

01 June	1801	The dockyard workmen's privilege or perks of "chips" is abolished; and an allowance made in lieu, paid quarterly. Ref; JDC 3-55
01 June	1801	Salary of Resident Commissioner rose to £1000; but he lost his allowances for rent, coal, and candles. Ref; JDC 2-19.
01 June	1832	Navy Board abolished; responsibility for dockyards passed to Board of Admiralty. Chatham to be administered by a Captain Superintendent, with same powers as a Commissioner. Ref; JDC 23-10.
01 June	1859	CHARYBDIS, corvette, launched
01 June	1866	MONARCH, turret ship, keel laid in No3 Dock, cofferdam used to extend the dock to take the 330 feet ship. Ref; JDC 1-114.
01 June	1908	C19 and C20, submarines, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1921	Admiralty Order introduced standardisation of Ship's Badges; they are all to be cast, painted and despatched at HM Dockyard, Chatham. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1931	CHALLENGER, survey ship, launched from No2 Dock, being named by Miss Addison, daughter of Vice Admiral Albert Addison CB CMG. Director of Dockyards. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1940	KEITH (1930), destroyer, sunk by German aircraft off Dunkirk beaches. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1940	SKIPJACK (1934), minesweeper, sunk by German aircraft off Dunkirk beaches. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1941	CALCUTTA (1918), cruiser, sunk by enemy aircraft, north of Alexandria. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1942	Admiralty Floating Dock, AFD XIX, launched from No8 Slip. Designed for emergency repairs to escort vessels and destined for Oban, Western Scotland. Ref; RDL.
01 June	1977	Chatham Glory Exhibition in the Dockyard Church; to celebrate Queen's Silver Jubilee. RDL.
01 June	1977	Opening ceremony for Nuclear Power Building; by Vice Admiral J.Eberle, Chief of Fleet Support. Ref; Peri June 77.
02 June	1733	TILBURY, 4 th rate, launched
02 June	1810	Greenwich Naval Pensioners returned by longboat to Greenwich; as incapable of performing their duties. Ref; JDC 9-16.

02 June	1851	BRISK, screw sloop, launched
02 June	1858	ATLAS, 2 nd rate, keel laid down. Ref; RDL.
02 June	1948	KENT (1926), cruiser; the ship's bell was presented to the Dean and Chapter of Rochester Cathedral at a special service. Ref; RDL.
03 June	1916	HAWKINS, cruiser, keel laid on No8 Slip. Ref; RDL.
03 June	1983	Final ceremonial Divisions or Parade at PEMBROKE; salute taken by the C-in-C Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi.GCB. Ref; RDL.
04 June	1870	Nearly 200 dockyard workers and their families immigrated to Canada, on the troopship TAMAR. Ref; JDC 3-108.
05 June	1867	MYRMIDON, gunboat, launched. Ref; RDL.
06 June	1870	RUPERT, turret ship, keel laid in No2 Dock. Ref; RDL.
06 June	1891	League cricket match, Dockyard Boilershop United V Upnor United. Boilermen won by 42 runs, both teams to Falcon Inn, Gillingham, for an enjoyable evening in harmony. Ref; CO.
06 June	1902	Fire at Mould Loft, early Friday morning, destroyed the building. Peri; 3-29.
06 June	1908	King Edward VII and family, arrived by train at Port Victoria, embarking on the Royal Yacht VICTORIA & ALBERT (1899), to visit relations in Germany. Ref; RDL.
06 June	1905	ACTAEON, Torpedo School, commissioned at Sheerness, (later at Chatham), two old wooden corvettes, ARIADNE (1859) and DIDO (1869). Ref; RDL.
06 June	1939	EURYALUS, cruiser, launched from No8 Slip, being named by Marchioness Camden, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Kent. Ref; RDL.
07 June	1883	CALYPSO, corvette, launched, named by Mrs Watson. Wife of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral G.W.Watson. Chatham's first ship to be plated in steel. Ref; RDL.
07 June	1887	IMMORTALITE, cruiser, launched from No2 Dock, being named by Lady Scott, wife of Captain the Lord Charles Scott CB RN; Captain of HMS PEMBROKE. Ref; RDL.
07 June	1917	Composite destroyer floated out of No7 Dock and named ZUBIAN. Ref; RDL.
07 June	1940	WOLFHOUND (1918), destroyer, left No3 dock after 6-month conversion to Escort Destroyer new superstructure and re-arming. Ref; RDL.

