



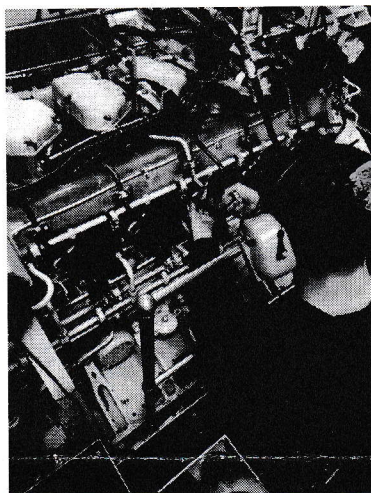
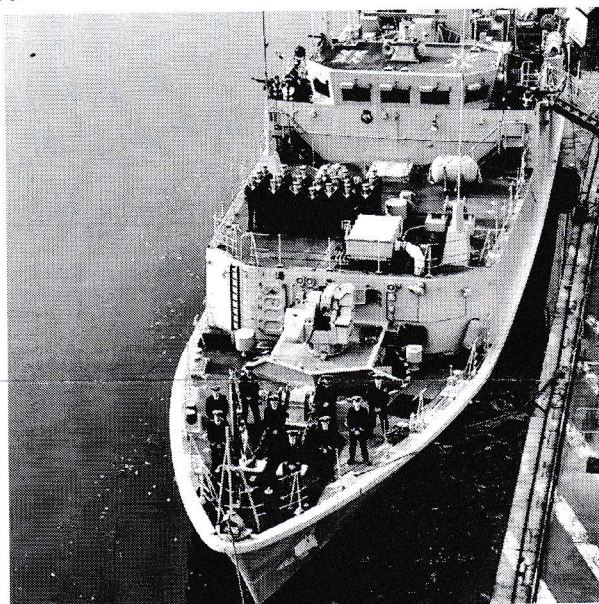
The Crew 5 Chronicle

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A message from the Commanding Officer – Lt Cdr Andrew Platt RN

"I am delighted to share our Spring Newsletter with you. It has been a busy term for HMS Shoreham and Crew 5, as we have got the ship ready for UK operations following her return from the Arabian Gulf last year. Regeneration is often a difficult period for a ship, as the programme changes to fix defects or to undertake the operations we are now conducting around the UK. I am pleased to say we are now back to full operational capability, and look ahead to next term which will be one of conflicting emotions as we prepare to decommission HMS Shoreham; a poignant moment for Crew 5, who will then take on HMS Pembroke for further UK tasking. I am incredibly proud of the significant achievement of all members of the Crew; but all this is not possible without the continued support from our families and affiliates at home – thank you."

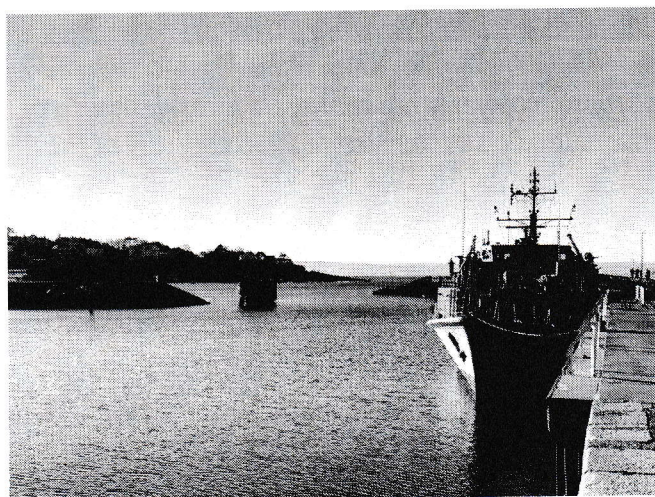


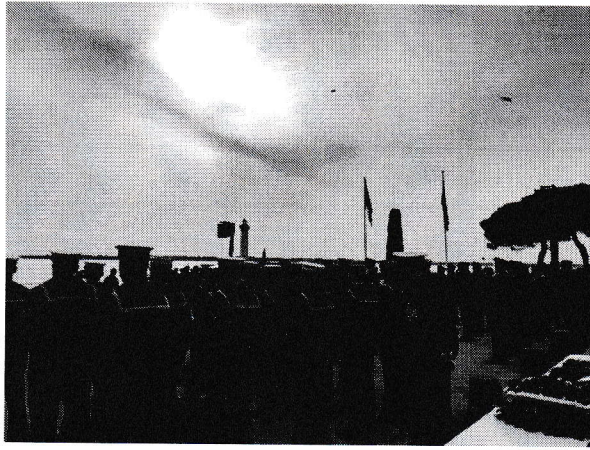
Out with the old! In with the new!

