females – that they be volunteers for sea service. DCI RN 125/96

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# NEW ETHNIC SURVEY FOR THE first time all No. 2010 Sectimination Processing Content and the all No. 2010 Sectimination Received and the all No. 2010 Sectim

Regular Service personnel are being monitored by an ethnic survey designed to show whether policies and practice are being successful in combating racial discrimination in the Armed Forces.

The new survey will provide much more information than the postal research carried out from the end of 1993 and to which 70 per cent of Service people responded.

Now, if an individual refuses or is unavailable to complete a questionnaire, their data will be recorded by their divisional officer who will then inform the person of the entry. And recruits' entry application forms now include a section on ethnic origin.

#### Specific analyses

The decision to renew research follows comments by this year's Armed Forces Bill Select Committee, which said that the Services needed to do more ethnic monitoring. At the same time the Commission for Racial Equality recommended that more should be done through specific analyses.

done through specific analyses. Although the Ministry of Defence accepts that the analysis of ethnic data will not in itself prove the existence or otherwise of racial discrimination, it believes the information could help to identify areas where discrimination may be occurring and which require investigation.

The new analyses will include an assessment of recruiting, promo-

### Offensive pin-ups banned SERVICE and civilian staff are

being reminded that displaying or broadcasting material considered offensive constitutes harassment.

Such material may include posters, computer images, audible error messages, offensive jokes, photographs, cartoons, emblems or flags, and sexually suggestive material. DCI GEN 172/96

tion, appraisal ratings, training and disciplinary action by ethnic group - something which cannot be done using the earlier data.

Ultimately all records will be analysed by the Defence Analytical Services Agency (DASA), and the resulting information will be made available to all Service staff involved in monitoring. Each Service will be undertaking far more detailed analyses of personnel practice than before to ensure there is no sign of direct or indirect discrimination. Confidentiality is safeguarded

Confidentiality is safeguarded under the Data Protection Act, and the arrangements for carrying out the survey, as well as the handling of data, will follow a code of practice discussed with the Commission for Racial Equality.

#### Promotion

The DASA will continue to produce an annual return giving an ethnic breakdown by Service and rank group, to be published in the UK Defence Statistics. Regular monitions will also be undertaken to compare trends in promotion and wastage rates between racial groups.

Coinciding with the announcement of the survey, the Royal Navy has issued its own statement on equal opportunities. "The Navy Board," it says, "is

"The Navy Board," it says, "is fully committed to the application of equal opportunities policies throughout the Naval Service and opposes all forms of unlawful or unfair discrimination on grounds of colour, race, ethnic origin, religion, sex or being married."

The statement, issued by the Director Naval Service Conditions, points out that equal opportunities are covered by four Acts - Sex Discrimination, Race Relations, Equal Pay, and Public Order, as well as EC directives and the Treaty of Rome.

As well as reiterating definitions of sexual harassment, contained in DC1 RN 196/95 (*Navy News*, November), the statement defines racial discrimination and bullying.

#### Jokes

Racial discrimination includes subjecting someone to insults or ridicule, racist jokes, language, remarks, name calling or gestures, the production or display of racist literature, pictures or graffiti, and physical abuse.

Bullying can involve insults, physical force, unjustified pressure to induce failure, persistent and unwarranted criticism of subordinates, and forcing compliance with initiation rituals.

Members of the Navy who believe they may have been the subject of discrimination have the right to use the internal complaints procedure.

### Three cars as prizes

THREE Rover cars are top prizes in a draw in aid of the Soldiers' Sallors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA). First prize is a Land Rover Discovery TDi, while second and third are a Rover 214 8v and a Rover 111i respectively. They have been sponsored by Natocars of Bridgwater and the Rover Group.

Other prizes include cash totalling £2,000 and a video recorder supplied by the Services Sound and Vision Corporation. The druw is on December 6.

Commanding Officers are being asked to support the draw by nominating a lottery officer to order and sell tickets costing 25p each. They are available from SSAFA Central Office, 19 Oueem Elizabeth Street, London, SEI 2LP (tel 0171 403 8783 ett 222). DCI JS 71/96

### S. Africa medal

THE OUEEN has given permission for the acceptance and wearing of the Republic of South Africa Unitas Medal by Service personnel who have served as members of the British Military Advisory and Training Team in South Africa since June 1, 1994. DCI GEN 178/96 Change in system to weigh up your jobs

A NEW computerised system of job evaluation for virtually all members of the Armed Forces will be introduced in April, following recommendations of the Bett Review.

The Independent Review of the Armed Forces recognised the need for job evaluation and sought to expand its role to include employment levels as well as pay related data.

The Joint Services Job Evaluation Team (JJSJET) was set up in 1970 to conduct five-yearly reviews of all trades and ranks between Leading Hand and Warrant Officer, and between Licutenant and Captain RN. The data has been considered by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body when setting pay levels.

#### All ranks

The new procedure will evaluate all ranks from the most junior sailor to Admiral. A scoring system will be based on various factors, including the amount of training and experience required, the degree of difficulty in applying knowledge, the degree of supervision exercised, and the amount of responsibility for materials and money.

The Job Evaluation Project team, headed by Capt Christopher Tuffley RN, is conducting a migor exercise. Lasting until the end of the year, in order to validate the system.

During the exercise about 2,000 job descriptions will be compiled and will involve 36 additional analysts, officer and senior NCOs from all three Services.

This regular feature gives general information about new Defence Council Instructions affecting conditions of service. If they apply to you, the full, original text should be studied.

### Falkland stones form Marines memorial



Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin unveils the Falklands War memorial dedicated to the Royal Marines who died in the 1982 conflict.

FIVE STONES from the Falklands battlegrounds of Two Sisters and Mount Harriet, now form a permanent memorial to the 26 Royal Marines killed in the Falklands War.

A plaque on the memorial in the garden of the Royal Marines Museum, Eastney, was unveiled by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, who was Chief of the Defence Staff in 1982.

### Families

A service of dedication conducted by the Rt Rev Noel Mullin was attended by families and friends of the 26 Marines, as well as the leaders of the Falklands sea and land campaign. They included Admiral of the

They included Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Admiral Sir John Woodward and Maj Gen Sir Jeremy Moore RM.



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EITHER side won the Cold War. But the decisive element in ending it was the retaliatory or 'second strike' capacity of submarine-borne ballistic missile systems with nuclear warheads of unacceptibly devastating destructive power.

Never had British sea power been more formidable than on June 14, 1968, when HMS Resolution set forth upon her first deterrent patrol; and from June 16, 1969, when HMS Repulse sailed for her first patrol until March 5, 1996 - when HMS Renown ceased to be operational - the continuity of the Polaris deterrent was unbroken

Nor were the boats counter-detected by any other force during this period. Thus did the Royal Navy and its Submarine Service provide Britain with the 100 per cent credible strategic nuclear deterrent which its national security demands.

#### Outstanding

Given the firm support of both the British and the American governments, and wholehearted co-operation of the US Navy's Special Projects Office, it was still an outstanding achievement for Britain to design, build, equip, and man the four nuclear-powered boats that were essential, as a minimum, for a viable Polaris missile force. As Rear Admiral Charles Shepherd, the Polaris deputy controller, put it:

We planned in 1963 to fire our first missile at 11.15 Eastern Standard Time on February 15,

BRITAIN'S POLARIS era is over. In May the last patrol by a Polaris-armed submarine was completed by HMS Repulse, which passed the baton of the UK's nuclear deterrent completely to the Trident-armed Vanguard-class boats. In this special farewell, Vice Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch assesses Polaris's outstanding achievements over 28 years.

1968; we failed by 15 milliseconds. We were told in 1963 that there must be a continuous deterrent from July 1968; this was achieved.

In doing so, new and intensely exacting standards of training, operation and maintenance have been demanded and met. Officers and ratings of all branches and every naval skill – except possibly flying! – have toiled together, ably sup-ported by civilians providing logistic facilities of unprecedented scale and complexity.

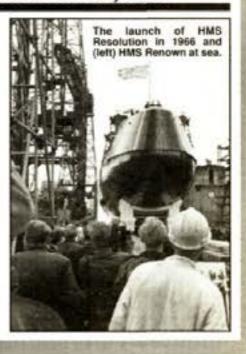
#### Families' fortitude

Let us remember, also, the fortitude and pride with which the families of the men on patrol have sustained the lengthy separations and anxieties involved.

Owing to its dependence upon total secrecy for total credibility, the Polaris force could never receive the publicity which it deserved. Hence it is fitting to end with the ringing pronouncement of Sir Leonard Redshow, Director of Vickers Shipbuilding, Barrow:

Polaris was the best hargain the British tas-paper ever had. Now it is the turn of Trident to be 'under the Providence of God', the Royal Navy's and the nation's mighty peacekeeper.

 Vice Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch was Flag Officer Submarines from 1965 until 1967.



### **Faslane Fair goes to sea**



ON THE other side of the camera for a change, LA(PHOT) Paul O'Shaughnessy makes (rather than takes) a pretty picture, with more than a little help from two even more photogenic subjects at Faslane Fair.

This year for the first time, fair visitors were able to visit a warship. They were ferried by fleet tenders for one-hour tours of the Type 42 destroyer Birmingham, anchored

off Helensburgh Pier. Over 10,000 people joined in the fair and £17,000 was raised for Lomond Mountain Rescue Team.

Attractions at the mini Navy Days included a Lynx fly-past, a search and rescue demonstration by a Sea King helicopter, descent and parachute

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### **Families first** in Victorious

PAT TANNER, the mother of HMS Victorious's communica-tions officer, Lt Richard Tanner, sits at the submarine's controls during the boat's first families days. Also in the picture is Cdr

Mike Tanner, Richard's father Lt Stuart Hobson; OM(WSM) helping hand; POMA Neil MacPhail on afterplanes;and CCWEA Graeme Roberston.

Among the guests on board during the families event, split over two days, was the submarine's sponsor, Lady Newman, wife of Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman. The boat also invited to sea

two members of Stirling Hospital children's ward, who were presented with £2,000 raised by Victorious's Port crew this year.



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With the Inside Write Award at the Whitbread Centre are (left to right): Commodore Chris Beagley,

Director of Public Relations (Navy); The Earl Howe, Under Secretary of State for Defence; Anne Driver, Navy News Business Manager; Anton Hanney, Deputy Editor; Jim Allaway, Editor; Sarah Jacobs, Deputy Advertising Manager; and Glen Gould, Advertising Manager.

And from First Sea Lord Admiral Sir Jock Slater:

The Royal Navy is extremely fortunate to have such a good newspaper - especially one which keeps getting prizes!"

# HMS Manchester on the diplomatic round Ambassador to the world

AFTER taking part in Exercise Purple Star there was no let up for HMS Manchester as the Type 42 destroyer embarked on a series of high profile visits.

First came an operational standoff in Boston, Massachussetts after which she paid a goodwill visit to nearby Manchester-by-the-Sea, long planned as one of the final activities of the town's 350th anniversary celebrations.

On the sea pasage she took with her 60 residents of Manchester back to their home town while 12 cyclists under-took a sponsored ride to raise \$1,300 for local charities.

The American Legion, Fire and Police Departments all hosted "cookouts" for the ship's company.At the official reception at the Yacht Club, the ship's CO, Cdr Simon Howartd presented the town with a print of the first Admiralty survey chart of the area.

Fifty sailors were adopted for the day by local residents -three were taken flying by a 78year-old lady who had made over 300 Spitfire flights during World War II!

#### Clean up

One member of the ship's company was given a cap that was swapped in 1936 with someone from from HMS Shropshire. He is keen for it to be returned to its original owner – anyone with any infor-mation should contact HMS Manchester for details.

Manchester for details. Over 10 per cent of the town's population managed to visit the ship, whose ship's company in turn toured local schools with her Lynx heli-copter and spent time on a community service project, cleaning up a nature trail and beach. beach.

**Back home in Portsmouth** again, the ship embarked the



 Mind the paint, sir. \* The new Ambassador to France Mr Michael Jay tries his hand at ship handling while the commanding officer of HMS Manchester Cdr Simon Howard mainatins a diplomatic silence.



●MEM Steve Oldland hands over £400 for the Manchester bomb victims to the city's Lord Mayor, Clir Derek Shaw



Beachcombers: MEM Chappel and Mid Ameila Resheph help clean up at Manchester-by-the-Sea

HMS Manchester cheers ship for the President of the Republic of Ireland Mary Robinson at the historic Fleet Review at Cobh to mark the 50th anniversary of the Irish Naval Service.

day at sea - when the main topic of conversation was the terrorist bomb that had exploded in Manchester city centre a few days before. Manchester man MEM Steve

Oldiand handed over a cheque for £400 collected by members of the ship's company for the charity set up to help victims of the black

the blast.

the blast. HMS Manchester hopes to granted the Freedom of her namesake city when she pays a visit there in June next year. Two major representational tasks fell to the ship within the space of a week last month. First she sailed to Cherbourg carrying the new Ambasador to France, Mr Michael Jay – who tried his hand at ship handling

tried his hand at ship handling

Fleet Review A combined French and RN ceremonial party met him on the jetty and after press meet-ings and briefings he spent the

evening on board, attending an official dinner before leaving to

take up office in Paris. HMS Manchester then sailed for the Republic of Ireland for an official visit to Cork to mark the 50th anniversary of the Irish Naval Service. She anchored off Cobh with

ships from the Irish, Canadian, German, Dutch, Swedish, French and Belgian navies to take part in the first Fleet Review in Ireland since 1897,

during which Irish President Mary Robinson reviewed the

ships from the Irish flagship Le

Warm welcome

HMS Manchester then pro-ceeded up river to Cork Harbour to join a Maritime Festival, at which she was vis-ited by First Ses Lord Admiral Sir Jock Slater. He later hosted

a dinner party for 16 Irish digni-taries in the wardroom. As the first major British war-

ship to visit Cork since the 1950s, great interest was shown in her by the locals, who

As Navy News went to press last month the Type 22

extended a warm welcome.

Mary

while on passage.

preparing to visit St Petersburg as part of the celebrations to mark the 300th anniversary of the Russian Navy. Thirty undergraduates from three University RN Units were also to visit the Baltic port of Kaliningrad, embarked in HMS

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new Lord Mayor of Manchester, England, Clir Derek Shaw, for a frigate HMS Cornwall was

Smiter, Example and Explorer

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he Instructor Branch had its origins in an Order of Council of 1702 "schoolmasters" that be appointed to instruct in the theory and practice of navigation.

This duty soon expanded to include teaching the three Rs to ratings if a ship's Captain so directed.

Schoolmasters had to pass an examination before Trinity House and were appointed by Warrant as midshipmen. However, it appears that most of the billets were unfilled because of a lack of volunteers and there was considerable obstruction from officers who had "come up the hard way" and saw no need for academics on board ship. In 1819 the examining body on

entry was changed to the RN College, Portsmouth. The master remained a rating Schoo until 1836 when he was appoint-ed as a Wardroom Warrant Officer. In the next year his title was changed to Naval Instructor and Schoolmaster and to Naval

Instructor in 1842 He gained full commissioned status in 1861. Meanwhile the new post of Seaman Schoolmaster in the training of Petty Officers was created in 1837, gaining WO sta-tus in 1867. He gained commis-sioned status in 1904, achieving

sioned status in 1904, achieving the rank of Headmaster Commander in 1927. The early years of the 20th century saw major changes in Officer Training. The Royal Naval Colleges were set up at Osborne and Dartmouth and, at the insti-gation of Second Sea Lord Jackle Fisher, the Selbourne Scheme of training was intro-duced. duced.

### Training scheme

The aim was to create an Officer Corps of seamen and engineers, both of whom would be capable of assuming military and. It had much in com comm mon with public school education and required a considerable academic staff – and Fisher, who had no love for the Naval Instructor, exclusively recruited civilian schoolmasters to meet the requirement.

