

01 Nov.	1663	Rope-makers now expected to spin 70lb of yarn per day in winter months; 77lb per day in summer months. Ref; JDC 3-44.
01 Nov.	1713	ARUNDELL (1695), 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, ordered to Stangate Creek to enforce quarantine, but not to approach the merchant ships; over 100 moored in creek. Ref; JDC 18-7.
01 Nov.	1873	EURYALUS, frigate, keel laid Ref; RDL.
01 Nov.	1891	Opening of Naval Ordnance Depot, Chatham, at Gun Wharf. Ref; JDC 22-9.
01 Nov.	1921	X1, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
02 Nov.	1715	Navy Board Order; King's Birthday, Coronation Day, Fifth November, and Oakapple Day; the men should work from 6am to noon and have the wages for the whole day. Ref JDC 3-19.
02 Nov.	1899	VENERABLE, battleship launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Chamberlain, wife of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain MP, Colonial Secretary. Ref; RDL.
02 Nov.	1905	Boys Brigade established at PEMBROKE, for sons of RN and RM personnel, except commissioned officers. Ref; RDL.
02 Nov.	1956	Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, visited WRNS at Chatham; and opened the Dargetts Wood married quarters, Walderslade. Ref; RDL.
03 Nov.	1678	Commissioner, noted that there were dangerous conspiracies about, and requested that some soldiers quartered at Rochester, should do duty at the Dockyard by night. Ref; JDC 15-4.
03 Nov.	1860	All seven Slipways were occupied with ship building, No2 Dock being prepared for building ACHILLES, while 3 and 4 Docks contained ships being fitted with engines. Ref JDC 1-112.
04 Nov.	1758	William Crockwell, aged 15 years, joined as a shipwright apprentice. Ref; RDL.
04 Nov.	1914	HOOD (1891), battleship, sunk as a blockship at the southern entrance to Portland Harbour, to deny submarines. Still there in 2007. Ref; RDL.
05 Nov.	1895	FORTE, cruiser, completed and ready for sea service, the first warship to have her engines designed and built at Chatham Yard. Ref; JDC 6-4.
05 Nov.	1940	JERVIS BAY (1922), armed merchant cruiser, sunk by German battleship ADMIRAL SCHEER, in North Atlantic. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
05 Nov.	1962	Royal Naval Mine Watching Service changed title to become the RNXS, Royal Naval

		Auxiliary Service. Ref; RDL.
06 Nov.	1854	ORION, screw ship, launched
06 Nov.	1945	PEKIN (1911), accommodation ship, reverted to Training Ship ARETHUSA; towed from Dockyard to her old moorings at Lower Upnor. Ref; RDL.
07 Nov.	1693	MAIDSTONE, 6 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
08 Nov.	1916	ZULU (1909), destroyer, struck a mine in Dover Straits; the surviving hulk being brought to Chatham, to be rebuilt. Ref; RDL.
08 Nov.	1942	WALNEY (1930), sloop, sunk by enemy gunfire at Oran, Algeria. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
08 Nov.	1942	HARTLAND (1928), sloop, sunk by enemy gunfire at Oran, Algeria. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
08 Nov.	1974	PEMBROKE; fire in the bedding store and the death of two Kent firemen. Ref; RDL.
09 Nov.	1704	Admiralty Order; An advertisement to be put in the Gazette, for 100 men who were cripples of the Chatham Chest, to be admitted to Greenwich Hospital. Ref; JDC 17-11.
09 Nov.	1894	Gun wharf, Naval Ordnance Dept., started 48 hour week and 4 public holidays with pay. Ref; JDC 24-10.
09 Nov.	1911	CHATHAM, cruiser, launched from No8 Slip, being named by Lady Camden. Ref; RDL.
09 Nov.	1912	E1, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Anson, wife of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral Charles E. Anson. MVO. Ref; RDL.
09 Nov.	1942	GARDENIA (1940), corvette, sunk after collision with the trawler FLUELLEN, off Oran, Algeria. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
09 Nov.	1946	Arthur Fray, engine fitter, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester. Ref; CN
09 Nov.	1982	Census taken of ancient guns and cannons within the Naval Base. 98 guns in total. Ref; RDL.
10 Nov.	1860	Notice appeared in the "Chatham News", that the Admiralty intended to stop up St.Marys Creek, as part of the Dockyard extension scheme. Ref; JDC 1-99.

