

Fisgard Finale



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FOREWORD

Welcome back

Today is the last big event before HMS FISGARD closes its gates to Apprentices training in December 1983. It is appropriate that we who are here should pay tribute to the many thousands of Naval Artificers who started out from FISGARD and that you should have the opportunity of a reunion in this fine establishment before it closes.

FISGARD has not changed much in the past 43 years. There are a few additional buildings; Talbot Hall, the Museum, the .22 Range, the Swimming Pool, and the Workshop Technology block.

The School blocks are much more elaborate than in earlier years and you will see that the gable ends have been filled in to make spacious foyers and display areas.

The Workshops are basically the same as in the 1940s although some skills are no longer taught during the first year of the apprenticeship.

The Messes have changed little apart from central heating which has replaced the old bogey-stoves and the Main Dining Hall has been modernised.

Please feel free to wander where you like; all buildings are open.

PROGRAMME

- 1330 HMS FISGARD open to visitors
- 1400 Ceremonial Divisions and Trophy Presentations
Address by THE CAPTAIN and THE REVIEWING OFFICER
- 1500-1700 Static Displays open as follows:
Resource and Initiative Training Centre
Workshops
Messes
Museum
Swimming Pool
Academic Blocks
Information Centre
- 1630-1730 Parade Ground Displays comprising:
Brickwoods Field Gun Demonstration
PT Display Team
- 1740-1900
and
2000-2300 Cash Bars Open in Marquee, Senior Instructors' Mess and Stannary
Recreation Centre
- 1915-1950 Parade Ground Ceremonial: Guard Drill
March Past by ex-Apprentices
Band Display and Ceremonial Sunset
- 2000-2130 Buffet Supper in Apprentices Dining Hall
- 2000 for
2030 VIP Buffet Supper in FISLEIGH Wardroom

Sunday 14 August

- 0945 Holy Eucharist in Talbot Hall followed by procession to
St Dunstan's Church

INFORMATION

Personal Identification

Name-tallies have been colour-coded into the following blocks of 10 years to help you identify your contemporaries:

Green	1930-39 and pre 1930
Mustard	1940-49
Black	1950-59
Blue	1960-69
Red	1970-1983

The blocks of seats (see the seating plan at the top of the North/South road) around the Parade Ground for Divisions and for the Evening Ceremonial are similarly colour-coded. This will enable us to call-forward ex-Apprentices for the March Past.

At strategic places in the establishment, complete lists of those who applied to attend are on display in chronological and alphabetical sequence.

Information Centre

This is in the Maths and Complementary Studies Block (last on the left before you reach the Parade Ground), where Class Records, photographs and past magazines will be on display. 'The Story of HMS FISGARD', will also be on sale (hard-back £2.50, soft cover £1.20) together with the current FISGARD MAGAZINE.

The Ex-Apprentices March Past

You will be called forward at about 1930 by seating blocks to the South side of the Parade Ground behind the Band. The Gunnery Officer and his staff will take charge and you will be invited to march past the Reviewing Officer, forming up on completion to the West of the Parade Ground for the Band Display and Ceremonial Sunset.

Photographs

Free-lance photographers will be present throughout the day. They will provide a 2/3 hours service for developing and printing and charge £1.50 for 5' x 4" and £3.00 for 8" x 6" colour prints.

Refreshments

The TIFFIN CLUB (NAAFI) will be open for tea and small eats, confectionary etc from 1500-1700.

