

HMS COSSACK ASSOCIATION

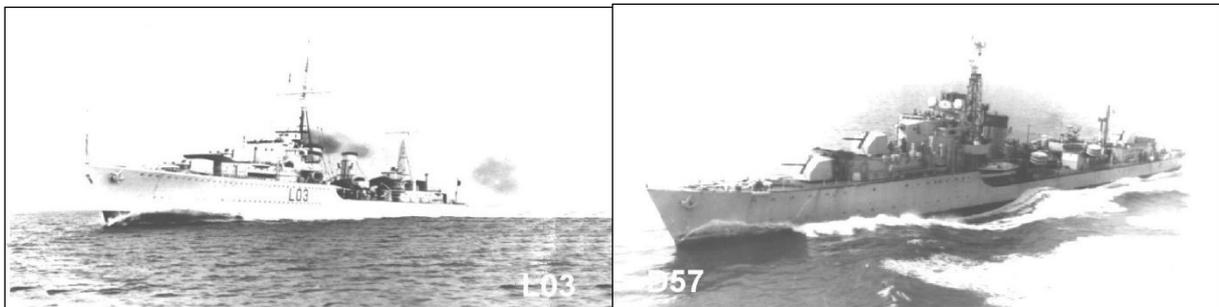
1806

1959



Full Battle Honours

Baltic 1885, Witu 1890,
Dover Patrol 1914-1919,
Narvik 1940, Norway 1940, Atlantic 1940-1941, Bismarck Action 1941, Malta convoys 1941.
Korean War 1950-1953



Visit our new web site at

<https://hms-cossack.co.uk>

**THE COSSACK CHRONICLES
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A Note from the Editors

Anyone who would like to add additional information to the information we hold under the 'Ship Companies' heading on our website, or submit an articles or story, please do so where possible in an email or basic word format & photo's as Jpeg, and forward to both Keithbatchelor10@gmail.com and secretaryhmscossack@outlook.com

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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## Chairman's Chatter

Keith Batchelor

Late last year I was invited to visit Peter Begg the son of Captain Begg of D57 fame to collect the original ships bell and bell rope. Photos of both are shown on the website and I am having a display box made by some local craftsmen.

It has been a long time in coming but the new website is now live at <https://hms-cossack.co.uk>

The last 6 months has been hectic in copying all the information held by me including images to a new server.

The following has now been sent out to various organisations including Navy News.



## HMS Cossack Association Archives

<https://www.hms-cossack.co.uk>

### PRESS RELEASE

The incredible history of the ships named HMS Cossack from 1806 to 1960  
<https://www.hms-cossack.co.uk>

**Welcome aboard the remarkable story of HMS Cossack and the ships that proudly carried the name from 1806 through to 1960. This website takes you on a journey through time, offering detailed accounts, day-by-day records, and the names of the men who dedicated themselves to serving on these extraordinary vessels.**

From the very first HMS *Cossack* to the modern D57 of the 1960s, you will be able to follow their adventures across oceans and seas around the world. Witness their actions—from the early days in the Baltic in 1835 to the daring Malta Convoys of 1941— and the involvement

during the Korean War - captured with meticulous detail for every year, and often for every day. The name lives on via the Boarding School at HMS Raleigh and at least two Sea Cadet Units.

If your ancestors served aboard any of these ships, our Ships' Company sections bring their stories to life, with complete records of crews and officers drawn from historical archives. Step into history, and discover the legacy of courage, skill, and dedication that made the HMS *Cossack* name legendary. The information has been collected from many sources over the years and is now all in one place for public viewing.

Find out why the ship was rewarded with two oxen during the Korean War.  
What items were used for Christmas decorations?  
Why was an Australian village renamed COSSACK?

All this history can be found at [hms-cossack.co.uk](http://hms-cossack.co.uk)  
It can be viewed on a mobile phone or a PC.

Our thanks go to "everyone's a WINNER Limited "who worked with us to set up this truly remarkable website.

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**Secretary & Treasurer**  
Debbie Taylor

I would firstly like to thank Keith for all his hard work and time with working with the developers on the new website. The decision was taken to start afresh after our previous websites were deleted due to IT issues beyond our control. Thankfully our new one comes with eaW's continued support which will allow the website to continue for years to come and share our achieves to everyone interested in the ships named HMS Cossack.

The cost came in at £8,268, including domains & security.  
Keith's time and expenses were given free.

This leaves us with a still healthy combined bank balance of £6,719.82

In regards to our Portsmouth memorials I can confirm that I have visited both our plaque at Portsmouth Cathedral and our memorial stone at the CWGC Naval memorial, during November 2025. If you do happen to visit Southsea in the summer be sure to visit the memorial, which will be fully accessible from

Spring 2026 once that part of the promenade is reopened following extensive sea defence work. It's will be lovely addition to the already completed sections around Old Portsmouth the Castle and D -Day Museum to around beyond the Rock Gardens

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OBITUARIES

"Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Shipmate Peter Hampstead

Served on D57 1947 and who passed away on the 10 August 2025

Shipmate Reginald Stanley Young

Served in D571945 – 1947. Passed away 13 December 2025 age 99.