

The Museum houses memorabilia and artefacts from the ship and old shore establishment including the ship's figurehead, honours board, a section of the mast and its button from the 1988 refit.

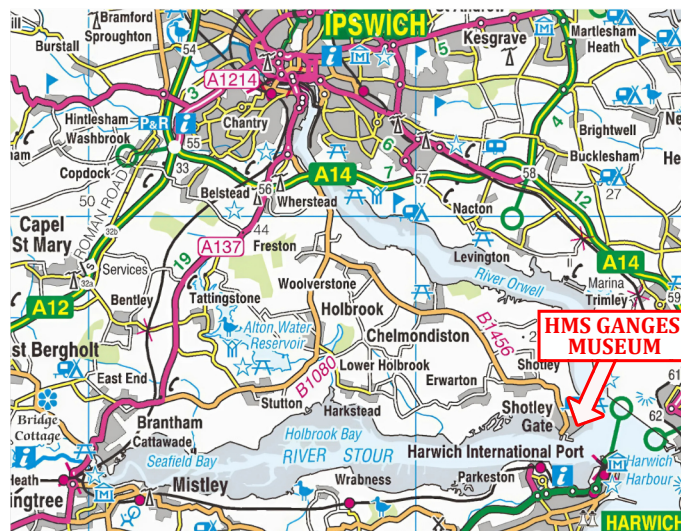


HMS Ganges Museum is a Fully Accredited, Independent Museum which is run solely by Volunteers.

We are funded totally by Donations, Gifts in Wills, Museum Membership and Grants. Donations are always most welcome and vital to keep us open and with free entry.

We Look Forward To Seeing You.

WHERE TO FIND US



HMS Ganges Museum, Shotley Marina, Shotley Gate, IP9 1QJ

The Museum is the first building facing you as you enter the marina.

Nearby Parking & Facilities, Wheelchair Accessible.

Accompanied Children & Well Behaved Dogs on Leads Welcome.

SEASONAL OPENING TIMES

Easter to Last Sunday in October

Saturdays and Sundays

ENTRY: 11am to 3:30pm

(Closes 4pm)

Bank Holidays - Closed

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HMS GANGES MUSEUM



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HMS Ganges Museum, founded at Shotley in 1982, aims to preserve the memory of everyone who trained and served at HMS Ganges after the training ship relocated from Falmouth, Cornwall to Suffolk.

The training establishment intake was made up of 15 year old boys usually straight from school or children's homes. A significant portion of the Museum's collection is comprised of more than 10,000 photographs contributed over the years by those former Ganges Boys and their families.



These images are showcased within the Museum, along with a variety of documents and Yearbooks. Many can also be found in our online searchable archives, accessible through the Museum's website.

Our physical and online archives provide valuable insights into life at Shotley for those researching family history or details of Royal Navy training at HMS Ganges.

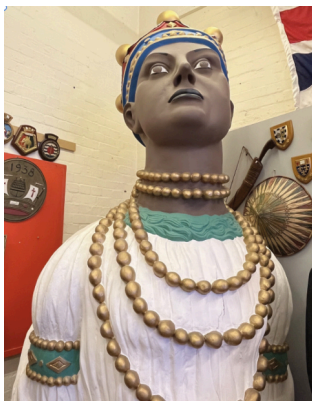


HMS Ganges was an 84 gun ship built in Bombay in 1821 and was notable for being the last wooden sailing ship to serve as a Flagship of the Royal Naval fleet.

In 1865 HMS Ganges arrived at Devonport to be stripped of her guns and converted into a training ship for boys. She relocated to Falmouth in 1866, remaining there until 1899 when she transferred to Harwich harbour. HMS Ganges continued to serve as a boys training ship in the Stour Estuary until 1905 when the boys relocated to the Royal Naval Training Establishment (RNTE) in Shotley for their training.



In 1906, HMS Ganges, leaving her figurehead at Shotley, was towed to Chatham, renamed HMS Tenedos III and used as a Boys Artificer Training Ship. In 1929 she was sold on and finally broken up at Plymouth in 1930.



Numerous artefacts were crafted from the timbers of HMS Ganges. Some of these items, along with the Indian Prince figurehead, are showcased in the Museum for visitors to admire.

In 1907 at RNTE the Mast was stepped and became an integral part of the boys' training. Then in 1927 RNTE Shotley was commissioned as HMS Ganges.

Initially, there were about 500 boys in training when they moved ashore. By the end of the 1940s, this number increased to 2,000, with around 200 new recruits joining every five weeks.



Originally training was restricted to seamanship but in 1911 this was extended to include signal training and, in the late 1950's, further extended to other branches of the Royal Navy.

In 1976 HMS Ganges was decommissioned and closed as a Royal Naval site. The Grade II listed mast was restored in 1988 and newly rebuilt in 2023. It stands in what is now a housing development on part of the old Ganges site.



HMS Ganges Museum is located in the former Engineering School on the foreshore which is now part of Shotley Marina.