

Quarterdeck

FRIENDS OF HMS TRINCOMALEE SUMMER 2014



21st Birthday Issue

Anniversary party

Mess Deck Crossword / Future events

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of our:

Annual General Meeting 2014
Tuesday 23rd September 2014 at 7.30pm
Historic Quay, Hartlepool

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 25th September 2013
3. Chairwoman's report
4. Honorary Treasurer's report and accounts for the 12 month period ending 31st March 2014
5. Election of Trustees and Officers for 2014-2015
6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
7. Any other business (Notified to the Secretary prior to the meeting)

Members interested in joining the Committee are warmly encouraged to make themselves known to the Secretary of the 'Friends'.

All candidates for election need at least one nominee from the present Committee. The closing time for all nominations to be submitted to the secretary is 7.00pm on 23rd September 2014.

Ian Purdy Hon. Secretary

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Editorial

The “Friends of HMS Trincomalee” has now definitely come of age. The inaugural committee meeting for our society was held on 10th June 1993. In October 1993 there were 15 members, by January 2003, 106 members, and now we have well over 200 members.

Time now to blow our own trumpets in this issue of *Quarterdeck*. This was done for us literally by the Palace Green Brass Quintet from Durham University at our 21st birthday party, more details of which appear later.



The first issue of the Friends' magazine, with Nigel Hogg as editor, is dated February 1994. I have reproduced an article from this first edition since there are many members who will not have seen the original, and who knows we may have now some members with answers to the whereabouts past or present of the miscreants.

On behalf of Nigel, Jean Hughes and myself, who have all served time as editor of the magazine, I would like to thank all those who have contributed copy for the *Quarterdeck* over the years. I already have offers of material for the next issue which are being pursued, and offers of further material will be gratefully received.

It was interesting to learn that the original membership fee for the Friends was £15 a year, and now 21 years on it is still possible for those with concessionary membership to pay exactly the same amount. The committee has decided to hold the present membership fees until the Annual General Meeting in September 2015.

With this issue Friends should receive a car/window clear vinyl static sticker with our logo on to help us “fly the flag”.

We now have our eyes firmly fixed on the two hundredth anniversary of the launch of HMS Trincomalee in 2017.

Hugh Turner (*Editor*)

Class of '46 - Where are they now?

During the removal of what was once the forward heads in late 1993, the restoration team uncovered a plank bearing assorted graffiti dating back to 1946 whilst the ship was in Portsmouth.

The names are still quite legible, and the plank has been kept in the hope that some of those who scribbled on it thirty eight years ago might like to see it. No disciplinary action will be taken against the miscreants.

Many of the authors gave the names of their units, and the Editor would very much like to hear from anyone who knows the present whereabouts of any of the following. The more printable comments are also reproduced below

A/B Daniel, Hayes & Harlington Unit

Cadets T & R Porter, Poole Unit

P/O Ford, Nuneaton Unit - "Left this heavenly ship 3/8/46"

R Wills

L S Low, 55 Unit, TS Dolphin, Brighton

P/O Douglas Kemp, Llanelly, August 10 '46

L/S Tony Savory

L/S Hutley & L/S Hawkins, Luton, 20-27 July

O'Donovan, Widnes Unit

Cadet A B McEwan

L/S K W Marsh, Ex SCCC

L/S Stray, July 20-27, A/B Marco, Luton

R Anderson, Lambeth, London

J R Quinn, Ramsay, Isle of Man, Feb 1946

"First & last visit to the bughole"

A/B Leavis, T/S Sherborne, B'ham

J Lambeth, Luton Unit, Beds, "passed away 2nd March 1946 age 15 yrs 9 months"

Cadet L/S James Cruickshank, Prestonpans 403 Unit - "abandon hope all ye who enter in"

T/S Ark Royal

K M Cleland, Ealing Unit, Middx, April 17 1946

L/S Boswell, TS Kent, Chislehurst

N Travis, Newcastle, 7.12.46

Holyhead Unit, TS ...ona, 16-23 Feb 1946

W Cochrane, Ayr, June 16th '46

O/S Leslie Cate..., Scunthorpe 1946

(Reproduced from first issue of the Quarterdeck, February 1994)

21st Anniversary Party

Chairwoman's Welcome Speech

I would like to welcome you, Friends & visitors alike, to this special milestone in our being.