There were no Naval Instructors at Dartmouth or Naval Osborne on the grounds that there would be no jobs at sea under the new scheme of train-ing. As a result of this policy, no Naval Instructors were recruited after 1903, although serving personnel were allowed to continue. In 1910 there were 66 Naval Instructors with seniorities ranging from 1881 to 1904.

But the branch came into its own in World War I, the first new entry since 1904 joining in 1915. By 1919 the ranks were aligned with other branches, carrying the prefix "Instructor".

#### Wider range

The scope of instructor Officers' duties expanded over the years to include a wider range of academic subjects in both the sciences and humanities and meteorology. Meanwhile the Schoolmaster branch continued to instruct ratings, although it came under the control of Instructor Officers after 1918.

Candidates for this branch continued to join as WOs, achieving commissioned status after many years of service. Schoolmasters were finally absorbed into the Instructor Branch on 30 June 1946 when all Schoolmasters became commissioned Instructor Officers and the branch remained largely fter

In the late 1970s it was recognised , though, that its role had changed to bring it steadily closer to the General List, to which its officers were incorporated in 1978.

By 1990 there were about 700 of them - but then, in 1994, the Officers Study Group recom-mended that the Officer Corps should be based on a "Platform Derived Structure" and that, with insufficient sea jobs, the branch should be disbanded.

As reported last month, cur-rently serving officers would be 'rebrigaded" according to their skills.

### From Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord:

"Today we mark the end of the Instructor Branch which has existed in different forms since 1702. You and your prececessors have served the Royal Navy with distinction. In particular, we owe in large measure our pre-eminence in training, meteorology and oceanography to you ....

Ithough the Instructor Branch has disappeared (from last month) as a separate entity, the need for its officers' core skills is as significant today as it has been for almost 300 years.

Says Capt Simon Goodall, who has been project manager for the branch closure: "Officers special-ising in meteorology, oceanogra-phy, training and information systems have a vital role to play to ensure the future well-being of the Royal Navy.

This marks the real beginning of a new officer structure which will make the RN more capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st

Century. The need for change reflected the difficulty of maintaining a branch with a shore orientation at a time when a Navy reducing in size had to focus on sea-going opportunities.

Uniquely, the Instructor branch has recruited officers up to the age of 34, targeting graduates with the skills needed by the RN at any par-ticular time who all entered the Navy on short career commissions. Because they entered with pro-fessional skills, the training

pipeline was kept short to enable

them to fill complement billets as soon as possible. Typically, an Instructor Officer would be filling his first training appointment within one year of entering the service.

This method of entry, often termed a "sideways entry" because it enables the RN to target the more mature entrant, adds flexibility to the officer structure. The more varied career path of the Instructor Officer enabled those skills to develop into a wide range of activities.

Paradoxically, the future officer structure of the Navy, based on entry to an Initial Commission with the option to transfer later to a Career Commission, will have many features of the old Instructor Branch," Capt Goodall notes.

#### Sideways entry

"Under the new arrangements, a form of sideways entry will be retained to ensure that the supply of training managers is mail tained.

Officers with meteorology and oceanography qualifications are to join the Seaman Branch - designated X(METOC)s. In parallel, the Seaman branch is developing a new specialisation to be called the Hydro/METOC (X(HM)), which brings together the skills of the hydrographic officer and the METOC officer to form a warfare officer with all-round environmental skills

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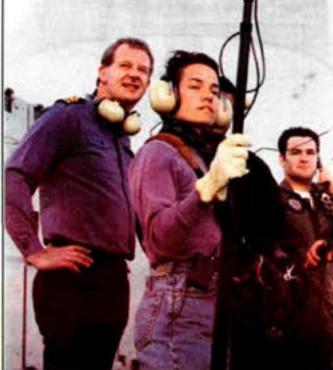
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As an integral member of the warfare team, he or she will be capable of providing comprehen sive advice on the environmental factors affecting a ship's fighting abilities

"This is an exciting develop-ment which at last ensures that full

consideration of the environmen-tal factors above and below water will be available to the Command. "The specialist surveying skills, so important for the accuracy of

charts, will be retained and thus career prospects for the X(HM) offer a variety of employment in

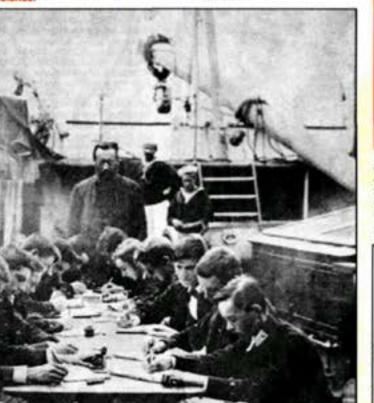


Cdr Fred Altken with a BBC Television crew embarked in HMS I



Above: Lt Cdr Mark Foster (right) on United Nations monitoring utles in Bosnia. He is currently First Lieutenant at BRNC

Below: the "Schoolmaster" was required to "employ his time on board in instructing the Voluntiers (sic) in Writing, Arithmetick, and the Study of Navigation, and in whatsoever may contribute to render them artists in that science."



# SUN SETS ON TI

# **JE SCHOOLLES** years of tradition still the new model Navy

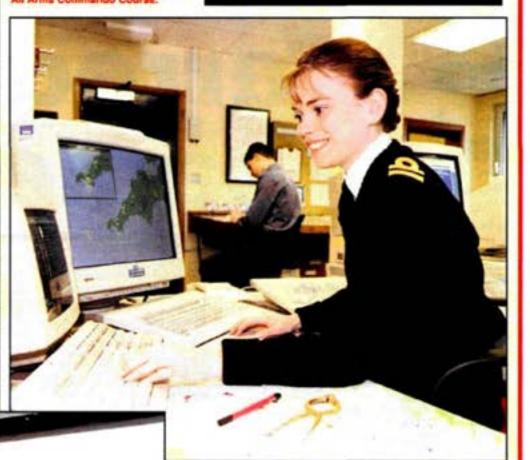


'I'm giving the Met brief this morning where's the weather page?'

 Left: Lt Cdr Karen Pearce combines her roles as a Junior Officers Appointer and a qualified ship's diver...

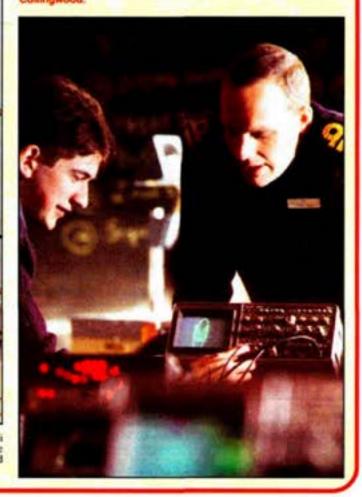
 Right: Instructor Officers hoping to quality for coveted "schoolie" jobs with the Royal Marines cool off at the end of a hard day on the All Arms Commando Course.





 Plumbing the depths are Lt Kerry Turner (above),at the RN School of Meteorology and Oceanography, Culdrose; and Lt Cdr Tim Reynolds (left), seen launching a Bathythermograph probe during Exercise Purple Star.

Below: Lt Simon Page, instructor in electronics at HMS



both the grey and white fleets. "Ex Instructor Officers will, as X(METOC)s, have a vital role in the development of the X(HM) and will provide the vital specialist skills for many years to come while the X(HM) concept is brought to



"Work is already underway to develop the training plans for such a significant change, but X(METOCs) can be assured of rewarding careers within the Seaman branch as the Navy moves towards the new model."

Instructor Officers with training and information systems backgrounds will meanwhile join the Engineering Branch as Training Managers (E(TM)) or Information Systems officers (E(IS)).

### Instrumental

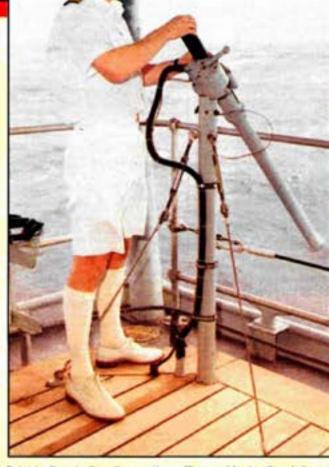
Instructor Officers were instrumental in the development of the RN Meteorological Service. After World War II, they also identified the need for and developed a comprehensive resettlement organisation and have maintained a continuous and vital involvement in the development of computer technology – and less obvious areas such as weapons targeting.

In the operational arena they have filled a wide range of appointments, including Special Forces.

### Achievement

"But their principal achievement has been to make the Navy's training process second to none." Although the principal focus has been on development of training. IS and METOC skills, the employment of Instructor Officers has not been limited to these areas.

Recent appointments they have held include Commodore HMS



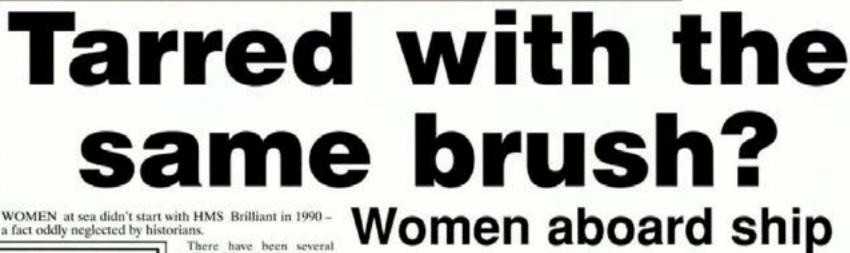
Raleigh, Captain Base Personnel, Devonport, 2IC Special Boats Service, United Nations monitoring duties in Bosnia and training officers with the Royal Brunei Navy - the shorthand title "Schoolie" covered a very broad range of business.



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in the age of sail Over all this period, whenever a naval ship came into port, hun-dreds of women would join the men on the already crowded lower deck and remain there until the

vessel put to sea. There are a number of mentions of over 400 coming into a single vessel and the seaman Samuel Stokes noted in his memoirs that stokes noted in his methods that on one pay day in 1809 the 98 gan HMS Dreadnought, with a com-plement of 800 men, had on board ~13 women more than the number of our ship's company and not 50

of them married women. William Robinson, who served from 1805-11, described those who entered his ship at Portsmouth thus: "Of all the human race, these poor young creatures are the most pitiable; the ill-usage and the degradation they are driven to submit to are indescribable; but from habit they become callous, indifferent as to delicacy of speech and behaviour, and so totally lost to all sense of shame that they seem to retain no quality which properly belongs to women but the shape and name

### Age of consent

Note the word "young". The age Note the word "young". The age of consent throughout this period was 12 and all those contemporary illustrations by artists such as Cruikshank and Rowlandson depicting the stereotypical sea-man's whore as a big, leering, busom woman in her thirties or forties were encody mideadine. forties were grossly misleading. She was generally an undersized, sickly teenager.

Seamen's wives often turned to prostitution while their husbands were at sea, contrary to another popular image of the prim young spouse, good, patient and faithful, as depicted in many contemporary

paintings. This was usually out of simple necessity. Even if a wife had been on board on pay day to get her share of her husband's wages, the money didn't last long - and the seaman's pay was often long in arrears.

From 1758, legally a seaman could have an allotment of a few pence a day sent to his wife - but the system was so complicated (perhaps deliberately so, the author suggests) that very few seamen knew how to make the initial arrangements.

In 1759, in 72 ships that were paid off at Plymouth, only three per cent of the men made remitances to their families - not until 100 years later was a workable allotment system established.

The result of this appalling state of affairs was that Portsmouth and Plymouth in particular had enorus numbers of women living on public charity - there was little industry in either town, except for the all-male naval yards, and very few seamen's wives had the neces-sary references to be hired into stic service

Main solution of the Guardians of the Poor was to pack the women off to their home parishes - in the



 The seaman's loyal, faithful wife - she was actually often driven to prostitution to save her children from the workhouse.

meantime they were sent to the Workhouse, where the mortality rute was high.

A committee appointed by the House of Commons in 1767 to examine the conditions in these places reported that between 1763 and 1765 of all the infants born in them or received by them under 12 months old, only seven in 100 survived their first year.

Some seamen's wives became rostitutes rather than expose their children to the dangers of the workhouse.

A seaman's widow was entitled to her husband's back pay when his ship was eventually paid off, but she seldom managed to get

### 50 years of the RSMA

FRANK MASON's 'The Allied Finance MASON'S 'The Allied fleet and shipping at Constantinople' (by courtesy of the Imperial War Museum) features in A Celebration of Marine Art (Blandford Press CSS), marking 50 marks of the £35), marking 50 years of the Royal Society of Marine Artists.

Some of Britain's finest painters and sculptors have been members of the RSMA and its annual exhibitions at The Mall Galleries have attracted worldwide interest and critical acclaim.

This book carries over 100 scenes including many naval actions up to the present era, by artists including Montague Dawson, Geoff Hunt and Roger Fisher.

also failed to get the small pension due them because the process of obtaining it was so complicated. The widows of men killed in major battles sometimes received money from private benefactors or from funds raised by public subscription. but there was no such remainera tion for widows of men who died of disease.

through the red tase Many widows

The author notes, however, that widows were aided by one of the more bizarre traditions of the sailing navy

From 1733, in every commissioned vessel's muster book there were listed two "widows" men" for every hundred men in the crew. They were rated as able seamen. The pay of these non-existent men was collected in a pension fund for widows.

This system, known as "dead shares", was actually introduced in Henry VIII's time for the widows of commissioned and warrant offi-cers. In 1695 it was diverted to the widows of seamen killed in action and after 1733 paid for any man who died on board. It was not until 1829 that a less

irregular pension system finally replaced it. Not a few women actually

served as seamen or marines and, amazingly in such crowded condi-tions, remained undiscovered for years.

### Bravery

And when they were discovered, they were commonly treated with respect and generosity by their officers and lauded in the press for their bravery and patriotism.

"Charles Waddall" was convicted of desertion at Chatham in 1771 and sentenced to a flogging whereupon "he" declared himself

a woman. Not only was the punishment cancelled, but the admiral and commissioner of the dockyard ral-lied round to help her, giving her money from their own pockets.

This is a rare contribution to the social history of the Senior Service and one devoid of overthy feminist tone and which so serves its subject well. The terrible facts of life in this era speak for themselves.

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### At Your Leisure



 Michelle Pfeiffer as es Johnson in Dangerous Minds. ex-marine turned teacher LouAnne

N 1979 Roland Huntford delivered an excoriating attack on the British tradition of amateurism in polar exploration. His book Scott and Amundsen accused Scott of a catalogue of blunders – blunders that careful study of the ways of the aboriginal people who actually lived in the ice, the Inuit or Eskimos, might easily have avoided.

A few years later he followed up with a biography of Shackleton which by contrast was a paean of praise in terms of leadership, Shackleton left Scott standing was the message.

There is some truth in these verdicts - but Scott has been so mythologised (not least by Scott himself in his famous last testament) that much of his reputation survives and his

story continues to fascinate. I May Be Some Time (Faber \$15.99), the even more famous last words of Scott's compan-ion Captain Oates, is the title of Francis Sputford's study of the hold of ice on the English imagination

In fairness to Scott, he points out that far from being simply a dinosaur of the old stilf upper lip RN tradition, Scott was in fact an advanced thinker in the context of his own times, friend of Barrie, husband of a New Woman, eager reader of new literature and new science

But the classic period of British polar exploration, beginning with Parry and clos-ing with Shackleton, also coincided with the growth of inter-est in spiritualism which did much to promote the peculiarly British reverence for "heroic defeat"

There are many fascinating anecdotes of supernatura

advice here - held out in particular to Lady Jane Franklin, whose long campaign to learn the fate of her husband, lost while looking for the fabled North West Passage, made her a national heroine in her own right, the model of wifely fideli-

ty Six weeks after her death at the age of four, Louisa, daugh-ter of one Captain Coppin of ter of one Captain Coppin or the Board of Trade, appeared to her brothers and sisters and conjured up images of Sir John Franklin, with the information that he was in Prince Regent's her actually the spot where Iniet – actually the spot where traces of his expedition were eventually found.

