

An Abridged History

1979	Built by Thornycroft	Aug -Sep 1988	Standing Naval Force Channel
Feb 1980	Visit to Swansea		- Baltic
Jan 1980 -Jan 1981	Part 4 trials	Mar 1989	Passage to Mediterranean
21 Mar 1980	COMMISSIONING CEREMONY, Portsmouth	Apr -Jun 1989	Exercise DAMSEL FAIR (Turkey, Cyprus, Malta, Italy)
Feb 1981	Visit to Liverpool	Nov 1989 -Jun 1990	Dock, Rosyth
Jun -Jul 1981	MCM 1 Squadron visit to Baltic	15 Jan 1991	Visit by HRH The Princess Royal
May 1982	MCM Work up, Portland	Feb 1991	Passage to Persian Gulf
26 Jun 1982	Passage to Falkland Islands (Operation CORPORATE)	Mar -Aug 1991	Live Operations off Kuwait (visits to Dubai, Bahrain)
Jul -Aug 1982	Minefield Clearances, Identification of wreck of HMS COVENTRY	Sep 1991	Return to UK
Sep 1982	Return to UK	Nov 1992	Visit to Hamburg
Jan -Jun 1983	OSU Trials	Apr 1993 -Jan 1994	Refit, Rosyth
Apr -Jun 1984	Exercise BLUE HARRIER (Germany, Denmark, Sweden)	Jul -Sep 1994	Visit to Western Europe
Mar - Jun 1985	Exercise SOLID SHIELD (East Coast USA)	Feb -Mar 1995	Exercise STRONG RESOLVE (Norway)
Feb - Nov 1986	Refit, Rosyth	May -Jul 1995	Deployment to Mediterranean and Black Sea
May - Jun 1987	Exercise OLIVES VERTS (France, Gibraltar)	Mar 1996 -Jan 1997	Assumes duties as Fishery Protection Vessel
20 Aug 1987	Passage to the Persian Gulf	Feb 1997	Visit to Norway
Sep 1987	Visit Djibouti	Sep 1997	Visit to Antwerp
Sep - Oct 1987	Minesweeping Operations off	Jan 1998	Refit for Northern Ireland Duties
Nov 1987	Visit Dubai, Bahrain	6 Oct 1998	Assumes duties as Northern Ireland Patrol Vessel
Dec 1987 - Mar 1988	MCM Operations, Route Surveys Persian Gulf	1998 -2005	HM Ships BRECON, COTTESMORE and DULVERTON form Northern Ireland Patrol Vessels under Operation SEALION and latterly
Apr 1988	Return to UK		
27 Jun 1988	Visit by HM The Queen, Rosyth		

1998 - 2005 (cont.) Operation BANNER. Standoffs included Belfast, Douglas, Liverpool, Campeltown.

Feb 2000 Visit to Jersey

Nov 2003 Visits to Fowey, Hamburg, Gdynia

Oct 2004 Operation CAUSEWAY (assistance to HMCS Chicoutimi)

18 - 25 Mar 2005 Final Northern Ireland Patrol

May 2005 Visits to Cardiff, Bristol, Oban

Jun 2005 Force Protection for International Fleet Review (Trafalgar 200)

Jul 2005 Visits to Portland, Swansea

14 Jul 2005 Combined DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY (with HM Ships COTTESMORE and DULVERTON), Faslane

Jul 2005 Visit to Leith

Sep 2005 Visits to Swansea, Caen

28 Sep 2005 Final Entry into Portsmouth

30 Sep 2005 Fleet Non-Operational Date.



*Magura Patrons
The Guild of
Brecon*

HMS BRECON
The Town of Brecon has had a very strong affiliation with HMS Brecon for over 12 years.

This was acknowledged on Saturday 30th October 1993 when the Town Council used its power under the Local Government Act 1972 to confer upon the Commanding Officer, Officers and Ship's Company of HMS BRECON Honorary Citizenship of the Town of Brecon AND THEREBY

the title privilege, honour and distinction of marching through the streets of Brecon on all ceremonial occasions with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying.

This honour was conferred in recognition of the eminent and gallant services and distinguished record, achievements and traditions of The Commanding Officer, Officers and Ship's Company of HMS BRECON over many years of devoted service to our beloved Sovereign and Country.

