

THAMES NAUTICAL TRAINING COLLEGE INGRESS ABBEY GREENHITHE · KENT

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H.M.S. WORCESTER off GREENHITHE, KENT.

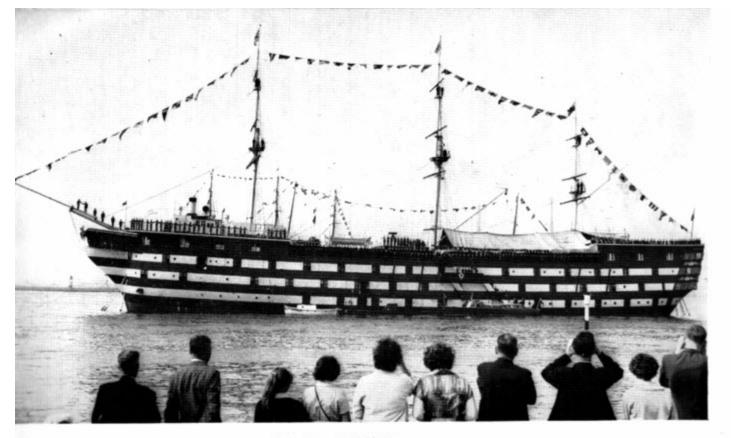
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"A ship life imparts to a boy a degree of disciplined self-confidence, which in itself is a guarantee of success in life and distinguishes him from the boy ashore".

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## ROYAL VISITS

- June 28, 1866 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII).
- June 23, 1871 His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.
- July 22, 1904 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales (later King George V and Queen Mary).
- July 28, 1921 His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII).
- July 29, 1926 His Royal Highness the Duke of York (later King George VI).
- May 28, 1953 His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
- July 18, 1962 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

Note: All the Royal visits listed above were for the annual distribution of prizes with the exception of the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh in 1953, which was the occasion of the handing-over ceremony of "Cutty Sark" from "Worcester" to Cutty Sark Society.

H.M. King Faud of Egypt visited "Worcester" on July 16, 1927, and addressed the cadets.



Her Majesty The Queen being received by the Captain Superintendent, July, 1962.

## PRIZE DISTRIBUTORS since 1946

- 1946 THE RIGHT HONOURABLE A. BARNES, M.P., Minister of Transport. Mrs. Barnes.
- 1947 THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ANTHONY EDEN, M.C., M.P.
- 1948 THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR JOHN ANDERSON, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., F.R.S., M.P. Lady Anderson.
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- 1950 FIELD MARSHAL THE VISCOUNT MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN, K.G., G.C.B.,
  D.S.O
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- 1956 CAPTAIN SIR GERALD CURTEIS, K.C.V.O., R.N. (Deputy Master, Trinity House).

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- 1958. THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD ROWALLAN, K.T., K.B.E., M.C., T.D., LL.D. Lady Rowallan
- 1959 SIR JOHN HUNT, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D. Miss Hunt.
- 1960 RT. HON. LORD CARRINGTON, K.C.M.G., M.C., First Lord of the Admiralty. Lady Carrington.
- 1961 VICE-ADMIRAL J. HUGHES HALLETT, C.B., D.S.O., M.P. (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport).
- 1962 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
  HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP.
- 1963 R. G. GROUT, Esq., President, Chamber of Shipping. Mrs. Grout

## INTRODUCTION

The College, which was founded in 1862, specialises in training officercadets for the Merchant Navy, at the same time giving a boy general education to General Certificate of Education "O" and "A" Levels. It is recognised by the Ministry of Education as efficient.

Naval training and discipline develop character and resource which

should last a boy through life, whatever his career.

A boy is first taught to obey and then to command obedience; he is given responsibilities connected with ship life, and is trained generally to develop officer qualities. The school curriculum affords a general education with a bias towards subjects which have a direct bearing on the boy's career. Special attention is given to physical development.

By permission of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, all boys of British nationality and European descent are enrolled on entry as Cadets, Royal Naval Reserve, and given the privilege of wearing the uniform of that

rank during their training.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that life on board develops a "ship sense ", provides realistic facilities, and helps to equip a boy for a sea career. This is important when one considers there is little opportunity in a modern steamship for practical seamanship in boat work, handling ropes, work aloft, rigging, sailmaking, etc.—in fact all that goes to make a true sailor. Worcester provides this at a boy's most impressionable age, and accustoms him to a ship life, so that when he joins his shipping line he is already a sailor and free from the strangeness and awkwardness of the first voyager who has been trained on shore.

In addition, the Ship is now fully equipped with the latest navigational aids, such as Radar, Decca Navigator, Marconi Direction Finder, Gyro

Compass, Gyro Pilot, Echo Sounder and Electric Submerged Log.

Fire Detecting Apparatus, Patent Gravity Boat Davits, Watertight Doors, etc., such as are found in the modern liner, are also part of the Ship's equipment.

#### INTRODUCTION—Continued

The Ship is most favourably situated for its purpose. To the observant cadet the environment is a training in itself. Every day he sees vessels of all classes and nationalities pass up and down the Thames; London and Tilbury Docks are easily accessible, and visits are paid to them. The future officer could not be given a better introduction to the shipping world.

Health records are excellent, as life on board ship develops a splendid physique in the cadets which can be best appreciated by paying a visit to the College during term time when Cadets are in residence.





Assembly on Upper Deck

## "WORCESTER"

#### CHAPTER I

The Ship, in spite of its appearance, is not an old wooden wall, but is of steel construction and was built in 1905 as a School Ship by Messrs. Vickers Armstrong Limited of Barrow-in-Furness for the London County Council.

It has a gross tonnage of 5,480; length 346 ft. and beam 53 ft. Worcester is the largest training ship in Britain with a clear Upper Deck of 160 ft. and four enclosed decks each with over 9 ft. headroom.

Acquired by the Committee of Management in 1945, the Ship is the third *Worcester* to be used by the College. It is almost entirely self-contained, with mains services of water, electricity and telephone, and has within itself, the normal provisions of a boarding school for 250 Cadets.