#### Cash bonus

For all the romantic and paranormal subplots, it is refreshing to note that polar exploration had, from the beginning, soundly materialis-tic ends. The explorers gained an entry into explore an entre into society – and the sailors in the parties led by Parry, Ross and Franklin, schooled in the Napoleonic Wars when prize money was the great incentive for naval victories opthage simply want. victories, perhaps simply want-ed the cash bonus the Admiralty was offering. Irresistible is the verse from Parry's shipboard North

Parry's Georgia Gazetle:

"Fired with fresh ardour, and



Myth makers: A member of Scott's party at the foot of Barne Glacier, photographed by Herbert Ponting; and (inset) Leni Riefenstahl, shooting duck instead of film in Greenland, 1932.

with bold intent,

Our minds shall, like our prows, be westward bent, Until Pacific's waves pour forth

TWO MOVIES this month

- one aiming to generate the famous 'feel good' fac-

tor, the other to induce the

less recognised 'feel agreeably miscrable' effect.

Dangerous Minds, one of the

final and least characteristic

productions from the late Don

Simpson, who was noted main-

ly for action movies like Top

taking a job as a supply teacher at a tough, disorderly, inner city

school. A good role for Nick Nolte,

Actually, no - it's Michelle Pfeiffer who has to venture into

or for

Denzel

This is a tale about an ex-Marine

Gun.

perhaps,

Washington?

In the first category is

sweet sounds. Chiming to us like - Twenty thousand pounds!"

Cutting sharply into the romance of Franklin's doomed venture were claims that the last survivors had resorted to cannibalism - claims that are still the subject of controversy.

Lady Franklin was less pre-pared to listen to Dr John Rae, an Orkney-born physician on Hudson's Bay business who reported second-hand testimony to this effect from Eskimos.

Dr Rae was, in fact, some thing of an expert on travel and diet in polar regions, having closely studied inuit icecraft and made repeated overland journeys without any of the huge support structure of the naval efforts, drawing on the natives' skills in a matter of fact way which anticipated Amundsen's or Nansen's

A fan of Rae was the Canadian explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who opened his 1939 book The Lost Franklin Expedition with the stinging comment: "One of the most battling problems of Canadian exploration is how Sir John Franklin and his party of more than a hundred contrived to die to the last man, apparently from hunger and malnutrition, in a district where several hundred Eskimos had been living for generations, bringing up their children and taking care

of their aged." In retrospect, the foolhardiness of various RN parties' failure to learn from the locals' long experience is breathtaking. But their efforts still have the power to inspire - as Sputford himself acknowl-edges with the moving imagined diary of Scott's last expe dition which concludes this fascinating book.

### Haunting

One curious omission from a scholarly examination of the mystique and mysticism of polar exploration is the expl orience Shackleton and two of his companions each claimed to have shared on one long march through the Antarctic wastes -that there was someone else with them.

After the story appeared in Shackleton's book South, it was invoked in numerous sermons and tracts - and inspired the haunting lines in T.S.Eliot's poem The Waste Land:

"Who is the third who walks always beside you?

When I count, there are only you and I together But when I look ahead up the

white road There is always another one

this blackboard jungle, and it must be said that although she acquits herself conscientiously, it really is impossible to deglamourise those sort of looks



In truth, she looks about as much at home as a swan in a snake pit

Still, that said, it's a likeable movie with some negative virtues (no redundant love interest, no onscreen violence) and several posi-tive ones, notably its celebration of

such qualities as persistence, imagination, courage

It actually does feel good to watch a demonstration of how these attributes help to see some-one through a painful and precari-

ous situation. But oh dear, no such comforts are on offer in Seven (or Se7en) as it is rendered in the titles.

This is a serial killer movie of unsurpassed bleakness, but with an undertow of humanity which lifts it out of the exploitation category.

A religious maniac is on the loose, slaughtering his victims in such ways as to illustrate one or other of the seven deadly sins. But he gives himself up with Envy and Anger still apparently unachieved: is he somehow about to embark on some appalling new phase of his

The cops on the case are a nice-ly contrasted pair: Brad Pitt as the antious to please, eager beaver rookie and Morgan Freeman as the veteran, about to retire, all polite indifference and weary dig-

His one tiny moment of violence a slap - seems more shocking than all the rampagings of a Steven Scagall.

The other main character in the film is the city - dark, rainswept and cruel. This is not a movie for the squeamish, nor for the already depressed, but it manages to find an interesting take on a hackneyed and rather distasteful theme. And its last line is one for the antholo-EKS.

- Bob Baker



walking beside you

Gliding wrapt in a brown mande, hooded I do not know whether a man

or a woman - But who is that on the other

side of you? Hitler is the spectre that has always haunted Leni Riefenstahl – who began her Leni career as an actress in the icy milieu of the often highly dangerous German mountain films of the 1920s.

She is likely to be forever

condemned for mythologising Nazi Germany with her films Triumph of the Will and Olympia which are, even so, two of the finest documentaries ever made.

Audrey Salkeld - herself an redress the balance in A Portrait Cape, £18.99).

acclaim for her studies of the Nuba people of the Sudan and

authority on mountaineering and exploration - seeks to of Leni Riefenstahl (Jonathan

Leni has more lately won

underwater photographer - she began diving in her seventies and in her nineties is still at work in the Maldives. She is, above all else, a sur vivor - though most of her post

her (very late) new career as an

war film projects have failed, partly because of the (unlucky?) spoiling of footage the quality of which will now never be known.

- JFA



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### **Royal Naval Association**

# Sandown crew treated royally by King's Lynn

KING'S LYNN rolled out the red carpet for the first visit to the town by a Royal Navy ship for five years. The RNA branch there played a full part in making the visitors feel at home even going as far as ensuring that the ship's company got their mail and newspapers despite the postal strike.

Among the events laid on for the Sandown's entertainment was a visit to the Royal Stud at Sandringham, including a barbecue hosted by the manager of the Royal Studs, Michael Oswald.

There to greet old shipmates was ex-CMEA David (Cliff) Clifton, an Association member who left the Service in May and now works for a local engineering firm. His wife, Ann, is Royal Stud secretary, while the Stud accountant is former CWTR Grahame Storey

There was more RNA hospitality for the Sandowns on the Sunday of the week-end visit, when they were lunch guests at the branch's "mess" at TS Vancouver, the local Sea Cadet HQ. The invitation also meant that the ship's catering staff could take time off, too. When the Sandown left on June

24, she was accompanied for her

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navigation into The Wash by the Mayor of King's Lynn, Cllr Moss Evans, who returned on board the Conservancy Board pilot cutter.

### Peterborough

Members attended a wreath laving service at the memorial to Sgt Hunter, an Australian war hero who died at Peterborough Memorial Hospital after being severely wounded during the Battle of the Somme in 1916.

#### Dartford

The Assistant Secretary, Lt Cdr Hugh Mair RN (retd) and his wife Sheila were guests of horour at the branch's annual dinner attended by 112, including branch president, Capt E.P. Whealing RM and his wife.

Shipmate Ron Hutt, retiring after 30 years as chairman, was pre-sented with a plaque. He presented life membership certificates to Shipmates Joan Welb, retiring as public relations officer and secretary; to Gwen Potterton, social secretary; and to Ron Hook, standard bearer and welfare officer.

#### Littlehampton

Eighty-four shipmates gathered at the Barnham Hotel to celebrate the 50th birthday of the branch. Among them was one of the founder members, Shipmate Jim Stickley,

A framed, golden certificate to mark the jubilee was presented to the president, Shipmate Basil Woodward, by National Council member for No.3 Area, Shipmate Kay Warrington. The evening



and the dedication of the new at a service conducted at St Nicholas's Church by the Rev. Prebendary Roy Hibbert. The salute at the march past was taken by the former General Secretary, Capt Jim Rayner RMR, the Mayor and Cdr Angela Muxworthy. Cdr Muxworthy is pictured here with (I-r) Shipmates Dennis Holland (treasurer), Charles Austin (chairman), Geraldine Jolly (vice chairman), Shipmates Dennis Holland (treasurer), Char Gerald Nunn, Verna Pollard and Cyril Dixon.

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was held in conjunction with The

Royal British Legion. This year it

marked the 80th anniversary of the

death of Boy Cornwell in the Battle

of Jutland. It is also the 75th anniversary year of The RBL. The parade was led by the national standards of the RNA and

RBL, and included 50 other stan-

dards. Music was provided by The RBL Youth Band and Corps of

Drums, and the salute was taken by the Assistant Chief of the Naval

Staff, Rear Admiral Jeremy

Blackham, He was accompanied by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Newham; the General Secretary,

Capt Bob McQueen RN (retd); the National Council member for No.1

Area, Shipmate Dennis Judge; and

the Mayoress and Deputy Mayor

Shipmate Eric Poynton of Irlam

& Cadishead branch won the hon-

our of carrying the Area standard after a standard bearer's competi-

tion during an Area reunion week-

end at Southport. The novice's rose bowl was won

by Shipmate Tommy (The Gun) Cope of Trafford branch. More than 600 shipmates from

of Newham.

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ended in traditional style with song and dance.

Northallerton Branch president, Cdr Henry Blakeston RNVR (retd) has died

less than three weeks after he pre-sented a memorial seat to the town (as reported in our July edition). Cdr Blakeston (85) was a solici-

tor and former coroner. His activities extended to the Samaritans, the Lionesses and North Yorks

#### Gliding Club. Hanworth

The newly refurbished club-house was the venue for the branch's annual dinner dance, attended by 140, including Brigadier Denzil Sharp, the puest of honour, and the president, Capt P. Hames R.N. (cont.) P. Hames RN (retd).

There was an even bigger turn-out for a service of rededication at the memorial in the clubhouse grounds. Six standards were paraded and the service was conducted by the Rev John Faulkner RN (retd).

### Branch fund-raising for the Dunblane appeal netted £715. Waterlooville

The branch's club estension is

now open to visitors. It has a larger lounge, a games room and facilities for ladies. Visiting branches are welcome provided the social secre-tary is warned in advance. The branch standard was parad-

at the memorial service for HMS Havant. Members have sent their sympa-

thy to their president, Surgeon Rear Admiral William Forrest, whose wife, Mary, has died.

#### Manor Park

The annual parade and service in memory of John Cornwell VC

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### CHATHAM MARCH **TO MARK** JUBILEE

THIRTY-EIGHT standards representing RNA branches throughout the country were on display for Chatham's 50th anniversary parade.

Guests at a social evening at Rochester Corn Exchange included Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley who was piped on board by Medway Sea Cadets.

event which included a social meeting, dance and gala concert. A parade and church service was held on the Sunday, and a wreath was laid at the town's war memorial by the Area president, Cdr Philip Watters RNR.

#### Bloxwich

Shipenate Arthur Toon, presi-dent of the branch for 21 years, was presented with a carriage clock to mark his retirement. He served in the Navy in 1941-46

and later became a member of the local council, serving two terms as Lord Mayor of Walsall.

It was through his efforts that a long-term loan was secured for the Blowwich club, named Carless House after John Carless VC who served in HMS Caledon.

#### Sidcup

Shipmate Gerald Orchard and his wife Irene were treated to a surprise golden wedding party planned by their son and daughter. not as reported in Navy News last month, by members of Sidcup branch.

Members of Sidcup branch were ests at the celebration, including Shipmate Harry Heath and his wife lvy, who had recently celebrated their golden wedding.



ARDROSSAN branch has become Scotland's newest, follow-

ing its commissioning by Shipmate Joe Riley, National Council member for the Scottish Area. The following were elected officers: T. Mackay (chairman), J. McDonald (secretary), M. Leary (treasurer), and B. Mackay and J. Dobie (committee members). After the formalities "Up Spirits" was held in the wardroom of Ardrossan Sea Cadet beactmarters. headquarters.

The branch meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1930 in the Sea Cadet HQ.

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### subs after RNA slips into se

ANNUAL subscriptions to the RNA are to rise by £1. Delegates at the Association's Conference agreed to an increase from £5 to £6 after hearing that the organisa-

tion was in the red by £18,694. RNA treasurer, Shipmate Ray Barraclough, said that despite radical cuts in spending the Association was running at a loss and would continue

to do so unless subscriptions were

Last year a proposal to increase subs failed to gain the required twothirds majority, despite a warning by the treasurer that income was dropping, and an appeal by the President. This time 196 members voted for a

rise, with only 53 against. Mr Barraclough urged the covenanting of subscriptions to enable the Association to take advantage of tax concessions

Apart from two motions which were withdrawn, there were 15 on the agen-da this year. There was overwhelming approval for the proposal by Harlow branch that the RNA support The Royal British Legion campaign to restore the practice of two minutes silence at 11 am on Armistice Day. Cardiff's motion for an RNA appeal to the public was also passed, as was a proposal by Dewsbury, Batley & Birstall to explore the possibility of gaining concessionary charges for RNA members visiting historic warships and Naval museums.

Scunthorpe proposed that standard bearers should be marched off parade

and not left to disperse, while New South Wales called for certificates to be awarded to branches recruiting the most full members in one year. Both were carried.

Also carried was the proposal by Bletchley that urgent motions be accepted for consideration by the General Secretary no later than 48 hours before Conference.

**MYSTERY PICTURE 18** 

The ship's name? ....

Where is she anchored?.....

# Conference Report . . . by Shipmate Joan Kelly Sir Desmond stands down as President

ADMIRAL Sir Desmond Cassidi, President of the Royal Naval Association for ten years, is to stand down. At the age of 71, he is the RNA's last leader to have served in World War II.

Admiral Cassidi will be succeeded next month by Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman, the last Flag Officer Plymouth, who retired earlier this year.

Announcing his departure at the RNA Conference at Portsmouth. Admiral Cassidi spoke of his pride and enjoyment in being the Association's President since 1986. And in his last speech to them he urged delegates to keep up the recruiting drive, to support the National Council, and to keep finances on a sound footing.

He also praised members' work for the less fortunate and thanked beadquarters staff and the National Council for their support during his time in office.

#### Crucial influence

Replying, the Chairman of the National Council, Shipmate Ron Tioker, paid tribute to Admiral Cassidi who was given a prolonged standing ovation.

Sir Desmond's reforming influ-ence on the RNA is widely regard-ed as having been crucial in enabling it to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Using carrot as much as stick, he reorganised the Association's headquarters, streamlined administration, established an investment fund to secure finance, and bonded the organisation closer to the serving Navy. Those reforms will be main-

tained and, if necessary, widened by Admiral Newman who was noted during his Naval service for forthright leadership and a great



Admiral Cassidi - reforming leader

capacity for hard work. Admiral Newman, who celebrates his 60th birthday next month, joined the Royal Navy in 1954 and after training at Britannia RN College Dartmouth, served as a junior officer in HM ships Triumph, Delight, in minesweepers in Hong Kong and as a sonar spe-

### 1998 venue

BRIDLINGTON was chosen to host the 1998 Conference when the branch's emergency motion was preferred to that proposing - and proposed by Clacton-on-Sea.

Next year's venue is Belfast.



The new man - Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman

cialist in the trials ship HMS Hardy

After submarine training in 1966 he served in HMS Otus. Ocelot and in HMS Warspite during her first commission. He took command of HM submarine Orex in 1970 and later joined the County-class destroyer HMS London as her executive officer.