HMS Shoreham continues to support the UK defence against underwater threats. The Sandown class MCMV leads the way in deep water mine detection and clearance. In order for this to be achievable, we are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment including a high-tech Sonar. As part of our regeneration package, the Sonar was removed and renewed, ensuring the utmost accuracy during mine detection. This took a lot of hard work from both our Marine engineering and Weapons engineering departments. The maintenance period also included work conducted on our main engines, diesel generators and auxiliary machinery to make sure the Ship is ready for any given task. The Ship briefly put into dry-dock in Troon to swap out some underwater components, allowing a rare opportunity for members of the Ship's Company to walk underneath the hull.

It's not the run, it's the runners!

Having regenerated, HMS Shoreham set out to sea to undergo both harbour acceptance trials and sea acceptance trials. Once complete we were back to operational tasking doing what we do best! However, with lots of days spent on tasking a Ship needs to fuel and restock on provisions. The Ship's Company enjoyed visits to Troon and Campbeltown in Scotland, and to Bangor in Northern Ireland. For some younger sailors, this was their first run ashore with the Royal Navy since the relaxation of COVID restrictions. A good time was had by all and the rest which the stops afforded meant that we could be back on task at full operational capability.

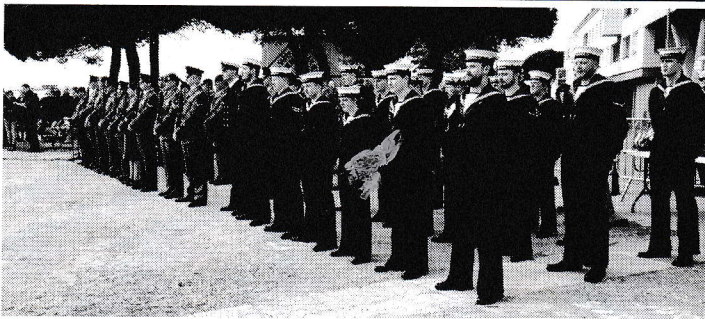




The Greatest Raid of All!

On 28th March 1942, UK Commandos conducted a raid on a small town in France called St Nazaire in an action codenamed OP CHARIOT. This mission was crucial to turn the tide of war in the Atlantic by destroying a dry dock essential to the German Destroyer Tirpitz. It is a heroic tale of courage and camaraderie. HMS Shoreham had the honour to attend the St Nazaire raids memorial in France. We attended the parade with French and British personnel to mark the 80th Anniversary. Although there are no "charioteers" left to remember that fateful night, we will continue to remember it in their place.

The Gallery



And the award goes to... We are pleased to announce two awards this term:

Herbert Lott Award - **POET(ME) Brian Peacock (NSKO)**

"During a recent stand-down period in Northern Ireland whilst HMS Shoreham was holding High Readiness duties, POET(ME) Brian Peacock sacrificed his entire weekend, including working overnight, to conduct the complex repairs on the Port Main Engine. His work allowed HMS Shoreham to carry on without any disruption to her programme. He most deserving of the 'Herbert Lott Efficiency Award' and also takes home £250 courtesy of the RNRMC for his endeavours."



Sailor of the Term – **AB(MW) William Bosch**

"AB(MW) William Bosch joined the crew in early 2022 and from the start has impressed with his enthusiasm, high standards and personal drive. Performing excellently as Gunners Yeoman, he often offers his assistance in other areas around the ship, and his contribution has been recognised across the crew."

Lt Joe Adams RN – Executive Officer

MCM1 Crew 5 would like to wish all of our families and affiliates an enjoyable Easter!