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Reunion Saturday 10th July 2010

Hi Shipmates,

Well time for another Reunion and a chance to swap all the old stories and find out what really did happen all those years ago. Looking at the names of those who have responded we are due for a good turnout on Saturday 10th July 2010 at:-

The White Hart Inn, Calne, Wiltshire. SN11 0AB. Tel 01249 812413

It is located quite close to Junction 14 off the M4. A Saturday evening carvery will be arranged for us at £6 a head and we can all sit down together. The owner is aware that we will be arriving and leaving at different times and days Friday through Sunday.

There is an outside courtyard where we can hold our usual Saturday evening activities and in the event of bad weather there is a private room we can use.

Program is as usual, for those new to our very informal reunions this is :

1900 Photo opportunity, so a jacket and tie please

1930 Raffle (which is our only attempt at fund raising). Please contribute a prize.

2000 Buffet and the usual Naval Toasts

2100 onwards is Drinking and Lamp Swinging time

Needless to say, plans are just a provocation to the gods and changes are to be expected!!!.

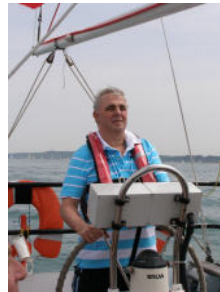
Please let me know if you intend to come to the reunion and have not contacted me already by email or phone (evenings only please), otherwise I am in the dark about numbers.

Little Brigs.

As some of you may know the first two "Daring's" (1804 - 1813 and 1844 - 1864) were both brigs and I couldn't resist taking the opportunity to go sailing in a modern steel brig when the chance came. The "Little Brig Sailing Trust" were at the Yarmouth (IOW) Old Gaffers Weekend and were offering a couple of hours "taster" for the public.

Only 30 foot at the waterline (same as a pussers cutter) these tiny ships carry two instructors and five crew for sea training and corporate events. Each of the two masts support three square sails with minimal rigging, (so no going aloft) and the headsails are roller reefed. There is a decent sized cabin and an inboard diesel engine to get you out of trouble.

If you enjoy sailing then take a day out in the smallest of "tall" ships or if not, send the grandchildren to sea for a day "before the mast".



Some pictures of my day out under square sail. Good company, good sailing, good God, who put him on the wheel again!!!

Gleanings from the Web: Unarmed Type 45 destroyers: French missiles blamed

Ceremonies took place in Portsmouth last month as the Royal Navy's second Type 45 destroyer, HMS *Dauntless*, was formally commissioned into the Service. Both *Dauntless* and her predecessor HMS *Daring* remain almost totally unarmed at the moment, following test failures which have meant that their primary armament cannot be accepted into service.

Sea Viper is designed to be able to defend against the most dangerous aerial threats, such as the supersonic Shipkiller missiles developed in Russia and exported to China and India. The Sampson radar is mounted at the destroyer's masthead, allowing it to see as far over the horizon as is feasible from a surface ship, perhaps offering several tens of seconds' warning of an inbound supersonic sea-skimmer. The Sea Viper missiles are supposed to be able to launch exceptionally quickly, tip over extremely fast and accelerate to better than Mach 4 within 10 seconds.

However the "final" test of Sea Viper last December was a failure, meaning that it had failed in tests two out of four times, and in fact HMS *Daring* and *Dauntless* remain almost unarmed. All they have at the moment is a 4.5" gun turret, mainly useful for bombarding coastal targets, and a pair of light 30mm guns suitable for shooting up pirate dhows and the like.

Details on the Sea Viper test failure have been scant, but a MoD spokesman made this statement:

Production weaknesses identified in some batches of Aster missile have been corrected through minor re-design work and a program of further test firings is now underway to demonstrate that the problems have been rectified.

The MoD says it still expects to accept HMS *Daring* complete with Sea Viper into service at the current planned date, November this year, once ongoing test firings confirm that the Sea Viper fix has been successful.

Traveling to the Reunion.

I will be on my mobile on Saturday from 0600, the number is **07939655884**. Please don't text me, another year has gone by and I still haven't mastered the art of the text, sorry. I'm either pressing the wrong key or scrambling to find a pair of glasses to read what is normally my provider trying to flog me another phone with even more things on it than I can't understand.