He was appointed to command HMS Naiad in 1978, after which he was promoted to Captain. As such he served in the Ministry of Defence HQ, and later as Captain of the submarine base at HMS Dolphin.

Among his flag rank appoint-ments was that of Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief Fleet, a post he held during the Gulf War.

rectly gave her previous names as Impregnable (1810) and Kent (1888). She was renamed Caledonia in 1891. Mr Markes receives our cash prize of £25. A further prize is offered for a correct solution to this month's puzzle. Tell us: 1. The name of the ship. 2. Where she was photographed.

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WIINNER of the Navy

News Mystery Picture competition No. 16 which appeared in our June Issue is Mr A. Markes of

His entry was drawn at ran-

dom from replies which identifled the photograph of the training ship HMS Caledonia anchored in the Forth in about 1905 shortly before she was sold. Mr Markes also cor-

Picture

### All rise! to see Euro 96

at Portsmouth one of the swiftest in recent years. As delegates set-fled down for the debate, they were told that lunch would be abandoned in favour of an early getaway so members could watch televised match between England and Spain which kicked

There was a more stately air the

taken by the President accompanied by the Lord Mayor.

### SHIPMATE Ernie Brick has stood down after ten years as Leicester branch secretary. He has been replaced by Shipmate PO Mick Percival, who is retiring from the

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**EX-NAVY and Merchant Navy** personnel are invited to the unveiling of a large tapestry in St Nicholas's Church, Pier Head, Liverpool, at 1400 on September 8. The tapestry depicts the pennant numbers of all Flower-class corvettes.

ATHERTON defeated Rancorn in the No.10 Area ukkers final. Shipmates Frank Wilson and Brian Fisher proved too good for Shipmates John Pickering and Brian Williams in the close-fought contest.

AT THE 50th anniversary celebrations of Chatham branch, guest of honour was Shipmate Rick Ashby, National Council

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member for No.2 Area and chairman of Deal & Walmer branch. Deal & Walmer's standard bearer, Shipmate Malcolm Jarrett, also attended.

ted, but photocopies cannot be accept-ed. Do not include anything else in your envelope: no narrespondence can be antered into ant no entry returned. The winner will be announced in our October edition. The competition is not open to Navy News employees or their families.

DONATIONS totalling £265 have been made by Market Harborough to Naval charities as a result of fund-raising during the year.

**CASTLEFORD** celebrated its 70th birthday in style at a social event in the Civic Centre, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Wakefield. To mark the occasion an oak bearing an inscribed plaque will be planted in the civic park.

CLUB steward at Camberwell. Shipmate Andrew Kedziora invites anyone to join a sponsored cycle ride he has organised in aid of the local Nautical Training Corps unit, TS Ark Royal. The ride starts from Brighton's Palace Pier at 2pm on August 10, ending at the club at about 8.30 that evening.

### Navy 'still vibrant and effective'



We're making our mark abroad - Second Sea Lord.

LINOUGH the Hoy has taken some painful cuts since the end of the Cold War, it is still a vibrant and effective force, says the Second Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Michael Boyce.

Addressing RNA delegates at Portsmouth, Admiral Boyce said that although our Naval forces may be thinly stretched, they are still making their mark abroad. "If you believe all you read you could be forgiven for thinking the Navy is a dying institution," he said. "Nothing is further from the truth.

"What you don't often read about is the respect the men and women serving in the Navy and Royal Marines today are

fessionalism rarely makes headline news as they go about their peace-keeping tasks in all corners of the globe, from the Adriatic to the Far East."

#### Quality

To operate the sophisticated equipment of today required a physical and mental robustness - and men and women of guality were still needed by the Service, and would still be needed in view of the instability in the world.

The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, also a guest at the Conference, spoke of the pride he had felt when the city hosted the ceremonies to mark the

VJ Days. Earlier the Conterence had

opened with a parade of the national standard borne by Shipmate Tony Avery of Brighton & Hove, winner of this

year's national standard bearer's competition. The following recruiting awards were presented at the Conference: Sword of Honour -No.3 Area; The Briggs Dirk -Waterlooville branch, Hampshire; The Briggs Bowl -Bourne branch; and The Tasker

Bowl - No.5 Area. Among the winners of the Grand Raffle was Shipmate Kay Warrington, who was standing down after many years on the National Council.

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following day, when the menfolk were joined by their ladies for an open-air Sunday service conduct-ed by former RNA chaplain, Bishop Ambrose Weekes. To music by the Royal Marines Band Portsmouth, over 150 standards were paraded led by the national standard. The salute was

off at 3pm,

EURO 96 made the Conference

### Briefs from the Branches Navy after 24 years service.



### NoticeBoard



40 years ago

30 years ago

20 years ago

Alverstoke.

Film producer Herbert Wilcox won a reprieve

from the breakers yard for the sloop HMS Amethyst which the Admiralty agreed could "star" as herself in the film The Yangtse Incident. It was

reported that the title of the film, shooting of which was due to begin in August, had been changed from The Sitting Duck.

The first all-British nuclear fleet submarine, HMS

Valiant, was reported to have commissioned at Barrow-in-Furness on July 18. No fewer than 13

out of every 100 sailors suffered chronic seasick

ness, it was revealed in a survey by Surgeon Cdr John Walters at the RN Medical School,

As HMS Ark Royal returned from a visit to New York for the city's bicentennial celebrations, she came under the spatight with the screening on

August 5 of the first episode in BBC's Sallor

series - regarded at the time as a controversial, "life with the lid off" view of the Navy. The open-

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### Officer promotions

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John George McDougall, served 1036 Ships: Revends: Nimrod, Decoy Inburgh Castle: Aged 76

Single Caste Apid 76.
W. C. Sargent, Shipe: Barham, swatern, Zephyr, Mernber of HMS Barham invivors Association.
Genry Goldman, member of SOCA, W. sitralia. Submarines: Selene, Porpose, ne 6. aged 71.
Derek (Bardy) Sanders, ex. LEM, served HB-56. Shipe: Ceylon, June 8, aged 65.
T. Tucker: Ships: Classoon, Jaynor, hallenger, Mender of HMS Classoon Cid nys Association. April 24, aged 82.
Alan Richardson, HMS Consort sociation, May.

Arthur Ernest Tungate, ex CPO(L) Ar-lps: Nuthaton, Fulmar, Vulture, Ark Hoyal, sen, Triumph, Victorious, April 12, aged

Clifford Taylor, sx-CPO, served 1933-6. Shipi: Pernbroke, Royal Olak, Daring, usble Arethusat, Dunoon (sunrivor), obestone, Vindustve

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Association June 20. John Mooney, ex.AB. Ships: Cardigan Bay, Delptin, Newtoundiand. Aged 60. Joe Pettinger, ex.FMAA, member of Regulating Branch 93. July 7, aged 60.

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NAVY NEWS looks back through its pages to recall some of the August head-lines of past decades . . .



HMS Ark Royal . . . subject of the BBC "fly-onthe-wall" documentary Sailor.

Swop drafts

OM(C)1 Simpson, HMS Bridport, BFPO

MEM(L) Thomas (Scale II). 3 Mess, A5 Herakt, BPPO 256, deploying Jan Will helder any swop, but preferably instrout.

LMEM(M) A. Bryant. 5 Mess. HMS erald, deploying Jan. Will swop for any non-playing. Devenport ship.

AB Strode, Building 210, RNAD bubbert, Pastarde (ext 5921), will sarge for y Portsmouth base

LSA Hicks, Deverport est 68052, drafted IAS Yeoviton, Oct. Will consider any draft

LMEM(M) D. M. Gray (Scale 8), 3P Mess HMS Cumbertand, 8P PO 201, drafted HMS Gloucester, Nov., deploying Jan, Wa andp for any Physiculti strap.

WEM/R) Weish, 3FI Mess, HMS Brazen, BFPO 234, drahed HMS Cochrane Sept. 3 to March 31, Will consider anything in Plymouth

MEM(M) Fagen, 3P Mess, HMS Cumberland, BFPO 251, drafted HMS Bustrious, Aug. Will swop for any Plymouth

CK B. Lewis, 814 NAS, RNAS Culdrose

ot deploying. LWTR Brown, HMS Raieligh exit 41688, rained H4S Martborough, Nev. Will consid-r any Plymouth ship deploying or not. PO(M) C. S. Blake (POL). HMS Bioucester (deploying Jan.). Dec. Will swop or any Type 42 not deploying. LSCS Lasereby, HMS Collingwood exit 565, drafted HMS Coventry, Dec. Will swop or any Portsmouth ship, preferably Type 42, websiving or not.

LCH S. Forshaw, HMS Gloocester, FPO 289, deploying Jan. Will swop für any ge 42 not deploying, or Portsmouth shore

LS(M) A. Gurney, 5D Part Mess, HMS inclus. BFPO 308, will swop for any ship

ploying or not, other than a carrier, LS(M) D. R. Analow, 50 Port Mess, HMS incide, BFPO 308, will swop for any Type

LCH N. P. Wallbank. 3H Mess, HMS Interimenter, BFPO 426, deploying Sept. I swop for any carrier (preferably HMS incible) deploying or not.

MEM(M) R. C. Harle, 3N Mess. HMS stgow, BFPO 367, drafted HMS Exelect

Langow, BFPO 287, drafted HMS Exeller efficing Rosyth), Jan. 27. Will swop for any mail ship, preferably Hunt-class deploying

MEM(M) Molley (Scale A), HNH Has

HMS

swop for any i

or out WEM(C) Clarke, HMS Glasgow, BFPO 287, drafted HMS Cardiff, Rosyth, Nov. Will

#### MEDICAL 236 (of 01436 874321), will swop for any Type 22/23/42 Batch 3.

To CPONN - A.M. Chapman (DEF MED TRIG CTR).

FLEET AIR ARM Te CPCACINN - R. Saundets (814 Spr), M.M. Stevens (RNAS Culdrose), S.R. Clay (D MAR Bristo), To CPCAEIM(M) - A.J. Thompson (845

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A.G. Pranter (Talent), A. Smith (Soveneign), M.P. Yanday (Torbay), To ACPOMEA - G.G. Duncan (Glasgow), A.W. Hawhele (Brazen), M.J. Hinton (Dorbanouth FMRO) N.B. Jemson (Coventry), TN Kingston (Manchester) S.M. Purmeter (Neptune NT), S.A. Taylor (Ceventry), M. Walibans, (Dolohin SM School, A. Whitwham (Brave), D.A. Wright (Portamouth FMRO), To CPOWEA - S.D. Bloss (Buttrout), S.J. Chardton (Drake CFM), A.J. Glasson (Hurworth), S.P. Lomas (Bore), To ACPOWEA - S.J. Henson (Therchard), J.C. Kribba (Bichmand), R.W. Loames (Collegeood), TM. Rooney (Drake CFM), ACTING CHARGE CHEF ARTIFICER

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chall Artificer: To ACCMEA - W. Fox (Cumberland), R.J.

To ACCWEA - M.J.E. Hooking (Drake CFM).

### Appointments

Capt J. J. Hart, to be CO HMS Nelson, Oct 22 Cdr P. Lambert, to be CO

HMS Coventry, Aug. 20. Cdr A. M. Massey, to be CO HMS Campbeltown, Nov. 11.

Cdr D. L. Potts, to be CO HMS Southampton. Sept 9.

Cdr M. L. Davis-Marks, to be CO HMS Turbulent, Oct. 21. Loc Col J. B. Dutton. to be CO

LI R. E. Addy, FAA, served 1962-7 ing Bullwark, Victorious, Ark Poyst, July

ASSOCIATION OF RN OFFICERS

Lt (E) H. C. Brill-Edwards DSM. Ships.

Cdr T. H. Brown, Shipe: Merlin,

Cdr N. K. Campbell MIE, DSC. Shipe.

Lt Citr (A) C. A. Fraser. Ships: Futious. Lt Citr (E) A. Graham. Ships: Sea Esgle. diend, Rampura, Asne. Li Cer R. Perry, Shipe: Rampart, Tyre, achiecod, Victoricus.

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Lt (E) R.J. Tod. Ships included HMS

L1 Cdr F. C. Windson. Ships: Cairo.

The deaths are reported of the following

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Internates: Odr Henry Taylor Blakeston VRD, INVR, founder member and president. Normalerton. Aged 85. Tom Bulbeck, Chichester Shipe: Nelson, Termagars, May 19, aged 71. James Multigan, Stockton-on-Tees, member of Sheffield Association. June 2. Generic Nicholas Reserve. Cardial: A

George Nicholas Rogers, Carlisle & attot, Ex-Sig, HMS Unicorn 1941-46.

Dennis Hine, Portsmouth, Juna E. Gerald Frank Snorwell, Ferndown, Ex. PO. Shop, Straphel, Ousber, Cobra, Angari, Ponee, March 15.

Pioneer, March 15. William C. Volker DSM, Ferndown, Shipe: Iron Duke, Queen Elizabeth, Barkam, Waseber, Mynga, Messina, Finisherre, DSM for Operation Federate, 1942. Jim Danham, founder member S.

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mont as submariner June 14, agent 6 epoci, et subharver avec 14. april 60. Sid Marby, Peterborough & District, April E. Price, Peterborough & District, April A. R. T. Jackson, Kettering, former L3(E). Lt Cdr W. H. Bawden MBE. Ships: Form

ving or not.

ed 80. Mick McCane, Rama Perimaula, ax-CFOG

OGI. May 6. Rits Morley, the member Brantwood, ex-Jack Richards, tourider and life member herton. June 23.

Inton. Anno 23. John Leal. former charman, Isle of ght Ex-FAA. Reg Young, standard teamer and termes cretary, tale of Wight. Ships included HMS

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C. Dartington, Me member Deexide S.C. Bair er Dees

b.C. Barnes to memor Decision L. J. (Jack) Evans, secretary Marthyn Bil. Ex FAA PO. Sings: Archev, Battler, y 26, sped 74.

(b) EV 740 FG Single Autors, balance to 28 speed 74. Norman Fishlock, Winchester, ex-364(V), Ships: Berwick, Trassus, Taman, asses, Vanguerd, Bigbury Bay, Aged 73. Cyril Smith, Cerwo, served 1542-46. ember of Coastal Forces, Yugoslavia and Coastal Forces, Yugoslavia and Coastal Forces. POSA(V)

moor. Denis F. Clarke. Crews. served 1943-46. (js: Visital, Duke of York. Fred Belt, Wigston & District, es-POCK.

May 5, aged 71. Norman Johey, Wigston & District, ex-EPA. May 28, aged 71. Albert George (Bert) Hardy, Newport (Saropi). Member of LGT Association. June

Salop).

Harry Calley, Beccles, April 18. Jim (Dinger) Dell, He member Betchley Stoket Aged 65.

Devid Earnes, vice president and founder innere, Aldenham, Ex-PO Stoker, Ships roluded HMS Resolution.

