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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

May, 2008

This quarter has seen some exciting developments for those interested in maritime history. Perhaps the most spectacular was the announcement in January of £21 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to provide a permanent museum for the Mary Rose. This was closely followed by the announcement that the HLF had increased the grant to Cutty Sark to £10m.

At the forefront of any public interest and understanding of the maritime dimension of life will be the great maritime museums and the artefacts of maritime heritage. They provide the initial point of contact for both young and old and it is often the experience of museums and heritage sites that will determine either a lifelong interest or an indifference to the sea. Fortunately, maritime museums worldwide are adept at responding to the interests of their public. Whilst this often leads to some interesting debates about display and interpretation, it is also fertile ground for thrashing out a balance between engaging society and generating a serious understanding of maritime history. The confidence the HLF has shown in the Mary Rose and Cutty Sark Trusts is a reminder that maritime history is still seen as a central part of British cultural life.

*Of almost equal importance to engaging the public with maritime history are those historians who have the enviable ability of attracting wide popular audiences with scholarly historical work. One such historian is Brian Lavery, emeritus curator at the National Maritime Museum. Brian's work, covering both the sailing and twentieth century navies, is too wellknown and admired to require much comment. It was therefore a great pleasure that, in January, the Society for Nautical Research Council approved the award of the Anderson Medal for 2008 to Brian for his life-long achievement and his 2007 volume, *Shield of Empire : The Royal Navy and Scotland* (Birlinn, Edinburgh). Another historian who also has this ability is Colin White, Director of the Royal Naval Museum. Colin used his inaugural lecture as Visiting Professor at the University of Portsmouth to highlight the importance of joining up academic and popular history. I would like to pass on the Society's congratulations to Colin on his appointment as honorary Captain RNR.*

It was also a great pleasure to see that one of the SNR's long-serving Vice Presidents, Alan Pearsall, who died in March, 2006, continues to be recognised for his interest in maritime history. His estate has supported the Alan Pearsall Fellowship in Naval and Maritime at the Institute of Historical Research (www.history.ac.uk). This is a substantial fellowship and provides a great boost of maritime history.

*Another of our Vice Presidents, Honor Frost, who has served the SNR for many years and contributed not only her own scholarship to the *Mariner's Mirror*, but her advice to the Society on matters of Middle Eastern nautical archaeology, has decided to step down and I would like to thank Honor for her valuable contribution.*

The Society's website has moved into the second phase of development with the opening of a

members-only area, which provides a discussion forum, a fully-searchable list of articles and notes from the Mariners' Mirror from 1911, together with advantages. I am pleased to welcome Justin Reay, who has agreed to act as moderator on the discussion forum. This is another important step towards the Society being able to offer additional benefits to its members.

Every year, the Society aims to support at least one conference overseas. This year we are supporting the Canadian Nautical Research Society annual conference, which is commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of the city of Quebec, and takes place from August 6 to 9 in Quebec. The health of maritime history is evidenced elsewhere in our newsletter by the range of conferences and courses available. These show that the strength of the subject lies partly in the vitality of local maritime historical societies and I would like to pass on the Society's congratulations to the Liverpool Nautical Research Society which celebrates its seventieth anniversary this year.

Finally, I have received notification that Professor John Hattendorf, our Corresponding Member in the United States, was able to meet with Marc Levinson in New York on March 4 to present him with the Anderson Medal, 2007, for his book *The Box*. Mr Levinson has sent his thanks to the Society.

As the years seem to progress at an ever-faster rate, I wish all members a good summer, in the knowledge that by the time the next newsletter appears, we will be looking towards autumn!

RICHARD HARDING
CHAIRMAN

THE SOCIETY FOR NAUTICAL RESEARCH

The Society for Nautical Research promotes and publishes research on all matters relating to seafaring, ships and shipbuilding in all periods and in all nations; on the language and customs of the sea; in fact, on any topic of nautical interest.

