

01 Oct.	1650	Edward Hawthorne, purser of the SOVEREIGN, inaugurated as mayor of Rochester for 2 <sup>nd</sup> time. Died the following year. Ref; NMM.
01 Oct.	1741	CHATHAM, Commissioner's yacht completed; the vessel, which ultimately took the body of Lord Nelson, from The Nore to Greenwich. Ref; RDL.
01 Oct	1897	Order from Admiral Supt., prior to visit by the Admiralty Board: "two railway engines and carriages are to be ready to convey Their Lordships about the Yard; and steam is to be raised in my barge in case they wish to visit Upnor. Ref; RDL.
01 Oct.	1914	G1, G2 & G3, submarines, all laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
01 Oct.	1914	Basic rates of pay; 37/- a week for established shipwrights, 39/- a week for hired men. Labourers' rates were 24/-. Ref; JDC 3-76.
01 Oct.	1917	HAWKINS, cruiser, launched from No8 Slip, being named by Lady Robertson, wife of General Sir William Robertson, Chief of The Imperial General Staff. Ref; RDL.
01 Oct.	1954	Admiralty Fleet Order introduced standardisation of RN Battle Honours and the boards on which to display them; much potential for Dockyard Joiners. Ref; RDL.
01 Oct.	1965	Cost of safety shoes and boots now deductible from wages. Sales subsequently soared and accident rates dropped. Ref; Peri 2-16.
02 Oct.	1665	Samuel Pepys toured the Yard with Commissioner Pett; he noticed a team of four horses pulling one small plank of wood. Ref; Harris.
02 Oct.	1769	SALISBURY, 4 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
02 Oct.	1845	BULLDOG, paddle sloop, launched
02 Oct.	1845	ÉCLAIR (1811), paddle sloop, returning from West Africa, sent to Stangate Creek, rife with yellow fever; 74 deaths out of 146 crew. Surgeon Sidney Bernard of the ROLLA (1829), brig-sloop, volunteered his services, but he also died a week later. Ref; JDC 18-7.
02 Oct.	1913	E7, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Miss Anson, daughter of the Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral Charles E. Anson. MVO. Ref; RDL.
02 Oct.	1927	Model of the GOLDEN HIND (1577), presented to the Dockyard Church by the maker Mr J Hardman, a dockyard craftsman. Ref; Peri 5-52p11.
02 Oct.	1942	CURACOA (1917), cruiser, sunk in collision with the liner QUEEN MARY, north of Ireland. Chatham manned and recorded in St Georges. Ref; RDL.

02 Oct.	1949	Admiralty Constabulary formed, to take over policing of the Dockyard from RM Police. RDL.
03 Oct.	1744	Navy Board Order; no old, lame, infirm, or unqualified workmen are to be entered JDC 3-26.
03 Oct.	1890	TEMERAIRE (1876), Chatham built battleship, known as the great brig, sailed into Suda Bay, Crete. The last occasion a British battleship used sails alone. Ref; RDL.
03 Oct.	1941	WOLFHOUND (1918), destroyer, taken into No4 dock for rebuilding, following bomb damage in North Sea a month earlier. Ship completed 22-04-43. Ref; RDL.
04 Oct.	1761	Benjamin Graydon, Surgeon of the ships at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 6 <sup>th</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
04 Oct.	1780	Edward Dyne, Surgeon of the ships at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
04 Oct.	1863	DUNCAN (1811), 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, entered No3 Dock to be scrapped; for many years had been quarantine ship in Stangate Creek. Ref; JDC 18-8.
05 Oct.	1853	EURYALUS, screw frigate, launched
05 Oct.	1862	Surgeon paid surprise visit to home of a sawyer who had been on Sick List over two months. Sawyer found to be also a butcher who lived over his shop. Sawyer discharged. JDC 12-4.
05 Oct.	1938	VALOROUS (1917), destroyer, taken into No5 dock for conversion to Escort Destroyer, new superstructure and modern armament. Completed 22-06-39. Ref; RDL.
05 Oct.	1943	MOORSMAN and MOORSPOUT, mooring vessels, keels laid in No2 Dock. Ref; RDL.
05 Oct.	1950	Committee appointed to consider dual scheme of entry for apprentices; craft and student. 4-79
06 Oct.	1743	Nathaniel Hawes, Surgeon of ships at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 5 <sup>th</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
06 Oct.	1782	Sidney Nicholson, Clerk to the Ordnance Board at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester. Ref; JDC 22-7.
06 Oct.	1971	Admiralty Constabulary superseded by the Ministry of Defence Police, for the protection of Chatham Dockyard. Ref; JDC 15-12.

