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HMS SCOTT'S NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO YOU ALL**

“Captain Has The Ship”

As this month's PP goes to press, HMS SCOTT will have reached another important milestone in her journey from dry-dock to sea-going ship, as her new Captain, Commander Karen Dalton-Fyfe officially signed for the ship, taking responsibility for it and the Ship's Company.



Karen joined the Royal Navy in 1997 serving in a wide variety of ships, from modest minehunters up to the aircraft carrier *Illustrious*. This is Karen's second appointment to SCOTT, her first was as the Operations Officer 2005-06. Karen is married and lives in the South West.

Top Guns?

The SCOTTs armed protection force were on the range this month in sometimes very challenging conditions, re-qualifying for their Annual Combat Marksmanship Test.

Despite the 30 knot winds and driving rain obscuring vision, all the ship's team were still able to calibrate their rifles (known as Zero-ing), before taking the ACMT; expending a thousand rounds in the process between them all.

The SCOTTs "Annie Oakley" prize goes to AB Broomfield who was only two shots away from the perfect score, across the various distances from the target.

Refit Progress

SCOTT is starting the look and feel like a ship again. The Ship's Company have moved back onboard, the painters have nearly finished all the external decks & topsides, but most important of all, the Galley is back in action (*see below*).

As you read this, the dockyard is working a 24 hour shift pattern in order to attach the new rudder housing to the ship's hull after significant cracking was found in the original casing.

The plan is that the ship will be floated out of dry dock in the new year.

A Cake To Remember



With the Ship's Galley back in action SCOTT's Chefs were eager to try out the new catering equipment fitted.

To mark Remembrance Day, Chef "Julie" Andrews baked a suitably themed cake befitting the occasion for the Ship's Company gathering in the Wardroom to mark the signing of Armistice at 11 O'Clock on the 11th November 1918, 96 years ago.

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Any feedback, contributions and images are most welcome.

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SCOTT Sailor Gets England Call-Up



One of SCOTT's sailors has been selected to train with England's Rugby League Elite Women's Squad. It is from this squad that

the players will be drawn from for international duties.

AB Samantha Alderson attended the selection weekend in Leeds and was one of only five serving members of the Armed Forces to be selected to join the squad, remaining four coming from the Army.

"Being a Northern lass, Rugby has always been part of my life, so to be selected for England is the greatest honour."

Samantha comes from Manchester, the daughter of Joanne and Dean, attending North Manchester High School for Girls before joining the Royal Navy

Football Crazy

SCOTT's football team has also been in action. The team have had a mixed start to the season, with a 5-1 thumping delivered to HMS SOMMERSET somewhat tempered by a disappointing 9-1 defeat to HMS SUTHERLAND. Speaking after the SUTHERLAND game, the team's caretaker manager LWTR "Fletch" Fletcher said *"We shouldn't read too much into this result, we were down to a ten-man squad before kick-off, with two players carrying injuries; so we're glad that we could at least put one past them."*

The LWTR is expecting a call from a certain Manchester-based premiership side any day now about a management position.

Inter-Ship Rugby Union

The Ship's Rugby Union team got its first run out of the season. Despite a reduced ship's company and many other commitments reducing the pool of available players, SCOTT was still able to take on HMS MONMOUTH.

Don't let the 34-10 score line deceive you. The MONMOUTH's team were physically larger and had the luxury of training together beforehand; SCOTT's still made them work for their victory. A notable try came in the second half with SCOTT's Team Captain/Manager PO "Shrek" Ruskin powering through the MONMOUTH's defence, with players bouncing off or being trampled underfoot in his 60 yard dash to score.

Reflecting afterwards he said *"if this is what we can achieve without training, then I have very high hopes for the rest of the season."*

For Sale

One recently purchased Honda Pan European 1100cc Motorcycle. 50,000 miles on the clock, excellent condition, taxed and MOT'ed. Very comfortable ride, the workhorse of police forces and paramedics worldwide. Full set of leathers and a brand new crash helmet thrown in.

All reasonable offers considered.

Reason for sale; wife found out.