

# Sutton Veny

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War II



**P/JX 132138 PETTY OFFICER**

**J. B. HINTON**

**ROYAL NAVY**

**H.M.S. *HEREWARD***

**29TH MAY, 1941 AGE 28**

## John Baskivell HINTON

John Baskivell Hinton was born in 1913 to parents Freddie John and Ellen Hinton (nee Wallington/Wollington). His parents had married in 1905 at St. John the Evangelist Church, Sutton Veny. John's birth was registered in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire in the June quarter of 1913. John Baskivell Hinton was baptised at Sutton Veny on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1913. (His older sister – Annie Caroline was baptised 26 August, 1906 & later a baptism for Marjorie Lilian was recorded for 9 July, 1916 also at Sutton Veny)

The 1911 Census recorded John's father – Freddie J. Hinton, aged 23 as a Ch. P.O. (Chief Petty Officer) in the Royal Navy – China & East Indies. His mother was recorded as Mrs F. J. Hinton of Guy Cottages, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. Ellen Hinton (aged 31, born Totnes, Devon) had been married for 6 years & had 2 children – Annie Caroline (aged 4 years, born Halwell, Devon) & Nora Helen (aged 2 years, born Portsmouth, Hants).

The Kelly's Directory for 1927 lists Freddy John Hinton of Shapcotts, Sutton Veny as a Private Resident.

The Kelly's Directory for 1939 lists Frederick John Hinton of Shapcotts, Sutton Veny as a Private Resident.

John B. Hinton married Annie L. Zebedee in 1940 at St. Mary's Church, Calne, Wiltshire. Their marriage was registered in the March quarter, 1940 & in the district of Chippenham, Wiltshire.

John Baskivell Hinton enlisted with the Royal Navy. He was given the service number of P/JX 132138. His records show that he was last attached to H.M.S. *Hereward* as Petty Officer.

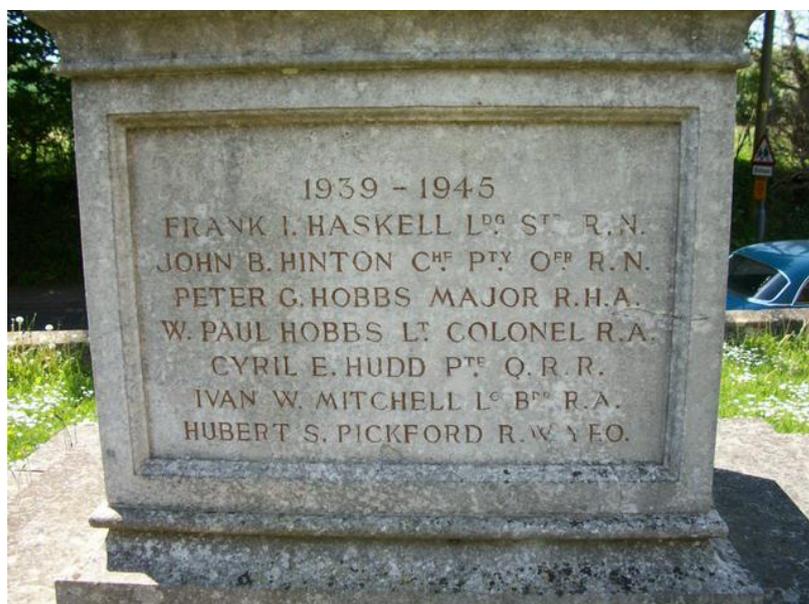
Petty Officer John Baskivell Hinton was aboard H.M.S. *Hereward* when she was sunk by enemy action on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1941, aged 28 years.

Petty Officer John Baskivell Hinton is remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial – Panel 46, Column 2 as he has no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Petty Officer John Baskivell Hinton, P/JX 132138, as being the son of Freddie John and Ellen Hinton; husband of Annie Louise Hinton, of Calne, Wiltshire.

Administration was granted at Winchester on 2 October, 1942 in the estate of – "Hinton John Baskivell of 191 Oxford Road, Calne, Wiltshire died on or since 29 May, 1941 on war service ..... Administration to Annie Louise Hinton, widow. Effects £274 17s. 1d."