10 Nov.	1909	Mr Louis Brennan demonstrated his monorail system at the Brennan Torpedo Factory, Gillingham. Ref; RDL.
10 Nov.	1931	SWORDFISH, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Lady Tyrwhitt, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt. GCB. DSO. Ref; RDL.
10 Nov.	1942	MARTIN (1940), destroyer, sunk by German submarine off Algiers. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
10 Nov.	1942	IBIS (1940), sloop, sunk by enemy aircraft in western Mediterranean. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
11 Nov.	1856	Appointment of the first Engineering Manager to this Dockyard; Mr. Thomas Baker.
11 Nov.	1882	DUNCAN (1859), 1 <sup>st</sup> rate, flagship of C-in-C at The Nore, held a Court Martial for three stokers and a sail-maker, all of PEMBROKE (1812), for improperly leaving the Yard. 24-17.
11 Nov.	1920	Body of the Unknown Warrior laid to rest in the Nave of Westminster Cathedral. Ref; RDL.
12 Nov.	1647	Chatham Chest Commissioners purchased ten parcels of land pasture at Chislet, Kent, for £342. Ref; JDC 17-5.
12 Nov.	1917	TARTAR (1907), destroyer, completed major repairs, mainly in No7 dock, after being torpedoed in the North Sea. Ref; RDL.
12 Nov.	1978	PEMBROKE, BBC Television recorded "Songs of Praise" from St Georges. Ref; RDL.
13 Nov.	1718	SUFFOLK (1680), 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, re-launched, having been rebuilt and enlarged for the second time.
14 Nov.	1873	THUNDERBOLT (1856), battery, became a floating pier-head, to a jetty between No2 Slip and No1 Dock entrances. Ref; JDC 18-8.
15 Nov.	1880	SUPERB (1875), battleship, completed, after two years of alterations to RN standards; had been built for Turkey as HAMIDIEH. Ref; RDL.
15 Nov.	1924	KENT, cruiser, keel laid on No8 Slip, ceremony by Lady Goodenough, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Ref; RDL.
15 Nov.	1932	SEAHORSE, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Bowring, wife of Admiral Humphrey W. Bowring. CB. DSO. Ref; RDL.

15 Nov.	1942	AVENGER (1940), aircraft carrier, sunk by German submarine west of Gibraltar. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.
16 Nov.	1807	WARSPITE, 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, launched
16 Nov.	1826	MERCURY, 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
16 Nov.	1826	ACORN, sloop, launched
16 Nov.	1974	Harbour Launch No.7025 dedicated, north side of basin 3. Built and fitted out by Dockyard apprentices for operations with the Port Auxiliary Service, as a passenger carrying vessel locally and on the Thames. Ref; RDL.
17 Nov.	1960	OCELOT, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
18 Nov.	1705	Order in Council; Paymaster of the Yard to deduct another 6d from marines pay for the Chatham Chest. This entitles marines to benefits for wounds by land or by sea. JDC 17-11.
18 Nov.	1800	LEDA, 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
18 Nov.	1942	ARETHUSA (1934), cruiser, torpedoed by enemy aircraft while escorting a convoy to Malta. She was towed stern first back to Alexandria. Ref; RDL.
19 Nov.	1665	Navy Board Order; that all large ships were to cleaned at Sheerness to avoid waste of time coming to Chatham; they would also avoid the Plague at Chatham. Ref; JDC 24-1.
20 Nov.	1823	RAINBOW, 6 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
20 Nov.	1872	RIFLEMAN, gun vessel, launched from No3 Slip, being named by Miss Tyler
20 Nov.	1939	STURGEON (1932), submarine, torpedoed and sank the German A/S trawler V209, off Heligoland. Ref; RDL.
20 Nov.	1973	WARSPITE (1965), submarine, recommissioned in No 6 Dock, after more than two years at Chatham; the most extensive refit yet of a nuclear sub. Ref; Peri 8-98.
21 Nov.	1816	Founding of the Sheerness Economical Society; set up to buy food in bulk for the Dockyard workers. Ref; JDC 24-7.
21 Nov.	1831	SEAGULL, schooner, launched.
21 Nov.	1889	CORMORANT (1877), sloop, arrived at Gibraltar Dockyard, to become accommodation ship for sailors there – staying for sixty years. Ref; RDL.

21 Nov.	1938	TORBAY, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
22 Nov.	1893	DRYAD, torpedo gunboat, launched from No2 Dock, being named by Miss Cecil Heneage, daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Algernon Heneage. KCB. C-in-C at The Nore. They had arrived at Thunderbolt Pier from Sheerness on the yacht WILDFIRE. Ref; RDL.
22 Nov.	1930	SHOREHAM, sloop, launched from No4 Dock, being named by Florence, Countess Darnley, of Cobham Hall. Ref; RDL.
23 Nov.		St. Clements Day, patron saint of smiths.
23 Nov.	1721	HAWKE, sloop, launched
23 Nov.	1855	MARS, screw ship of 80 guns, launched, having been converted from a 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate that was launched here in 1848. Ref; RDL.
23 Nov.	1889	BLAKE, cruiser, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Lady Hamilton, wife of Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of The Admiralty. Ref; RDL.
23 Nov.	1894	LEONIDAS (1807), 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, had spent 20 years in the Medway as gun cotton depot ship, sold this day for scrap. Ref; JDC 18-8.
23 Nov.	1905	FORTE (1858), frigate, had been a receiving ship at Chatham, 1880-85, before going to Medway estuary as a coal hulk; destroyed by fire this day off Sheerness. Ref; JDC 1810.
23 Nov.	1912	E2, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs Erskine, wife of Captain Seymour Erskine ADC. RN. Commodore of RN Barracks, Chatham. Ref; RDL.
23 Nov.	1915	G5, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, bring named by Mrs Ricardo, wife of the Admiral Superintendent, Vice Admiral Arthur D. Ricardo. CB. Ref; RDL.
23 Nov.	1922	Canada House, RN Maternity Home, opened by Princess Marie Louise; part funded from Canada and administered by sailors from PEMBROKE. Ref; RDL.
24 Nov.	1860	742 convicts employed at the Dockyard. 400 on St.Marys Island project; 82 with Clerk of Works; 153 moving timber; 13 on ships; 54 scavenging; 8 coaling fires; 32 in test houses. Ref; Admiralty Enquiry & RDL.
24 Nov.	1860	Chatham Dockyard currently produces; all copper requirements for the Navy; all oars for the Navy; 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of all rope, and all rope for our foreign yards; all paint putty and cement. Ref; RDL