07 June	1976	GANGES (1905), training establishment for Boy Seamen, the largest unit of the former Nore Command outside Medway; held its final closing down parade. Ref ; RDL.
08 June	1550	The King's ships to be laid up at Gillingham Water; by order of The Privy Council. Ref; JDC 1-1.
08 June	1910	C34, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Miss Ommanney, daughter of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral Robert N.Ommanney. Ref; RDL.
08 June	1918	R3, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Silver, wife of Captain Mortimer Silver RN. Captain of The Dockyard. Ref; RDL.
08 June	1918	R4, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Magennis, wife of Mr. E.J.Magennis CBE MVO. Chief Constructor at Chatham. Ref; RDL.
08 June	1945	TRENCHANT (1943), Chatham built submarine, torpedoed and sank the Japanese cruiser <i>Ashigara</i> , in the Banka Strait, Indonesia. Ref; RDL.
09 June	1880	CONSTANCE, corvette, launched from No4 Slip, being named by Miss MacDonald, daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Reginald MacDonald KCSI, C-in-C at The Nore. Ref; CO.
09 June	1888	MEDEA, cruiser, launched, being named by Miss Kelly, daughter of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral E Kelly. Ref; RDL.
09 June	1975	Jeanette Carrick entered the MOD Police Force as a Woman Police Constable, the first to do so at Chatham Dockyard. Ref; RDL.
10 June	1632	Chatham Chest Commissioners purchased 130 acres of land at Hoo for £900; producing rent of £50 per year. Ref; JDC 17-4.
10 June	1833	WATERLOO, 1 st rate, launched
10 June	1941	PINTAIL (1939), sloop, sunk by mine in the Humber estuary. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
10 June	1941	UNA, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Tyssen. Ref; RDL.
10 June	1967	Start of Dutch Week in the river Medway; sailing regatta to commemorate 300 th anniversary of the battle. Ref; Peri 2-16.
11 June	1667	Duke of Albemarle reported that there were not twelve workmen in the Yard, out of the 800 borne on the Dockyards books. Ref; JDC 3-13.
11 June	1862	A riveter, new class of workman at Chatham Yard, injured while working on ACHILLES. After treatment he was taken to his residence in the chair. Ref; JDC 12-5.

11 June	1976	ENDURANCE (1957), survey ship, first arrived at Chatham for refitting. She had been purchased and renamed in 1967. Ref; Peri 11-129.
11 June	1980	Princess Anne visited the Navy Base at Chatham, as Chief Commandant of WRNS. Ref; RDL
12 June	1667	VANGUARD (1615), galleon, intentionally sunk as a blockship at Rochester, to deny upper reaches of Medway to the Dutch.
12 June	1667	UNITY (1665), 32gun ship, captured from the Dutch; retaken by the Hollanders near the Medway Chain. Ref; JDC 20-6.
12 June	1667	SANTA MARIA (1665), 4 th rate, captured from the Dutch, burnt by the Dutch in the Medway. Ref; JDC 20-6.
12 June	1933	SHARK, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
12 June	1942	GROVE (1941), destroyer, sunk by German submarine, north of Sollum, Egypt. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
13 June	1667	2 nd day of the Dutch raid; gunfire broke windows of St Mary's Church. They were reputedly repaired at the expense of Samuel Pepys, friend of the Vicar. Ref; JDC 16-3.
13 June	1838	HYDRA, paddle sloop, launched
13 June	1876	Arrival at Anchor Wharf of 400 tons of Russian hemp. Sailing ships <i>Elizabeth</i> and <i>Matilda</i> had taken 19 days from Riga. Ref; CO.
13 June	1927	M 3 (1918), submarine, arrived for conversion to minelayer. 12inch and 3inch guns to be removed and vessel equipped to carry 80 mines, retaining 4 torpedo tubes. Ref; RDL.
13 June	1944	BOADICEA (1930), destroyer, sunk by German aircraft off Portland, Dorset. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
13 June	1972	Rosyth Pontoon launched from No7 Slip. Ref; Peri.7-81p5.
14 June	1667	Dutch Fleet withdrew from the River Medway, taking with them the ROYAL CHARLES (1655), 1 st rate of 80 guns. Ref; RDL.
14 June	1797	End of The Nore mutiny. The C-in-C resumed command of all ships. Peri; 5-51p7.
14 June	1888	BENBOW, battleship, completed, after two years being fitted out for sea service. Delivered from Thames Iron Works in August 1886. Ref; RDL.