Cadets sleep in bunks on the lower and orlop decks in the midship section, with washrooms and shower baths adjacent. Forward on the lower deck is a large dining hall with modern equipped kitchen attached, and aft are two classrooms and the Sick Bay. The Orlop deck has a recreation space forward of the sleeping area and the main teaching area with 9 classrooms. On the Tier deck below are the Seamanship Instructional and Model rooms. The main deck has a large recreation space with television and is also used for all musters and social functions. Forward of this are the libraries and Chapel. Immediately aft is the Physics Laboratory, presented by the Gulbenkian Foundation in 1958. The Upper Deck with its large open space is used for parades and recreation, and its Chart House contains the meteorology office and every type of marine navigational aid—Radar, Echo Sounder, Gyro Compass, Decca Navigator, etc.

The Ship is heated by steam radiators throughout. It is fully equipped with fire detecting and extinguishing apparatus. "Fire stations" and "abandon ship" are exercised weekly.



Ingress Abbey

#### CHAPTER II

## SHORE BUILDINGS AND ESTATE

## Ingress Abbey

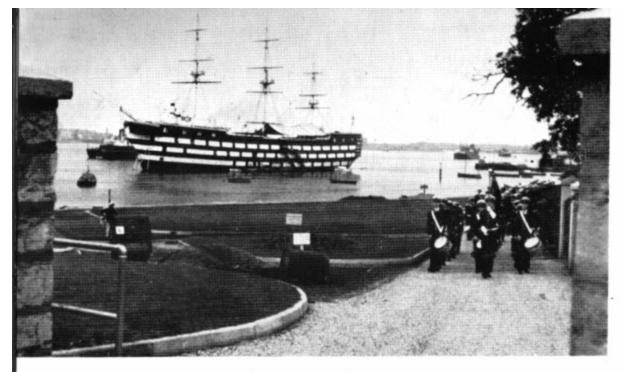
This mansion and its grounds, are the property of the College and are used in conjunction with *Worcester* for various purposes. The Registered Offices of the College are situated on the ground floor of the East Wing. The whole estate comprises 39 acres immediately opposite the Ship and provides Rugby and Cricket pitches, and Tennis Courts. Rugby football is played in winter terms; cricket, tennis and water polo in summer. Fencing takes place every term. Great attention is paid to games and coaching is given by masters. Cross-country running is practised in the Lent term and Athletic Sports are also held in the Lent term with the finals in the Summer term. The cricket pavilion on the Upper Ground was presented by the Corporation of Lloyd's in 1937; a smaller pavilion is situated on the Lower Ground.

### Swimming Bath

The College possesses its own swimming bath, situated in the lower grounds. The water and building are heated so that swimming can be carried on throughout the year. All Cadets are taught swimming and instructed for the Royal Life Saving Society awards. Special classes are formed for backward swimmers and all cadets are expected to learn to swim in their first term.

## Foreshore

The College possesses its own private causeway and car park immediately opposite the Ship, with private approach to it. The Boathouse with small slipway is situated here.



Marching to Church

#### CHAPTER III

#### Admission

Application for admission must be made to the Secretary at the Offices of the College on the printed form at the end of this Prospectus, and should be accompanied by birth certificate, testimonial of character, health certificate (including Doctor's certificate of physical fitness) to be found in the inside back cover of this Prospectus, and Ministry of Transport Certificate for form and colour vision. The latter will confirm that a boy's sight is up to the required standard for a career in the Merchant Navy, but it is also recommended that parents should obtain a report from an Ophthalmic Surgeon, to ensure that the eyes are without weakness, which might cause deterioration in sight in the foreseeable future.

A confidential report is obtained by the College from the Headmaster of the applicant's present school. Birth and eyesight certificates are retained on board *Worcester* after a Cadet has joined, as these are required by Shipping Companies when a Cadet's name is entered for a Line. These documents will be returned when a Cadet leaves the College.

An initial payment of £5 must accompany each application for admission, and this will be allowed off the first term's fees if the candidate is accepted and enters the College. If the candidate is not accepted following the entrance examination and interview, this deposit will be refunded.

#### Ages of Admission

The minimum age for entry is  $13\frac{1}{2}$ , and it is strongly recommended that new Cadets should commence training between the ages of  $13\frac{1}{2}$  and  $14\frac{1}{2}$  to give them the advantage of at least 3 years in *Worcester*. New Cadets, however, can be accepted up to the age of 16, but a higher educational standard is expected of older entrants, and the number of vacancies available for boys of 15 might be limited. Entry is gained by examination, details of which are given on page 19, followed, for those who reach the required standard, by an interview.

#### Fees

Fees are £345 per annum. The Committee of Management retain the right to increase or reduce this figure as circumstances may demand, **but cannot consider any reduction in individual cases.** All fees are payable before the commencement of the term to which they refer, and are as follows: First term £125, 2nd term £110, third term £110. There is a charge of £1 per term for use of textbooks, but Cadets purchase nautical books they will wish to retain for use at sea. Exercise books and stationery are charged against Cadets. Extra charges are kept as low as possible and all aspects of economy are studied.

The fees for the first term of each year of training include certain items of uniform (see page 33).

A number of Scholarships and Bursaries are offered from time to time in reduction of fees to assist boys to enter the College, and details of these awards will be found on pages 40—47.

Furthermore, many local Education Authorities will make grants towards the cost of *Worcester* training. Parents in need of such a grant should write direct to their County Education Officer for information and form of application.

## Payment of Fees

All cheques should be made payable to the Thames Nautical Training College and forwarded to the Secretary, Ingress Abbey, Greenhithe, Kent.

#### School Fees Insurance

A School Fees Insurance Scheme is in operation to compensate for absence during term time through illness or accident. Full details of the scheme are forwarded to parents or guardians of new Cadets before joining, and they are advised to take advantage of the scheme, although it is emphasized that participation is purely voluntary. The premium is £1 a term, based on fees of £110 per term.