AND in special appreciation and remembrance of all Brecknock men and women who serve or have served in the forces of the Crown.

AND being desirous of perpetuating the close bonds between the Town Council and Officers and Ship's Company of HMS Brecon.

It is with sadness that I, Cllr Christopher Walsh, Mayor of Brecon, acknowledge the decommissioning of HMS Brecon after 25 years of distinguished service. I had the privilege to sail upon HMS BRECON during my Term of Office as Mayor in the year 2000. The Commanding Officer, Officers and Ship's Company of HMS Brecon utilised their Honorary Citizenship title and marched through the streets of Brecon with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying. This was a very special and memorable occasion and one I will never forget.

On behalf of Brecon Town Council and the Community of Brecon, can I thank the current and past Commanding Officer, Officers and Ship's Company of HMS Brecon for their ongoing friendship and support to the Town. HMS Brecon has a very special link with the Town which will be remembered. The Town Council will continue to maintain this special link with the Royal Navy.

May I wish the current Commanding Officer, Officers and Ship's Company of HMS BRECON a very successful future.

Christopher Walsh
Cllr Christopher Walsh
Mayor of BRECON 2005-2006

HMS COTTESMORE



Ship's Company

Commanding Officer - Lt D Knight RN

Officers

Executive Officer - Lt C Armstrong RN

Navigating Officer - SLt D Gooding RN

Correspondence Officer - Lt S Ferran RN

Gunnery Officer - Lt T Williams RN

Senior Rates

Marine Engineering Officer - WO2MEA A Bookham

Weapon Engineering Officer - CPOWEA J McFarlane

Deputy Marine Engineering Officer - CPOMEA L Grant

Engine Room Petty Officer - POMEM C Bryning

Naval Store Keeping Officer - POMEM M Wardley

Coxswain - PO(AWW) K Martin

Junior Rates

LOM(MW) I Barton

LOM(C) T Miller

LOM(MW) P Peat

LMEM G Robertson

LMEM S Shaw

LCH B Smith

LS(MW) M Weatherill

OM(AW) D Barnfather

OM(W) T Beck

OM(C) M Boner

STD N Booth

OM(W) S Brien

OM(MW) C Brogan-Shaw

MEM G Burton

OM(C) L Burton

CH E Chambers

OM(MW) M Flood

AB(M) D Gilhespy

AB(MW) J Jones

OM(AW) G McAllister

OM(MW) J McCloy

OM(MW) P Murphey

MEM S Oliver

OM(MW) Schultz

MEM A Scott



Former Commanding Officers

Lt Cdr J H Langrishe RN	25/05/83
Lt Cdr C R Thompson RN	25/03/85
Lt Cdr B J Mansbridge RN	05/12/86
Lt Cdr S A Harper RN	09/05/89
Lt J L Poole RN	17/07/89
Lt Cdr N J Ward RN	04/09/89
Lt Cdr D Hilton RN	16/04/91
HRH The Duke of York	27/04/93
Lt Cdr P Hudson RN	28/10/94
Lt Cdr A R Ireland RN	09/05/96
Lt Cdr D Tarrant RN	12/05/98
Lt A W Percival RN	13/12/99
Lt T G Ellison RN	16/10/01
Lt R G Pedre RN	19/06/03
Lt D S Knight RN	01/03/05



History

The Royal Navy has named three ships after the East Midlands foxhunt village of COTTESMORE.

The first HMS COTTESMORE was a 750 ton HUNT class minesweeper, built at Bow MacLachlan's Thistle Works in Paisley. Laid down in July 1916, she was launched 9 February 1917 and commissioned 14 May that year. She was the fifth of a twenty-strong class sometimes known as the 'Early Hunts'. The successful design paved the way for a further 131 'Later Hunts', otherwise known as the Aberdare Class Minesweepers.

She had a complement of 71 Officers and Ratings, and was armed with two 12-pdr guns and two 6-pdr guns. Coal fired boilers provided 1800 horsepower to twin screws, giving her a maximum speed of 16 knots.

The first COTTESMORE saw service with the Queenstown Minesweeping Flotillas off the Irish Coast, then in the North Sea based at Granton in the Firth of Forth. After the Great War, she continued to sweep for both German and British mines, finally being paid off in November 1919, and being sold for scrap in January 1923.