14 June	1891	Annual cricket match; Royal Marines V Royal Engineers, resulted in a draw. Ref; CO
15 June	1631	King Charles I visited Chatham Dockyard; to survey firstly the Fleet, then the new yard, stores and houses. Warships discharged their ordnance in a Royal Salute. Ref; JDC 1-12.
15 June	1699	A time of peace: total work force of Dockyard 745 men Ref; JDC 3-31.
15 June	1795	Strikes again by shipwrights when house carpenters were employed on SAN FIORENZO. Navy Board dismissed the ringleaders of shipwrights. Ref; JDC 3-54.
15 June	1832	SCOUT, sloop, launched
15 June	1881	POLYPHEMUS, torpedo ram, launched from No5 Slip, being named by Mrs Trevelyan, wife of the Secretary to the Admiralty. Ref; RDL.
15 June	1889	Press release from the Dockyard; that 20 joiners were being discharged through lack of work. At the same time the yard sought to take on 50 additional labourers. Ref; CO.
15 June	1942	BEDOUIIN (1937), destroyer, sunk by Italian aircraft in the Sicilian narrows. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
15 June	1974	TID 164 (1944), tug, arrived at Chatham Dockyard, from Rosyth, to become part of the Medway Maritime Museum. Ref; Peri 9-105.
16 June	1821	LATONA, 5 th rate, launched
16 June	1923	X1, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Kiddle, wife of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral Edward B.Kiddle. CB. Ref; RDL.
16 June	1944	ARETHUSA (1934), cruiser, took King George VI to view the Normandy assault beaches. A week later the ship was damaged by bombs and then mined.
16 June	1970	ARK ROYAL (1950), aircraft carrier; catapulted a Leading Draughtsman from Chatham Yard airborne in a Gannet, in appreciation of Chatham's work on Jet Blast Deflectors. Mr. Sidney Seath of Gillingham. Peri; 5-58.
16 June	1983	Return of Freedom Caskets to the Councils of Gillingham and Rochester-upon-Medway. Ref;
17 June	1667	Commissioner Peter Pett, arrested and taken to Tower of London. Ref; JDC 5-12.
17 June	1669	Navy Board order; the Porter's duties to be placarded at the Gate. He had charge of the tap house, for sale of beer, and charge of the clock. Ref; JDC 15-2.
17 June	1801	Order in Council; no officer receiving a salary was to be allowed the benefit of a dockyard