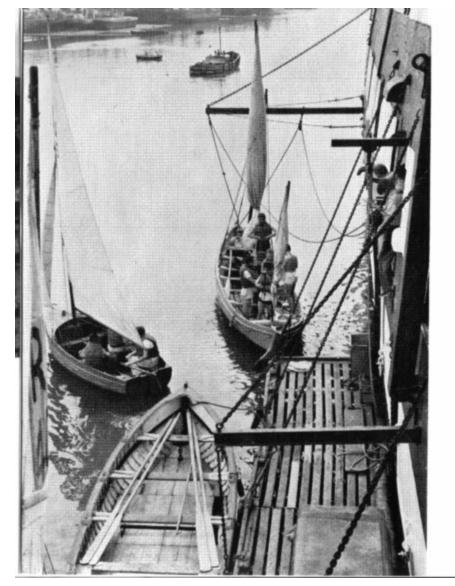
#### xtra Charges

A charge of £5 is made each term for Laundry, and £1 ls. 0d. as a subscription towards library and outdoor recreational costs. College property damaged or lost will be charged against the Cadet responsible.

The personal effects of each Cadet on board are insured in the sum of £75 against total loss only, and a charge of 1s. 6d. is made each term for premium.

The above charges are payable at the end of each term.





Preparing to go Sailing

#### CHAPTER IV Entrance Examination

Candidates who are attending Preparatory Schools following the syllabutof the Public Schools' Common Entrance Examination take that examination. It is held three times a year as follows: in November for entry in the following January, in February for entry in April, and in June for entry in September.

Applicants from schools where the Common Entrance examination syllabus is not followed, are required to take the *Worcester* Entrance Examination. The standard of the latter is based on the Common Entrance Examination in Mathematics, English and French, but for boys over  $14\frac{1}{2}$  it corresponds roughly to the work of a fourth form in a Grammar School. The *Worcester* entrance examination takes place in October, February and May. Copies of past papers may be obtained from the Secretary at the Offices of the College.

In both examinations more emphasis is placed on Mathematics, and

rather less on languages than is usual in other Public Schools.

It is customary for both the Common Entrance and *Worcester* examinations to take place at the candidate's present school, and when forms of application are submitted, parents should indicate which examination is to be taken, at the same time confirming that the Headmaster of the candidate's school is prepared to allow the examination to take place at his school. This applies particularly to candidates taking *Worcester* entrance examination.

Scholarship and Bursary candidates may be required to attend on board *Worcester* for one day for a special examination in Mathematics, English and French. Parents are informed of the result of a boy's application within a

few days of his official interview.

#### Terms

Terms are Lent, Summer and Michaelmas, opening respectively about the middle of January, end of April and middle of September. Normally the Lent term is of 11 weeks' duration. Summer term 13 weeks, and



Decca Navigator





Michaelmas term 12 weeks. The exact dates are regulated by local circumstances and are duly announced before the end of the preceding term.

It is important to note that the curriculum is organised in terms, not in years, and that a new course begins each term. There is therefore no advantage in beginning in September as in most schools, and it is better for a boy to join if possible, at the beginning of the first term after he is 13½.

Applications for admission should be forwarded as follows: for entry in January—at the end of the previous September. For entry in April—at the end of the previous January. For entry in September—at the end of the previous April. Late applications, however, will be considered whenever practicable.

#### Vacations

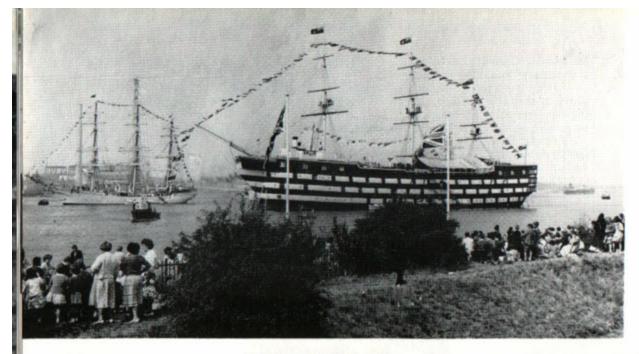
Vacations normally consist of four weeks in the Spring, eight weeks in the Summer and four at Christmas. There is a half-term long week-end leave in the Summer and Michaelmas terms.

#### Withdrawal

In every case a term's notice of intention to withdraw a Cadet must be given to the Secretary of the College whether or not the Cadet will have completed his course of training. In lieu of such notice a payment of £110, being the equivalent of a term's fees, shall be paid to the College by the parent or guardian of the Cadet. If it is undecided when a Cadet should leave, provisional notice should be given, which can be confirmed or withdrawn as necessary during the term, when a decision has been reached.

## Period of Training

The period a Cadet remains in the College will depend upon his age on entry and ability to obtain the official *Worcester* Leaving Certificate, special examinations for which are held at the end of each term. Cadets should join their Shipping Company between their 17th and 18th birthdays, but those taking "A" level in G.C.E. may join up to the age of 18½. If in exceptional circumstances it transpires that a Cadet is unsuited for a career in the Merchant Navy as an Executive Officer, or is unable to compete educationally with the syllabus, his parents may be requested to withdraw him.



Centenary Prize Day, 1962

## EDUCATION and TRAINING

#### CHAPTER V

A Worcester education consists of four parts, all closely connected:

- (i) A general education up to Ordinary and Advanced levels G.C.E.
- (ii) Nautical subjects.
- (iii) Training in practical seamanship.
- (iv) Naval discipline, Ship's routine, etc.

The last named is less tangible than the others, but is very important, and indeed is one of the outstanding advantages a Cadet derives from being at a school actually in a Ship. A Cadet begins to assimilate sea-going ways from the moment he joins *Worcester*. Of the other three parts, Seamanship Training continues throughout a Cadet's education both in the timetable and out of class duties. General education alongside (iii) and (iv) is the main concern of the first seven terms to G.C.E. Ordinary level, after which follow four terms mainly devoted to nautical subjects. Advanced Level in G.C.E. is taken parallel to this and continues up to 2 terms beyond.

These nautical terms lead finally to the *Worcester* Leaving Certificate, which supported by G.C.E., is the Cadet's passport to his Merchant Navy career. General education is not confined to the classroom, but is also pursued through the Library (there are separate rooms for Juniors and Seniors), Lectures and Outside visits. Similarly, nautical subjects and seamanship are expanded by visits to Ships in the London and Tilbury Docks and to other technical establishments.