Chartie Issacs, Portsmouth, Ships Included HMS Glasgow, June 27, aged 74.

exit 2538, drafted HMG Neptune, Sept (lead hand's billet). Will swop for ng Otomouth area shore base LWEM(R) Thomas (RMO trained), HMS kouthampton, BITPO 365 (deploying Nov.), ell seop for any Portsmouth ship hot deploy

LSTD Felt, 3G Mess, HMS Beaver ploying, Jan ), will swop for any Physiculfi

(Reptoying, Jan.), will swop for any Phymouth trip ord obsplaying or in relit. MEM(M)1 Tempe, 402 Mess, HMS Pearless, EPPD 203, deplaying Jan. Will contaider anything, even Faklancis. WSTD Gocking, HMS Hamati evt 53450, will swop for any Portsmouth/Pyrmouth ship LMERANG Learly, HMS Drake CPM set 65663/e7078, dnafted HMS Manchester, Feb. 3, will swop for any Plymouth ship deploying or not.

deploying or not. LWEM(R) Hivison, Fastane (tel 93255 6322), drafad HMS An Royal, Jan. phase pervice). Will consider any Northern/Clyde

N Orith (M) Fairweather, Pottsmuuth CFM I 25080, duafed HMS Cardill (reliting syste), Nov. Will swop for any Portsmuuth OM(AW)1 Hewith, 3HZ Mess, HMS mberland, BFPO 251 (due reft), will swop

LMEM(L) Goss. HMS Dower, BFPO 232. Will consider any ship

LMEM(L) P. Cooper, 4G2 Mess, HMS arless, BFPO 285, deploying Jan, Will

oneoler anysteng. LSJM Pickering, HMS Brazen, BFPO 34, drahed HMS intrepid. Sept. 30, Will woo for any Devonport shere base. AW(5) J. Heldhusen, HMS Bristol, MMB Portsmouth, will swep for any Portsmouth shere base or ship relifieg in Internouth shere base or ship relifieg in

PONEN(M) N.S. Archbold (MHult), HMS Boxer, BFPO 232, deploying Nox Will consider any Deveryort shore base or ship MEM Davidson (Scale II), HMS Cardit

MLM Devideon (Scale II), HMS Cardin, with Respire for a year (Policyth est, 64704). If swop for any Fastane or Devenport ship, POLD Sharp (X harvest), HME Respire (POL25), deploying Jan, Will swop for any resmouth she deploying or not. WDM(C)1 K, O'Denevan, HMS, attobut, IRPO 365, deploying Jan, Will wop for any Partsmouth or Plyhouth ship t deploying.

net deploying AW(R) Cager (SSCS trained), HMS Fearlass BFO 203, deploying Jan, Will consider any Phrouth sho. WMEM(L) Deacon, HMS An. Ruyal, BFPO 212, drafted Faklands NP 2010, Nov. 11 (four months), Will swop for any Phymouth

11 (Nour Hearths), Will swop hit any Phymous ship or shore bases. LRO A.W. Stark, HMS Fearbest, BFPO 283, deploying Jan, Will swop for Portsmouth ship prefamily not deploying. WIRO1 J.L. Bartose, marked FAUJ HAP Edealship rot deploying Jan, HDY blant, Index Feb, IPY blant, Will swop for any Portsmouth shore base. BO1 G. Grafham, HddS Fearbest, BFPO 383, deploying Jan, Will swop for any Portsmouth shore base. BO1 G. Grafham, HddS Fearbest, BFPO 383, deploying Jan, Will swop for any Portsmouth shore base. BO1 G. Grafham, HddS Fearbest, BFPO 383, deploying Jan, Will swop for any Portsmouth shore for any Portsmouth shore for smy Type 22/23 not deploying during reset 18 months.

MEM(M) Whiteley, HMS Manchester, PO 331 (DED Portamouth), will consider PO 331 (DED Pertamouth), will consider y ship deploying except CVS. ALMEM(L) P.A. Turner, HMS Drake CFM

(ML2), shafied HMS Cardin, Nov. Will swop for any Developent Type 22/23 deploying or

LSTD M.A. Knett, HMS Richmond, PO 375 deploying Jan. Will secon for any potent or Portamodi sing except Type 23. POCK Themas, POS' Mess, HMS rmeal, BFPO 256. Will consider anything. POSTD M.S. Manuell, HMS Sephawi 2200, drafted HMS Invincitie, Nov Will

avt. 2200, deated HMS Invinction, Non-Will swep for any Primouth ship deploying or not UMEM(M) JR. Watt, sic drabbe R79275 on or after Aug. 15. Drahed HMS fork. Oct. Will samp for any small ship or Scottish's, trained draft after Aug. 15. AVIG5, White, 5X. Stod. Mess, HMS Norton, BFPO 344 - AVIG5 or OM(UM) bil-st. Will swop for any Profitshoth establish-ment or ship not deploying. RD1 MacDonald, CHM, PNIII and 22787, oralined ridt's Frankas, Sept. 24. Will swop for any Portamouth Type 23 or 42 Batch 2, preferably not deploying.

STD Chamberlain, HMS Illustrious ex 9, will swop for any Devenport ship 410

deploying or not. SA Hunt, HMS Boxer, BFPO 232, deploy-ing Oct. Will consider any Devorport ship not

LNEM Tamblin, HMS Liverpool, BFPO 7, will swop for any Devenport ship ploying or not.

deploying or not. SA Penny, Stores Office, HMS Invircible, BFPD 308, dwated RNAS Fortland, Sept. 9. Will swop for any Portenouth area draft.

Albert G. Woods, ex-Mine 1941-42, amber ill Periekoja Association. G. M. James, ex-CPO, Sings, Victorius, cassi, Hermes, March 23, aged 67. Ken Mac Michael, av-CPC FAA, served N4 65 Shige: Glary, Eagle May 3. Bill Wartsahl MCE, ex-SiGCTO, HMS admus, member of Algemes Association. av 14.

try 14. Les Bull, es 3to, HMS Athacore 1942-45, nember of Apprines Association, May 9. Nick (Bomber) Milts, ex CK. Ships: unton, Birringham, interpid, May 13, aged

George Gardener MD, ex CPO, ships Sudest Hodney, May 12, aged 86. Terrary Davis, served 1809-45. Ships Suded H485 Indonistate. May 8, aged 71.

Frank Mayo. ex-CPOREG, served 1901-including HMS Hostila. Veteran of Narvik.

Lt Cdr(S) Willred John Hughes. Ships:

Douglas Robson, ex CPO, served 1943-to an annow of Angus branch of FAA coccurson. April 26. proved 1940-proved 1940-prov

Bill McDonald, ex PDAF, served 1940-later member of RNVR and MN. Member

FAA Association, April 30, Arthur Ernest Taingate, or CPO(L) Ar-spir Fulmar, Heron, Richatch, Vulture, Ark yet, Ocean, Triumph, Victorious, April 13,

ped 76. Stain Perrett MID, ex-All submariner, solid: Salyr. Proteus. Founder member, finit exident and like member of Blackpool & Alle branch of SOCA. May 15. Gordon A. Vickera, ex-13, convest 1H48-Ships: Bruce, Bertringham, Newcastle, amber of Devia Bancher, Ameri Ak.

57. Ships: Bruce, Birmingham, Newcaste, Member of Bruce Register Aged 44 Emile Woodhead, ex CPO Disher. Ships included Theseus, Korean War, April 25. Affred Selay, ex-HMS Glancobest, mem-ber of RN DEMS Association. April.

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Sandown class single role minehunters to have made an Atlantic crossing, broken by visits to Ponta Delgada in the Azores and Bermuda. They were away for five months. Executive Officer of HMS Cromer L1 Nigel Hill had a reunion with an old friend at Halitax \_ L1 Bick Bankin now

Halifax - Lt Rick Rankin, now an engineer submariner in the ar Admiral John Tolhurst,

Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland Commodore Eric Thompson, Director Naval Base Clyde, joined the two ships at the entrance to the Meanwhile at Portsmouth HMS Childdingfold prepared to resume fishery protection duties while HMS Berkeley was due to sail once again for for-eign waters for an exercise off Scandinavia.



 LCK Steve Hinley is reunited with his wife Terri and children Jake (2) and Jamie (5) on his return to Fastane in HMS Bridport after a five month deployment to North America





# **IVERSITY OF** GUNNERY Spotlight on the campus at HMS Cambridge

AVAL gunnery training started in the West Country 140 years ago this month – and HMS Cambridge is now celebrating the 40th anniversary of its move to its present site at Wembury, near Plymouth.

Originally, the fourth HMS Cambridge was commissioned as the Gunnery Training Ship and moored in Plymouth Sound. Her berth was later shifted to the Hamoaze, next to Trevol where the rifle range

was built. In 1869 the fifth Cambridge (launched as the Windsor Castle but laid down as Victoria) took on the role.

Then, in 1909, training moved ashore to HM Gunnery

moved ashore to HM Gunnery Schobl, Devonport, then part of the barracks, HMS Drake. The old Cambridge was bro-ken up at Falmouth – but her figurehead (of a young Queen Victoria) remains on the parade ground at Wembury. During World War I there was another HMS Cambridge – the requisitioned paddle steamer Cambria and in 1939 a gunnery range was opened at Wembury, just to the east of Plymouth Sound.

#### Air defences

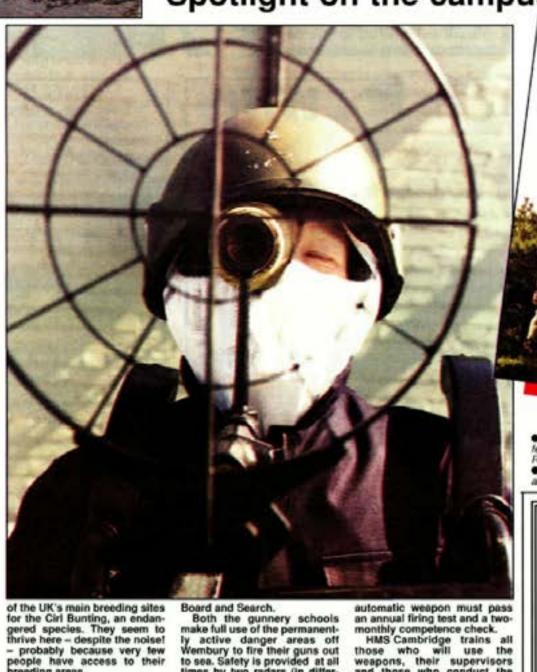
This was mainly for Army use at first and was part of the city's air defences, but the Navy moved in in the autumn of 1940 and became the main user after the war.

Exactly 100 years after the fourth HMS Cambridge was commissioned, the Devonport

commissioned, the Devonport Gunnery School moved there. HMS Cambridge is part of the new Naval Recruiting and Training Agency and provides live gunnery and military train-ing for the RN, the Royal Fleet Austiliana and triendly foreign Auxiliary and friendly foreign navies

The clifftop site covers 155 acres including two sites of Special Scientific Interest and two bird colonies.

One of these is on the Mewstone Rock and the other on the shoreline which is one



Board and Search.

Both the gunnery schools make full use of the permanent-In active danger areas off Wembury to fire their guns out to sea. Safety is provided at all times by two radars (in differ-ent frequency bands to min-imise the risk of missing a tiny contact in the clutter)

When visibility is low the target towing vessel's Master gives the all clear.

### Live training

The Close Range School has a mix of all the manually aimed m and weapons found in HM ships and RFAs. Gunnery training usually starts in the classroom, from where the students progress to a simulator. The final stage, before going to sea, is live firing training. The Royal Navy believes that

a period of live training, with its associated high stress levels, is essential if operators are to join their ships ready in all respects to use their guns if required.

The Naval Military Training School trains naval personnel in the skills needed to be able to use small arms safely and effectively. Under the 1988 Firearms Act every person who handles an automatic or semiautomatic weapon must pass an annual firing test and a two-monthly competence check. HMS Cambridge trains all those who will use the

weapons, their supervisors and those who conduct the Navy-wide continuation train-ing. Apart from the classrooms, the main means of teaching these military skills are a stateof-the-art computerised indoor small arms range simulator, called the Small Arms Trainer,

called the Small Arms trainer, and two outdoor firing ranges. In an area known for its wet weather, the SAT provides a very useful way of introducing people to handling and firing the weapons and coaching them to improve their skills them to improve their skills. This is done in a warm, dry environment where the students are much more receptive after which the legally required annual test (now the Naval Annual Personal Weapons Test) can be fired in all weathers.

**Board and Search Training is** given to all ships deployed out-side UK waters. These must be able to take part in everything from UN embargoes to antidrug operations - and again, apart from classroom training there is a strong practical aspect that includes practising fast roping techniques from 40 ft up and searching merchant vessel-type compartments.

#### Confidence

All this means that HMS Cambridge is a busy place, with over 5,000 students pass-

Ing through each year. After a period when the future of live training has been closely examined, its future is now secure - and it can look forward to its 50th birthday with confidence.



 Left: "Come into my web, said the spider to the fly ..." Getting the feel of a 20mm Oerlikon used for close range air defence on RN and RFA ships Above: Fast roping techniques for boarding parties are also taught at the Royal Navy's Gunnery School.

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The fourth HMS Cambridge, photographed in Plymouth Sound in 1857 shortly after her commissioning as Gunnery Training Ship. The picture was taken by Scotland's first photographer, George Washington Wilson, later Photographer Royal, from the flagship HMS Revenge. A salvo went off accidentally, owing to a mistaken signal – and Wison got such a fright that he dropped a bottle of silver nitrate on the deck which left an indelible black stain . . .

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ding areas.

There are actually four schools on the site - Medium

Range Gunnery, Close Range, Naval Military Training and

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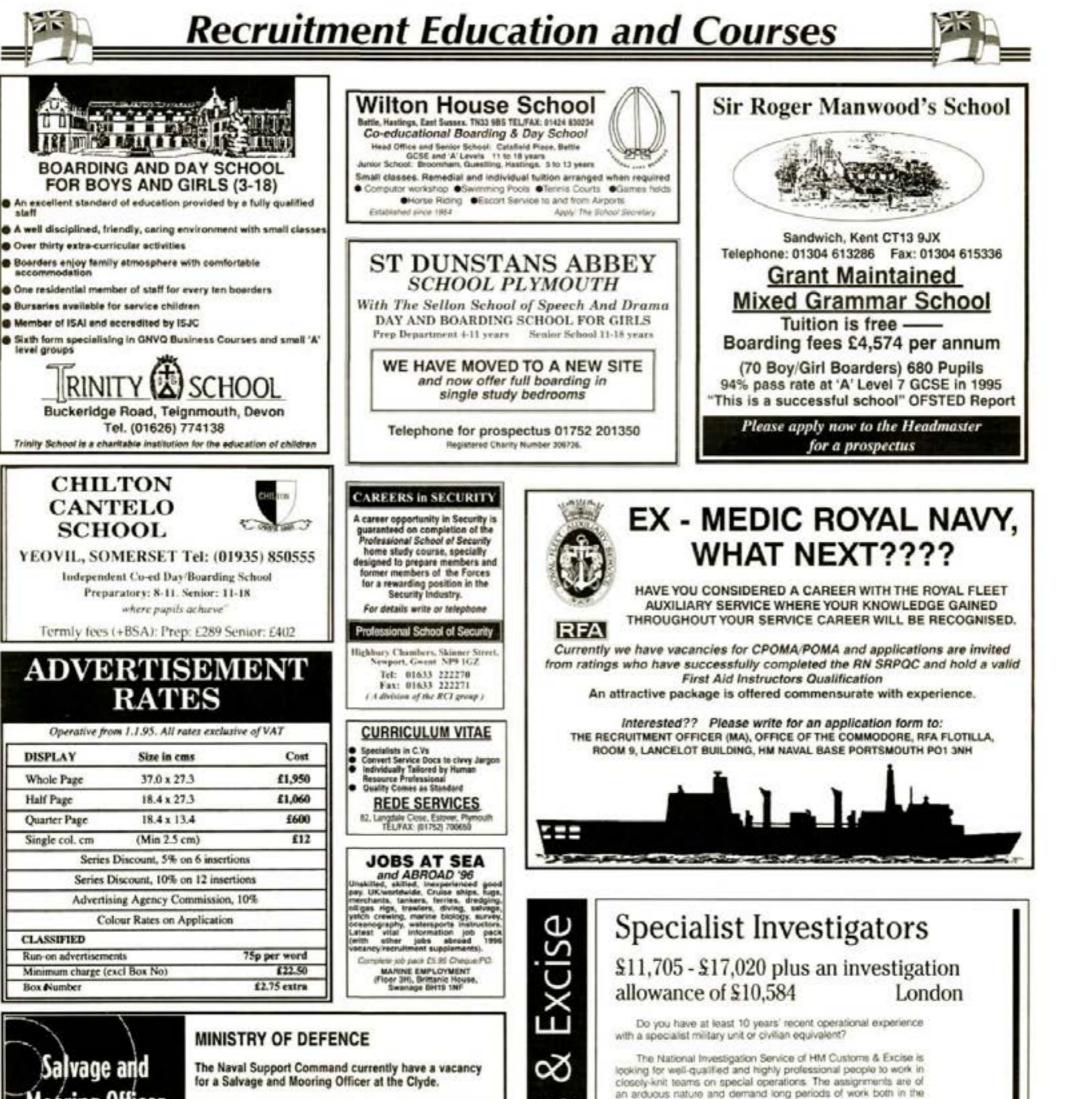
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### Grants for trainee cab drivers

SERVICE leavers who want to join the ranks of the London cabbies may now take up grant-aided training offered by The Royal British Leajon

The Royal British Legion. The grant enables leavers to undertake nine months' training, help being given with fuel costs. During the period the trainces are expected to qualify for the Government-funded taxi driver Training for Work course.

