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HMS Relentless Association 2026 Reunion

**The Cheltenham Chase Hotel
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire**

September 25th – 28th, 2026



60th Anniversary of final re-commissioning 1966 – 1968

*The HMS Relentless Association
Chairman – Peter Toms, QGM*

HMS RELENTLESS ASSOCIATION

(Formed 26th November 2012)

2026 COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - Peter Toms
VICE-CHAIRMAN - Tony Priddey
SECRETARY - Steve Newton
TREASURER - John Mills
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Joe Ellwood
WEBMASTER - John Mills
PADRE & WELFARE – Rt Revd Dr John Mills
COMMITTEE MEMBER – Peter Brooke

Reunion Organising Partner

Sarah Fletcher - SF EVENTS

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HMS Relentless Association

2026 Reunion

**To be held at The Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Friday 25th – Monday 28th September 2026**

The Committee warmly welcome you to the 2026 Reunion of the HMS Relentless Association.

This year is the 84th anniversary of the first commissioning of HMS Relentless in 1942 and the 60th anniversary of the ship's final commissioning, from 17th March 1966 to 6th August 1968.

It is also the 14th anniversary of the forming of the HMS Relentless Association in 2012, and due to COVID in 2020, it is the 13th, not the 14th Reunion run by the Association.

In the following pages we hope you will find all the necessary information to help make your stay enjoyable.

General Information

The 4* Cheltenham Chase Hotel is part of the Q Hotels group, and is situated in Brockworth, equidistant from both Cheltenham and Gloucester.

The hotel is on the A46 Shurdington Road, a half mile from its junction with the A417, and a short distance from Junction 11A of the M5. There is EV parking and a drop-off area by the hotel's main entrance, and ample parking ahead and over on your right.

- Postcode for your satnav: **GL3 4PB**.
- Hotel telephone number: **01452 519988** and ask for the 'Relentless' rep
- Hotel information link: [The Cheltenham Chase Hotel | 4 Star Hotel Near Gloucester](#)

The Reunion arrangements are managed for us by **SF EVENTS**, and a dedicated HMS Relentless Association check-in desk will be in the hotel foyer.

Sarah, our representative, will be waiting to welcome you on board and your room will be allocated on arrival and in line with any booking request e.g., room type, disabled access etc. Rooms will be available from 1500, and early arrivals can relax in the hotel bar. There will be an area where luggage can be left.

There will be a free tea/coffee station, and in addition, as a welcome gesture from the Committee, each attendee will be provided with a FREE DRINK voucher – beer, wine or soft drink.

Should you have any issues with the hotel over the weekend, **PLEASE talk to Sarah**, not directly to the hotel. For any Association questions or concerns, talk to one of the Reunion Committee; *Steve Newton, John Mills (The Bish), Tony Priddey, Joe Ellwood or Pete Toms*.

Our function room is the BUCKHOLT SUITE which is located adjacent to the main bar area. The suite has its own dedicated bar area – renamed the *RELENTLESS BAR* for the weekend – and has all the facilities we require for the weekend.

We will be holding TWO raffles, Part One on Friday evening and Part Two on Gala night.

Please remember to bring a raffle prize donation.

You will also find the Raffle Prize Table in the Buckholt Suite, so please see *Joe Ellwood* or one of the Raffle Team in the Buckholt Suite 1500-1800 on Friday to donate your prize. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout Friday and Saturday, so keep your eyes open for the team of ticket sellers.

On Saturday night, the Association will provide wine at the Gala Reception, and on the dinner tables, and Port and Baileys for the Toasts. Other than that, drinks will be at your own expense.

We are pleased to say that we have been able to negotiate a 10% discount on bar prices – house wine, house spirits, and draught beer - throughout the weekend. You will be provided with a card at check-in to enable your discount.

Friday 25th September

We will have a pre-dinner Meet & Greet in the *Relentless Bar* area from **1800 / 6pm**. Association Founder Members and Committee Members will be there so, make yourself known and re-acquaint yourself with friends and opps. Dress this evening is smart casual, no jeans please.

Once again, we have two or three new attendees this year, so please wear the 'Relentless' name badge you were provided with at check-in.

Your Host this evening is Association Vice-Chairman TONY PRIDDEY ably supported by JOE ELLWOOD, the Raffle Team, the Duty Signalman and Men Under Punishment. After welcoming everyone, we will be called to dinner at 1900 / 7pm.

The table seating plan will be displayed in the *Relentless Bar* at the entrance to the function suite, and you will find your dinner menu choices on the inside of your placename card.

Following dinner, and amongst other events we will hold Part One of the Raffle, a Pusser's Rum Roll-up and a Champagne Roll-Up – all welcome at the Roll-Ups. The *Relentless Bar* will be open from 1800 / 6pm until late.

Saturday 26th September

Breakfast is served in the main restaurant today from 0730–1030.

The AGM will be held this morning in the *Relentless Bar* area at 1030.
All FULL Members are requested to attend; Honorary Members & Guests are also welcome.

If you have any last-minute items you would like to raise at the AGM, please let the Secretary know on Friday. At the AGM we will be holding the 2027 Committee elections and the list of candidates for Committee roles together with the voting procedure will be promulgated on the noticeboard.