25 Nov.	1806	MELEAGER, 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
25 Nov.	1851	DESPATCH, brig-sloop, launched
25 Nov.	1873	Tramway opened between Gun Wharf and Anchor Wharf, by New Stairs. First rail consignment, 16 big guns from THUNDERBOLT (1856), being stripped and de-armed ready to become a pier-head. Ref; CO.
25 Nov.	1957	ALAMEIN (1945), destroyer, left through the locks, with a V I P visitor onboard. Field Marshall Viscount Bernard Montgomery of Alamein. Ref; RDL.
25 Nov.	1965	Approval given for demolition of Admiralty House, former home of C-in-Cs at The Nore. Intention was to build officers married Quarters, but not realised. Ref; RDL.
25 Nov.		St Catherine's Day; patron saint of rope makers.
26 Nov.	1786	Navy Board proposals for new Ropeyard buildings, new rigging and storehouses, hatchelling, white and black yarn, tarring and double rope houses. Ref; Coad.
26 Nov.	1833	ROCHESTER, dockyard vessel, launched
26 Nov.	1882	Fitting out basin (No 3) sufficiently completed to allow tide to enter and iron caissons to be fitted to locks. Ref; JDC 1-104.
26 Nov.	1914	BULWARK (1899), battleship, blew up that morning, having just finished taking on coal in Kethole Reach, near Sheerness. A fatal accident. Ref; RDL.
26 Nov.	1918	Order placed with Chatham Yard for a new destroyer, to be named WARREN. A first for Chatham, but order cancelled in August 1919. Ref; RDL.
27 Nov.	1703	Great gale damaged many buildings; new roof tiles to be sent from Plymouth. JDC 1-27.
27 Nov.	1703	The same great gale that ravaged Chatham also devastated the Goodwin Sands. At least twelve ships lost and over 1000 seamen drowned. Ref; RDL.
27 Nov.	1810	Navy Board advised Ropery officers that they had desired Mr Maudslay to provide forming machines. They arrived in 1811 and are still operating. Ref; Coad.
27 Nov.	1829	DELIGHT, brig-sloop, launched
27 Nov.	1873	FLYING FISH, sloop, launched from No3 Slip, being named by Miss Arbuthnot,
27 Nov.	1909	C20, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Lady Drury, wife of the C-in-C at

		The Nore. Admiral Sir Charles C.Drury. GCVO.KCB.KCSI. Ref; RDL.
27 Nov.	1938	WRNS reformed, but, as in the 1914-18 wars, the Admiralty accommodated them around Medway towns. Ref; RDL.
27 Nov.	1961	Dockyard Power Station closed. Ceremonial connection to the National Grid via Upnor. Control Room opened by Miss Elizabeth Evans, with dignitaries from Dockyard and SEEB.
28 Nov.	1694	Resident Commissioner organised a mass search of workers leaving at the evening bell; vast amount of naval stores recovered. Ref; JDC 3-16.
28 Nov.	1842	Letter from Admiralty to Superintendent; authorising the establishment of a school in the Dockyard, to provide apprentices with a professional and religious education. Ref; JDC4-27
28 Nov.	1957	OBERON, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
29 Nov.	1737	ELIZABETH (1706), re-launched, having been rebuilt and enlarged.
29 Nov.	1847	Admiralty circular modified organisation of Dockyard school; schoolmaster to be divorced from other duties and rank with a foreman of the yard; boys to be 15 and competent in reading, writing and arithmetic. Ref; JDC 4-30.
29 Nov.	1944	ARGUS (1917), aircraft carrier, arrived at Dockyard, reduced to harbour service and now to become an accommodation ship for ships in refit; west wall basin one. Ref; RDL.
30 Nov.	1838	AID, dockyard stores vessel, launched
30 Nov.	1857	GOLIATH (1842), 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, launched, having been converted to take steam propulsion. Originally built in Chatham Dockyard. Ref; RDL.
30 Nov.	1917	Women's Royal Naval Service established, bringing Wrens into the Dockyard, barracks and hospitals for the first time. Ref; RDL.
Nov.	1940	ARETHUSA (1934), cruiser, moored close to Tower Bridge to supplement London's anti aircraft defences. Ref; RDL.