07 Oct.	1637	Thomas Austen, Master Attendant, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
07 Oct.	1911	A.J.Knight, first apprentice to enter for Dockyard electrical fitter examinations, in 1903, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
07 Oct.	1912	ATTENDANT, oil tanker, keel laid on No8 Slip. Ref; RDL.
08 Oct.	1677	Resident Commissioner suggested that boats crews from three guardships should row night duty. Not to employ dockyard men, as they would likely hang back and desert, as they did when the Hollanders came. Ref; JDC 15-20.
08 Oct.	1763	FERRET, cutter, launched
08 Oct.	1884	RODNEY, battleship, launched from No7 Slip, being named by the Duchess of Edinburgh. Vice Admiral HRH The Duke of Edinburgh was Flag Officer of The Channel Squadron. RDL.
09 Oct.	1647	Philip Ward, purser of the PRINCE ROYAL (1610), inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for 4 <sup>th</sup> time. Also Governor of Chatham Chest. Ref; RDL.
09 Oct.	1694	CHATHAM, sheer hulk, launched
09 Oct.	1790	LEVIATHAN, 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, launched
09 Oct.	1858	Admiralty Order; monthly advances on quarterly salaries can be authorised for Dockyard officers and clerks. Ref; JDC 3-97.
09 Oct.	1945	Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent, visited the WRNS at Chatham. Ref; RDL.
09 Oct.	1981	DREADNOUGHT (1960), submarine, arrived at Chatham for Britain's first complete nuclear de-fuelling, and to decommission. Ref; RDL.
10 Oct.	1810	Three French prisoners-of-war escaped at night from a prison hulk in Gillingham Reach. Boarding a fishing boat they escaped to France, aided reluctantly by George Ratcliff, the boat's apprentice. George was returned home after the war. Ref; KFHS Sept 2001
10 Oct.	1908	C18, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Miss Giffard, daughter of the Admiral Superintendent, Vice Admiral George A.Giffard. CMG. Then towed into No2 dock for fitting out. Ref; RDL.
10 Oct.	1919	First meeting between Admiralty Industrial Council and Shipbuilding Trades Joint Council,

		at the Admiralty. Ref; JDC 3-126.
10 Oct.	1927	F.C.A.Matthews, Dockyard executive officer, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester. Ref; JDC 3-25.
11 Oct.	1815	Admiralty Letter; Surgeon of the Yard is prohibited from all private practice. Ref; JDC 12-4.
11 Oct.	1976	FITTLETON (1954), minesweeper, arrived at Chatham, having been sunk in collision with the frigate MERMAID, during a North Sea exercise. 12 crew lost. Ref; Peri 11-132&134.
12 Oct.	1764	Order in Council; introducing a superannuating scheme for Dockyard workers, shipwrights only at first. Ref; JDC3-46.
12 Oct.	1809	Maidstone (1795), 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, at Chatham; beef supplied to the ship declared stinking and unfit for men to eat. Ref; JDC 9-15
12 Oct.	1890	BARFLEUR, battleship, keel laid on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
12 Oct.	1908	ROVER, dockyard tug, launched from No8 Slip. Ref; RDL.
12 Oct.	1914	G4 & G5, submarines, laid down on No6 Slip. Ref; RDL.
13 Oct.	1836	WOLVERINE, brig-sloop, launched
13 Oct.	1939	VERDUN (1917), destroyer, taken into No5 dock for conversion to Escort Destroyer; new superstructure, rewiring and better armament. Completed July 1940. Ref; RDL.
14 Oct.	1618	George Wilson, Master Attendant, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
14 Oct.	1699	John Conny, Surgeon of ships at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
14 Oct.	1951	Memorial unveiled in Dockyard Church to Captain V. King RN of HMS BERRY HEAD (1944), repair ship; who died onboard, rather than jeopardise Christmas leave for his crew. Presented by his widow. Ref; Peri 5-52p11.
15 Oct.	1915	Women workers taken on in offices for 48-hour week; 18/- per week for typing, 21/- per week for clerical work. Ref; JDC 13-10.
15 Oct.	1931	GUARDIAN, netlayer, keel laid in No2 Dock. Ref; RDL.
15 Oct	1952	HRH the Duke of Edinburgh unveiled the World War Two extension to the Chatham Naval