Qualified trainees receive £10 a week on top of benefit or allowance for the 50 weeks that the course lasts.

Training is conducted for The RIIL by Knowledge Point School, part of Taxi Trade Promotions Ltd. • For further information con-

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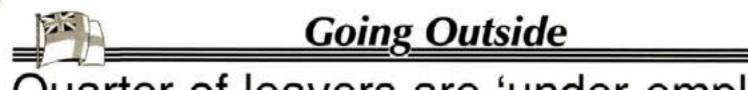


FAXED resettlement information is now available to RN leavers thanks to a new service introduced by Cdt Clive Lewis of the Portsmouth Resettlement Centre at HMS Nelson.

Developed by Maxim Business Communications, the system gives serving and ex-Service people whto have access to a fax machine, job and course information.

To access the 24-hour service, dial using the handset and press "start". If the machine does not have a handset, callers select "hands free" or poll/receive mode.

The numbers are 0374 507209 for job vacancies, and 0336 421701 for course info. The calls are charged at 39p a minute cheap rate, and 40p at other times.



Quarter of leavers are 'under-employed'

ALTHOUGH 92 per cent of ex-military personnel find work within six months of leaving the Services, a recent survey has shown that more than a quarter of them are "underemployed" receiving salaries which are far below those which they could and should be commanding. The Post Services Employment sur-

vey obtained evidence that 26 per cent of the leavers are failing to use their superior skills. "The problem seems to be one of awareness and understanding of the job market," said Major Steven Windmill, strategic planning and research manager of Thames Valley Enterprise, one of the foremost Training and Enterprise Councils.

and Enterprise Councils. "In the South East there are known to be nearly 9,000 openings for suitable ex-Service personnel with salaries up to £150,000," he said.

TECs can offer Service leavers up to six months' training in over 300 commercial areas, leading to National Vocational Qualifications. And of the personnel who enter Training for Work programmes, 90 per cent receive paid employment by the end of their course, the TVE alone receiving notification of 36,000 vacancies each month.

One of those who found work this way is former CPO Rodney Edwards. When he left the Navy after nine years' service he found a good job as principal trials manager with British Aerospace.

trials manager with British Aerospace. Eventually he set up on his own as a computer programme consultant, and for four years tried to obtain a patent for a new computer accessory he had invented. He concentrated too much on fighting for a patent and this, together with the business liquidation of one of his major clients, resulted in him becoming unemployed.

Aged 55 and feeling "right at the bottom of the heap", he discovered that as he had been unemployed for at least six months, he was eligible for the Thames Valley Executive Action course, during which he got his career back on track.

 TECs can be contacted through local Yellow Pages. The TVE can be contacted on Freephone 0800 775565.

Legion college

got Harry

that I got from my tutor was superb," said Harry, who also took advantage of an interest-free loan from The

The first venture the

Chapmans got off the ground was a Mountain Bike Centre in Brecon, South

Wales. Next came an outdoor management training concern, and finally a prop-

erty management business.

Whether, like Harry, ex-Service people aim to become self-employed, or to

seek a career as employees.

the college helps to give them a clear idea of what they need. It has introduced

a career development con-

sultancy designed to help serving personnel to gain National Vocational Qualif-

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on his bike

# Service people could ease teacher crunch

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to enlist Service leavers as teachers in a scheme aimed at easing the estimated 10,000 shortfall in new schoolteachers over the next five years.

"Target Teaching – A Force for Quality" is offering a package of training to those Service people whose skills and knowledge would be valued in Britain's classrooms.

"There has never been a better time to get into teaching," said the Chief Executive of the Teacher Training Agency, Anthea Millet, The agency is working with the Ministry of Defence, Brunel University and educational consultants to enable Service leavers to follow a development programme over a two-year resettlement peri-

od. Over the next five years, to keep pace with the increasing numbers of school-age children and the large number of serving teachers now approaching retirement, the TTA needs to train 50 per cent more secondary teachers and 34 per cent more primary teachers about 10,000 more new teachers than are at present in training.

than are at present in training. "We are looking for high quality teachers for the 21st century," said Anthea Millett. "The TFA is keen to promote all routes into the profession, making access easier for particular groups such as those leaving the Royal Navy, Army and RAF."

The first phase of the scheme is for entry into secondary teaching, and it is hoped later to develop a structure for entry into primary education.

### Attachment

Information about Target. Teaching is available at career briefings and Resettlement Centres. The scheme includes a distance learning package with Brunel University, a two-week seeondary school attachment, a support service incorporating mentor and placement assistance, and help with necreditation of prior learning.

The project is expected to run for two years and will be reviewed in January 1998.

 For further information contact: Christina Campbell at Brunel

University (0181 891 8278, Monday to Thursday), Michelle Cornwall (0181 891 0121 est 2045, Fridays), or E mail christina.campbell@bruneLac.uk. For more information about

teaching in general, contact the TTA on 01245 454 454.



Ex-PO Harry Chapman, outdoor management trainer in the Brecon Beacons – just one of his three businesses. WHEN PO Harry Chapman left the Royal Navy last year, he completed a two-week business course at The Royal British Legion Training College at Tidworth. Now he and his wife are running no fewer than three successful businesses in one of the most beautiful and rugged parts of Britain. "The course and the help The college, one of the

The college, one of the newest purpose-built training establishments in the country, is also gaining an outstanding reputation for its full range of information technology courses taught in an environment bristling with the latest computers and software.

#### Experts

The tutorial staff, all experts in their field, deal with the full range of abilities from computing for the terrified, to showing students how to build their own.

There is also an excellent range of other courses on offer, including management, finance and accounts, health and safety, and business start-up.

"Service personnel are always welcome to visit us here," said Services Liaison Officer at Tidworth, Mike Parkes.

"Far too many people make the mistake of simply choosing a resettlement course from a book. Whenever possible, I really would advise that potential students visit training providers, look at both the classroom environment and the overnight accommodation, and talk to the tutors and students."

 For more information about the college, call Mike or trene McCall on Tidworth Military 2331 or 01980 844220.

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### SEPTEMBER

473 and 400 Squads RM. "Gregory's Greyhounds' from three squads are to meet their instructor at the results engineed by Teny Easingwood at Deat in September. Details from Fred Waters, 29 Starley Gdru, Herne Bay CTI SSO, or Alan Todd, Fourster, 4 Hind St. Othery-St-Mary EX11 18W. MMS Winstruk 1923 1453-46 As second.

4 Hind St. Otkery-St-Mary EX11 1896. HMS Whistweil U23 1963-66 An ansoci-ation is being formed. Two officers and 23 ratings now in loach and a reunion is planned for September 6.9 at Warner Holdby Vitage. Sinan Warnen. The styp, which served with Cage Watkers 2nd escott Particle and Java, is still in service with the Egoption nery Write Io G.A. Fancett, 30 Parkhold Cree, Fettram, Middlecer TW13 7LA.

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Another great get together arranged for September in Burmysham. Interested me meeting old mesostrates? Join the Diana Association new Contact M. Lyters 0151 284 0313. MMS Diana D126 (all commissio

HMS Concord Association will stage its second reumon at Whitey September 6-6. Details hom Peter Lee-Main. MI 0181 and 1222, fas 0181 806 4270.

3222: fas 0181 698 4270. Iste of Sheppey Patrol Minesweepers The town of Coventberough is unveiling a phogue on Gundary September 8 to com-mensorate the Patrol Minesweeping Base which operated there during WWI. At ex-Nevy personnel and standards welcome to pin the paradit which musters at 1330. Phase contract M John Durin of the RMPSA at 51 St Pater's Moune. Queens Ros, Longon SE17 2PUT 10 101502 566230 (muste-un) or 01502 564344 (homes if you wish to take part.

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HMS Columbine (KS4) Old Hands Association will hold its next reunion on September 14 at North Euston Hotel, Fleetwood. For details rive Jim Heys on 01706 825230. Majestic, Caladonia 1937-39 Boys

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HMS King George V Association The reunion will be held in Warwickshire from sen reurison wit be held in Warwickshire from October 1 to 4. Crew members interested in owing the association should contact M fast Kert, Greenbarks, 28 Hilliede Walk, Brientwood, Easex CM14 4PB Tel 01277 214810.

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S03617. HM Submarines Ex and ourrent sub-mariners living in and around Shropshive are arbised that a branch of the Submarine Old Contrades Association meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Oddhellows Arms, High SL, Neilington, Tietord, Why not drop, in? Or contact Les Thorpe, 22 Herywood-Lonidale Court, Glabe SL, Weilington, Teltord, Shropshire TF1 1SL, Tel 01952 248520.

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HMS Walkece: West Lothian Brand HMS Wallace: Weit Lotten transn or the FMA is gathering information about this sing, which was adopted by the former opur-ty of Linithgowshire during a Savings Weak campaign in May 1942, and about her wat service and blips company. Please contact SM Centra Clarke. A Olate Are. Uphal. West Lethian, Scoland EH52 D6X

HMS Raven Capt B. Harris and the let tens VR appear with a picture of a fully regided balling ship on the host of a sea cheet bought in an artiques shop. Ex-Chetham tak-ing Mr F.J. Coltern, whose hierd bought the threat, is putzled by the ship fiying the Red Ensign. Explanations pleate to 3 Comforme Red, Jayweck Sanda, Clactor on Siaa, Ecoas Cotro Setz, Sanda, Clactor on Siaa, Ecoas CO15 2912. Ter 01255 435696.

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HMS Ludiow (ee USS Stockton): Mr J Wisch would five to know more about this Land Lease destroyer which ander fer days on an RAF filing range teo misst from North Deneids Words the end of the Section World War Local intermation has table failed to survive the initial rocket tred at her and sank. Mr Wilson of 9 Clifford Rd, North Benesik, East Luthian EH33 4PW, hopes to war hors men who served in her about her IN caneer. Records will be lodged in the ocal library Ha also wohes to pass on his test wohes to his ald mates of 211 class HMS Score 19467 and Signatimen's Mess 16, HMS Superb 1947/8

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HMS Bee; Shipmate R. Row, chairman of Christothurch branch of the Royal Neval Association, has been given what is believed to be the Battle Ensign of the Flower to be the Battle Ensign of the Flokes destroy-er launched in 1907 Any former members of her ship's company who would be the emage should telephone MFRowe on 01202 462507

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Hereap HMS Tenby - WW2 minoparepar and A/5 frigate 1555-73 Old shipmakes - in par-ticular Johney Johnson, a stokar in 1945 -sought for the HMS Tenby Association and to afferd a reution in May 1997. Contact Phil Rowe on 0161 747 7325.

Rowe on G161 747 7325. Lt Anthony Persons RNVR The Group Asde Othore in HMS Lak for four Russian Gonvoys (October 44 - February 45) is sought by shipmates. Nothing known at his warms address of Recent. Hitsde Rd. Hastings. Anyone with knowledge of him is asked to contact WA. Claosheoth, 14 St Benabas Rd. Enter Group. Reset wer to contact W.A. Geodworth, 14 St enables Rd, Emmer Green, Reading, its Rd& BRLA tel 01734 471075. Other protes from the Lark and from HMS todescher are also asked to make can-t.

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### Women, khaki and austerity - final part of Cdr David Hobbs' history of uniform

# Dressing gown style in thick,

scratchy serge...

WOMEN have served with the Royal Navy as nurses since 1884 (although the title Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service was not adopted until later), as members of the WRNS since 1917 and as integrated members of the Royal Navy in their own right since 1993.

Nurses have always worn ward dresses that closely followed established military nursing designs. The junior ratings have traditionally worn a sky blue dress with white apron, cuffs and a folded head square that has varied in detail in line with civilian fashions ashore.

Sisters wear navy blue and have a short cape, known as a tippet, in common with their equivalents in the Army and RAF Nursing Services. Distinctive budges and the width of the red piping denote rank.

Officers wear a square of cotton, marked in one corner with the naval crown, starched and folded so as to form a 'high chignon' on the head when in ward dress and the standard tricorne when in formal uniform.

Uniform rigs, distinct from those worn in the ward, have generally followed those worn by the WRNS since 1940, In 1982 QARNNS ratings adopted red cotton versions of the standard RN ratings' badges and in 1995 officers dopted gold lace to denote rank in place of the anique badges worn previously. At the same time, ratings adopt-

At the same time, ratings adopted standard rate budges rather than a distinctive version of them. An advert appeared in The Times on 29 November 1917 calling for volunteers to join the new Women's Royal Nieval Service. It stated that "the members of the Service will wear a distinctive uniform" but in fact no such uniform appeared until early in 1918 and the early volunteers had to wear plain clothes.

#### Conservative

When it did appear, the uniform was conservative, even for the time, and comprised ankle length 'dressing gown' style garments in thick, scratchy naval serge buttoned up the front and with miniature sailors' collars fitted to uncomfortably high necks.

Podding basin' hats and black boots completed the ratings' out-

fits. Officers wore a 1918 version of the uniform that remains in use today, including a rather large tricome hat. Since the WRNS was seen as a temporary auxiliary organisation, blue cotton rank lace and badges were issued rather than gold to save cost.

The WRNS was disbanded in 1919 - although many girls found their way into the WAAF which untired for much longer

survived for much longer. When reformed in 1939, WRNS ratings adopted a female version of the fore and aft' rig worn by men not dressed as seamen. This had an A-line skirt and a jacket that was fashionably short by 1939 standards.

At first the 'pudding basin' hat was resurrected, but this gave way to a version of the mon's cap in 1942 which was worn complete with cap tally.

After women were allowed to serve in ships in 1990, a number of changes had to be undertaken quickly since WRNS had nothing in their outfits and kit scales suit-

able for wear at sea. At first they were issued with male coveralls, AWD and blue trousers to replace the skirt in the fore and aft rig. At best this was an interim solution since the short jacket did not lend itself to wear with trousers. Officers were unable to wear their mess undress in ships.

Effort was put into evaluating new rigs that were 'smart, feminine and different' but these proved impractical and unpopular at sea besides failing to present a 'corporate' naval image for ships' companics.

#### Corporate image

The solution has proved to be the adoption of tailored versions of the traditional male uniforms. These can be worn at sea, are very smart and present the required corporate image.

Ratings destined to wear the trial square rig in HMS Westminster applauded when they first saw it and the new mess undress is very popular with officers.

**Boom years** 



Conservative, even for the time: a World War I WRNS officer (note the large tricorne hat) in the 1918 version of a uniform that remains in use today, giving gas mask training to military recruits. By this time all naval units serving ashore wore khaki with naval badges.