The SNR:

- publishes the world's pre-eminent English-language nautical journal, [The Mariner's Mirror](#)
- sponsors [conferences, lectures and seminars](#) on maritime historical subjects
- buys [paintings](#) and other works of art for the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich
- funds [projects](#) such as the preservation of Nelson's flagship, *HMS Victory*

The Society was founded in 1910 and is currently preparing for its centenary in 2010.

The Honorary Secretary of the Society, Peter Winterbottom, would like to hear members' ideas on how the centenary might be celebrated, how the structure of the SNR might be improved, and how it might communicate better with its members.

Ideas and comments should be sent to Peter Winterbottom, 6 Ashmeadow Road, Arnside, Carnforth, LA5 0AE, England, or by email to honsecretary.snr@btinternet.com. All responses will be very welcome.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Oxford Encyclopedia of Maritime History chosen for Dartmouth Medal, 2008

The *Oxford Encyclopaedia of Maritime History* has been chosen as the recipient of the Dartmouth Medal in 2008. The medal, donated by Dartmouth College, New England, and presented by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is given for current reference works of outstanding quality and significance.

The *Oxford Encyclopedia of Maritime History* is believed to be the first English-language scholarly reference log of its kind. Published in four volumes, it contains some one thousand signed entries and four hundred illustrations, covering topics from Shipwrecks, Navigators and Ballast to Film, Terrorism and Religion.

Further information on the Dartmouth medal can be found at <http://www.ala.org> and on the encyclopaedia at <http://www.oup.com/us>

SNR EVENTS

Society for Nautical Research Annual Meeting, 2008, and dinner on board HMS Victory

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for Nautical Research will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, June 21, 2008, in the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth.

At this stage, members may wish to note that Council has taken note of some members' concerns about the business conducted in the AGM. The agenda will, as a result, be restructured for the first time for a number of years, so that members have a greater opportunity to learn about the work done within the SNR. The formal notice of the AGM and agenda will be found as usual as a supplement to the May issue of the *Mariner's Mirror*, but it is anticipated that an earlier start for the AGM at about 3.15pm will allow for the additional business.

All members are invited to attend the AGM and to tour HMS *Victory* afterwards, from 5.30pm.

Further formation on the booking arrangements for the dinner can be found in the accompanying issue of the *Mariner's Mirror*. Please book early.

SNR (South) Programme

MAY 10

Displaying the Navy's Industrial Revolution

Ms Katerina Mauranen

OCTOBER 11

George III's Dockyard Models

Dr Ann Coats

NOVEMBER 8

Chatham Dockyard after 1945

Ms Emma Haxhaj and AGM

DECEMBER 13

Members' Research

Meetings take place in the Royal Naval Club, 17 Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 2NT, UK, at 14.00. Contact R E G Harris, Senior VP, Tel: +44 02392 386032

The Work of the Society for Nautical Research

Members of the Society for Nautical Research often ask about the work of the SNR Committees. Below we provide the first in a series by the Honorary Secretaries of the Committees describing their work.

The Research Committee of the Society for Nautical Research has, as its full name, the Research, Technical and Programmes Committee, suggests, several functions.

In the spring of each year, we recommend an author and his or her book for the Anderson Medal. The medal is awarded in December each year to a written work of history which, in our opinion, has made the most outstanding contribution to understanding the maritime past in the previous calendar year. Recent awards went, in 2005, to Roger Knight for his study of Nelson, *Pursuit of Victory*, and, in 2006, to Marc Levinson for *The Box*, a study of the way in which the mundane shipping container has revolutionised world trade and maritime industry. Each year, the Research Committee reads and discusses a large number of books, develops a shortlist, which is discussed in the SNR Council, and makes its final recommendation to Council at the Spring meeting. Many excellent books of maritime history are published each year, and, in deciding where to make its award, the Research Committee is also able to take into account the lifetime contribution to research. So, for 2007, when there was a strong field of candidates for the Anderson Medal, we have recommended Brian Lavery, not just for his book, *Shield of Empire*, but for the many fine books which Brian has written throughout his long career.