#### School

The school syllabus is based upon the principle of continuing both a boy's general education up to G.C.E. and giving technical instruction for a sea career. On promotion to the Nautical Forms, a Cadet's studies include riavigation, chart work, use of navigational instruments, meteorology, stability and ship construction.

The Ministry of Transport allows two years spent at the College to count as one year's sea service for Cadets qualifying for the *Worcester* Leaving Certificate. A qualified Cadet need therefore serve only three years as an Apprentice at sea, whereas the youth from an ordinary school who goes direct to sea, must serve four years before being allowed to sit for the Second Mate's Examination of the Ministry of Transport. A Cadet with certain G.C.E. "A" Level qualifications can in addition to the one year's remission, receive a further remission of 3 months, making a total of 15 months in all.

## Seamanship

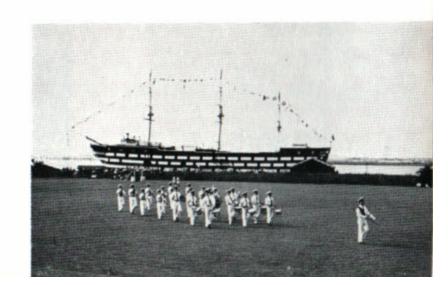
Instruction in Seamanship is carried out concurrently with school work. Seamanship includes instruction in knots, splicing, signalling, canvas work, general ship knowledge, "Rule of the Road", navigating instruments and ship handling. Time is also given to boat pulling and physical training, which includes boxing in the winter terms. Instruction is also given in sailing in dinghies, whaler, cutter and life-boat. Cadets are encouraged to sail and look after these boats themselves at approved times.

In addition there are numerous other duties involving practical seamanship which a Cadet is called upon daily to perform; for instance, acting as Officer-of-the-Watch, taking meteorological observations and keeping a deck log.

#### "Worcester" Leaving Certificate

This certificate is divided into School and Seamanship sections, and in each section there are three grades: First Class Extra, First Class, and Ordinary. It is necessary for a Cadet to have reached 16½ years of age and to pass in **both** school work and seamanship in order to qualify for the Certificate. Examinations for the Certificate are held at the end of each term, and details of the qualifications required for each grade of certificate are given in the Cadet's report book. No certificate will be awarded to a Cadet who cannot swim, whose conduct has not been satisfactory, or until all payments due to the College have been made. No testimonials are issued other than the Official Certificate.

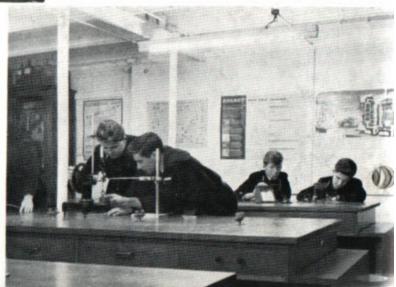
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In School





## GENERAL INFORMATION

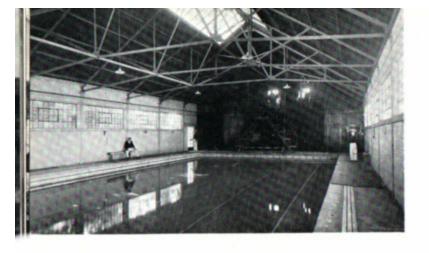
# Information and Regulations

A book of General Information and Regulations is issued to each cadet when he is accepted for entry to the College. Cadets should make themselves fully acquainted with these Regulations. Without being in any way oppressive, the discipline on board is taut, on the principle that the well-disciplined ship is the happy ship. The Committee reserve the right to expel, or to request the withdrawal, of any cadet if they consider it desirable to do so, in which case no remission of fees will be granted.

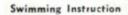
From time to time in the course of their training, cadets may be invited to make visits to and trips in ships and other craft and to visit various places of interest. On such occasions the Honorary Committee of Management sometimes have to give to the owners of the ship or other craft and to other parties a letter of indemnity whereby the Committee agree to indemnify the owners and other parties in respect of any liabilities incurred, arising out of any accident or injury which may happen to a cadet in the course of such visits or trips. Any such letters of indemnity shall be deemed to be given on behalf of the parents or guardians of any cadets who may meet with any such accident or injury, and all parents or guardians by signing the Form of Application for the admission of any cadet shall be deemed to authorise such letters of indemnity being given on their behalf so far as such cadet is concerned, and to agree to indemnify the Committee in respect thereof.

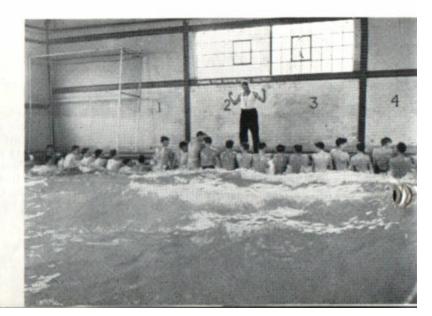
#### Pocket Money for the Term

This should be sent by postal order or cheque direct to the Ship addressed to the Captain-Superintendent, before each term commences and not included in remittances for fees. The amount of pocket money allowed cadets is on an average £2 per term, but parents should use their own discretion and in no case exceed the sum of £3. Parents are particularly asked not to give cadets sums of money in excess of this allowance, and any extra money gifts from relatives should be placed in the Cadets' pocket money account. A Bank



The Swimming Bath





Book is issued to each cadet and pocket money is paid weekly. Any valuables such as Passport, excess money, etc., must be handed in to the Purser for safe custody. Parents wishing to send money to Cadets should send it to the Purser with suitable instructions as to disposal.

## Correspondence

Letters concerning the welfare and progress of cadets should be addressed Captain-Superintendent and ample time allowed for reply.

#### Telephone

The Ship is connected by telephone line to the shore (Greenhithe 2039). Parents are informed that cadets are not in telephone communication, and any messages for cadets must be restricted to urgent domestic affairs for which time does not permit a letter being sent. The same applies to official communications by telephone, which are received in the Captain-Superintendent's office. These should be normally restricted to office hours. Letters are the normal means of communication, both with the Captain-Superintendent and with individual cadets.