		apprentice. Ref; JDC 3-55.
17 June	1850	HORATIO (1807), screw frigate, launched having been converted from a 5 th rate, originally built at Bursledon. Ref; RDL.
17 June	1882	Formation of Chatham Dockyard Canteen Association, with shares of £1 each. Hot dinners at 6d each, all profits to widows and orphans. Ref; JDC 3-105.
17 June	1889	HAWKE, cruiser, keel laid in No2 Dock. Ref; RDL.
17 June	1902	Public tramcar services opened to Dockyard Gates from Gillingham and Chatham, including the Luton Flyer. Peri; 2-27.
18 June	1945	U 776 (1943), German submarine, at Thunderbolt Pier for four-day visit during tour of British ports, in aid of King George Fund For Sailors. RN manned following her surrender to our warships 14 May 1945. Ref; RDL and CN.
18 June	1964	ONONDAGA, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
19 June	1839	Fire precautions. Bosun of the Yard is to have all sweepings of sawdust and oakum thrown into the river. Ref; JDC 9-16.
20 June	1811	ORLANDO, 5 th rate, launched
20 June	1906	FORTE (1858), frigate, for many years a receiving ship at Chatham, then a coal hulk off Sheerness, sunk after a fire 23-11-05. Navy experts blew the wreck of FORTE apart this day, while the Nore Fleet was at sea on exercises. Ref; RDL.
20 June	1940	PARTHIAN (1929), Chatham built submarine, sank the Italian submarine <i>Diamante</i> , off Tripoli, Libya. Our first submarine success in the Mediterranean. Ref; RDL.
20 June	1966	First Medway Towns Apprentices Raft Race, with teams from most large local employers. A Dockyard team won the event. Ref; Peri 1-9.
21 June	1822	PROCRIS, brig-sloop, launched
21 June	1826	POWERFUL, 2 nd rate, launched
21 June	1854	HECLA (1839), Chatham built sloop, in Baltic Fleet; Acting Mate Charles Lucas performed act of bravery that earned him the Royal Navy's first Victoria Cross. Ref; RDL.
21 June	1871	Dockyard Repair Basin (No1), 20 acres, opened for business; in the presence of Mr Goschen, First Lord of The Admiralty. Ref; JDC 1-102.
21 June	1871	INVINCIBLE (1869), battleship, first warship to enter Basin 1 and No5 Dock. The new

		Victorian extension facilities are now in use. Ref; JDC 1-102.
21 June	1983	HERMIONE (1967), frigate, sails from Chatham Naval Base; the last warship to be refitted at HM Dockyard. Ref; RDL.
22 June	1779	Navy Board order; that Naval Stores are only to be issued to Quartermen and Warrant Officers. Ref; JDC 15-16.
22 June	1896	HRH Duke of Edinburgh, Alfred, Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Victoria's second son; presented The Queens Colours to Chatham Division, The Royal Marines. Ref; RDL.
22 June	1903	Appointment of first Electrical Engineering Manager to Chatham; Mr. L. Newitt.
22 June	1929	PARTHIAN, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Stirling, wife of the Admiral Superintendent, Vice Admiral Anselan.J.B. Stirling. CB. Ref; RDL.
22 June	1940	T/S ARETHUSA (1911) entered the Dockyard, from Lower Upnor, to become accommodation ship for RN stokers. Name changed to HMS PEKIN for the duration of the war. Ref; RDL
22 June	1967	ONONDAGA (1965), submarine, first commissioned at Chatham. Guest of Honour was Vice Admiral Hennessy RCN, Controller of Canadian Armed Forces. Ref; RDL.
23 June	1830	LARK, cutter, launched
23 June	1860	ORPHEUS, corvette, launched from No2 Slip; designed to have a telescopic funnel and hoisting screw propeller. Ref; RDL.
23 June	1927	ODIN, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
24 June	1668	£10 paid to Sir Richard Head of Rochester, being half yearly rent for Hill House; being for the use of Principal Officers and Commissioners of the Navy. Ref; JDC 21-2.
24 June	1693	SERPENT, bomb, launched
24 June	1917	TARTAR (1907), destroyer, arrived at Chatham Dockyard for major repairs, following mine damage whilst on Dover Patrol duty near Gravelines Buoy. Ref; RDL.
24 June	1942	GOSSAMER (1937), minesweeper, sunk by German aircraft in the Kola Inlet, N.Russia. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
25 June	1693	MORTAR, bomb, launched
25 June	1808	MEROPE, brig-sloop, launched