All members of the SNR are welcome to recommend titles for 2008. The books must have

been published in the fifteen months from October 1, 2007 to the end of December, 2008. If you see a good book, please shout!

The Research Committee also makes minor grants throughout the year to assist researchers. The SNR is an international society and two of our fellows this year are Americans. They are Jeremy Rich of Middle Tennessee State University, who has travelled to Africa to research sailors and canoe-workers in Central Gabon in the period 1860-1930, and Katherine Epstein of the Ohio State University, who is studying the comparative history of torpedo development in Britain and the USA from 1866-1914.

The committee has also recently made a grant to John Bingeman to help illustrate and publish his splendid volume on the excavation of the 19th century wreck of HMS *Invincible*.

The committee is also able to subsidise a number of conferences each year, usually one or two in the UK, one in North America, and one other overseas event, if possible. This year it has been decided to support the Canadian Nautical Research Society and its conference, *Four Centuries of Atlantic Crossings*, which celebrates Samuel de Champlain's founding of Quebec. Topics will include exploration, trade, war, ships and individuals related to marine activity in and around Quebec and the North Atlantic over the past four centuries. The conference takes place August 6 to 9 and we need someone who will represent the SNR to attend. Volunteers, please!

Finally, there is one grant that has not yet been made. The Research Committee has available money for a major grant to an individual or to an institution for research into any aspect of maritime history. Up to £2,000 is available each year, for a single grant, or two or more smaller grants. We seek a substantial project,

strongly relevant, well-backed by others, which also gives us confidence in its outcome. The Research Committee welcomes applications, addressed to Peter Hore, Honorary Secretary, on emp.hore@ctbf.co.uk

PETER HORE
HONORARY SECRETARY
RESEARCH, TECHNICAL AND PROGRAMMES
COMMITTEE

LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

From our correspondent in Norway

The definitive presentation of Norwegian shipping history up until now has been Den norske sjøfarts historie (*The History of Norwegian Shipping*), published in six volumes in the period 1923-51. This 3000pp work is rich in detail, but short on analysis and it has, of course, become increasingly outdated. In fact, previous work on selected Norwegian home ports – for instance, the five-volume Bergen og sjøfarten (*Bergen and Shipping*) – has provided a much more analytical and valuable contribution to our understanding of how the Norwegian shipping industry has evolved.

The Norwegian Shipowners' Association has now instigated a substantial project on Norwegian maritime history, headed by Professor Even Lange at the University of Oslo. The association has granted 18 million kroner (£1.5 million) to the research, primarily dealing with the last 200 years. The first publication from the project will be a book, intended for 2009, giving a broad overview of the history of international shipping. The Norwegian participation in the industry will be the main focus of subsequent publications, scheduled for 2014, and coinciding with the 200th anniversary of Norway's constitution.

The new project is very welcome, as it will

produce a much-needed, concise and methodically- sound presentation of Norwegian shipping history. Another positive side effect stems from the fact that the project draws upon – and aims at uniting – the resources of the currently scattered Norwegian research groups working with maritime history topics. Indeed, the first seminar of the project – a workshop held in the autumn of 2007 – included both domestic and international researchers. The proceedings from this workshop will be published as “International Merchant Shipping in the 19th and 20th Centuries: The Comparative Dimension,” in the series, *Research in Maritime History*.

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NORWEGIAN SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Fenland Lighter Project Current Progress

Over the years, the varied material of the Fenland Lighter Project Collection, held by Peterborough Central Library, (see *SNR Newsletter*, No 67, p5), has increased both in volume and scope. Currently, it is hoped to include fresh documentation involving Pierre-Edouard Plucket, a noted raider-captain of the French Revolutionary Wars.

Although he was a commissioned officer of the French Navy, he is chiefly remembered nowadays for his privateering activities. Captured in 1797 by HMS *Vestal*, he evidently spent considerable time as a prisoner-on-parole at Peterborough. A recent article on such matters, (see *Mariner's Mirror Bibliography for 2006*, p20), seems to have aroused interest, and continuing research suggests that there may well have been more social interaction between prisoners-on-parole and the local population than has been general recognised. Moreover, it appears likely that some of the ship-models in the Norman Cross Collection, held by Peterborough Museum

and Art Gallery, were actually made by French officers living on parole at Peterborough or in neighbouring villages.