## Visiting and Leave

Greenhithe is on the Southern Section, British Railways, 23 miles from London. Parents wishing to visit the College can travel from Charing Cross, Waterloo Junction or London Bridge, the journey taking about 50 minutes. The Ship's causeway is about 15 minutes' walk from Greenhithe Station.

Cadets are normally granted Sunday leave twice a term. Leave may also be granted on Saturday afternoons from the time that games are over.

All cadets going on day leave have to be collected from and returned to the Causeway. Cadets are allowed half-term leave during the Summer and Michaelmas terms only.

Parents are requested not to ask for special leave above the present generous scale, except in compassionate cases.

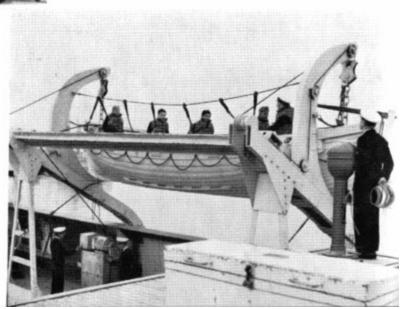
Parents are always welcome at Home matches throughout the year.

The Captain-Superintendent is always pleased to see parents who wish to consult him about the welfare or the future of a cadet. For mutual convenience, however, parents wishing to see the Captain-Superintendent are requested to make an appointment.



Rigging Instruction

## Lifeboat Drill



#### Daily Routine

The daily routine of the Ship will be found in Appendix C.

#### Fire and Boat Drill

Every precaution is taken against fire. All parts of the Ship are under constant supervision day and night; automatic fire alarm apparatus and numerous fire extinguishers are readily accessible and powerful motor, electric and steam pumps are installed. The cadets are drilled at Fire and Boat Stations. The supply of boats is more than ample to accommodate the whole Ship's company.

# Divine Services and Confirmation

Daily Morning and Evening Prayers are held, and Sunday Services are conducted on board by the Chaplain. Communion Services are held on board. A few minutes are given for private prayer every evening when absolute silence is maintained throughout the Ship. The Chaplain is always pleased to see a cadet privately at any time.

A Confirmation Service is held annually, candidates being prepared by the Chaplain.

Parents are welcome to attend Church Service on Sunday forenoons. Cadets attend Morning Service at St. Mary's Parish Church, Greenhithe, on the first Sunday of each month during term time.

Roman Catholic cadets attend services in their local Church, and their priest pays regular visits to the Ship.

## Medical Attendance

A Medical Officer is in regular attendance and a Matron is resident. Should a cadet be ill or when he is admitted to the Hospital, his parents or guardian will be immediately informed. Unless such notice is received, it may be assumed that a cadet, even though admitted to the sick bay, is merely suffering from a slight and temporary indisposition. Notice to parents and guardians will be issued should any epidemic be sufficiently serious to give the least reason for anxiety. Unless such notices are issued, it must be understood that the Medical Officer sees no necessity for such a step.



A First XV Rugger Match

It must be understood that during term time, cadets are in the care of the Medical Officer, and consequently parents must not refer cadets to their own doctors or specialists without consulting the Captain Superintendent or the Medical Officer beforehand.

Under the provisions of the National Health Service, all cadets on entering *Worcester* are registered with the College Medical Officer for medical attendance.

Cadets' teeth must be attended to in the holidays. Most Shipping Companies require a Dental Certificate before accepting a cadet.

Where an Ophthalmic Surgeon's Report is required by a Shipping Company, this must be obtained during a holiday period. It is recommended that Cadets should have their eyes tested annually by the Ministry of Transport.

## Dietary

The messing arrangements are in the hands of the Purser and Catering Officer under the supervision of the Captain-Superintendent. The food and galley are inspected regularly by the Medical Officer.

#### Regulation Uniform

Cadets must always wear regulation uniform during the term, and plain clothes must not be brought to the Ship. The wearing of uniform during the

holidays is optional.

The following items of uniform are provided annually by the College, and their cost is included in the annual fees: uniform jacket, trousers, cap and badge. A blue serge jumper is issued to all new Cadets. After payment of the first term's fees an order for the supplying of uniform is issued on the College Outfitters, Messrs. S. W. Silver and Co., King William House, 2, Eastcheap, London, E.C.3.



Presentation of Prizes Open Day

#### Initial Outfit

In addition to uniform supplied by the College, parents can obtain from the College Outfitters all items of outfit (see Appendix B), the cost of which is defrayed by the parents. This outfit will cost approximately £80.

Regular visits are made by a representative of the Outfitters and orders taken from cadets are only executed on receipt of consent from parent or guardian.

Parents should inspect their son's outfit during holiday periods and effect any necessary mending. Running repairs only are carried out on board by the Seamstress, and the cost charged as an extra.

## Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop is run entirely for the benefit of the cadets. Profits are devoted to indoor games, entertainment, etc. In addition to "tuck" and ice cream, the shop contains most articles that cadets need. Whilst there is no objection to a Cadet receiving an occasional parcel of "tuck", parents are informed that in view of the adequate diet and stock in the Tuck Shop, it is unnecessary for parcels of food to be sent. In any case they should be kept within strict limits and exclude food liable to perish.

## ON LEAVING WORCESTER

#### CHAPTER VII

The *Worcester* specialises for the Merchant Navy as a career, and parents will naturally want to know what prospects that Service offers. It is therefore of great interest to report that even through the worst years of shipping depressions in the past, appointments were found for qualified cadets leaving *Worcester*.

The Committee do not guarantee to find appointments for cadets, but a close connection has been formed between shipping companies and the College. After a cadet has entered a Nautical Form, he should consult the Captain-Superintendent with a view to his name being entered for a shipping line. An interview will be arranged later.

The Captain-Superintendent takes the initiative in entering cadets for Shipping Lines. The cadet himself should keep his parents informed of every step taken to place him. Should a parent desire to make his own arrangements for his son's apprenticeship, he may do so, but should inform the Captain-Superintendent in order to regulate reservations offered in respective Shipping Lines. A cadet's name must not be entered for more than one Line.