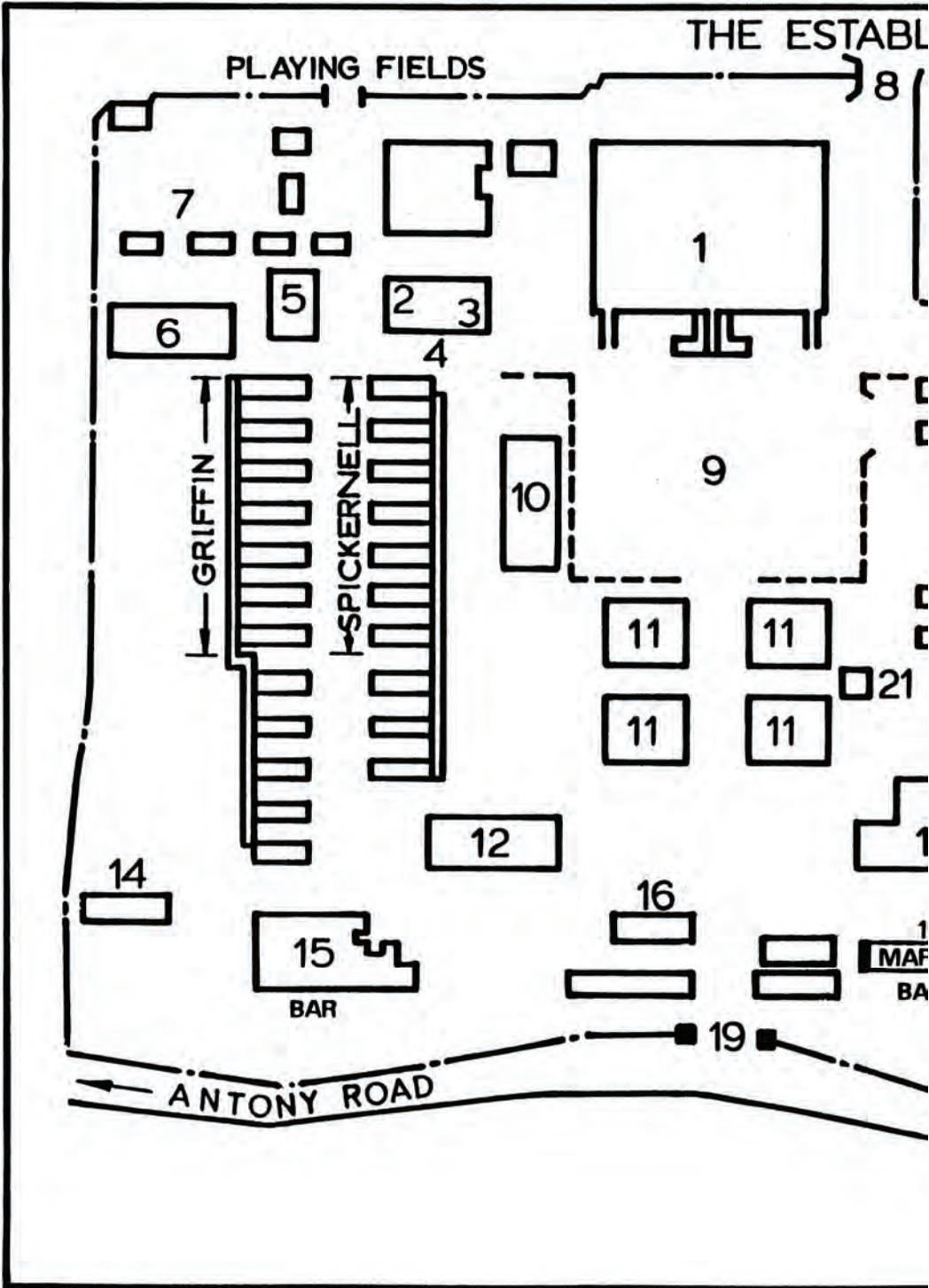
Three cash bars, as indicated on the establishment diagram, are open to everyone at times on the programme.

Sick Bay

This is situated in the East end of the East Admin Block and staff will be on hand to render first-aid until 2030. The sick-bay HMS RALEIGH will provide first-aid facilities after this.

Conveniences

The Ladies are situated in the Stannary Recreation Centre, the East Study Block Heads, the Workshops Admin Passage and in Talbot Hall. The Gentlemen are the West Study Block Heads, in Divisional Accommodation, and on the South side of the Playing Fields as well as in the Stannary Recreation Centre, Workshops and Talbot Hall.