21 years ago on Thursday 10th June the inaugural committee meeting for the Friends of HMS Trincomalee was held at the office of Smith, Hogg & Company, 6 Scarborough Street.

From this small beginning we have gone on to assist the Trust at a maritime auction at the guildhall in Newcastle, been present at the Braunston Narrow Boat Show, held evening soirées, had a narrow boat trip down the Tees, a number of Summer Fayres, mulled wine & carol evenings, a garden barbecue with bar at Worsall Hall, an Annual General Meeting weekend, a wine tasting evening & numerous other events.

There is also our regular season of talks and entertainment between September and May. Each year we provide a new set of message flags for the ship, plus money to go towards other items the Ship Trust require. For example, we have given funds to set up one of the cabins on the ship, we have printed and reprinted deck plans, we have printed tourism leaflets, bought a new red carpet and chairs for weddings, also a wooden model of the ship and a computer for the exhibition room.

We provide room stewards for the Exhibition room. We raise extra income by having a regular raffle, selling some merchandise and with sales of our two e-books.

Our members get three issues of the Quarterdeck magazine a year, with articles relating to the history of the ship and people associated with the ship, for example, very topical at the moment, the Crimean War. We have also held a photograph competition.

The Ship Trust keeps members informed about the ongoing preservation of the ship, plus events and dinners they are putting on through the article '@HMSTrincomalee' provided by the general manager of the Trust, David McKnight. The editor of the Quarterdeck also composes a regular crossword which Friends seem to enjoy solving.

The Ship Trust has always provided the staff who set up the Captain's cabin for our various talks and tolerate us in a friendly way. So many thanks go to them on the Friends' behalf.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the committee for their sterling work & commitment, & to thank all the Friends for their continuing support of HMS Trincomalee.

We have had various musical entertainments over the years. The Sea Cadets Band for more formal events, a section of the Hartlepool Silver Band for carol singing. A keyboard aboard for both carols & a Gilbert & Sullivan evening. Two folk groups have entertained us with sea shanties.

This evening we will be entertained by the Palace Green Brass Quintet from Durham University.

Ruth Turner

“The Early Years” - Speech by Ian Purdy

One of the great things about having a birthday celebration, particularly a 21st, is that some old fogey will always tell you about how you were in the early days of your being.

Tonight, I get to play that role! I want to have a gentle reminisce about two things that happened in the early years.

As most of you know, I am one of two Friends Trustees who have been there since the start, the other being Nigel Hogg. Also on the first committee was Euan Houstoun, the current Trust President, and it is around him that my first reminisce comes to mind. The Trust was in it's infancy, certainly in terms of monies available for the restoration, so fundraising was a priority, and a grand scheme was hatched, to hold a maritime auction. Whose idea it was and who organised it I don't know.

What I do know is this is where I first came across the class of the Trust Trustees, and indeed their clout, and I was thoroughly impressed, if not awed by both the setting and scale of the event!

The event was held on a weekend, in the Guildhall on Newcastle's Quayside, a splendid old building full of history of it's own, and it was packed with maritime items of all kinds and sizes, donated by a variety of people and organisations from far and wide. Colonel Houstoun was posted at Catterick at the time, and it appeared to me, from the sidelines, to have been him that persuaded the well known firm of Tennants of Bedale to conduct the auction. If I'm wrong, then I do the real organiser a mis-service, and I apologise for that. To see the room laid out was impressive stuff to me, never having been part of something on that scale even with all that I did in my years with Round Table.