The second ship of the name was a Hunt Class Type 1 Destroyer displacing 1000 tons. Built at Messrs Yarrow & Co on the Clyde, she was laid down 12 December 1939, launched 5 September 1940 and completed 29 December that year.

This second COTTESMORE was armed with four 4" guns in two twin mountings, four 2-pdr guns and two 20mm AA guns. She also carried 50 depth charges, deployed via a depth charge rail and two throwers, and had a complement of 147 Officers and Ratings.

She served with the 21st Destroyer Flotilla at Sheerness throughout the Second World War, escorting East Coast convoys, offensively patrolling and providing support for Coastal Forces. Along with other Nore Destroyers, she was tasked to intercept the German Battlecruisers SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU during the Channel dash of 1942, but owing to poor visibility, was unable to make contact.

On 28 July that year, along with HMS CALPE, she engaged two German armed trawlers off Cherbourg. V202 was sunk, and V203 was severely damaged.

COTTESMORE was undamaged, but three men were injured during air raids later in the day. COTTESMORE's next significant action that year was in October, as Senior Officer of a 5-strong destroyer group, she sank the German raider KOMET five miles off Cap de la Hague on the French Coast.

On D-Day, 6 June 1944, COTTESMORE was tasked with

convoy G2, escorting the 18th Minesweeping Flotilla and a division of the 150th British Yard Minesweeper Flotilla, off GOLD Beach prior to the assault. She then lay off the beaches providing Naval Gunfire Support to the Army ashore. After the initial landings, COTTESMORE remained stationed at Portsmouth, escorting re-enforcement convoys and patrolling the Normandy Coast.



In November 1944, with HMS GARTH, she escorted the monitors EREBUS and ROBERTS while they engaged shore batteries at Walcheren, then escorted British Minesweepers to Cuxhaven. She then joined the Harwich force, and with the war over, she returned to Portsmouth.

In February 1946, she passed into reserve at Devonport, and was sold to the Egyptian Navy in 1950. Undergoing several name changes in Egyptian hands, she served as IBRAHIM EL AWAL, MOHAMED ALI and finally PORT SAID, and when she was hulked in 1988 she was the last surviving Hunt Class Destroyer.

The current HMS COTTESMORE, and the third ship to bear the name, was, like the second COTTESMORE, built on the Clyde by Yarrow Shipbuilders. A Hunt Class Minesweeper displacing 750 tons, she was launched 65 years to the day after the first HMS COTTESMORE, on 9 February 1982. The Hunt Class MCMVs were the first ships in the World to be constructed from glass reinforced plastic, and have a complement of thirty-five.

She is armed with one 30mm gun, four 7.62mm General Purpose Machine Guns, and during her 22 year lifespan, has carried out two main functions. Serving with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Mine Countermeasures Squadrons, she has spent most of her career in her original role as a minesweeper, using advanced sonar and command systems to detect and destroy mines. In 1998, she was refitted, her minesweeping equipment being removed and two large boat davits being placed on the sweep deck. This was for her role as a Northern Ireland Patrol Vessel, a role she has conducted along with HM Ships DULVERTON and BRECON until early 2005. The announcement to withdraw a permanent Naval presence from the Province signalled the end of COTTESMORE's life with the Royal Navy.

