

PERSONAL NEWS

Commander Ian Shipperley BSc CENG MIMechE Royal Navy was promoted to Captain in 2006.

Educated at Brentwood School in Essex, Ian joined the Royal Navy in 1980 on his seventeenth birthday. Following training at BRNC Dartmouth, RNEC Manadon and in a variety of ships long since passed on to the scrapyard, he took up his first complement appointment as the Deputy Marine Engineer in HMS BIRMINGHAM in 1986. Follow on appointments included a 2 year exchange in Holland working for the Dutch Navy where he became a Dutch Interpreter in the course of his work managing the Dutch maritime gas turbine fleet. On return to the UK in 1994, he took the reins in HMS SOUTHAMPTON as the Marine Engineer for 2 very enjoyable years, a large proportion of which was spent in the West Indies.

Promotion to Cdr followed in 1998 with postings to the FLEET HQ and as Naval Assistant to the Chief Executive of the Warship Support Agency. In 2002 he pulled on his overalls and steaming boots for the last time and guided HMS OCEAN, the largest warship in Fleet, out of a difficult docking period and on to operations in support of the war in Iraq.

Returning to Abbey Wood in 2004, Ian joined the Major Warships team responsible for Marine Engineering support to the RN's capital warships, destroyers and landing craft; the ultimate job for a marine engineer. Promoted to Captain in 2006, Ian now has the challenge of managing a change programme that will ultimately see a revolution in the way that surface ships are supported. When not embroiled in crisis, he enjoys the outdoors from his home on the North Cornwall coast.

Commander T C Hodgson MBE MA CENG MIMechE MIMAREST Royal Navy was promoted to Captain in 2006.

Born on 4 May 1963 in Gloucester, Tim Hodgson joined the Royal Navy directly from school in January 1982. Having completed his initial officer training at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth he undertook his Fleet training onboard HMS OTUS and HMS NEWCASTLE. He went up to Trinity Hall, Cambridge in October 1983, having won an exhibition, where he read Engineering. On leaving university he completed his Marine Engineering (Submarines) Application Course and associated specialist courses.

He carried out a training patrol on HMS RESOLUTION (Starboard) prior to joining HMS REVENGE (Port) as an Assistant Marine Officer in 1988. In 1991 he joined staff of the Chairman Naval Nuclear Technical Safety Panel. In the summer of 1992 he commenced the Russian Interpreters' Course at the Joint

Services Language School, Beaconsfield and in March 1994 he achieved a Distinction in the Civil Service interpreter's language examination.

Following six months of attaché training he was appointed as the Assistant Naval Attaché in the British Embassy, Moscow in November 1994. As well as travelling throughout the Russian Federation he had responsibility for some of the countries of the Former Soviet Union, holding the appointment of Assistant Defence Attaché to Georgia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. The highlights of his time in Russia included the Royal Navy ship visits for the VE celebrations in 1995 and the 300th anniversary of the Russian Navy in 1996 and his involvement in the Partnership for Peace initiatives.

Returning to sea in March 1997 he joined HMS TRANCHANT in Singapore, part way through her OCEAN WAVE deployment. After 12 months as the Deputy Marine Engineer Officer he "moved up in the bed" to become the Marine Engineer Officer. As a result of his handling of an engineering defect whilst onboard he was appointed a Member of the British Empire in the Millennium New Years Honours List, the same day as he was promoted Commander.

After graduation from the Joint Services Command and Staff Course of Bracknell he took up an appointment as the underwater platforms desk officer in the Directorate of Equipment Capability (Underwater Battle Space) in September 2000. He was appointed as team leader for the Nuclear Propulsion Capability study in September 2003 and, after reporting the conclusions of the study to the Defence Management Board in June 2004, he joined the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator as Principal Inspector Plant.

Selected for promotion to Captain in June 2006 he will take up an appointment at the Fleet Headquarters as DACOS Lean in September.

Married to Jane, a former Royal Navy Supply Officer, they live in their own house in Battersea. Jane is a barrister specialising in housing law and is in chambers in London. Tim enjoys skiing, running, cycling, foreign travel, drinking good wine and playing the saxophone (very badly).