### Khaki came early for the bluejacket companies

THE ROYAL NAVY has used khaki for as long as the Army for similar reasons. Military training formed a substantial part of the repertoire of the Victorian Navy and "bluejacket" companies as well as Royal Marines were landed to fight in a number of colonial campaigns around the world.

nial campaigns around the world. The landing of heavy gans from the cruiser HMS Powerful as part of the force that fought at Ladysmith was but one example. As the Army changed from scarlet tunics to khaki combat clothing in this period, so did the Navy in major campaigns.

Stock was drawn from the Army, although sailors continued to use the Navy's own leather webbing until it was replaced by canvas Army style webbing in World War L

The Great War caused a surge in the number of naval units operating ashore and all wore khaki uniform with naval badges. Major examples were the Royal Naval Division which fought at Gallipoli and on the Western Front and the Royal Naval Air Service which operated in every theatre ashore as well as at sea with the Grand Fleet.

theatre ashore as well as at sea with the Grand Fleet. Royal Marines units, which had worn blue uniforms throughout the 19th century, changed to khaki for everyday wear at this time. In October 1916 khaki uniform was ordered for all RN officers serving ashore outside the UK.

Khaki in the RN considerably pre-dates any atempt by the USN to wear a similar colour. It was adopted by the British Pacific Fleet in late 1944 because, with periods of up to 40 days at sea being planned, garments

### SAVING ON BUTTONS?

BOTH world wars led to the use of austere uniforms and a reduction in the peacetime outfits and scales. In World War II hostilities only ratings were issued with

In worid war II nostilities only ratings were issued with less kit than their regular colleagues but were expected to do the same jobs. By 1944 it was considered too expensive to issue all officers with two reefer jackets and so "battledress" was introduced as a working rig. A similar version, with hidden buttons, was introduced for aircrew.

After World War I the pre-war uniforms were brought back fairly quickly (to the delight of many naval tailors but not so many young officers) but after World War II austerity lasted much longer.

The old ceremonial uniforms were deleted and battledress remained in everyday use until after the Coronation in 1953. It survived even longer at Dartmouth, where itwas used as working rig for officers under training until 1991.

Et Cdr – later Rear Admiral – Kenneth Farnhill models the ratings' battledress rig proposed in 1944. could not be 'put by' for washing in a base port without becoming a health hazard.

Ships laundries could not cope with traditional white uniforms, especially with the large numbers of extra 'war complement' men in every ship, Khaki bush jackets and trousers were thus a pragnatic alternative, but the widespread use of khaki declined in the late 1940s with the return to peacetime conditions, although its derivatives continue to be worn by specialist units.



### for the rag trade

CLOTHING up to 1914 was largely made by naval outfitters for officers who paid for it out of their own pockets.

Ratings met their kit scale requirements with garments they made themselves, althouh their initial issues were made with factory clothes. War on a global scale led

War on a global scale led to massive orders being placed for uniforms and the production line techniques pioneered by Henry Ford in the motor industry being adopted.

Thus it became necessary to standardise and simplify designs in order to eradicate the need for hand finishing.

### Logical

Before 1914 there were no "stock clothes" and the Royal Navy reflected the standards of the time. After 1918 the enormous surplus capacity generated in the clothing industry led to factory made clothes being sold in shops such as the Fifty Shilling Tailors.

The issue of contract made uniforms to officers and ratings today is a logical development of these continuing changes in the clothing industry.



### Bobbers go flat-out in Holland

THE RN/RM Four Man Bobsleigh team have won the the first event of the 1996/97 World Championship season in the unlikely venue of Groningen in Holland, land of no hills.

The event took place on the world's largest mobile push-start track using wheeled bobsleighs and the RN/RM four man team were victorious in their first outing.

Encouraged by success in the two man event with Mne Lee Johnston and Lt Paul Attwood just a hundredth of a second behind the Romanian champions, seventh place for POPT Mark Harold and Cpl Craig Elliott, and eighth for LMAs Scott Harding and Matt Southey, the bobbers decided to put together a team for the Four Man event.

An explosive exhibition of power and strength gave the team the fastest time in the training lauf and in the first run to count the team rocketed off the blocks to establish a lead of 5/100ths of a second, a massive margin for this level of competition. In the second run the Romanians tried too hard and were forced to retire through injury, allowing the Dutch and Germans to narrow the RN/RM lead to 3/100th of a second.

With everything depending on the third run, the very junior GB team held their nerve in front of a roaring crowd of 2,000 and their final great push opened their lead to 5/100ths of a second, securing victory and an invitation to defend their title next year.

#### Vacancies

The RN/RM are traditionally the underdogs of Service bobsleighing but with the selection of Johnston and Attwood to the GB Europa 96/97 squad hopes are high of turning the team's fortunes around.

Anyone interested in Bobsleighing, male or female, should contact Lt Sean O'Callaghan on 01705 768052 who says the main requirements are fitness, speed and a lot of bottle!



Lt Paul Attwood and Mne Lee Johnston who finished just 100th of a second behind the Romanian champions in the Two Man event.

### Canoeists are left to own Devizes

THE RN Canoe Polo Team dominated the Interservices Championships at Devizes.

The RN A team demonstrated some awcsome firepower, sweeping aside the Army B team and overpowering the under strength Croil Service A team 9-0.

Civil Service A team 940. Meanwhile the RAF A team breezed past the Army 4-1 to set the scene for an RN(RAF final with the RN gunning for a hat trick of wins.

### Superior

The RN played a vasily superior game with exciting attacks and solid defence and were 4-0 up at half time. Despite pulling two back there were three more goals from the RN and a final score of 7-2.

The Navy took home the Men's and the Open trophies as well as the Interservices Trophy, for the third year running.

The RN Ladies team had not played together before the competition but battled well to reach the final against the Army, but were forced to settle for second place after a 1-0 defeat.

### Stroke of bad luck at Henley

THE NAVY had its first entry in the Henley Regatta for 42 years, but injury and the unavailability of a key oarsman denied them success.

Recent form automatically qualified them for their first entry at Henley since 1954, but a serious knee injury suffered by Cdr Andy Mathews forced a substitution and reorganisation of the boat late on.

Despite hard work and terrific support, the VIII lost by one length to Bewl Bridge RC over the 1-mile 550 yard course.



WITH ONLY one win in the Inter Regimental Polo Championship's 110-year history, the Royal Navy pulled off a spectacular coup with their victory in this year's event at Smith's Lawn, Windsor.

Playing against a strong team from the Royal Wessex Yeomanry and watched by HM the Queen, the RN were level at 3-3 at the end of the match when the goals were widened for a sudden death result in extra time.

The Navy kept cool heads, as they had throughout the previous rounds of the Inter Regimental, and the winning goal was put away by Lt Adrian Aplin (ASec/ACNS) making the final scote 4-3.

After the first chukka the score was still 0-0 despite some frantic stickwork and fast runs down the 300-yard ground.

The Army gained an early lead in the second but an under-the-legs shot from L1 Ian Annett (FOSF) equalised the score in the dying moments of the same chukka.



Yeomanry Captain Tim Verdon fought on aggressively in the third and broke away from the Navy on a fast pony to score from a lofted shot 40 yards out from goal, only to be countered by an incredible under-the-neck shot by Cdr Richard Mason (DN Plans) under pressure from the Army defence.

All was left to play for in the final chukka and when Capt Nick Hunter scored for the Army it seemed all over for the RN until an infringement in front of goal gave Cdr Mason the opportunity to score from a 30-yard penalty a minute from the final bell.

### Worrying scrabble

After a worrying scrabble around the Navy goal at the start of extra time, the ball was cleared to the boards by Capt Peter Cameron RM (IDSC) and was taken up the field by Lt Ian Annett, only to be ridden off hard by the Army. But Lt Adrian Aplin, following closely through, managed a nearside shot under considerable pressure to clinch the match for the Royal Navy team, who were presented with the Cup by The Queen.

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### Air shots are the most accurate

A TYPICALLY gutsy performance from HMS Sultan's Art App Terry Taylor saw him retain his individual title at the recent Navy Championships, while Naval Air Command won the Inter command event for the second year running, writes Cdr Gary Skinns.

Letham Grange at Arbroath was always going to a testing course for the Navy's top golfers, but few would have guessed quite how tough it turned out to be.

The course was in superb condition and with some memorable holes it is easy to see why it is known as the Augusta of Scotland. But the rough is of US proportions and this, combined with very difficult pin positions for the first two rounds, led to the unique occurrence of no-one being able to break 80 on the first day.

The half-way mark saw a three-way tie for the lead with current Navy player POPT Stretton (RNAS Yeavilton) recently returned from a stint in the Falklands, being matched stroke-for-stroke by AB Kenny Smith (HMS Caledonia) and BC/Sgt David Sharp (CTCRM). One of the pre-championship favourites, CPO Eddie Comerford (HMS Caledonia) lurked just one shot behind. Meanwhile, the eventual winner Taylor had by his standards a mediocre day with two rounds of 84 to be 7 shots adrift.

#### Surprise of the day

The stiff breeze in evidence on the first day remained for the final two rounds, but the pin positions were far more friendly and some very creditable scores were achieved on the last day.

Lt Kevin Seymour (RNAS Yeavilton) is obviously a name for the future. He produced the surprise of the day with an excellent morning round of 77 (4 over par) and led the field at lunchtime by one shot from Connerford and Stretton. Taylor, meanwhile, had begun to regain his form and with neither Comerford or Stretton able to produce the extra-special round required, the stage was set for Taylor to come striding through the field just as he had done at the China Fleet Club last year.

But Taylor played at the top of his form in recording a final round of 76 and took the title by three shots. Considering his lack of preparation, Stretton should have been pleased to have been runner-up, but there was an element of disappointment in local man Comerford (3rd) who probably had his best opportunity to become Navy Champion. The low round of the championship was

The low round of the championship was recorded in the final round by Cpl Joe Sharp (CTCRM) who in doing so overhauled his brother David, one of the halfway leaders. As predicted, Naval Air Command pos-

sessed too much strength in depth in the team event and duly retained their title. However, they were pushed all the way by Portsmouth, and when analysed, the overall margin of 11 shots amounts to less than one stroke per round.

Two weeks later a Navy side took on a strong Dorset where a deficit of just one point after the foursomes kept aspirations alive. Resounding wins were recorded by Lt Cdr Ian Yuill (DCSIS(N) with Lt Cdr Daryli Whitehead (815 Sqn) and Lt Cdr Pat Lynch (FONA) with Sgt Bill Parker (847 Sqn). But home experience showed in the singles and the Navy could only manage two wins from ten matches. Lt Steve Roberts (RNAS Yeovilion) continued in excellent form to beat his young opponent but the performance of the weekend came from Lynch whose opponent was a staggering five under par at the midway point. Lynch had eagled the long third to stand a respectable three down at the turn. He battled bravely, eventually caught up, and snatched the match on the 18th.

 Attention now turns to the Interservices at Little Aston Golf Club in September.



### Swim win

HMS RALEIGH won the men's and ladies team titles at Plymouth Command's swimming championships.

The men's event was very close run but Raleigh's ladies maintained a strong lead throughout.

### **Tennis title**

THE MEN'S Intercommand Lawn Tennis Championships held at Burnaby Roud, Portsmouth, were won by Fleet after a closely fought final against Portsmouth/Scotland.

The prizes were presented by Captain Colin Hamilton, the new chairman of the RNLTA.

### Five-a-side

FIVE-A-SIDE football teams are being sought from within the Navy to take part in a nationwide tournament starting in September.

Every participant will receive a year's free subscription to Sky Sports. To enter, call the Carting Cup credit card hotline on 01483 205000.The deadline for applications is August 23.

### Golden days

ROYAL NAVY swimmers won 31 medals at the World Masters Swimming Championships held in Sheffield recently.

Eleven men and four women represented the RN in the competition. Notable successes were Neil Tate, who collected gold medals for the 800m and 200m freestyle event breaking a European record in the process, and Alex Laylee with silver in the 50m backstroke.

### Dark horses

THE PLYMOUTH RN/RM Riding Association held its inaugural combined training and open day in July with units and individuals from all over the South competing to a very high standard.

HMS Drake won the Victor Ludorum Team Trophy, CPO R Sheridan won the Black Horse Trophy, Mrs P Howard collected the Dependant Cup with Miss E Howard and Miss J Buitenga winning the Pony Club senior and junior trophies respectively.

### Dartmouth comes top

BRITANNIA Royal Naval College at Dartmouth has won the first ever Tri-College Games between the colleges of the Army, Navy and RAF.

Young officers competed at tennis, cricket, golf, dinghy sailing, water polo and volleyball with Britannia triumphing over Cranwell and Sandhurst after a husy weekend.

### Marines set sights on Olympics

THE ROYAL Marines are already expected to dominate the British Olympic Biathlon Team which will compete in Japan's winter olympics in 1998.

Marines Cerl Thomas and Craig Haslam have been joined by Lt Tim David who has been appointed team manager. And with two further marines in the national development squad the corps has never been so well represented.

The team is now training in Norway for the new season which gets underway in Lillehammer in November.







### Iron Duke crowns successful season with midi ships victory

THE FINAL of the Midi Ships Soccer Cup was a keenly contested battle between the frigates HMS fron Duke and HMS Mariborough at Eastney, Portsmouth.

A large crowd turned out to watch the match, the first final to be played between two Type 23s, with both from the Fourth Frigate Squadron.

A penalty awarded to HMS Iron Duke was struck home by CPOWEM(O) Ray Galeozzie to put the ship ahead.

A 20-yard screamer followed from LMEM(O) Les Gregory to put Iron Duke two nil up and the team heid Mariborough at bay until the final whistle.



### Captain F4, Capt John Rodley, presented the Midi Ships Cup to HMS Iron Duke, the first lean manned ship to lift the trophy. For Iron Duke the result was the icing on the

cake after a very successful season. Making the most of an extended DED and retrofit, the team entered the Devon Wednesday

They competed against various shore estab-lishments and civilian sides from the Plymouth area and were the runners up at their first atter

LWEM Gregory was named as the league's top goal scorer and LPTI Valentine Brannigan was voted Sportsman of the Year.



Iron Duke's CPO Ray Galeozzie (right) who's penalty helped to put the Midi Ships Cup beyond Mariborough's reach.

# **Robison strikes** gold in final run

THE INTERSERVICES Athletics Championships produced intense competition and some exceptional

performances for the RN. Lt Cdr Chris Robison (left) won a tremendous battle with his fellow inter-national Cpl Mark Flint (RAF) for gold in the 5000m in his last race before leaving the Service.

Fine hammer throwing from C/Sgt Andy Mitchell (RM) earned him a silver medal and LPT Brum Edwards scooped the bronze medal in the 400m hurdles as well as running an excellent first leg in the 400m relay

Bronze medals also went to Wren Page for the shot and to CPO Rupert Williams for the 100m.

The event, which was hosted by the Navy at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, ended with a marvellous run by the RN relay teams, with the 4x100m team almost snatching victory with a near record time and the 4x400m shaking both the Army and RAF before fading in the home straight.

The Army won the men's title but the women champions were the RAF.

 The Royal Navy Athletics Championships also took place at Burnaby Road and saw C/Sgt Andy Mitchell (RM) collect three golds for discus, hammer and shot.

### Doubles

CK John Potts (Portsmouth) did the middle distance double by winning both the 800m and the 1500m. CPO Williams (Scotland) carried off the sprint double, romping the 100m and the 200m while Lt Terry Price (Portsmouth) pulled off another double with the fastest times in the 110m and 400m hurdles. Lt Attwood (RM) won both the long jump and the triple jump.

The men's title was won by the Marines with Portsmouth as runners-up.