On leaving *Worcester*, a qualified cadet serves three years' apprenticeship. During this time he is little expense to his parents, for the *Worcester* outfit, with minor alterations, will serve at sea. Wages vary, but generally commence about £190 per annum, rising to £250 per annum for *Worcester* cadets; no premium being charged in the large majority of companies.

After having served his apprenticeship, a cadet sits for his Second Mate's Certificate at the minimum age of  $19\frac{1}{2}$ , although the Certificate is not awarded



Cricket Pavilion presented by Members of Lloyd's





until the age of 20. On successfully passing this examination, he is a qualified officer and eligible for appointment as such. Rate of promotion varies in the different Lines. A Contributory Pensions Scheme is in operation throughout the Merchant Navy.

Shore appointments in connection with the sea arise from time to time, such as marine superintendents, harbour masters, pilots, Ministry of Transport officers, dock masters, Lloyd's nautical surveyors, nautical assessors, marine officers in the Colonial Service, etc

## Royal Naval Reserve

The Board of Admiralty present every term to the *Worcester* a number of appointments as Midshipmen in the Royal Naval Reserve to cadets on leaving. Candidates must be between 16 and 18 years of age at the date of appointment. They are required to be nominated by the Captain-Superintendent and are called upon for interview by the Admiralty before final acceptance.



## SCHOLARSHIPS and BURSARIES

# CHAPTER VIII Scholarships

Two Scholarships in reduction of fees are awarded each year for entry to *Worcester*. These are valued at £80 per annum and are awarded on the result of the Public Schools' Common Entrance examinations held in June and November. The June award will be made for entry in the following September, and the November award for entry in the following January. Candidates must be between the ages  $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $14\frac{1}{2}$ . A special application for these Scholarships is not required.

One Scholarship is provided by P. and O.—Orient Lines Ltd., and the other by the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. The latter forms part of the Shipwrights' Scholarship Fund, to which reference is made later in this Chapter.

#### **Bursaries**

The following Bursaries become available from time to time and are awarded to assist parents who are unable to meet the full fees, to place their sons in *Worcester*. All are entrance bursaries and Cadets already in the College are not eligible to compete.

#### Shell Tankers Ltd.

Shell Tankers, Ltd. have established two Bursaries which are awarded for entry at the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, applications closing at the end of the preceding April and September respectively. The recipient will be expected to enter the service of the donors on completion of his training in *Worcester*, subject to progress and conduct. Each Bursary is valued at £392 10s. per annum, representing £345 for fees and £47 10s. towards the cost of outfit.

#### Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Co. Ltd.

The Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Co., Ltd., have founded this bursary, which is valued at £345 per annum. The recipient will be expected to enter the service of the donors on completion of his training in *Worcester*, subject to progress and conduct.

## Corporation of Lloyd's

The Committee of Lloyd's grant a bursary valued at £345 per annum. Candidates who obtain the highest marks in the Entrance Examination will be required for a personal interview by the Committee of Lloyd's, who will make the final selection.

#### The Leverhulme Trust

The Leverhulme Trust donate two bursaries, each valued at £150 per annum.

## New Zealand and Federal Steam Navigation Company

Cadetships covering the full fees of the College are granted by these Shipping Company's Companies. Candidates must be New Zealand or Australian born and of British parentage. Successful candidates will be given a free passage from New Zealand or Australia, and, subject to satisfactory reports, will be indentured to the Companies on completion of their Worcester training. Applications should be made to the General Manager, The New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd., Wellington, N.Z., or to Messrs. Birt and Company (Ptv.) Ltd., 4. Bridge Street, Sydney, N.S.W., or to the Secretary, Thames Nautical Training College, Ingress Abbey, Greenhithe, Kent.

One bursary of £200 per annum, under the general rules governing China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. Worcester bursaries.

## Worshipful Company of Fishmongers

One scholarship of £250 a year under the general rules governing Worcester bursaries.

#### Worshipful Company of Clothworkers

One bursary of £75 a year under the general rules governing Worcester bursaries.



1939-1945 War Memorial

#### Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths

Two bursaries of £75 a year for London boys under the general rules governing *Worcester* bursaries.

## Worshipful Company of Grocers

One bursary of £90 a year under the general rules governing Worcester bursaries.

## The Honourable Company of Master Mariners

This Company is open to receive applications for the Alexander Anderson Award, which is valued at £40 per annum, tenable in H.M.S. Worcester, H.M.S. Conway Merchant Navy Cadet School, the Nautical College, Pangbourne, or the School of Navigation, Southampton. The choice of the establishment will remain with the recipient, and preference will be given to the sons of Merchant Navy Officers. The Trustees of the Honourable Company's Education Fund have also available the "Marchwood scholarship", which is tenable for a period not exceeding two years at any residential Training Establishment training boys for careers as officers in the Merchant Navy. The Scholarship is valued at £60 per annum and, in considering applications, preference will be given to the sons of Merchant Navy Officers. The address of the Company is H.Q.S. "Wellington", Temple Stairs, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2.

### Merchant Navy Fund of South Africa

Special awards are available to the sons of Officers of the Merchant Navy. The bursaries will be awarded to those necessitous candidates whose circumstances and qualifications the selectors consider most deserving of help. The awards will be valued at £100 a year.

Applications should be made to the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, London, E.C.3, by whom the selection of candidates will be made. Applicants for these bursaries will be subject to the normal conditions of entry at the

College.

## Westminster Stores

This bursary is valued at £75 per annum and is reserved for the son of an Officer in the Royal Navy or Merchant Navy. This award is in the hands of the King George's Fund for Sailors.

## **Cutty Sark Society**

This Society, established to preserve the Cutty Sark, formerly owned by the College, is prepared to consider the award of a bursary to a candidate whose parents are in need of some financial assistance towards the cost of training.

## Marine Society

This Society is prepared to consider applications for assistance towards the cost of Worcester fees and/or initial outfit. The value of these awards will depend on the need of the parent, after making allowance for any education grant to which the boy may be entitled from his County Education Authority. Bursaries will be considered for cadets during their final year in Worcester provided they have obtained G.C.E. at "O" Level in English language (or literature or history or a modern language) and mathematics (or physics). A grant towards initial outfit will be considered provided the boy is 15 years of age and is given a good report, especially in English language and mathematics, by the Headmaster of his previous school.