25 June	1819	BLANCHE, 5 th rate, launched
25 June	1846	TEAZER, gunboat, launched. Chatham's first screw driven vessel.
25 June	1917	SKATE (1917), destroyer, completed repairs, mainly in No6 dock, after German torpedo had wrecked her stern. Ref; RDL.
25 June	1941	PARTHIAN (1929), Chatham built submarine, attacked and sank the Vichy French submarine <i>Souffleur</i> , off Beirut, Lebanon. Ref; RDL.
25 June	1965	Ron Foster, engineer, inaugurated as Mayor of Chatham. Ref; Peri June '79 p11
25 June	1981	Secretary of State for Defence, John Knott, announced in House of Commons, that HM dockyard and Naval Base at Chatham was to close by April 1984. Ref; RDL.
26 June	1971	First female apprentice taken on in Chatham Dockyard; Zandra Bradley started as an electrical fitter apprentice. Ref; RDL.
26 June	1812	Master Attendant to Admiralty: we experience much delay on warping ships up and down this river, when foremast capstans are surrounded with hen-coops, sheep pens, etc. Ref; RDL.
27 June	1891	SANS PAREIL (1887), battleship, completed here and ready for sea service; 3 years after her launch at Thames Iron Works, Millwall. Ref; RDL.
27 June	1944	SCYLLA (1940), cruiser, entered Yard, having been suffered mine damage off Normandy beaches. Major repairs planned but not carried out; Taken away for scrap in 1950. Ref; RDL.
27 June	1945	THERMOPYLAE, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Hobbs. Ref; RDL.
27 June	1980	BRONINGTON (1953), minesweeper, recommissioned at Chatham. Guest of Honour, HRH the Prince of Wales, Commanding Officer of BRONINGTON in 1976. Ref; RDL.
28 June	1775	STIRLING CASTLE, 3 rd rate, launched
28 June	1794	STAG, 5 th rate, launched
28 June	1838	TEMERAIRE (1798), 2 nd rate, fired her guns for the last time, as a 21gun salute for Queen Victoria's Coronation, moored at The Nore, double issue of daily rum, and shore leave granted at Sheerness. Ref; RDL.
28 June	1899	PIONEER, cruiser, launched from No2 Dock, being named by Miss Andoe, eldest daughter

		of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral Hilary G.Andoe. CB. Ref; RDL.
28 June	1940	Burial of Rear Admiral Claude Dobson. VC. RN, in Gillingham Cemetery. Won his award leading CMBs at Kronstadt, Russia, 18-08-1919. Ref; RDL.
28 June	1955	HMS PEMBROKE, RN Barracks, granted Freedom of the Borough of Gillingham. Ref; RDL.
29 June	1700	Overtime allowed at Chatham to labourers, two tides per day, for unloading timber from store-ships, lighters and hoys. Ref; JDC 3-20.
29 June	1808	Master Attendant reported to Navy Board; that the moorings in Gillingham Reach, were occupied by seven prison ships and one powder hulk. Ref; JDC 18-3.
29 June	1968	Ceremonial opening of Nuclear Facility Building, by Vice Admiral Sir Horace Law. Peri 3-34.
29 June	1973	Ron Foster, Yard safety officer, inaugurated as Mayor of Medway. Ref; Peri May '74 p7.
30 June	1667	Samuel Pepys at Chatham, investigating the disastrous Dutch Raid. Ref; Harris.
30 June	1721	EDINBURGH (1666), 3 rd rate, re-launched, having been rebuilt and enlarged for the second time. Originally named WARSPITE but renamed in 1716. Ref; RDL.
30 June	1797	SANDWICH (1759), Chatham built 2 nd rate, venue for the hanging of Peter Parker, leader of the Nore Mutiny. Anchored off Sheerness. Ref; RDL.
30 June	1800	Disastrous fire swept through the heart of Chatham town. 95 dwellings and warehouses burnt. Ref; Harris.
30 June	1876	GARNET, corvette, launched from No4 Slip,
30 June	1918	VALKYRIE (1917), destroyer, completed being virtually rebuilt, mainly in No2 dock, following damage by an enemy mine. Ref; RDL.
30 June	1928	PARTHIAN, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
30 June	1942	MEDWAY (1928), submarine depot ship, sunk by German submarine, off Port Said, Egypt. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
June	1907	Visit by a squadron of Japanese warships.
June	1900	Opening of the Galvanising Shop. Ref; Peri 2-27

June	1865	St Mary's Island; commencement of drainage and levelling for Dockyard extension. Ref; RDL
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