John B. Hinton is remembered on the Sutton Veny War Memorial located in the foreground of St. John the Evangelist Church at Sutton Veny.





**Sutton Veny War Memorial** (Photos by Andrea Charlesworth 2012)

### **Portsmouth Naval Memorial**

The Portsmouth Naval Memorial is situated on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade.

After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided.

An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping. The Portsmouth Naval Memorial was unveiled by the Duke of York (the future George VI) on 15 October 1924.

After the Second World War it was decided that the naval memorials should be extended to provide space for commemorating the naval dead without graves of that war, but since the three sites were dissimilar, a different architectural treatment was required for each. The architect for the Second World War extension at Portsmouth was Sir Edward Maufe (who also designed the Air Forces memorial at Runnymede) and the additional sculpture was by Charles Wheeler, William McMillan, and Esmond Burton. The Extension was unveiled by the Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother on 29 April 1953.

Portsmouth Naval Memorial commemorates around 10,000 sailors of the First World War and almost 15,000 of the Second World War.

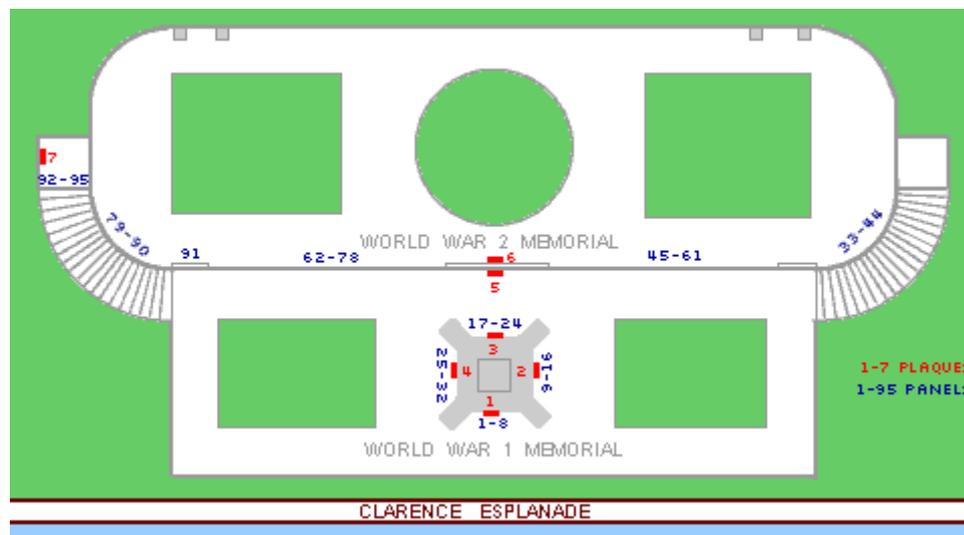
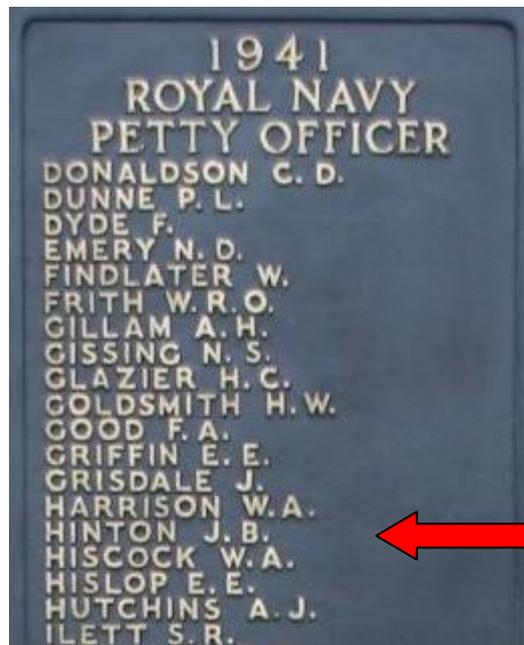
*(Information & Photo from CWGC)*



Portsmouth Naval Memorial



Panel 46 (Photos from Memorial & Monuments in [Portsmouth](#) – Tim Backhouse/Geoff Allen)



### H.M.S. *Hereward*

HMS *Hereward* (H93), named after Hereward the Wake, was an H-class destroyer built for the Royal Navy in the mid-1930s. She was assigned to the Mediterranean Fleet before and the ship spent four months during the Spanish Civil War in mid-1937 in Spanish waters, enforcing the arms blockade imposed by Britain and France on both sides of the conflict. When World War II began in September 1939, the ship was in the Mediterranean, but was shortly transferred to the South Atlantic Command to hunt for German commerce raiders and blockade runners, capturing one of the latter in November. *Hereward* was transferred to the Home Fleet in May 1940 and rescued Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands after the Germans had invaded.