Battle Honours

North Sea	1941-1945
English Channel	1942-1944
Normandy	1944

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2 Feb 1982	LAUNCHED by Lady Buchanan.	Oct - Nov 1992	STANAVFORCHAN: Neustadt, Copenhagen, Kiel, River Elbe.
7 Jan 1984	COMMISSIONING CEREMONY at Rosyth	27 Apr 1993	HRH Duke of York joins as CO
3 May 1984	Visit to Olpenitz	Jul - Nov 1993	Form GROUP 13 ON CALL FORCE:
May 1984	Ex. BLUE HARRIER in Baltic - Found and prosecuted eleven mines.	28 - 31 Jan 1994	Visit to Boston, Lincs, for Freedom of the Borough ceremony.
08 - 12 Nov 1984	Visit to Guernsey	03 - 07 Feb 1994	Visit to Gothenburg
Mar -Jun 1985	US Deployment - Ex. SOLID SHIELD:	14 Feb 1994	Passex, filming for TV show 'Jim'll Fix It'
01 - 05 May 1986	Visit to Hull, including Liaison visits	19 - 27 Apr 1994	Ex. BLUE HARRIER
06 - 11 May 1987	Ex. OPEN GATE, Gibraltar, followed by visits to Tangier, Morocco and Portimao, Portugal.	01 - 14 May 1994	Ex. RESOLUTE RESPONSE
08 - 18 Jun 1987	Ex. OLIVE VERTES '87	04 - 06 Jun 1994	Visit to Caen for D-Day 50th Anniversary
Aug 88 -Apr 89	Persian Gulf Deployment - Ex CALENDAR: Jubail, Bahrain, Muscat, Jebel Ali, Sharjah, Aden, Alexandria, Piraeus, Sousse, Gibraltar	26 - 31 Oct 1994	Joint Maritime Course 943
May 89 - Jan 90	Refit, Rosyth	Jan 1995 -Feb 1996	Fishery Protection Squadron; During this period on FPS, COTTESMORE arrested five fishing vessels.
Jul - Dec 1990	STANAVFORCHAN	19 - 22 Apr 1996	Visit to Wilhelmshaven
May -July 1991	STANAVFORCHAN	21 - 24 Oct 1996	Ex. GREEN WADER
15 - 26 Sep 1991	Search for ditched Tornado Aircraft in Bristol Channel	05 - 09 Dec 1996	Visit to London
27 - 30 Sep 1991	Visit to Cardiff	26 Feb -Jan 1998	Refit for Northern Ireland Duties, Rosyth
01 - 09 Oct 1991	Ex. TRIDENT STAR	16 Mar - 03 May 98	First "Op SEALION" Northern Ireland Patrol.
		1998 -2005	HMS COTTESMORE on Northern Ireland tasking under the authority of the Police

1998 - 2005 (cont.) Service of Northern Ireland, Formerly the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland. During the seven years on Northern Ireland tasking, COTTESMORE conducted many patrols, resulting in several 'finds' of contraband goods and terrorist munitions. Stand offs during the patrols included Belfast, Douglas, Liverpool, Campbeltown, Glasgow.

30 Jun 2001 Guardship for Bangor Regatta

28 - 31 May 2004 Visit to Vigo, Spain.

16 Feb - 16 Mar 2005 Final Northern Ireland Patrol

06 - 10 May 2005 Visit to Guernsey for 60th anniversary of the Channel Islands' Liberation