The Friends were invited to help over the weekend by selling raffle tickets and running crowd control, and Nigel Hogg, myself and one or two others duly did our duty. Now, Nigel has a passion for arms of all kinds, particularly if they fire black powder, and sure enough he produced a pistol of the type you see being used by Jack Sparrow in “Pirates of the Caribbean”, primed it with black powder, wandered outside the Guildhall, and fired into the air, on the stroke of midday. That brought a

crowd running to see what was happening, (including an old girl friend of mine from younger days!) and of course we invited them in to view the lots! That exercise was repeated throughout the day. I have no idea who paid off the police, but Newcastle quayside had not had a couple of days like it for many a year, certainly not in daylight anyway. But great fun it was, and there was a good turnout for the auction by any friend or contact who could be persuaded to come! As an introduction to all things Trincomalee, it was a real eye opener for me, how to do things with real style and ambition. How successful was the auction? ... No idea, but priceless in raising the Ship's profile, certainly.

My second reminisce revolves around two trips made to Braunston Marina. If you have had a look around at tonight's exhibits, you may have seen some photos I took at the time. For those of you who don't know Braunston, it sits in the middle of the country between Northampton and Warwick. More importantly the marina services two busy canals, The Oxford Canal and the Grand Union Canal. It is well worth a visit.

Braunston Marina became the first Friends Corporate member, and the owner Tim Coghlan, was a great Trincomalee supporter. He ran an annual Boat Show at Braunston, and through our Chairman Nigel Hogg, invited the Friends to take a stand at the show, held over the three days of a spring bank holiday. We gave the show something of a different attraction, I think.

The first time we went down, I took my caravan, supported by Nigel and Paul Jackson. Paul was a representative of Teesside Development Corporation on the Friends committee in the early days, and is now mine host at the Vane Arms, Long Newton, just off the A66 if you want to try some fine dining. However, I digress. Sleeping arrangements in the two berth caravan were interesting, and Paul drew the short straw and slept on an air bed in the awning ... Until that is, about 3 in the morning when there was a loud bang and a number of equally loud curses, and Paul slept on the hard ground the rest of the trip.

Our stall was a pasting table draped in the Union flag, surrounded by some Trincomalee story boards borrowed from the Trust, and various trinkets, leaflets, and books to brighten it up, but was open to the weather. Fortunately it stayed fine. Nigel's pistol made another appearance, of course, along with what became the star attraction of the show, a pair of rail guns, borrowed from the Trust. Nigel's firing of his pistol routine created the usual stir when fired to announce our presence. The next year we went down, Paul reneged (I wonder why) and Laurie Merrin joined Nigel and I. This time I suffered the awning but not the troubles Paul had. We were better prepared, stall wise. I had borrowed a covered market stall, to keep the rain out, and in addition to the previous year's table clobber, we replaced the rail guns with a display of naval cutlasses, courtesy of Nigel's collection.

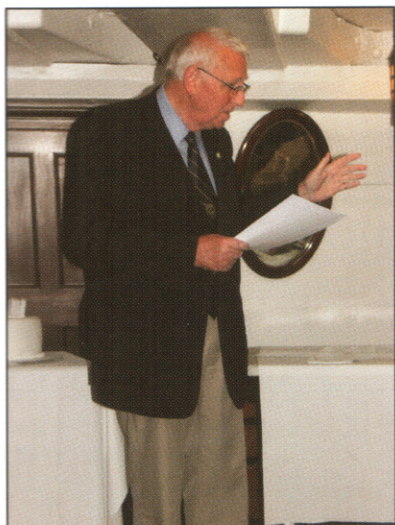
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Chairwoman cutting the cake made by Maria Blades to the accompaniment of “Happy Birthday to You”



Palace Green Brass Quintet, L to R Matthew Ruddock (1st trumpet), Peter Thompson (horn), Dominic Middlemiss (tuba), Lewis Wilkinson (trombone), Billy Bradshaw (2nd trumpet)