Discussions with the library authorities are currently in hand regarding a reorganisation of some items and, as ever thanks are due to Richard Hillier, Local Studies Librarian, for his courteous and efficient attention.

More on the Fenland Lighter Project can be found at www.gla.ac.uk/~aj12x/dlp.html

H J K JENKINS

MARITIME BOOKSELLERS

We are often asked if we know of booksellers who are able to supply a good range of maritime books. In the first of an occasional series, we give details below of two suppliers in the south of England, who offer a full service, both in terms of a current stock of maritime-related items, and who will take orders via email or telephone and ship by post.

We would be very pleased to include details of suppliers in other parts of the United Kingdom and around the world. SNR Members are invited to forward details of their local maritime booksellers for inclusion in future issues.

Maritime Books

66 Royal Hill

Greenwich

London

SE10 8RT

Tel: +44 0208 692 1794

Email: anthony@anthonyssimmonds.demon.co.uk

Maritime Books is a favourite with visitors to conferences at the National Maritime Museum, just across the road, and offers one of the country's largest ranges of new, secondhand and antiquarian books on naval and maritime history.

The proprietors are Anthony and Mrs Setitia Simmonds.

The shop is open from 10.00 to 18:00, Monday to Saturday.

Piccadilly Rare Books at Ticehurst

Bookshop

Church St

Ticehurst

East Sussex

TN5 7AA

Tel: +44 01580 201221

Email: picrare@btinternet.com

Piccadilly Rare Books offer a wide range of antiquarian and secondhand books in maritime, military, aviation and general history areas. Proprietor Paul Minet is an ex-officio Chairman of the Huguenot Society and also offers advice on related genealogical matters.

The many books in stock are displayed alongside a charming coffeeshop area, which offers light lunches and teas.

The shop is open six days a week: 9.00 to 17.00, Monday to Friday, and 10.00 to 17.30 on Saturdays. Telephone calls can be taken from 8.30 to 18.00.

Payment may be by Sterling cheque, Visa, Master Card, Amex, Switch or Delta.

CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EXHIBITIONS

**National Maritime Museum , Greenwich,
London**

Conferences, Courses and Talks

MAY 15-17, 2008

Richard Hakluyt: Life, Times, Legacy

A three-day international interdisciplinary conference, organised jointly by the National Maritime Museum, the Centre for Travel Writing Studies at Nottingham Trent University and the National University of Ireland, Galway, the event will address the significance of the work of Richard Hakluyt, the prolific collector and editor of first-hand discovery and adventure narratives, and author of *The Principall Navigations* (1589), expanded as *The Principal Navigations, Voyages, Traffiques and Discoveries of the English Nation*, 3 volumes (1598-1600).

It will also establish a consortium interested in preparing a new scholarly edition of Hakluyt's *Principal Navigations* for the twenty-first century. Topics for discussion will include Hakluyt's life and biography; his texts and their influence on Western and Eastern exploration, colonialism and empiricism; his legacy in terms of his immediate successors and his impact on the conduct of later English explorations and colonial activities, and the enduring commemoration of his work in the Hakluyt Society, named in his honour and founded in 1846.

Ten bursaries (fees only) will be available for postgraduate students to attend the conference. Priority will be given to postgraduates speaking at the conference. Details from Dr Daniel Carey, Department of English, National University of Ireland, Galway. Email: daniel.carey@nuigalway.ie or Professor Claire Jowitt, School of Arts and Humanities, Nottingham Trent University. Email: claire.jowitt@ntu.ac.uk

The event is supported by Bernard Quaritch Ltd, the Hakluyt Society and the Society for Renaissance Studies.

For further details of these and other NMM conferences, please contact Janet Norton,

Research Administrator, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF, UK.

Tel: +44 0208 312 6716.