13 - 16 May 2005 Visit to Brest

24 - 25 May 2005 Visit to Oban

27 - 30 Jun 2005 Security Tasking for International Fleet Review

01 - 04 July 2005 Visit to Weymouth

05 - 07 July 2005 Visit to Swansea

14 July 2005 DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

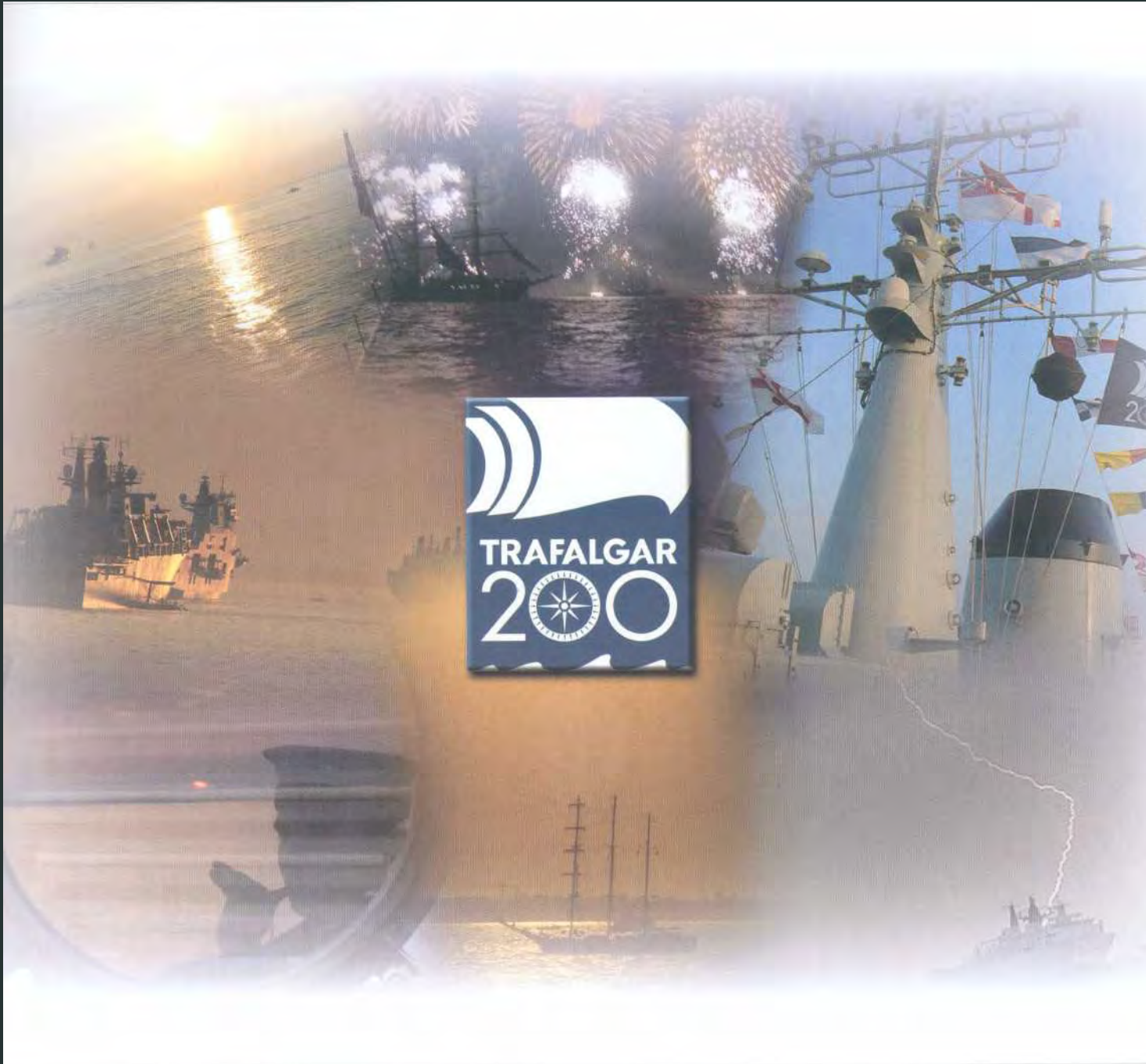
22 - 25 July 2005 Visit to Bristol for Festival of the Sea

12 - 15 Sep 2005 Visit to Kings Lynn for Hometown Visit to Cottesmore village

22 - 27 Sep 2005 Visit to Caen

30 Sep 2005 FLEET NON OPERATIONAL DATE





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Commanding Officer - Lt L Hayashi RN

Officers

Executive Officer - Lt L Wooller RN

Navigating Officer - Lt K Morey RN

Correspondence Officer - Lt S Preece RN

Gunnery Officer - Lt J Tregale RN

Young Officer - Lt D Neale RN

Senior Rates

Marine Engineering Officer - WO2MEA J Cramb

Weapon Engineering Officer - CPOWEA J Berston

Deputy Marine Engineering Officer - CPOMEA A Martin

Engine Room Petty Officer - POMEM K Hayes

Naval Store Keeping Officer - POMEM M Hill

Coxswain - PO(SEA) S Starrett

Junior Rates

LOM(MW) Aitkin

LCH Bathgate

LMEM(M) Coulson

LS(MW) Goss

LMEM(L) Kitson

LOM(C) McQueer

LOM(MW) Powell

STD Boyce

OM(W) Boyd

OM(MW) Brown

OM(EW) Culshaw

MEM Gaston

CH Greer

MEM Horsburgh

OM(MW) Malone

OM(MW) McDonagh

OM(MW) MacLeod

MEM McNulty

MEM McSherry

OM(MW) Percy

OM(MW) Pickering

OM(C) Platt

MEM Reid

OM(MW) Shaw

OM Shannon

OM(C) Stewart

OM(MW) Vallance



H.M.S. DULVERTON