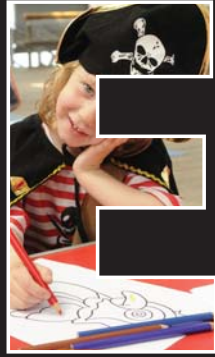


**THE HISTORIC
DOCKYARD
CHATHAM**



IT'S A



ADVENTURE



thedockyard.co.uk

SEE HISTORY: BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS

ENJOY A



**DAY
OUT**

The largest concentration of iconic buildings, historic ships, museum galleries and attractions in the UK thedockyard.co.uk

WOODEN WALLS OF ENGLAND 

Slip back in time to 1758 and join William Crockwell on his first day as a dockyard apprentice.

- Learn about the traditional skills used in building wooden warships at the time of HMS Victory
- Meet characters from the Dockyard of a bygone age at their places of work
- Look out for the 'Rat-Catcher'!



THREE HISTORIC WARSHIPS 

Get a taste of life afloat as you climb aboard and let your imagination take you on your own adventure.

- Take the helm of the Victorian Sloop HMS Gannet (1878)
- Peer through the periscope on a guided tour of the submarine Ocelot
- Explore the WWII destroyer and memorial ship HMS Cavalier before taking time to remember those who were lost on similar ships



THE ROYAL DOCKYARD MUSEUM 

Take an inspiring voyage of discovery through the dockyard's 400 year history. You're bound to learn something new each time you visit.

- Artefacts, models, film and interactives take you from Tudor times, through the ages of sail and steam to the Falklands War of 1982
- See how generations of shipwrights, carpenters, smiths and flagmakers used the tools of their trade



THE VICTORIAN ROPERY 

Make a piece of rope as your costumed guide takes you on this entertaining tour based in 1875.

- Discover why rope was so important to the Royal Navy in the Age of Sail
- Find out about the 'Women of the Ropery'
- Don't be late as the foreman or one of his staff is waiting!



RNLI HISTORIC LIFEBOAT COLLECTION 

The crash of the waves and the cry of seagulls welcome you to the UK's largest collection of historic lifeboats. A partnership with the RNLI Heritage Trust.

- Discover over 100 years of lifeboat history
- Learn about the courage and sacrifice of RNLI crews past and present
- Be inspired by the bravery of the people behind the gallant rescues



3 SLIP THE BIG SPACE 

You'll appreciate that 'size really does matter' in this massive covered Slip.

- Gaze in awe at the incredible wooden roof
- Explore really BIG things in The BIG Store – a partnership with the Royal Engineers Museum
- A Chieftain AVRE Tank and the D-Day locomotive 'Overlord'; Giant tools and steam machinery and a 'midget' submarine



AWARD WINNING

THE HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM 

Let the ADVENTURE begin!

Enjoy your visit to the world's most complete dockyard of the Age of Sail.

Explore the exciting maritime galleries and attractions, discover 80 acres of stunning Georgian and Victorian architecture and meet friendly, knowledgeable, costumed guides who bring 400 years of history to life.

Families will love the fun activities during school holidays.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

All individual tickets are valid for 12 months, so you can come back as often as you like to continue your adventure.

Terms and conditions apply. See website for details and admission prices.

Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust reserves the right to change opening and closing times or close galleries/attractions without notice.

All this, and new for 2010...

**NEW: OPENS
EASTER
2010**

**THE RAILWAY
WORKSHOP**
PICNIC & PLAY



See the dockyard's locomotives up close and personal!

At times you'll see the 'Engineer' not just the 'oily rag' as maintenance work is carried out in this new workshop.

The Railway Workshop also provides indoor picnic facilities, plus the soft play area for the youngsters to let off their own steam.



DON'T MISS THE GREATEST 'LAUNCH' AT CHATHAM SINCE HMS VICTORY!

**NEW: OPENS
SUMMER
2010**

**Nº1
SMITHERY**

**NATIONAL
TREASURES
INSPIRING
CULTURE**

A partnership with:

**National Maritime Museum
and Imperial War Museum**



A new cultural venue and centre for world-class maritime collections at the heart of The Historic Dockyard.

- An exciting combination of museum, heritage and culture
- Magnificent maritime models, art and other artefacts in an historic industrial building provide an inspiring and thought provoking mix
- A unique partnership with two National Museums



No.1 Smithery: National Museums Maritime Treasures See some of the finest models, paintings and objects from the collections of the **National Maritime Museum** and **Imperial War Museum** displayed in this remarkable gallery unlocking fascinating stories. The objects are the heroes and are true 'Treasures'.