Our Secretary Reminisces



Tony Blades (left) & Laurie Merrin



Bellydance Convivial, photographer Christopher Armstrong - Ship Trust event

The crowds at the boat show are numerous, but made up of 2 distinct species - the day tripper, and the narrowboat enthusiast. It was the latter which was of most interest to me, being an avid people watcher. They are a fascinating bunch, often dressed in the traditional clothes of the canal family – such as black serge trousers, dark shirt, waistcoat, bright necktie (usually red spots) or bandanna, and the type of hat worn by engine drivers of the steam age – you know the type I mean - They were equally fascinating to talk to, and many were really keen on buying the rail guns (they were not for sale) because, and I quote “ they will be brilliant on’t Manchester Ring”. Apparently the Manchester ring is plagued with young scallywags who jump off the low bridges onto the narrowboat, again I quote “into the cratch”, steal something, then jump off onto the towpath before legging it. Not good for the boat owner or the cratch, I gathered. I had to ask what a cratch was, and learned it is the small area in the bows of the narrowboat which acts as a small seating area. The scatter gun effect of the rail gun, built to knock men out of pirate ship riggings, would have been the perfect antidote, apparently. Anyway, the rail gun made us famous that first weekend, and the cutlasses drew similar comments and attention, on the second.

So there you have it – some reminiscences of early Friends activity - my musing is over, and I think it is time for more music.

Honorary Membership Presentation Speech

It is with great pleasure that I am now able to act on an unanimous decision of our committee. This is our society's equivalent of awarding a Fellowship of BAFTA for long service. In our case it is our first ever award of an honorary membership of the Friends of HMS Trincomalee.

The award is going to a Friend who has had a long association with the ship, which he still prefers to call the Foudroyant, this having been the name of our ship when he first entered her during the Second World War at Portsmouth in 1942.

17 years ago he joined the committee of the Friends, attending and contributing to many meetings over the years. He has also provided material for the Quarterdeck magazine, spoken to us about his experiences with the ship, and indeed helped to inspire those of a younger generation on the committee with his enthusiasm towards the ship.

Many of you will recognise that this honorary membership is being given to Laurie Merrin, who I am pleased to say has come to our party this evening.

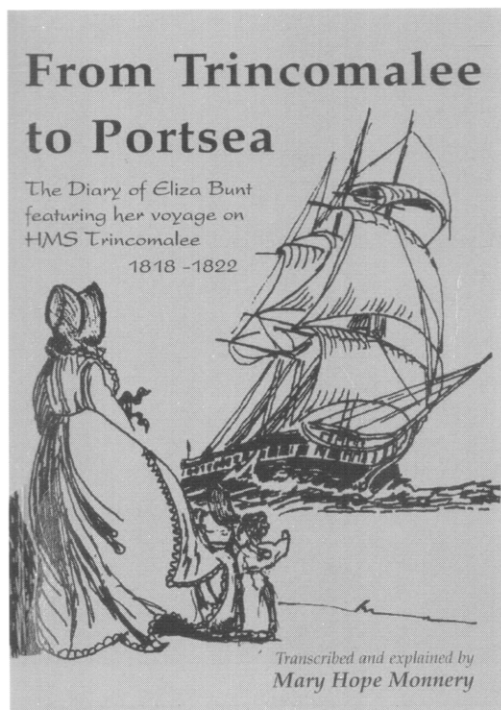
Hugh Turner

From Trincomalee to Portsea

The Diary of Eliza Bunt featuring her voyage on HMS Trincomalee 1818 – 1822

Available to download from the Amazon Kindle store at £1.53.

Equivalent of 171 pages of paperback.



In 1818 Eliza Aricha Bunt was left a young widow with two small children in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) when her husband John Bunt, who was boatswain of the British dockyard at Trincomalee, died of a fever. Eliza and her little family returned home on board HMS Trincomalee, a newly built frigate being taken back to England.

During the voyage home and for the next 18 months in Portsea she kept a journal of her experiences and inner thoughts. This is her story in her own words, exactly as she wrote it. It is an insight into life on board a Royal Navy frigate, a story of a mother's love, a lovestory and a story of daily life.

Proceeds from sales of this e book go to the Friends of HMS Trincomalee charity which helps to support the ship.

Presentation material available to Friends

The committee of the Friends of HMS Trincomalee have been building up a collection of presentation material relating to the ship, ranging from individual digital photographs to complete scripted talks with powerpoint presentation. If any Friends are in a position to help promote the ship using this material, for example by arranging a talk to a group local to them, then please contact the Editor, Hugh Turner.