Tot Time will immediately follow the AGM and yet again, we are grateful to our Rum Bos'n, Pete Lambourne, for sponsoring this event.

Due to the close proximity of Cheltenham and Gloucester, we are not running a coach trip this year, so the afternoon is your own to explore the area. A range of brochures for the area's attractions is available at Reception or maybe enjoy the hotel's facilities.

Both Cheltenham and Gloucester are served by the No.10 bus which stops directly outside the hotel for Gloucester, or across the road and a short walk for Cheltenham. The buses run every 15-minutes, and the journey time is 15-20 minutes. Remember to bring your bus pass!

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Your Host for this evening's Gala Night is Reunion Chairman & Association Secretary STEVE NEWTON, and your Master of Ceremonies is Membership Secretary JOE ELLWOOD.

The **GALA RECEPTION** will be in the Relentless Bar at **1815** / 6:15pm. Dress this evening is DJs, lounge suits or blazer & tie, and for the ladies, smart evening wear.

The Association will provide wine at the Gala Reception and on each table for dinner, and Port or Baileys for the toasts. Other drinks can be purchased from the Relentless Bar during and after dinner at your own expense. The Relentless Bar will be open from 1800 / 6pm until late.

The table seating plan will be displayed in the Relentless Bar at the entrance to the function suite.

You will find your dinner menu choices on the inside of your placename card.

We will be called to dinner with 2-bells at 1900 / 7pm, and following formalities**, about 2130 / 9:30pm, there will be music, dancing and entertainment from ***Irena***.

During the entertainment break we will be holding Part Two of the Raffle in aid of Association funds. Tickets will be on sale throughout the day so buy early to avoid too much disappointment.

****** Our Reunion Gala dinners are a chance for us as an Association to remember our Absent Shipmates & Friends, remember who we are and why we are here. This necessarily involves a little amount of formality and during these proceedings, we ask for your respect and co-operation. If you haven't attended one of our Reunions before, you may wish to acquaint yourselves with the formalities:

The call to dinner will be made at 1900 by the Quartermaster sounding 2 bells and piping 'The Still'.*

The Master of Ceremonies (MC) will then announce dinner.

Everyone should proceed into dinner and take a STANDING position at their assigned table.

When everyone is at their table, on the gavel, the candle will be lit, and a Tot of Rum placed on the Absent Shipmates & Friends table.

When the candle is lit, the Association Padre will say Grace, following which, dinner will be served.

After dinner, the tables will be cleared and Port & Baileys for the Toasts, and tea & coffee will be served.

On the gavel, the MC will call upon a Shipmate to propose the Loyal Toast.

All present should stand (those able to do so) and the proposer will raise his glass and pronounce the toast, "The King" to which the response is "The King". You may then retake your seats.

When everyone is re-seated, on the gavel, the MC will announce a Shipmate to propose the toast to Absent Shipmates & Friends.

Directly afterwards, on the gavel, the MC will announce the Reunion Chairman who will make a brief speech of thanks.

Following this, on the gavel, the MC will announce the Association Chairman who will propose the final toast of the evening, the Association Toast "Ladies & Gentlemen, the toast is 'HMS RELENTLESS'".

Subsequently, the Association Padre will pronounce the 'Association Blessing' and the 'Amen' will signify the end of formal Gala proceedings.

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** The sounding of the ship's bell to mark the time dates to the 15th century. One bell signifies the first half hour of the 4-hour watch, two bells the hour. Eight bells, therefore, signals the end of the 4-hour watch.*

So, why does the Royal Navy only sound 2 bells at 1900 and not 6 you may ask? The answer is that the signal to start the Nore Mutiny on 12th May 1797 was the sounding of 5 bells at 1830 (6.30pm). Since then, the Royal Navy no longer sounds 5 bells at 1830. After 4 bells at 1800, the number reverts to 1 at 1830.

Sunday 27th September

Breakfast is served in the main restaurant today from 0700–1030.

Those of you who are leaving today need to check out and settle your personal hotel expenses by 1100.

The Association Padre, the Rt Revd Bishop Dr John Mills (*The Bish*) will conduct a Remembrance Church Service at 1000 – 1100 in the Buckholt Suite. Everyone is invited to attend.

Following the Church Service, there will be a Tot Time, and the afternoon is free to enjoy the hotel's facilities, or to explore the area's attractions – the ones you may have missed yesterday.

The *Relentless Bar* will remain open during the afternoon...

In the evening, we will have a last chance to get together as a group. Meet in the *Relentless Bar* from 1830 and dinner this evening will be at 1900.

The table seating plan will be displayed in the *Relentless Bar*, and you will find your dinner menu choices on the inside of your placename card.

Your Host this evening is Association Chairman PETE TOMS, the highlight of the evening being the battle for the Chairman's Quiz Trophy. The reigning trophy holders are relishing the challenge!

Monday 28th September

This will be our last morning together for this year. Breakfast is served in the main restaurant today from 0630-0930.

Please ensure you vacate your rooms and settle your personal hotel expenses by 1100.

I hope you have a safe journey home, and the Committee look forward to seeing you all again in 2027 when we will be celebrating the **85th anniversary of the first commissioning of HMS RELENTLESS.**

Regards

Steve Newton

Reunion Chairman

PLEASE NOTE

All timings and venues are subject to change.
Please keep your eyes on the Association noticeboard