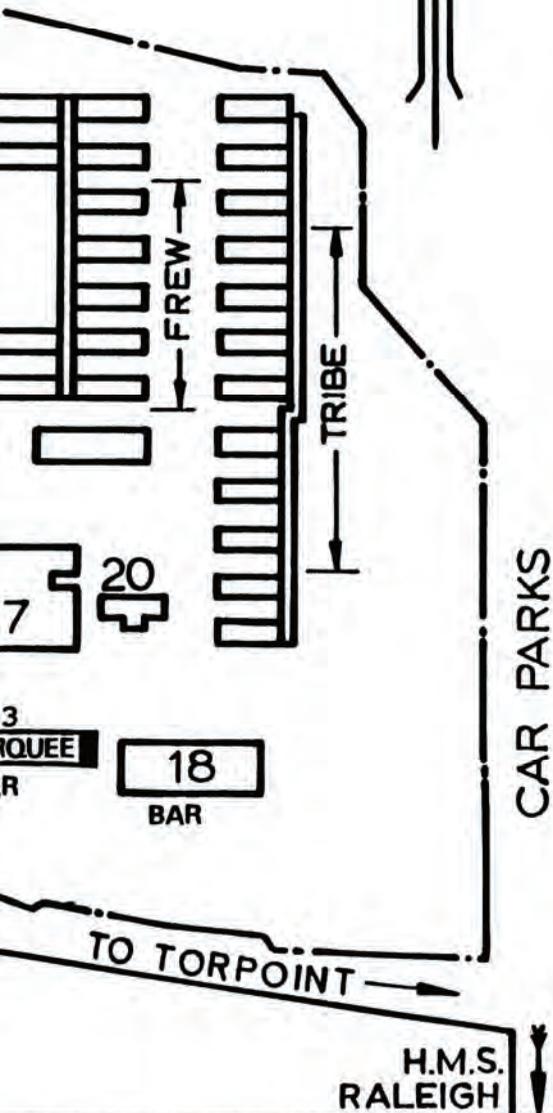


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KEY

1	MAIN WORKSHOP
2	WEIGHT TRNG. ROOM
3	I.C.R.
4	SOUTH OF PRINT ROOM.
5	DRILL SHED
6	SWIMMING SHED
7	CLUB ROOMS
8	NORTH EAST GATE
9	PARADE GROUND
10	TALBOT HALL
11	STUDY BLOCKS
12	TIFFIN CLUB
13	MARQUEE (BAR)
14	RIFLE RANGE
15	SNR.INSTRUCT ^S .MESS
16	CHURCH
17	APPRENTICES DINING HALL
18	STANNARY RECREATION CENTRE
19	MAIN GATE
20	MUSEUM
21	EAST STUDY BLOCK TOILETS



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SUPPORTING EVENTS

Artificers Road Show

There will be two viewings in Talbot Hall at 1510 and 1555, lasting 35 minutes each. This is an audio-visual presentation by a team of 1 Officer and 2 Senior Rates (Ex-apprentices), and 1 Junior Rate employed by the Director of Naval Recruiting to inform schools and colleges what the Artificer Branch is all about. It is a good explanation of the Branch in the 1980s.

'FOCUS ON FISGARD'

This is a film lasting 12 minutes, made in 1976, which will be shown in the Naval General Training (NGT) Room and the Instructional Cinema Room (ICR) at frequent intervals between 1500 and 1700. It was made in and around FISGARD to portray the first year of the Apprenticeship in HMS FISGARD.

Fleet Air Arm

A Sea King helicopter will be on display on the playing fields. This will have been piloted and manned by ex-Apprentices for the flight from RNAS CULDROSE.

The Swimming Pool

There will be a display showing the various stages of its construction. It is used daily for instruction, swimming tests and general relaxation. It is also put to good use by the Canoe Club, the Rowing Club, the Sub-Aqua club, families and by local schools and youth organisations. It was well worth digging!

The Museum

This is situated to the west of the Main Dining Hall. It is combined with a Conference Room and was formally opened by Rear Admiral Shepherd, himself an ex-Apprentice. It houses many objets d'art which will be of interest to many of you.

The Workshop

Workshop Records covering the past 40 years and a variety of test-jobs will be on display and you are invited to recall your past performance!

Accommodation

Please feel free to visit the Messes. You will see that some of the Divisional accommodation has been cleared of its furniture and furnishings as part of the closing-down process. Please be discreet in entering occupied accommodation especially just prior to and after planned parades and displays.