HMS Trincomalee - from the Quarterdeck

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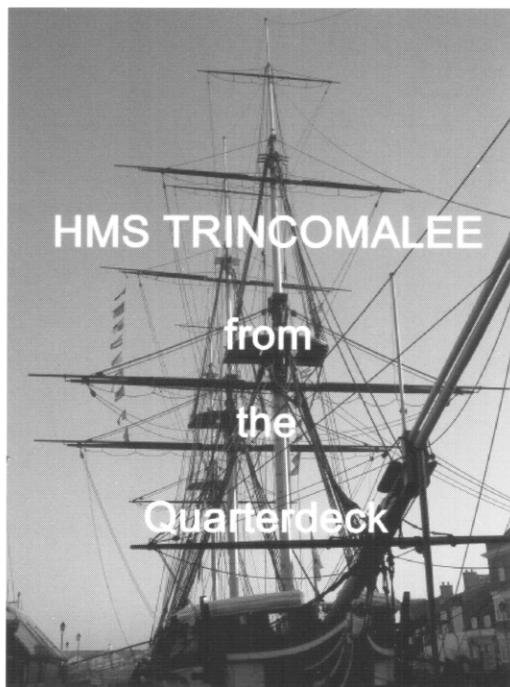
Equivalent of 77 pages of paperback.

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The first, and main, article is a concise history of the ship from its conception in 1812, its launch in 1817, its active commissions, its role as a training ship and finally its restoration at Hartlepool.

The next group of articles relate to specific times in the ship's history, and the last group to less specific naval affairs. These latter articles have appeared in the magazine, Quarterdeck, at one time or another in the last six years.

Proceeds from sales of this e book goes to the Friends of HMS Trincomalee charity which helps to support the ship.



Solution:



Spring 2014

ACROSS

- 1 Cobb held one for the Implacable (6)
- 5 Cobb's Welsh Castle (8)
- 9 Ancient Indian (4)
- 10 Sea-nymph (5)
- 11 Joe did this for Tuke (4)
- 12 Stream near to Caerwent (8)
- 13 Cobb enjoyed such frolics (6)
- 14 Lavish party (4)
- 16 HMS Foudroyant was Nelson's (8)
- 19 Bowl for phlegm (8)
- 21 Cobb's wife (4)
- 23 Fred played one (6)
- 25 Cobb's wife had such perceptions (8)
- 27 Capital of the Ukraine (4)
- 28 Assign (5)
- 29 Containers for beans (4)
- 30 Copies (8)
- 31 Writings (6)

DOWN

- 2 Raccoon-like animal (8)
- 3 Passing of a bill (9)
- 4 Grants tenures (6)
- 5 City to the west of Newport (7)
- 6 Thrown by a splendid carbide (4,4)
- 7 Suggest (5)
- 8 A persistent thought (9)
- 15 26 Down had a new one (5)
- 17 Tuke painted these (9)
- 18 Tuke did Joe's (8)
- 20 Small bumps (7)
- 22 Dress (6)
- 24 Pertaining to warships (5)
- 26 A member of the Foudroyant choir (5)

THE FRIENDS OF HMS TRINCOMALEE

Autumn & Winter Events 2014

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| 23 September
Tuesday | <i>Annual General Meeting – see notice page 18</i>
<i>Speaker: Colonel Euan Houstoun</i>
<i>President of HMS Trincomalee Trust</i> |
| 29 October
Wednesday | <i>“Royal Naval Submarine Operations during the Cold War”</i>
<i>Alan Jackson</i> |
| 26 November
Wednesday | <i>“The Austen Brothers” (Jane Austen's naval connections)</i>
<i>Paul Brunyee</i> |
| 22 December
Monday | <i>Carols in the Captain's cabin</i> |

*Unless otherwise stated all events take place in the Captain's Quarters
on board HMS Trincomalee at 7.00pm – Talks starting at 7.30pm
after refreshments*