In the women's competition, Muns Munsey (Portsmouth) won the sprint double of 100m and 200m while S/Lts Olivant (Devonport) and Caldicotte-Barr (Portsmouth) shared gold and silver medals between them for the 1500m and 3000m. Wren Harmsworth won the triple and long jumps and LWren Keeping (Portsmouth) won the 100m hurdles and the high jump

The women's championship was won by Portsmouth.

### Ray makes light work of tough triathlon

NAVY triathlete Cpl Chris Ray put his status as the Service's most senior competitor beyond doubt at the **RN** championships hosted by CTCRM.

Cpl Ray finished the 600m swim, 17-mile cycle and 3.5 mile run in just 1 hour 15, three minutes ahead of his nearest rival.

Although the field was somewhat depleted by Service commitments, some highly qualified civilians took part in the fifth annual event.

Cpi Ray was second out of the pool and soon began to draw away from the 12 ath-letes in the elite wave, and recorded the lastest cycle, closely followed by Lt Cdr Peter Walker (RM Poole) and Lt Craig Evans (2SL).

#### Hectic

In the final section, the run was fought at a hectic pace with Lt Evans pipping civilian Andy Mole by one second.

The Ladies event was equally competitive, with Interservices champion LWRN Lesley Allen (Sultan) being beaten by a fast improving LWRN Vicki Norton (Osprey).

Norton exited the pool 35 seconds up on Allen who then posted the ladies fastest cycle split.

With Allen out of the transi-tion area just ahead of Norton a battle was about to coma battle was about to com-mence. Norton has performed well all season and had the edge on Allen, recently side-lined through injury, and this showed as Norton took 30 seconds off the runner-up to take the title with 1 hour 23.

Lt Roger Saynor won the Veterans event with 1 hour 21 and was fifth overall.

The star of the day was Novice Champion POSA Gary Drew who finished sixth in his Drew who finished sixth in his first year in the sport with an astonishing 1 hour 22. The up and coming HMS Raleigh team (Lt Saynor, POSA Drew and LPT Childs) took the team title away from the Royal Marines who have held it for the last live years. The ladies team five years . The ladies team title was won by the girls from HMS Osprey.



#### **RN V Sussex at Portsmouth**

SUSSEX, on their first visit to Portsmouth in ten years, found the Navy batsmen in good form.

Lt Cdr Andy Eastaugh made 34 before he was LBW to Horam. Falconer made 76 and Procter 58 with ten fours as the Navy reached 208-6 declared.

The County side began posi-tively and reached 84 for two before Morris and Procter, with spin and speed, took wickets steadily and Sussex slumped to 142-6. Only R Rao with 97 prevented a Navy victory although he was fortunate to escape dismissal after handling the ball, before he was run out with a direct throw from skipper Barsby.

Morris achieved a five-wicket haul when he dismissed Bates with Sussex 25 runs short of the Navy target and the match was drawn.

The Navy could not capture the final wicket and Sussex reached 186 for 9 when time was called. This performance maintained the improvement shown at Oxford and demonstrated what can be achieved by a whole-team effort. RN 208-6 declared. Sussex 186 for 9. Match drawn.

#### **RN V Essex at Maldon**

THE NAVY travelled to Maldon to meet a young Essex XI who played some excellent cricket, making 153-3 at lunch, with Napier on 79. After lunch wickets fell steadily as the home side pressed for a declaration which came with the score at 224-9.

Barsby with 5-63 returned his best figures of the season and was supported by some fine tight bowling by Lt Chris Slocombe (RNC Greenwich) with 2-45 in 20 economical overs.

An opening partnership of 83 was broken when Eastaugh was caught for 43. Harrison made 38. Falconer 26 and Procter 34 before the middle order slumped to leave the Navy score at 172-8.

But skipper Paul Barsby joined Mike Benikos, the Maldon pro from Waverley, Sydney, to see the Navy home to a thrilling victory with an unbroken stand of 53 with two wickets and 11 balls to spare. Essex XI 224-9 Dec RN 225-8 RN won by 2 wkts.

#### **RN V Civil Service**

WHEN the Navy batted after win-ning the toss, Lt Tony Bosustow making his first representative appearance for more than five

### Cricket round-up

years, scored a confident 31 before being caught with the score at 74 POWEA Dean Kitching made

32 in his first appearance of the season but after he was out, some poor shots saw the Navy all out for 145

Despite the early loss of Burn for four, the Civil Service batsmen made short work of the Navy bowling; K Hewson 59 not out and C Sharp 64 not out saw the CS side reach 147-1 giving them a convincing nine wickets win in the 32nd over

It was a very disappointing performance in which the batsmen failed to make a large enough score to enable the bowlers restrict the strong civil service batting

### RN 145 Civil Service 147-1 Civil Service won by 9 wkts. **RN V British Police at Portsmouth**

ON A HOT dry morning the police won the toss and scored rapidly to reach 143-2 at lunch from 36 overs. The middle order of Malcolm Roberts (66), David Fraser-Darling (63) and Graham Shaw (63) ensured a big total and

the police reached 276-8 at the end of their allotted overs. POMEA David Garbutt (HMS Illustrious) in his first match of the

season took four for 52 in 11 overs. In the face of some tight bowl-ing the Navy made steady progress with Eastaugh making 44 before he was third out with the score at 100 in the 26th over. Useful contributions came from the middle order but the run rate increased as the Navy reached 236-9 leaving the Police winners by 40 runs.

TONY BOSUSTOW played another good innings making 35 out of 70-3 before the middle order rallied with POWTR Gary Braithwaite (HMS Manchester) making 35, AEM John Mann 26 and CPO Stuart Adams 38 as the

103-1 in 32 overs before the required over rate increased as Navy bowlers imposed pressure. John Mann, with his season's best figures of 3-30, took the Navy to

the verge of victory before POWTR Kevin Norwood had O'Hara caught for 53 and the banks were all out for 205, giving the Navy victory by 15 runs. RN 220-9 ULB 205

### RN V Middlesex XI at Portsmouth

Middlesex were put in first by skipper Paul Barsby in the hope of some finding some early life in the wicket, but Pierce and Lane opened with a partnership of 132 before Pierce was out for 78

The county side maintained a run rate of nearly five runs per over as they reached 270-7 in 55 Andy Proter bowled well to

early wickets, a partnership of 75 between Tim Burt and Darren Harrison took the score to 112

Harrison batted for over two hours for his 53 and although after 40 overs the Navy were only five runs behind the Middlesex score at this stage, they could not provide the momentum to to challenge the county side and were all out for 232 and Middlesex won by 38 runs.

**RN V Hampshire XI at Portsmouth** AFTER being put in and reaching 16-2, Hampshire took the initiative from the Navy bowlers. Liam Botham, who made 106, was well supported by Kendall (72) as Hampshire totalled 323-8 in 55 overs. Hurry bowled well for the Navy taking 2-36 from 11 overs.

A disastrous start saw the RN lose 7 for 43 before a partnership of 127 between Slocombe and Miles took the score to 172-8. Slocombe was 44 not out when the innings closed at 192 with Andy Eastaugh unable to bat through injury. Hants XI 323-6 RN 192 Hants won

### by 131 runs

terservices Under 25s at Aldershot The RN Under 25s reached winning positions against both the Army and RAF before rain stopped play in both matches.

The RAF were 191-9 and the RN were 63-1 when the clouds opened. On day two the Army were 79-7 before rain with a Army were 7 before rain reduced the match to 35 overs. The Navy, at 57-5 and 13 overs remaining, were only prevented from winning outright by more rain. The RAF beat the Army on day three to win the tournament, a very disappointing end to the season for the U25s.

# British Police 276-8 RN 236-9 British Police won by 40 runs.

**RN V United London Banks** 

Navy reached 220-9.

The banks began well, reaching

### take 4-37 in 11 overs.

In reply, after the loss of two before Burt was out for 49.

Middlesex XI 270-7 RN 232.

### Duke of York to leave Service

THE DUKE of York has decided to leave the Navy after his next appointment in Ministry of Defence headquarters.

Prince Andrew, a lieutenantcommander and at present senior pilot of 815 Naval Air Squadron based at Portland, will be appointed to the staff of the Directorate of Naval Operations in London in January.

Within DNO his reponsibilities will include the operational effec-tiveness of ship's helicopters.

#### Falklands War

Prince Andrew (36) joined the Navy in 1979, and as a sub-lieu-tenant in HMS Invincible saw ser-vice as a Sea King helicopter pilot during the Falklands War.

He was promoted lieutenant in 1984 and subsequently saw service in HM ships Brazen, Edinburgh and Campbeltown. In 1993-94 he was Commanding Officer of the minchunter HMS Cottesmore.

The Duke of Edinburgh visit-ed HMS Osprey on June 28 to meet the staff of 815 Squadron.

### **Olwen's cruise** ship rescue

TANKER RFA Olwen rescued a Russian cruise ship listing heavily in the North Sea four hours steaming from Aberdeen.

The Alla Tarasove, with The Alla Tarasove, with 70 passengers and 68 crew, sent a Mayday call after its engine room took in water. The Olwen used her flight deck to refuel a search and rescue Sea King helicopter. Later, engineers from the Later, engineers from the tanker went on board the

Russian ship to pump her out and restore power.

### Company to deal with injury claims

NEW CLAIMS for personal injury by serving or ex-serving per-sonnel will now be dealt with by a private company.

Royal Group Services, a subsidiary of Royal Insurance plc, will receive all claims other than those relating to Gulf War syndrome or medical negligence, which will still be dealt with by the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry says the change will not affect individuals' rights.

Claims to RGS should be submitted to the company at Roseberry House, 41 Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 6RA.

First helicopter squadron marks 60th birthday NAVY'S first helicopter squadron has celebrated its diamond jubilee in high style with a flying display involving nine differ-ent types of aircraft.

The display at RN air station Culdrose was part of a two-day celebration of the 60th anniversary of 705 Squadron. It was attended by Flag Officer Naval Aviation, Rear Admiral Terry Loughran,

and aircraft taking part included a Hawk trainer, a Swordfish of the RN Historic Flight, a Hiller, Sea Kings, a Grob, Lynx, Gazelles of 705 Squadron and a Sea Harrier.

Twenty former Commanding Officers – from as far back as 1949 – joined the present CO, Lt Cdr Mike Osman, at a dinner on the eve of the official ceremo-

An anniversary cake was cut by the

Service's first helicopter pilot, Lt Neil Fuller RN (retd). Founded in 1936, 705 Squadron was

first equipped with Swordfish and embarked in the battlecruisers Repulse and Renown. By the end of the war it was based at RN air station Ronaldsway and then reformed at RNAS Gosport in 1947 to receive the new Sikorsky Hoverfly helicopters. There the squadron was tasked with

overhead..

training pilots, crewmen and maintainers, and the development and evalua-tion of new techniques and equipment. It was re-equipped with Dragonfly heli-copters in 1950, and later received Whirtwind and Hiller aircraft.

The squadron transferred to its pre-sent base at Culdrose in 1959. It was re-equipped with Gazelles in the mid-Seventies, and since 1953 has taught over 1,600 student pilots.

Sea Lord's tribute to Gib base 'STRONG SENSE OF LOSS' OVER **ROOKE CLOSURE** 

CLOSURE of the Royal Navy's establishment at Gibraltar on July 10 has brought "a particularly strong sense of loss" to the Service, said the First Sea Lord.

In a signal paying tribute to all those who have served in HMS Rooke since it was established ashore in 1946, Admiral Sir Jock Slater said the Navy's association with Gibraltar has endured for three centuries. There had been an officer in charge of Naval establishments on The Rock since 1842, when the depot ships Grappler, Goshawk and Cormorant provided accom-

An artist's impression of one of the two new assault ships on order.

### • From front page named Bulwark and Albion - will

be built at VSEL's yard at Barrowin-Furness. They will displace 13,000 tonnes, have a speed of 18 knots, and will be able to carry up to 650 men and supporting vehicles. As with Fearless and Intrepid, the ships will be LPDs (Landing Platform Docks), the stern dock area being flooded for the launch of their four tank and four personnel carrying landing craft. Two Merlin or two Sea King

helicopters may be operated from the flight deck above the dock. In his announcement, Mr Portillo reiterated Government support for the Joint Rapid Deployment Force, which became operational on August L.

Slater, (Admiral Rooke captured

Gibraltar in 1704). "Thank you all, Service and civilian personnel alike, for your under-standing and constructive preparation for the changes which 1996

"As the White Ensign is lowered for the last time over HMS Rooke, I pay tribute to all those who have served there over the years and send my best wishes to those who continue to serve in Gibraltar and those who now go their separate ways.

### **Tri-Service**

In April last year, Rooke became home for the tri-Service officers' mess in Gibraltar, and the establishment celebrated its 50th anniversary on June 29 with a summer fair.

decommissioning The was accompanied by the change of command from Cdr Keith Redford to Capt Richard Lord RN. The WOs and senior rates' mess, and the unit personnel office have also become tri-Service, and there is no more RN catering and stores accounting on The Rock.

Most other functions will continue on a reduced scale at the new Devils Tower Camp. Until the camp is completed in November, some administrative tasks will still

be carried out from Rooke.

Before leaving Her Majesty was presented with red roses by Francesca Harland, and with bouquets by Fiona Haley and Laurie Mountford. Picture: LA(PHOT) Steve Wood

# 200 jobs to go at Portsmouth base

**Royal smile for** 

Lancaster lass

BROAD SMILES all round as the Queen meets LCH William Pascoe, his wife Heather, and their two-year-old daughter Aimee in the galley of HMS Lancaster. The encounter came during Her Majesty's third visit to the Type 23 frigate she launched in 1990. During her two-deck tour of the vessel, berthed at Portsmouth, she met most of the 186-strong ship's company and their families. The Queen lunched in the hangar with 40 officers and men and their families, and later joined the ship's company as the Lancaster bomber from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flow overhead.

MORE than 200 civilian jobs are to be shed at Portsmouth Naval Base in a bid to make the Fleet Maintenance and Repair Organisation competitive enough to hold on to the work.

The redundancies were announced by Armed Forces Minister Mr Nicholas Soames dur-ing his visit to HMS Collingwood. He said 210 jobs in the FMRO would go by March. A further 100 are being cut through natural wastage - and most of those have already gone. The FMRO's work is soon to

undergo market testing, with other concerns keen to bid for the con-

tract.

Greenwich's world status

HISTORIC buildings Greenwich, which include the Royal Naval College and the National Maritime Museum, are to be nominated as a World Heritage Site. Their status is expected to be confirmed in January 1998, making Greenwich Britain's eleventh such site.



A specially devised Navy News Monthly Quiz is featured in the 1996 Navy News Calendar. Readers of Navy News and users of the 1996 'Power of the Sea' Calendar are invited to take part in the Quiz with the winners receiving prizes donated by Navy News.

Each monthly leaf of the 1996 Calendar poses a question, the answer to which is revealed by possessing a knowledge of naval matters or careful reading of the Navy News 1996 Calendar. Test yourself and pay careful attention to each calendar leaf! The questions will be reprinted in Navy News for the appropriate month (August question shown here).

Each monthly issue of Navy News throughout 1996 will contain an entry form for that month's question,

#### DO NOT SEND YOUR ENTRY IN YET!

When all twelve original entry forms have been completed, contestants should submit them together in one envelope to arrive at the offices of Navy News not later than 31 March 1997. Entries with all twelve correct answers will be entered in a prize

draw conducted at Navy News offices in April 1997, Winners will be announced in the May 1997 issue of Navy News. The first name drawn will receive a prize of £300. There will be a prize of £100 for the second name drawn and eight

further consolation prizes of £25.

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Write your answer here Name the foxy flyer that flew from HMS Eagle in the 1970s. NAME ADDRESS ..... POSTCODE TEL NO. Keep dia al. No correspondence will be entered i Navy News staff are inclusible for shes q

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