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Trafalgar as a representation of the original 'HMS Pickle'. Then, after some years, she ended up in Gibraltar for about two years, where she deteriorated into something akin to a wreck. Offered for sale on eBay, she was purchased in 2014 by a British businessman, Mr Nicholson of Lincolnshire, who managed to sail the barely seaworthy vessel from Gibraltar to a port in Portugal's Algarve, where he was introduced to a small family boat repair and construction business based in Quarteira. A substantial repair and refitting project was embarked upon. Mr Nicholson's recreation of the original 'HMS Pickle' was apparently based upon an exact copy of the plans drawn up by the Royal Navy when the original vessel arrived in England in 1802, with the exception of the inclusion of an engine and electronic navigation equipment and modification of the deck to provide for extra cabins. Following the lengthy refit in Portugal, undertaken by a team of Portuguese and

British shipbuilders, the vessel returned to the sea and to England in 2015.

Based on the River Humber, the present vessel sporting the name 'HMS Pickle' participates in many naval or maritime events and exhibitions around the country. In so doing, her presence keeps alive the memory and significance of the original 'HMS Pickle' with her historic role after the battle of Trafalgar. However, with her rigging placed on the hull of a vessel designed as a replica of a Russian or Baltic trading vessel and renamed, together with the modern additions, it raises the question - is she a replica, a re-creation, a conversion, a reproduction or even a representation of the original? Certainly she is not her historic namesake, wrecked beyond repair in 1808, but she bears its name and serves a useful purpose in maintaining a naval commemoration. Her current status, however, leaves us in a right Pickle!

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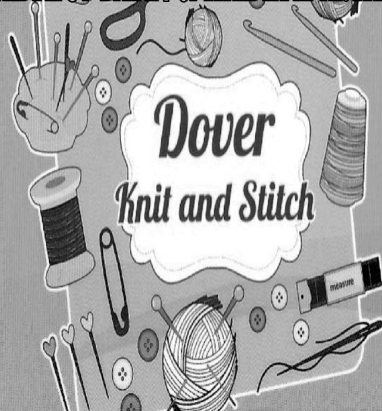
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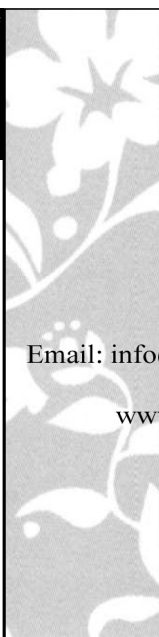
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her work cut out running the family home and being mother to their five children, as well as representing John at local events. She was very much involved with Dover Borstal for some years. After John lost his seat in Parliament, Jean used to go to fine art classes. She was an excellent hostess, with the highest standards, and taught all her children the techniques of silver service waiters and waitresses. For their Silver Wedding Anniversary in Ash in 1968, John had planned to give Jean a Georgian coffeepot, but Jean said she would prefer a bulldog instead, from whom she had several litters. The dog obviously had to be called Coffeepot. Jean was a Vice-President of the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

When Sir John died in 1992, Lady Arbuthnot sold the family home in Ash and moved to London, where she still lives in a small house bought by her husband's aunt in the 1950s.

When members of her family are not visiting her, she spends her time on music. Although few of her own generation remain, she has many friends of a younger generation who visit her regularly to play chamber music or sonatas, or to sing.

In addition to her five children, she often sees her ten grandchildren and her two great-grandchildren. In February 2018 she fell down the stairs in her home, breaking her collarbone and five ribs, since which time she has had a team of carers to ensure it does not happen again. She remains happy and fulfilled and well deserves the thanks and appreciation of Doverians for her sterling work and support over the many years she graced this town and constituency with her beauty, elegance and charm. Happy Birthday, Lady Arbuthnot, knowledgeable musician, supportive wife and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother!

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