Email: research@nmm.ac.uk

www.nmm.ac.uk/conferences

NMM Adult Learning and Family Activities

The NMM offers a regular programme of talks designed to provide useful background to the museum's exhibitions for both adults and children.

For further details, tel: +44 (0)208 312 8560

or email: bookings@nmm.ac.uk

www.nmm.ac.uk

Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich, London

JUNE 23 TO 27

IMEHA Fifth International Congress of Maritime History

The Fifth International Congress of Maritime History, sponsored by the International Maritime Economic History Association (IMEHA), will be hosted by Greenwich Maritime Institute in the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich in London.

Papers will reflect a wide range of research areas covering the role of the surface of the sea, the undersea domain, the coastal zone and the sea as a cultural resource.

Further information may be accessed via the congress website www.IMEHA2008.com

or by contacting the IMEHA2008 Congress

Academic Secretary,

Greenwich Maritime Institute,

Old Royal Naval College, Park Row,

Greenwich, London, SE10 9LS, UK.

Email: IMEHA2008@gre.ac.uk

www.gre.ac.uk/schools/gmi/events/imeha2008

University College, London

JULY 7-14

Beyond Boundaries - The 3rd International Conference on Underwater Archaeology

The conference will explore the challenges involved in interlinking underwater archaeology across boundaries, whether real or imagined, institutional, environmental, political, legislative or other. Concurrent sessions will discuss Research Trends and the Future, Techniques and Scientific Methods, and Managing Underwater Heritage for the Public.

The conference is hosted by the Nautical Archaeology Society, the Institute of Field Archaeologists at the Institute of Archaeology, University College, London.

For further information, contact the National Archaeology Society, Fort Cumberland, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO4 9LD.

Email: sarah@nasportsmouth.org.uk or tel: +44 0239 281 8419.

University of Wolverhampton

JULY 8

Shared Heritage: Joint Responsibilities in the Management of British Warship Wrecks Overseas

Many European countries were involved in extensive global exploration, survey, trade, and territorial expansion, especially from the 16th century into the middle of the 20th century. As a result, there are many of what may be termed European wrecks, both warships and mercantile, spread around the world, lying in the littoral waters of other sovereign states. As a maritime nation, the United Kingdom, and the earlier manifestations of the countries that it now comprises, were actively involved in this process and the UK has always claimed sovereign immunity for the wrecks of its warships,

regardless of their present location, but has also recognised on a *de facto* basis that such wrecks form an important component of the underwater cultural heritage of such sovereign states.

The main aim of this seminar is to enable a discussion to open new lines of communication, promote best archaeological practice, and develop co-operation between different countries sharing the common heritage of historic British warship wreck sites. The seminar will offer a starting point to enable a sustainable and mutually-beneficial management regime for this common heritage. Speakers will outline the international legal regime; international best practice, and describe the approach to British warship wrecks in countries such as Argentina, Australia, South Africa and the United States.

Admission is free but pre-registration is essential. To register, contact Julie Hayward, Wolverhampton University.
Email: j.hayward@wlv.ac.uk
or tel. +44 01902 322 145 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Canadian Nautical Research Society

AUGUST 6-9

Four Centuries of North Atlantic Crossings

To celebrate the quatercentenary of Samuel de Champlain's founding of Quebec, the Canadian Nautical Research Society will host its 2008 annual conference in that city, supported by the Society for Nautical Research.

Topics will include exploration, trade, war, ships, individuals and marine activity in and around Quebec and the North Atlantic over the past four centuries.

The conference venue is the Auberge Saint-Antoine, near the site of Champlain's original

Habitation. Located on an important archaeological site in C17th buildings, the Auberge Saint-Antoine offers a unique introduction to New France. Artifacts throughout the hotel provide a fascinating glimpse into the life of Quebec's first inhabitants.

For further details and to book a place at the conference, contact Dr Richard Gimblett, CNRS 2008 Conference Coordinator, 49 South Park Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, K1B 3B8. Email: richard.gimblett@rogers.com or tel: +1 613 590 9508.