No.1 Smithery: The Courtyard Enjoy exciting programmes of family activities here during the school holidays. 'Pirate Play Days' during the summer and 'Myths and Monsters' in the Autumn. At other times there'll be innovative schools programmes and creative and performance art.

No.1 Smithery: The Pipe Bending Floor Have great fun bending 'pipes' of your own on the 'Pipe Bending Floor'. Just one area where you'll have fun learning about innovation, engineering, heavy industry and the people who toiled within the building.

See website for evolving programmes and glimpses of what's to come. thedockyard.co.uk

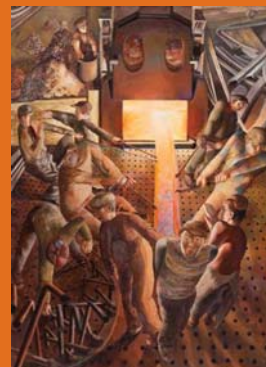
**Nº1
SMITHERY** THE GALLERY

**Opening Exhibition
July to December 2010:**

**Stanley Spencer
Shipbuilding on the Clyde**

A unique opportunity to see this great British artist's epic series of paintings depicting the shipbuilders of Port Glasgow during the Second World War exhibited in a 'shipyard' context. Recently conserved and returned to their original splendour these magnificent paintings provide a real insight into the lives of wartime shipbuilders.

**In association with
the Imperial War Museum**



TEST YOUR SEA-LEGS....

THREE HISTORIC WARSHIPS



On our Three Historic Warships experience life at sea spanning over 100 years.

From the magnificent sail and steam powered Victorian Sloop HMS Gannet (1878) through the hardship of the open bridge on Arctic convoys on the WWII destroyer HMS Cavalier to the cramped compartments of the cold war spy submarine Ocelot.



LEARN THE ROPES....

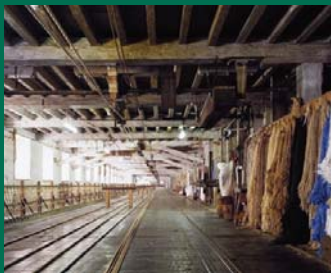
THE VICTORIAN ROPERY



Rope has been made at the dockyard since 1618 and now it's your turn!

Enjoy the entertaining tour*, find out how rope is made and then make a piece of your own. Your tour culminates with the dramatic reveal of the ¼ mile long Ropewalk where you can often see rope still being made in the same way today.

**Tours are by timed ticket only so make sure you obtain your ticket on arrival.*



OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Additional 'things to do or see' whilst at The Historic Dockyard:

- River Cruises on the Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle (May to September at an additional charge).
- Architectural Treasures – Victorian industrial masterpieces; wonderful Georgian buildings; the Royal Dockyard Church and the Commissioner's Garden. Special tours by arrangement.
- The RNXS Museum.
- Kent Police Museum (variable opening times).



- Refreshment Facilities – licensed Wheelwrights' Restaurant; indoor and outdoor picnic areas.
- Children's Play – indoor softplay and outdoor adventure play area for the younger ones to let off steam!

SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

'World War II Days', 'Living Literacy', 'Vivid Victorians' and 'Tracking Down the Tudors' – just some of the taught sessions we offer to bring the curriculum to life. **New for 2010:** an exciting range of Science based programmes for all age groups.

Please call our Education Department on 01634 823811 for further information on our schools' service, or to book a visit. Go to thedockyard.co.uk for further details.



GROUP VISIT AND TRADE EXCURSIONS

Visits can be tailored to suit your group's requirements. Group rates, guided tours and special itineraries are available for groups of 20 or more – our Group Sales Administrator is happy to advise on the most suitable type of visit. Contact groupsales@chdt.org.uk or telephone 01634 823815.

ACCESS This is a large historic industrial site which is generally accessible, but steps, slopes and uneven surfaces do exist. Please take care and allow sufficient time (a 5-10 min walk in some cases) when moving between galleries. Due to the construction of the historic warships, with steep ladders and hatches, access by those with mobility difficulties is not possible to all areas. Alternative 'virtual tours' of the vessels are available. There is also a vehicle available, on request, to assist the mobility impaired. Tactile tours can be provided, by arrangement. See website for Accessibility Guide.

EVENTS See thedockyard.co.uk/events Admission to Events is not included in the 12 month ticket when event prices apply.