		Memorial. "All These Were Honoured In Their Generations And Were The Glory Of Their Times". Ref; CWGC & RDL.
15 Oct.	1982	Ceremonial march through the streets of Medway by sailors of PEMBROKE. Ref; RDL.
16 Oct.	1641	Edward Hawthorne, purser of the SOVEREIGN (1637) at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester. Also a Governor of Chatham Chest. Ref; NMM
16 Oct.	1656	Richard Wye, surgeon of ships at Chatham, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for 2 <sup>nd</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
16 Oct.	1797	Admiral Duncan anchored his fleet at The Nore, after the Battle of Camperdown; many of his ships required urgent repairs at Chatham. Ref; RDL.
16 Oct.	1829	DOLPHIN (1804), prison hulk, scuttled by the prisoners at night. All 400 inmates were rescued in dramatic operations. DOLPHIN, from the river Medway, refitted in Dockyard and renamed JUSTITIA. Peri 1-9
17 Oct.	1914	TARTAR (1907), destroyer, entered No6 dock, following collision with sister destroyer SARACEN. She undocked again 21-11-1914.
17 Oct.	1933	Dockyard Church licensed for marriages. Ref; Chatham Registrar.
17 Oct.	1938	WHITLEY (1918), destroyer, completed conversion to Escort Destroyer after 7 months; new superstructure and modern armament fitted. Ref; RDL.
17 Oct.	1968	MAIDSTONE (1937), depot ship, ship's bell presented to the town of Maidstone by Admiral Supt., of Chatham Dockyard. Ref; Peri 3-37p9.
17 Oct	1980	Inaugural meeting of the Chatham Dockyard Historical Society; held in the Dockyard Tours office, near Pembroke Gate. Ref; RDL.
18 Oct.	1708	CHESTER, 4 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
18 Oct.	1976	MASTIFF, tug, takes handicapped children for a day out on river Medway. It became a regular feature, organised by the RMAS. Ref; Periscopes.
19 Oct.	1895	VICTORIOUS, battleship launched from No7 Slip, being named by Mrs. Goschen, wife of George. J. Goschen. First Lord of The Admiralty. They acknowledged a salute from the guns of Fort Amherst before the ceremony. Ref; RDL.
19 Oct.	1972	PEMBROKE (1903), sailors marched through the streets of Gillingham and Chatham led by a Guard and Band; as befitting Freemen of the Boroughs. Ref; Peri 7-85 & 8-97.

20 Oct.	1620	Thomas Rocke, painter in Dockyard, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester for the 4 <sup>th</sup> time. Ref; RDL.
20 Oct.	1702	John Hales, Agent Victualler, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester. Ref; RDL.
21 Oct.	1752	SPEEDWELL, sloop, launched
21 Oct.	1805	VICTORY (1765), 1 <sup>st</sup> rate, flagship of Vice Admiral Lord Nelson, led the British Fleet into the Battle of Trafalgar.
21 Oct.	1842	CUMBERLAND, 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, launched
21 Oct.	1937	EURYALUS, cruiser, keel laid on No8 Slip, ceremony by Lady Evans, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Ref; RDL.
21 Oct.	1974	Dockyard Smiths evacuated No1 Smithery and moved into the Boilershop. Peri 9-110p2.
22 Oct.	1626	John May, Assistant Master Shipwright, inaugurated as Mayor of Rochester. Ref; RDL.
22 Oct.	1716	ORFORD (1698), 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, ordered into the Medway, following a refit, to take the lowest river position, as guardship. Ref JDC 20-16.
22 Oct.	1778	ALFRED, 3 <sup>rd</sup> rate, launched
22 Oct.	1824	HEARTY, brig-sloop, launched
22 Oct.	1926	VALERIAN (1916), sloop, lost in a hurricane off Bermuda. Stained glass window in St Georges dedicated to the Chatham sailors who perished. Ref; RDL.
22 Oct.	1966	First "Miss Chatham Dockyard" competition, held at a Dance & Social evening in the Central Restaurant. £20 Premium Bond prize and name on a rose-bowl. Ref; Peri 1-9.
23 Oct.	1808	MUROS, brig-sloop, launched
23 Oct.	1915	G4, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Florence, Countess Darnley, of Cobham Hall. Ref; RDL.
23 Oct.	1969	ABBEVILLE, army LCT, arrived at Chatham for docking and repairs, following collision with a Dutch motor vessel. Ref; RDL.
24 Oct.	1764	Following rumours that French agents were trying to sabotage ships and dockyards,