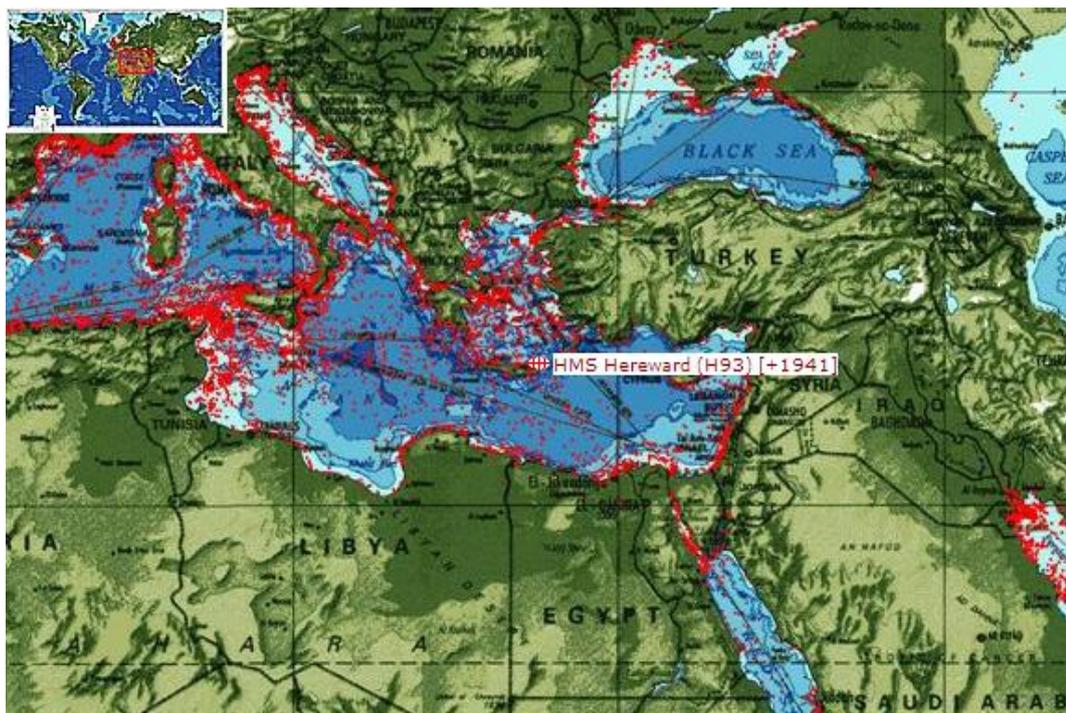
The ship participated in Operation Excess in early January 1941 and sank the Italian torpedo boat *Vega* on 10 January with a torpedo in the Strait of Sicily. Together with the destroyer *Decoy* and the gunboat *Ladybird*, *Hereward* landed commandos on the island of Kastelorizo as part of Operation Abstention, but they were overwhelmed by an Italian counter-attack. Only a few survivors were taken off two days later. The ship participated in the Battle of Cape Matapan in early March 1941 and the evacuation of Greece in April 1941. She

sank a number of fishing boats transporting German troops to Crete on 21 May and helped evacuate the Allied garrison of Heraklion on 29 May. Later that day she was attacked by German Junkers Ju 87 "Stuka" dive bombers and hit by one bomb just in front of her forward funnel. She turned towards the nearby coast of Crete, but was sunk by further attacks. Four officers and 72 crewmen were killed, but the 89 survivors were rescued by Italian MAS torpedo boats and taken prisoner.

*(Wikipedia)*



HMS Hereward



Location of HMS Hereward (photo from [Wrecksite](#))