MEDWAY FESTIVAL OF STEAM & TRANSPORT
Easter Sunday & Monday, 4 & 5 April

Classic Vehicles Inspiring Memories. Hundreds of spectacular exhibits and that distinctive smell of steam!

New for 2010 - Fireman Sam & Friends on Monday.

Event prices apply.

Galleries and attractions are open as normal during daytime events. Event information is correct at the time of printing. Please check details before you travel by telephoning 01634 823807/823800 or visit thedockyard.co.uk The organiser reserves the right to change programmes or cancel events without notice.



VE DAY BALL
8 May; 7.30pm

On the 65th anniversary of VE Day get 'In the Mood' and dance the night away to the sound of Chris Smith and the String of Pearls Big Band. Plus popular swing DJ Gypsy John.

*Separate ticketing applies.
Call 01634 823815. Pre-booking required.*



SALUTE TO THE '40s
18 & 19 September

Step back in time and experience the nostalgia of Life on the Home Front with period fashion, vehicles and wartime entertainment.

Event prices apply.

DIARY DATES

DOCKYARD RAILWAY

Demonstration freight trains hauled by steam and/or diesel locomotives: **March 27/28; May 1/2/3; June 5/6; July 3/4; August 7/8; September 4/5; October 9/10 & 30/31.**

ADULT AND JUNIOR GHOST WALKS

From February to April and from October to December

Eerie stories of intrigue, murder and mystery mixed with romance and adventure.
Separate ticketing applies.

ARMED FORCES DAY

27 June

A commemorative service followed by parade with marching band.

PIRATE PLAY DAYS

24 July to 29 August

A jamboree for all ages with puppet shows, children's entertainers, arts and crafts, competitions and pirate parades.



MYTHS AND MONSTERS

23 to 31 October

This fun event for families celebrates mythical creatures of the deep and marvelous maritime monsters.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

11 & 12 September

Take an intriguing look behind the scenes. This special tour is free of charge but must be pre-booked by calling 01634 823814.

SCAMMELLS WEEKEND

26 & 27 September

Impressive heavy haulage vehicles on display. Vehicles off site for part of the weekend.

MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

12 & 13 June

Organised by Chatham & District Model Railway Club.
www.show.chatham-mrc.com
Separate ticketing applies.

MILITARIA FAIRS

Monthly

Organised by UKMS2000 Exhibitions and Events Ltd.
www.ukms2000.com
Separate ticketing applies.

CAR & MOTORCYCLE CLUB VISITS

An added attraction on a summer's day!

Sunday 30 May Morgan Sports Car Club

Sunday 18 July MG Car Club


Monday 26 July BSA Owners Club

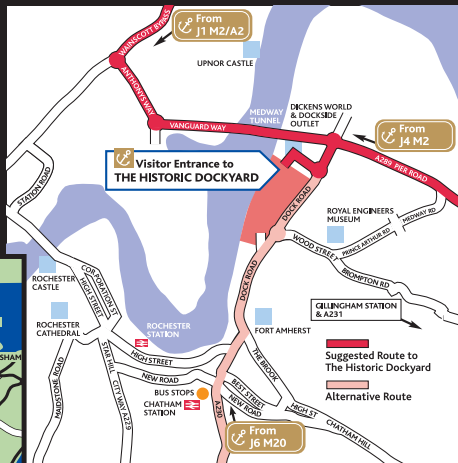
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES Interactive fun for the whole family, with storytelling and trails. Check website for details just before each holiday.

VISIT US

BY RAIL Chatham is served by Southeastern with frequent services from London and the south coast. For train times and timetables visit www.southeasternrailway.co.uk; call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

BY BUS ARRIVA Bus routes 140 and 141 from Chatham Station to The Historic Dockyard. Call 0870 608 2 608. For other services and timetable information call Travel Line on 0871 2002233.

BY ROAD The Historic Dockyard is a short distance from the M25 via the A2/M2. Follow the brown tourist signs  from junction 1 or 4 of the M2 via A289 or junction 6 of M20 via Chatham town centre. See website for further information. Large car and coach park.



2010 OPENING DATES AND TIMES

Open every day at 10am from 13 February to mid December.

CLOSING TIMES

4pm until 27 March; 6pm 28 March to 30 October; 4pm 31 October onwards.

See thedockyard.co.uk for admission prices, gallery closing times, details of special events and variations to opening hours from October to December.

Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Information Line on 01634 823807.

The Historic Dockyard Chatham is in the care of the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust, an independent charity, whose task is to restore and preserve this important part of Britain's national heritage.



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