

YEAREVENTS

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1836 | Seamen schoolmasters introduced - petty officers.   |
| 1837 | Engineering branch established. Engineers to be warrant officers  |
| 1840 | The rate of Leading Stoker introduced   |
| 1847 | Engineering branch classified into three divisions. Selected senior engineers get commission  |
| 1949 | Good conduct badge [GCB] introduced with extra pay  |
| 1850 | Rum ration halved to one eighth of a pint and evening issue is stopped. Grog remains as a 1:3 mix [rum:water - not changed to 1:2 until 1938].                    |
| 1852 | Pursers titled changed to Paymaster. The rates of Chief Petty Officer and Leading Seaman introduced   |
| 1854 | New rate of Medical Dresser introduced  |
| 1856 | Uniforms introduced for Petty Officers, Seamen and Boys. Curl added to the top stripe of executive officer. Wardroom Mess introduced.                             |
| 1860 | Last hanging from the yard arm. Monthly payments introduced. First Naval Discipline Act. <b><u>Note the hanging was just 6 short years before HMS GANGES.</u></b> |
| 1861 | The very first QRAI's [Queens Regulations and Admiralty Instructions] was printed. Before this each was printed separately and published under its own            |
| 1864 | White Ensign to be used in all of HM warships. <b><u>Just 2 years before GANGES.</u></b> First Commissioned Warrant Officer                                       |
| 1867 | Introduction of the WRITER branch   |
| 1868 | ERA's to become CPO's. Cap ribbons officially recognised. <b><u>When boys first joined the Ganges they were not worn at all.</u></b> Certain ships in the fleet   |
| 1869 | Full sets are to be allowed. Must cover the whole face and include a beard and a moustache.   |
| 1870 | Circulation 26 introduced new rating of Boy Signalman, 2nd and 3rd class Signalmen, a Yeoman and a Chief Yeoman.  |
| 1871 | Leading rates must be able to read and write fairly !   |
| 1872 | Cookers School established at Portsmouth  |
| 1873 | Colour vision tests introduced  |
| 1874 | Naval Bandsmen uniform introduced   |
| 1876 | First Royal Sailors Rest [RSR] opened in Devonport  |
| 1877 | The half stripe introduced for lieutenants of over 8 years seniority. They were not called lieutenant commander until 1914  |

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 1881 | RN Medical School opens in Haslar Hospital. Gold badges introduced for ratings. Allotment system introduced to send money home.                      |
| 1884 | Smoking banned for all under the age of 18   |
| 1887 | First promotions to lieutenant from commissioned warrant officer. Maximum of 24 cuts over bare breech  |
| 1889 | Head Schoolmasters promoted to warrant officer   |
| 1890 | Signal Bosun [warrant officer] introduced as next promotion for a chief yeoman. Naval salute introduced to allow for saluting with both the left and |
| 1891 | Whale Island opens as the Portsmouth gunnery school. Uniform changes. When entering the gunnery school ratings had to re-sew their badges near to    |
| 1893 | Introduction of official numbers and port divisions. Ganges boys would have used only their SBNo [ships book number]                                 |
| 1895 | Artificer Engineers can become warrant officers  |
| 1900 | Introduction of the naval PTI  |