## Worshipful Company of Shipwrights Scholarship Fund

This Fund provides, as previously mentioned, for a scholarship valued at £80 per annum, to be awarded on the result of the November Public Schools Common Entrance Examination for entry to *Worcester* at the Lent Term opening in January. Provision is also made for the award of an entrance scholarship based on results in the *Worcester* Entrance Examination and dependent in value on the financial position of the candidate's parents, also the award of a scholarship to cadets already in *Worcester* who need assistance because of altered financial circumstances. Special consideration will be given to descendants of Liverymen of the Company.

## General rules governing Bursaries.

The following rules apply to all bursaries and are in addition to any clause which may be added by the donor.

- 1. The bursaries are restricted to British subjects and will be awarded only to candidates whose parents give proof that they are in need of pecuniary assistance towards the cost of training.
- 2. Candidates should be 14 or 15 years of age at the date of joining Worcester, and must be resident in Great Britain or Northern Ireland except in the case of those awards made by the New Zealand Shipping Co. Ltd. They must be considered eligible by the Committee on grounds of health and good character.
- Bursaries are tenable for three years or two years, according to age at the date of entry.
- 4. Candidates must undergo an educational examination and appear before a Selection Board of the College.



Dinghy Sailing





- 5. Parents must sign a declaration that the candidate **intends to go to** sea in the Merchant Navy on completion of his training. If he fails to do so, except for reasons of health, parents are liable to refund the bursary money paid during his training.
- 6. Payment of a bursary will be made direct to the College except in the case of the Fishmongers' Company's bursaries, where payment will be made each term to the parents. In the former cases the termly value of the bursary is deducted from the College account for fees.
- 7. Copies of a Cadet's report are sent each term to the donors of his bursary. Second and/or third year payments will be made only if the previous reports are satisfactory.
- 8. All applications for bursaries must be made to the Secretary, Thames Nautical Training College, Ingress Abbey, Greenhithe, Kent, except where otherwise stated.



Her Majesty The Queen presenting her Gold Medal, July, 1962

## AWARDS and PRIZES

#### CHAPTER IX

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has been pleased to continue the grant of a Gold Medal awarded annually to the cadets of *Worcester*. This award was instituted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in 1868. The medal is awarded to the boy who shows the qualities likely to make the finest sailor: "These consist of cheerful submission to superiors, self-respect and independence of character, kindness and protection to the weak, readiness to forgive offence, desire to conciliate the differences of others, and above all, fearless devotion to duty and unflinching truthfulness".

The following Regulations will, by Her Majesty's command, be observed in awarding the prize :—

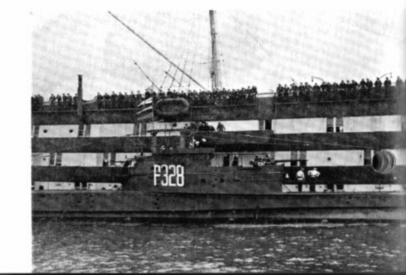
The Medal will be open to boys who have been one year on board the Ship, and who have received not less than half the total number of marks at the previous term examination. The Commander, after conferring with the Headmaster, shall select not less than three or more than five of the boys whom he considers to possess the qualities for which the prize is given. He shall then submit these names to the boys who have been assembled for the purpose in the School, and each boy who has been on board a term previous to the time of distribution, shall then and there vote for one of the boys so selected.

The boy who obtains the highest number of votes shall receive the medal.

In addition to the School and Seamanship prizes given by the College, special presentations are made annually by various Corporations and Companies. The whole comprises a collection of prizes and trophies unrivalled by any other school. Donors are as follows:—

The Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, P. and O.-Orient Lines, British India Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., Royal Mail Lines, Ltd., New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd., Shaw Savill and Albion Company, Ltd., Furness,

Withy and Company, Ltd., Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Company, Ltd., Port Line, Ltd., Prince Line, Ltd., British and Commonwealth Shipping Co., Ltd., Silver Line, Ltd., BP Tanker Company, Ltd., Shell Tankers, Ltd., Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Ltd., Sperry Gyroscope Company, Ltd., Honourable Company of Master Mariners, Institute of Marine Engineers, Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, Royal Geographical Society, Cutty Sark Society, Association of Old Worcesters and a number of other donors.



A Submarine visits "Worcester"

## MISCELLANEOUS

#### CHAPTER X

## The Association of Old Worcesters

The Association was founded in 1887 to keep "Old Worcesters" in touch with one another and to retain their association with the Ship. The Association Dinner is held annually in London, and sporting and social functions are held during the year. All cadets are invited to join the Association when they leave *Worcester*.

The annual subscription is 10s. Life membership £5. Cadets who enrol as Life Members within six months of leaving the *Worcester*, are accepted at a reduced Life Membership rate of £3 3s. 0d.

Communications should be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, Ingress Abbey, Greenhithe, Kent.

## College Magazine

The "Dog Watch" is published at the end of each term, and contains information of the activities of the College, cadets and "Old Worcesters". There are also articles written by "Old Boys" and cadets. The price is 2s. 6d.

### The Public Schools Club

*Worcester* is on the list of Public Schools which are eligible for membership of the Club. Applications for membership should be forwarded to the Club Secretary at 100, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

## The Overseas League

The League has its headquarters at Vernon House, Park Place, St. James's Street, London, S.W.1, and branches in most of the principal ports of the world. It offers good facilities to "Old Worcesters" as a Club.



Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh leaving "Worcester" after the Centenary Prize Distribution,

July 18th, 1962

## EYESIGHT TESTS.

#### APPENDIX A.

For a career in the Merchant Navy as an Executive Officer, it is compulsory to pass the Ministry of Transport Test for Colour and Form Vision, which can be undertaken for the fee of 5s., at any of the Mercantile Marine Offices named below. This test is not a medical examination; therefore it is most important that before entering upon a sea career, a boy's eyesight should undergo a thorough examination by an Ophthalmic Surgeon.