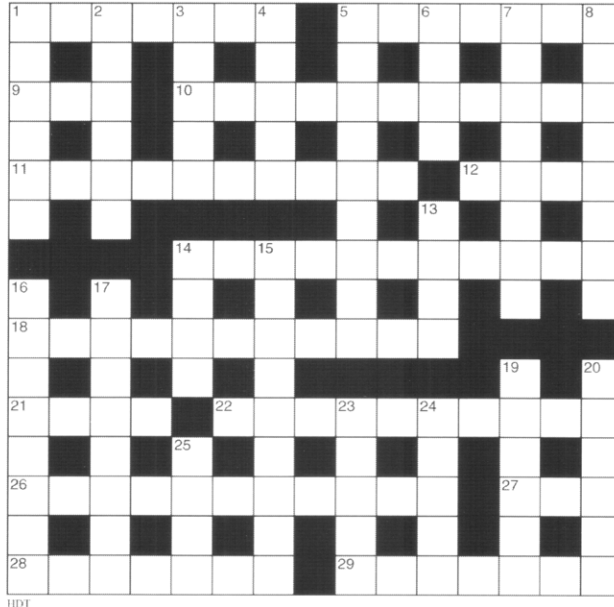
These events are free for Friends, with guests charged £1 each.

Friends receive free entry to HMS Trincomalee and Hartlepool's Maritime Experience for one year, can attend talks and presentations on board, receive the Quarterdeck magazine which is published three times a year and receive a 10% discount on items in the Ship Shop.

An application form is on p31.

Mess Deck Crossword

Cryptic - Summer 2014



ACROSS

- 1 A ship's capacity puts a horse in the shade (7)
- 5 Mark gives support to sailors refrain (7)
- 9 Take top off barrel and have a bit of grog (3)
- 10 No drills followed by this radio worker (11)
- 11 Have fun today or build a ship (10)
- 12 Madame returns to a book (4)
- 14 With strong views Iona pointed out (11)
- 18 Tom tells Bob to change into naval dress (4-7)
- 21 No hat required for solemn declaration (4)
- 22 Desire nothing in attempt to reform (10)
- 26 Freely perform organ solo around Illinois (11)
- 27 A member of a jolly group (3)
- 28 Order to be quiet given to lady on river (7)
- 29 Keep lawmen on ship (7)

DOWN

- 1 Duty of sailor, one attached to two forces (6)
- 2 A dark cloud makes doctor go to America after Ulster (6)
- 3 Cautionary signal between the port and starboard lights (5)

- 4 Black honour returned to New York (5)
- 5 Musical movement and not in a new direction (9)
- 6 Almost superfluous part of the rigging (4)
- 7 Disorderly team behind car production convert to robotics (8)
- 8 The usual and unknown lands in France (8)
- 13 Burden free? (4)
- 14 Takes in losing sailors' regalia (4)
- 15 Mostly in deep water (2,3,4)
- 16 Sailor finds answer and frees one from punishment (8)
- 17 I'll float around the ships (8)
- 19 A bad character in the main (6)
- 20 Find us in the garden and snog me (6)
- 23 Make adjustment to make-up of electoral scheme supported by a member (5)
- 24 Gulf where sailor joins unknown ship (5)
- 25 Soon seen in a non-commissioned rank (4)

Solution next issue

APPLICATION FORM

to join

THE FRIENDS OF HMS TRINCOMALEE

Membership categories and twelve monthly subscriptions:
(Fixed until 1st September 2015)

Adult	£20.00
Concessionary *	£15.00
Joint Adult	£35.00
Joint Concessionary *	£27.00
Family Group +	£45.00

* Children, students, senior citizens and those unwaged

+ Two adults and up to three children in a family

Please complete, detach and return this form to:

The Friends of HMS Trincomalee
Jackson Dock, Maritime Avenue, Hartlepool, TS24 0XZ

MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE

YOUR DETAILS:

Title Surname

First Names

Address

.....

..... Post Code

Tel.

Membership Category

Cheques made payable to 'HMS Trincomalee Trust'

AMOUNT

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GIFT AID DECLARATION. As a UK taxpayer I would like the HMS Trincomalee Trust to claim back the tax on this and all future donations.

Please tick the box.

SIGNATURE



The Early Years at Braunston Boat Show