Church

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday will be in the Talbot Hall at 0945. The preacher will be the Venerable R H Roberts, QHC, MA, Chaplain of the Fleet. At the conclusion of the service the congregation will proceed to St Dunstan's Church for prayers of thanksgiving and the blessing. This will be the final act in the FISGARD Church which closes at the end of this term.

THE BAND

It is believed that there was a FISGARD Band as long ago as 1932 and at that time Apprentices were marched to and from the Workshops to the accompaniment of fifes and drums. Today, 50 years on, the Band continues to flourish.

There are presently 30 Apprentices 'on the books' supplemented by one or two members of the Staff.

The Band has been in heavy demand at many local functions. The current Band Master Mr Brian OATES LRAM has held the post since 1977.

THE PT DISPLAY TEAM

The Team was formed in 1978 primarily for putting on a display for the Summer Passing Out Parade. However they too performed at local functions such as fetes and carnivals. To date the team has performed all over Devon and Cornwall, their most notable occasion being to appear in front of the Archbishop of Canterbury this Summer. The team of 23 apprentices is trained this term by LPT Roger SAYNOR who was an apprentice in FISGARD in 1975 and returned as an instructor in 1980. They have earned a very high reputation and are all volunteers who have trained in their own time.

THE FIELD GUN TEAM

The Field Gun competition started in Portsmouth in 1907 and was limited to Portsmouth Crews. FISGARD first entered when the event was adapted in 1975 to an inter-establishment competition for the Brickwoods Trophy. In that year we won the Plate Competition. In 1978 the team won the competition outright. This year's team has beaten all other FISGARD records but was beaten in the competition by the much stronger COLLINGWOOD and CULDROSE teams. They came third in the plate with 19 teams competing.

The team has trained mornings and evenings for 7 weeks and has given many notable performances in Devon and Cornwall.

ARTIFICER APPRENTICE TRAINING

Up to May 1983

Part I New Entry Training in HMS FISGARD Weeks 1-4

Part II Training in HMS FISGARD from Week 5 onwards

Part III Training in HMS CALEDONIA, COLLINGWOOD or DAEDALUS

The normal course, in HMS FISGARD, lasted for 3 terms of 15 weeks each. Some Apprentices, appropriately qualified on entry and doing well in a Grading Examination during their first week here, were selected as Accelerators and passed through HMS FISGARD in 2 terms.

The Naval Department Part I Examination (ND I) was taken towards the end of the second term; the Part II Examination (ND II) at the end of the third term. Accelerators were exempt ND I in most subjects. These examinations were part of the qualifying process for award of The Technician Education Council (TEC) Diploma awarded on completion of the full 4 year apprenticeship.

The normal foundation course in HMS FISGARD was broken down as follows:

Naval General Training	38%
Technical Education	44%
Craft Skill	18%

The terminology of Technical Education and Craft Skill are self explanatory. Naval General Training (NGT) included an element of naval general knowledge e.g. Fire-fighting, First Aid, Hygiene, Naval Heritage, Internal Security and Upkeep of Kit, but was primarily concerned with the character development and leadership training of Apprentices.

After May 1983

The first entry of the new training scheme (150 apprentices) joined HMS RALEIGH in May for a 14 week Initial Training term in the 'FISGARD SQUADRON', set up for the purpose. This term is split about 50:50 between academic subjects and Naval General Training. There is no craft at this stage. Apprentices are categorised ME, WE and AE during their first term before moving on the Artificer Training Establishments of HMS SULTAN, COLLINGWOOD and DAEDALUS where the whole apprenticeship will now be concentrated.

As before there will be 3 apprentice entries per year into HMS RALEIGH with a forecast annual requirement of 550 apprentices.

The present and last 2 classes in HMS FISGARD will pass out as normal in August and December 83. The last ME class to pass out to HMS CALEDONIA will do so in January 84. ME apprentice training thereon progressively switches to HMS SULTAN.

REUNION NOTES

You may wish to make notes or jot down the odd telephone numbers of old shipmates or FISGARD contemporaries with whom you have re-established contact today. These pages are set aside for that purpose.

Reunion Notes Continued

