



25th June 1957

Opening by

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

of the

Cutty Sark

in her permanent berth at Greenwich

Memories of Sid Woods and Alasdair McCulloch who were in the Guard of honour in 1957 at the official opening of Cutty Sark at Greenwich. —

I was one of the guard too. The Lord Mayor of Greenwich really bugged it up! He called her the "Sutty Cark" and said that she had been looked after by Conway!

Phillip held things up when he went down into the dry dock, which was not planned. We then "took tea" with them in the Painted Hall, not that we were allowed anywhere near the Royals.

Sid Woods

Mizzen Starboard 1955-57

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Don't know if they did a guard of honour at when Phil laid the stone but we certainly did when the Queen officially opened her and I was one of them. We were lined up at the entrance to the dock where the runners in the marathon now come in when she arrived by car.

Alasdair.



The Cutty Sark in her berth at Greenwich

THE QUEEN, accompanied by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, will arrive at King William Walk at 3.25 p.m., where Her Majesty will be received by the Mayor of Greenwich, Councillor Mrs. M. L. Wentworth, J.P., and the Chairman of the London County Council, Mr. R. Mackinnon Wood, O.B.E., J.P.

Her Majesty will proceed to the ship and will be received by the President of the Cutty Sark Society, Mr. Walter Barrie; the Chairman, Mr. Henry Barraclough; the Secretary, Lt-Col. H. L. Hollis; the Master, Commodore Sir Roy Gill, K.B.E.; and the Chairman of the Greenwich Committee, Sir John Dean.

At approximately 3.30 p.m. Her Majesty will declare the CUTTY SARK open, and a vote of thanks will be moved by the Chairman of the Society. Her Majesty will proceed to the main deck, where the Board of Governors and the Greenwich Committee of the Society, with their ladies, will be presented; after which Her Majesty will be conducted on a tour of the ship and her berth by the Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr. F. G. G. Carr, C.B.E., who will be accompanied by Mr. J. Rawlinson, C.B.E., Honorary Consulting Engineer to the Society, Mr. R. A. Bevan, O.B.E., Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, Mr. H. A. J. Silley, Chairman of R. & H. Green & Silley Weir Ltd., and Mr. Robin McAlpine, of Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will leave the CUTTY SARK at approximately 4.00 p.m., and will proceed to the Royal Naval College, where they will be received by the Admiral President, Vice-Admiral Geoffrey Barnard, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. The Royal Party will take tea in the Queen Elizabeth Ante Room, and guests in the Painted Hall.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will depart from the Main Gate of the College at approximately 5.00 p.m.