Mercantile Marine Offices Aberdeen. By appointment. Belfast.-Every Monday. Bristol.-First and third Mondays in every month. Cardiff. Every Monday. Dundee.—Every Monday. Falmouth.—By appointment. Fleetwood.—Every Tuesday, 10.30 a.m. Glasgow. Every Wednesday. Other days by appointment. Great Yarmouth.—By appointment. Greenock. Every Monday. Grimsby. By appointment. Hull,-Every Friday. Jersey, St. Helier.—By appointment. Leith. -- By appointment. Liverpool. (Royal Liver Buildings)-Every Thursday and Friday.

London. (Dock Street, E.1) Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. London. (133, East India Dock Road, E.14)—Every Monday and Tuesday. London.—(Tilbury, Essex)— By appointment. Middlesbrough. Every Tuesday. Milford Haven. - By appointment. Newcastle. Every Friday. Plymouth.—Every Monday. Ramsgate. By appointment. Southampton. Wednesday by appointment and every Friday. South Shields. Every Wednesday. Stornoway. By appointment. Sunderland. Every Monday. Swansea. By appointment.

A candidate who wishes to have his sight tested should apply, in the first place, to the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office at one of the above ports. The normal hours for the sight tests are 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and wherever possible, candidates should attend between those hours. A candidate who lives at a distance from the port and cannot attend before 12.30 should apply in writing to the Superintendent for a special appointment. Sight tests are not held on Saturdays.

Should there be the least doubt about a candidate's eyesight, he is advised, in addition to the official tests, to be examined by the consultant to the College—G. H. Giles, O.B.E., F.B.O.A. (Hons.), F.S.M.C., at 65, Brook Street, London, W.1. (Telephone: Magfair NS2), with whom appointments should be made direct.

## APPENDIX B.

## OUTFIT.

The following articles must be provided by the cadet's parents :-

1 Suitcase. 1 Holdall. 2 Linen Bags. 1 Pair Working Trousers.	2 Gym Vests (White, edged blue). 2 Pairs Gym. Shorts (white). 1 Cravat ("Worcester" Colours).
1 Pair Dungarees.	(Optional). Pair Tan Leather Gloves (optional).
1 Full-length Duffle Coat (Blue).	1 Pair Working Gloves (optional).
1 S.B. Regulation Naval Raincoat.	1 "Worcester" Rugby Jersey.*
1 Oilskin and Sou'Wester.	1 White Rugby Jersey.*
2nd Cap and Badge (optional).	2 Pairs Rugby Shorts
1 Uniform Belt.	(1 blue, 1 white).*
4 Uniform Working Shirts (Blue).	2 Pairs Rugby Stockings.*
2 Uniform White Shirts.	1 Pair Rugby Boots.*
4 Stiff Collars.	2 Cricket Shirts.†
4 Pairs Black Socks.	1 Pair White Flannel Trousers.†
2 Black Ties (Terylene).	1 Pair White Cricket Boots.†
1 Pair Regulation Shoes.	1 Pair Gym. Shoes
1 Pair Working Shoes.	(White Dunlop Ventnor).
1 Pair Half-Wellington Boots.	2 Pairs White Wool Socks.†
1 Pair Heavy Wool Socks (Blue).	1 Clothes Brush.
1 Blue Crew Neck Sweater.	1 Pair "O" Flags.
1 White Cable-knit Sweater.	1 Knife.
("Worcester" Colours) (optional).	4 Suit Hangers.
1 Blue V-neck Pullover.	Cash's Name Tapes.  1 Name Type Set.

2 Lanyards.

3 Pyjama Suits.

1 Dressing Gown.

4 Sets Underwear.

1 Pair Dark Blue Bathing Trunks.

12 Handkerchiefs.

2 Large Towels.

2 Small Towels.

2 Pairs White Sheets (single size)

2 Pillow Slips. 1 "Worcester" Bed Rug (optional).

2 Pairs White Drill Shorts.† 2 Pairs Blue Shorts.†

\*Winter Terms only

1 Pair Shoe Brushes.

1 Assortment of Haberdashery (Hussif).

Studs.

Suspenders. Cuff Links.

1 Pair Arm Bands (optional).

Braces

Hair Brush and Comb.

Nail Brush. Tooth Brush.

Tooth Mug (optional).

Face Flannel

†Summer Term only.

The above is a general list, but the College Outfitters issue approved lists applicable to each of the 3 Terms of the year. Many items in the above list are in accordance with the Outfit requirements of an apprentice at sea.



## APPENDIX C.

## DAILY ROUTINE.

a.m. 0700 0735	Reveille. Make up bunks. Wash. Clear up decks.	1715 1900	Evening Preparation. Supper.
0752 0800 0845	Divisions. Prayers. Colours. Prayers. Breakfast. Clean Ship.		Summer Routine Times
0858 1020	School, Stand Easy.	2000 2015	Clear up decks for Rounds 2030 Rounds. 2045
1035 1240 1340	Resume School, Lunch. School.	2055 2100 2130	Fall in for Prayers. 2100 Lights Out, Orlop Deck. 2130 Pipe Down.
1545	Tea (Summer Routine 1630)	2,50	Lights Out, Lower Deck. 2200
Wedne	esday:	Saturd	av :
0715 0858	Holy Communion. —1200 School	0855	Clean Ship. Captain's Rounds.
	Fire and Boat Stations. Cadets land for games.	1200	Roman Catholics to Instruction.
1715	1800 Evening Preparation (Seamanship).	1830	Clear up decks.
1830	Clear up decks.		
SUND	AYS:		
0715 0740 0800 0855	Reveille. Make up bunks Wash. Holy Communion. Colours. Clean Ship. Rig Church.	1010 1025 1055 1100	Captain's Rounds. Divisions. Fall In for Church. Divine Service.*
0930 1005	R.C. Church Party fall in. Stand-by for Upper Deck Rounds.	1240 1615	Lunch. Clear up Decks. as for normal daily routine.

<sup>\*</sup>Divine Service is held in Greenhithe Parish Church on the first Sunday of every month during term-time.