



# H.M.S. Daring D05 Association

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## Reunion Saturday 12th July 2008

Hi Shipmates,

Well its time for yet another reunion, another year passed and no good conduct stripe ... again. Here is a timetable for Saturday 12th July day.

1800 Photo call, Up Spirits, announcements and Raffle

2000 Dinner in the Carvery

How's that for keeping it short and simple, I lay odd's that it will be different on the day, it always happens!! (They call it flexibility and its considered to be an asset in management).

For those who haven't come to the reunion before, its very informal, we have group a photo to prove who mustered on time. For gentlemen the rig of the day for the photos is smart casual, (that's jacket or blazer and a tie), for the ladies just be beautiful, (that means he has to buy you an outfit). After the photos the rig is casual. The raffle is our only fund raiser so please contribute a prize. (A bottle or something nautical is very acceptable)

My usual request, please let me know if you intend to come to the reunion, either by email or phone, otherwise I am in the dark about numbers.

## H.M.S. Daring D32 News and Updates



### H.M.S. Daring on trials off Scotland earlier this year

We have recently had a letter from the newly appointed Captain of H.M.S. Daring Paul Bennett O.B.E. R.N. to introduce himself and keep us updated with the ships progress whilst on sea trials. These appear to have exceeded expectations and the Daring claims to be the fastest ship in the fleet. Not bad when the design called for only 28 knots, she is also quicker to turn than other destroyers. Some of the movies of the ship I have downloaded from the web show Daring turning figure 8's in little more than a couple of ships length, very impressive!

We have also been given a new Liaison Officer to keep us "in the loop" regarding the ships future program. At the moment there are more sea trials planned and the Daring is expected to be handed over to the M.O.D. in December, there will then be further trials and training. The commissioning ceremony will take place on 23 July 2009 at Portsmouth (that's a Thursday). Opportunities to visit the ship are in the pipeline and will depend on Daring's program, I will keep you posted as to invitations

I will be driving down as usual on Saturday morning and expect to be on site at the Tom Mogg around 1600 after spending my money in Glastonbury, sorry, I have my orders.

My mobile number is 07939655884. Please, please do not text me, my granddaughter will not be there to help me and I haven't mastered that bit of technology for myself. Having to fumble around to find my glasses to read the message only reminds me that I'm either getting old or senile

The full address for the venue is Tom Mogg Inn, Station Road, Burtle, Chilton Polden, Somerset TA7 8NU Tel :- 01278 722399

For those who do not have a bed for the night, try the following or ask the Tom Mogg for advice as I think the Daring has booked all their rooms again :-

The Market House Inn South Street, Glastonbury 01458 832 220

Laburnum House Lodge Hotel, Highbridge, Sloway Lane, Highbridge, Somerset 01278 781830

### **H.M.S. Daring (1844)**

A Sloop of 426 tons with 12 guns she was built at Portsmouth and launched 2nd October 1844. She was broken up in 1864. Daring spent the periods 1846–1848 and 1852–1856 on the North American and West Indies station.

William Peel was the third son of Sir Robert Peel, Prime Minister of Great Britain, and was born on 2nd November 1824 at Stanhope Gate in London's Mayfair district. Peel entered the Royal Navy on 7th April 1838, and joined the *Princess Charlotte* as a Midshipman. He was promoted to Lieutenant in May 1844, after service on a number of ships in the Mediterranean.

He became a Commander in 1847, whilst on the North American and West Indian stations, where he took command of *HMS Daring*. At 24, on 10th January 1849, a year before the death of his famous father, he was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Royal Navy.



**Ships figurehead H.M.S. Daring (1844)  
At the National Maritime Museum**

I apologise for the lateness in getting this newsletter published, this has been caused by my builders who have made so much dust and mess that the whole computer and bits have been covered with a sheet for the past month. After a major “dockyard job” I have a new roof, gutters bargeboards and the house has been re pointed.

That's it for this newsletter, I look forward to meeting up with everyone on the 12th, have a safe journey.

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