University of Exeter

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Weather at Sea: Climate Change and Its Effects on the Maritime World

Call for Papers

The 42nd Exeter Maritime History Conference will address climate change in the maritime world in the past and its effects on history up to the present and into the future, and will be run in collaboration with the UK Meteorological Office to provide a venue for historians to meet with climatologists. The conference will be held on the campus of the University of Exeter where accommodation will be available.

Offers of papers are invited. Subjects may address the main course of climate change or its diverse and unexpected effects.

Proposals will be welcomed by Roger Morriss, Department of History, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ, UK.

Email: morriss@newtoshlt.wanadoo.co.uk
or tel +44 01242 224270.

Information on accommodation from Claire Keyte. Email: c.e.keyte@exeter.ac.uk
tel: +44 01392 263289.

International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility

SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2008

Sixth International Conference on the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility - Mobility and the Environment.

The International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic will be presenting its Sixth International Conference in Ottawa, Canada, from September 18-21, 2008.

Papers will address aspects of the social, cultural, economic, technological, ecological and political history of transport, traffic and mobility.

Hosted by the Canada Science and Technology Museum, the conference coincides with a period of growing concern about the problematic relationship between the human desire and need for greater mobility, and the environmental consequences. Historical perspectives on this relationship offer the promise of greater clarity and understanding. The conference theme will embrace philosophical, technical and cultural perspectives on the history of overcoming, or adapting to, the challenges of geography and climate.

The full papers will be copied onto a CD-ROM for distribution in advance to all conference participants. For further information, see

www.t2m.org

National Maritime Museum, Falmouth

SEPTEMBER 27

Cornish Maritime History Conference, 2008

The Cornish Maritime History conference returns this year to be held as previously at the National Maritime Museum, Cornwall in Falmouth. The speakers range in theme and period from medieval Newlyn to the modern demands of a Cornish business operating in the global economy. This year's programme includes:

Dr Joanna Mattingley – *Medieval Newlyn*

Edward Yescombe – *Une contrebande scandaleuse: The Case of the Walsingham Packet*

Dr. Brian French – *Padstow's Doom Bar*

Pennie Denton – *The master and crew of the Elizabeth Mary Ann of Fowey*

Dr Helen Doe – *Cornish Women Shipping Investors in the Nineteenth Century*

Martin Hazell – *Poles apart – Polish Naval Memories of World War 2*

Dr Terry Chapman – *The National Dock Labour Scheme in the 20th Century*

Louis Turner – *Pendennis Shipyard: A Cornish Company in a Global Industry*

Conference fees will be: Adults £27, Students £20, Museum Member £23, to include all refreshments, lunch and admission to the Museum and Library.

To book, contact Dr Helen Doe,
email: h.r.doe@ex.ac.uk
or Tony Pawlyn,
email: tonypawlyn@btinternet.com

The conference is organised by Cornwall Maritime History Link and sponsored by the National Maritime Museum Cornwall, South West Maritime History Society and Truran Books.

University of Hull

Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation

SEPTEMBER 26-28

Empire, Slave Trade and Slavery: Rebuilding Civil Society in Sierra Leone, Past and Present

The conference will mark the bicentenary of the establishment of Sierra Leone as a British

Crown Colony in 1808. The Sierra Leone Company had been incorporated in 1791 with the aim of destroying the slave trade and the regeneration of Africa. The development of Freetown within a slave trading region, and the creation of legitimate forms of trade as alternatives to the transatlantic slave trade by members of the abolitionist movement, sadly failed and the settlement thus had to be transferred to the British Crown.

The conference will bring together academics and policy makers from a variety of disciplines to discuss both the history of Sierra Leone and its modern challenges.

Further details may be obtained from Jane Ellison, Conference Manager, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, 27 High St, Hull, HU1 1NE. Email: j.ellison@hull.ac.uk or tel: +44 01482 305182.