		Admiralty proposed to guard Chatham Yard with marines day and night. Ref; JDC 15-5.
24 Oct.	1805	THAMES, 5 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
25 Oct.	1881	WARSPITE, cruiser, keel laid in No2 Dock. Ref; RDL.
25 Oct.	1913	ARETHUSA, cruiser, launched from No7 Dock, being named by Mrs McNamara, wife of the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty. Ref; RDL.
25 Oct.	1934	SNAPPER, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Lady Tweedie, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Vice Admiral Sir Hugh J.Tweedie. KCB. Ref; RDL.
26 Oct.	1721	COLCHESTER (1707), 4 <sup>th</sup> rate, re-launched, having been rebuilt and enlarged.
26 Oct.	1812	Resident Commissioner forbade stagecoaches to enter the Dockyard, much to the chagrin of his principal officers. Ref; JDC 2-21.
26 Oct.	1872	Inspection of Dockyard by Lords Commissioners of Admiralty, on Saturday. Workmen given half day off next Saturday. Ref; JDC 3-115.
26 Oct.	1943	THERMOPYLAE, submarine, laid down on No7 Slip. Ref; RDL.
27 Oct.	1859	IRRESISTIBLE, battleship, launched
27 Oct.	1885	HERO, battleship, launched from No2 Dock, being named by Princess of Leiningen, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Vice Admiral HSH. Ernest Prince of Leiningen. GCB. Ref; RDL.
27 Oct.	1916	NUBIAN (1909), destroyer torpedoed in Dover Straits destroying front half of ship. The remaining half brought to Chatham. Ref; RDL.
27 Oct.	1924	M 2 (1918), submarine, entered Dockyard to start three-year refit, removing 12inch gun turret and converting to submersible aircraft carrier. Ref; RDL.
27 Oct.	1941	COSSACK (1937), destroyer, sank four days after being torpedoed by German submarine, west of Gibraltar. Not Chatham manned but recorded in St Georges windows. Ref; RDL.
28 Oct.	1825	CROCODILE, 6 <sup>th</sup> rate, launched
28 Oct.	1912	ARETHUSA, cruiser, keel laid in No7 Dock. Ref; RDL.
28 Oct.	1983	Captain Paddy Sheehan CBE RN. ceremoniously locked the main gate to HMS PEMBROKE and departed. Closure of RN Barracks after 80 years service. Ref; RDL.

29 Oct.	1791	There was no beer in the cellar of Chatham Yard tap house, for to serve the Dockyard people. Quoted from a Gillingham man's diary. Ref; JDC 3-54.
29 Oct.	1800	Indenture of a blacksmith apprenticed to his father, the foreman. Should the apprentice choose to board himself, the father would allow him 6/- a week. Ref; JDC 4-8.
29 Oct.	1924	A Wednesday; and the Dockyard closed at noon for the day, so that the workforce could vote in Parliamentary Elections. Ref; RDL.
29 Oct.	1946	HERNE BAY (1945), frigate, completed conversion to become a Survey Ship, and commissioned this day as HMS DAMPIER. Ref; RDL.
29 Oct.	1950	St George's Church, PEMBROKE; Princess Elizabeth attended a service to dedicate the Chancel as a memorial to sailors of the Nore Command. Ref; RDL.
29 Oct.	1965	First edition of "Periscope", Chatham Dockyard's monthly newspaper, price 3d; brain child of the Personnel Manager. Ref; RDL.
30 Oct.	1762	Letter from Navy Office instructing the 100-gun ship now building, to be named VICTORY. Ref; JDC 1-54.
30 Oct.	1902	Tram ran out of control in Westcourt Street, Old Brompton; over 60 men in tram going to Dockyard. Four were killed. Ref; JDC 3-121.
30 Oct.	1913	E8, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Miss Ollis, daughter of Mr.F.B.Ollis, Chief Constructor at Chatham. Ref; RDL.
30 Oct.	1914	CHATHAM (1911), cruiser, located the German cruiser, KONIGSBERG, in the delta of the Rufiji River, German East Africa; and began the RN blockade that lasted 8 months. RDL.
31 Oct.	1704	Shipwrights petitioned Admiralty for rights, by ancient custom, to attend market on Saturday afternoons in Chatham; recently denied them by Commissioner St Lo. Admiralty agreed to their petition. Ref; JDC 2-15.
31 Oct.	1751	Navy Board Order; labourers and scavelmen are not to be entered over 40 or under 20 years of age. Ref; JDC 3-27.
31 Oct.	1939	TIGRIS, submarine, launched from No7 Slip, being named by Lady Brownrigg, wife of the C-in-C at The Nore. Admiral Sir Henry J.S.Brownrigg. KBE.CB.DSO. Ref; RDL.
Oct.	1858	Completions of No2 Dock rebuild; three year contract by Messrs. J & C Rigby, to enlarge the dock and line with West Country stone blocks. Ref; ILN and RDL.
Oct	1908	No4 Dock being lengthened, to accommodate the latest Fleet Destroyers, the Tribals. It had

		last been rebuilt in 1836. Ref; RDL.
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