Royal Naval Museum, Portsmouth

Conferences

JULY 12

Nelson and his contemporaries

The conference in honour of the late Tom Pocock, the distinguished naval historian, will examine aspects of the story of Nelson and his Navy that interested Tom and catch up on the latest research from some of the leading historians working in this field today.

The conference will be held in the Museum's Princess Royal Gallery from 10.30 to 16.45.

Speakers will include:

Professor Roger Knight – *Nelson and Intelligence*

Dr David Cordingly – *Cochrane*

Dr Pieter van der Merwe – *Nicholas Pocock*

Professor Andrew Lambert – *Nelson's Protegees*

The administrative costs of the event are being covered by the Museum, and the speakers are most generously giving their services free, so there will be no charge for the event.

However, as seating is limited, anyone wishing to attend is requested to book a place in advance with Elaine Sanderson, Royal Naval Museum.

Email: elaine.sanderson@royalnavalmuseum.org
or tel: +44 0239 727 7574.

Exhibitions

Currently showing in the Royal Naval Museum is 'Sea Your History – The Twentieth Century Royal Navy. The exhibition has the unusual objective of showcasing a website. It provides an overview of the key themes developed in the *Sea Your History – The Twentieth Century Royal Navy* website and draws the visitor's attention to the website itself.

The aim of the project is to give access to many more items relating to the twentieth century history of the Navy from these collections than can be achieved solely through exhibitions. When the project is completed this summer, images and interpretation for some 15,000 items - photographs, documents, medals and insignia, ships, aircraft, submarines, tools and equipment, and the private mementoes and souvenirs of service people, together with recordings of individual personal stories – will all be available online.

The third major theme on the site – 'Conflict and Change' – is now live and the fourth – 'The Navy Home and Abroad' – will appear shortly.

Visitors to the exhibition have the opportunity to explore the website on dedicated computer workstations and to see alongside them a selection of the real artifacts chosen for online presentation.

Talks

Museums and Galleries Month

Every Wednesday in May at 2.00 pm in the Twentieth Century Gallery, veterans will talk on 'Innovation and Change'

For further details, tel: +44 023 9272 7562 or go to www.royalnavalmuseum.org

Nelson's 250th Birthday

The Museum will be marking this auspicious occasion with an afternoon of lectures followed by a buffet supper and concert on Saturday, September 27, 2008. To register for full details, please contact Sue Goodger, Royal Naval Museum.

Email: sue.goodger@royalnavalmuseum.org
or tel: +44 0239 272 7583.

Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Whitby

NOW TO OCTOBER 31

Smoking coasts and ice-bound seas: Cook's voyage to the Arctic

In 2007, the Museum acquired six original drawings of natives of Kamchatka by John Webber, official artist on Cook's third voyage. These form the centrepiece of this exhibition, which seeks to provide a fresh perspective on an overlooked part of Cook's third voyage, and bring to wider notice the extraordinary history of this area.

The aim to find the North-West Passage from the Pacific side was the often-forgotten purpose of Cook's third voyage. Cook's attempt to probe beyond the Bering Straits revealed once again his determination to push his ships and his men to their limits.

Using original drawings, watercolours, and anthropological and natural history specimens, the exhibition tells the narrative of the two visits to Kamchatka after Cook's death, and the

responses of artist, officers and crew to the place and its peoples. Webber's drawings, in contrast to some of the views expressed by other members of the expedition, show a humanity and interest in Kamchatkans as individuals, rather than simply depicting them as specimens of previously unknown peoples.

It also seeks to provide a broader context for the area at that time, both in terms of contemporary Anglo-Russian relations and in understanding the Siberian and Alaskan region as the 'crossroads of continents'. The Russians were extremely nervous about visiting foreigners and the British became aware of the spread of Russian trading activity. It was in Kamchatka that Captain Clerke was buried and that the news of Cook's death passed across Siberia to St. Petersburg and thence to London.

There is a fully-illustrated catalogue, containing essays by Glyndwr Williams, Geoff Quilley and others. The exhibition is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk

International Commission for Maritime History

King's Seminars, 2008

MAY 15

Piracy and Anglo-Hanseatic relations, 1385-1420

Marcus Pitcaithly, University of Exeter

The lectures are free of charge and take place at 17.15 in the Meeting Room, War Studies Dept, 6th Floor, Old Main Building, King's College, Strand, London, WC2R 2LS

Liverpool Nautical Research Society

MAY 15

Industrial History of Amlwch Port

PWilliams

Meetings take place in the Education Suite, Merseyside Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool, L3 4AQ, UK, at 12.30pm.

www.cronab.demon.co.uk/lhrs.htm



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The Life and Death of the Admiral of the Blue: Admiral John Byng (1704-1757)

A conference on Admiral John Byng took place in February in Southill, Bedfordshire, close to the Byng Vault.

Speakers included James Collett-White speaking on *The Byngs, Whitbreads and Southill*; David Wylie, *The Torrington Motto*; Dr John Byng-Hall, *Legends/The Psychological Effects on Descendants*; Sarah Saunders Davies, *The Turbulent Life of Sarah Byng*; Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale, *Byng and the Church*; Dr David Davies, *Honour and History: The Mental World of John Byng*.

Further details of the papers may be obtained from Nico Rodenburg.

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UNIVERSITY COURSES, GRANTS AND RESOURCES

MA Maritime History, Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich

Located in the historic setting of the Old Royal Naval College, the Greenwich Maritime Institute offers a unique environment for the study of maritime history. Taught courses focus on the Merchant Navy and the Royal Navy in the late 18th Century; 20th Century International Maritime History; Sources, Methods and Archives for Maritime Historians; 20th Century International Naval History and Case Studies in Maritime History. Teaching is in small groups led by leading experts in the field. The staff currently include Professor Sarah Palmer, Professor Roger Knight, Dr Roger Morriss, Chris Ware, Patricia Crimmin, and Dr David Hilling.

The programme is available full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years) and further information can be obtained from the Greenwich Maritime Institute, University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College, Park Row, Greenwich, London, SE10 9LS, UK.

Email: gmi@gre.ac.uk or tel: +44 0208 331 7688.
www.gre.ac.uk/gmi

MA in Maritime History, University of Hull

The MA can be taken as a self-contained programme or as preparation for research at MPhil and PhD level. The MA includes specific training in research techniques and methodologies; a dissertation with personal supervision; modules in merchant shipping history, fisheries history, maritime and coastal environmental history, modern naval history, etc. Study options are full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years). Inquiries about entry in 2007 are welcome. For further information about the MA

programme and maritime history in general, contact Dr Richard Gorski, Department of History, University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX, UK.

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www.history.hull.ac.uk

MA and PhD at the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies, University of Exeter

The Centre was the first of its kind in a British university. It can call on a wide range of expertise in maritime historical studies within the university and seeks to promote research into economic, social, political, naval and environmental aspects of the British maritime past from the earliest times to the present day.

The MA in Maritime History includes modules on technology, trade, ports, exploration, mariners and fishing. The medieval and early modern module explores European maritime expansion and the creation of commercial empires.

The MA in Naval History has modules on British naval power in the era of sail, 1650 to 1815, and in the era of steam and motor, 1816 to 1945. It examines the contribution of sea power as an instrument of defence and conquest, and the Navy as a part of society.

In each MA, students research and write a dissertation on their chosen topic. These courses can be taken part time over 2 years or fulltime in 1 year.

For more information on MA, Mphil or PhD programmes, contact Dr Maria Fusaro, University of Exeter, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, Exeter, EX4 4RJ.

Email: m.fusaro@exeter.ac.uk

www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/

Canadian Nautical Research Society

The Keith Matthews Best Book Award

A prize of \$1000 awarded for a book by a Canadian author on any topic of maritime history, or by a scholar of any nationality on a topic of Canadian maritime history, published in a calendar year.

The Gerry Panting New Scholar's Award

For a scholar new to the field of maritime history, by which is meant within five years of their last degree: \$1000 to travel to a CNRS annual conference to present a paper. The recipient is expected to offer the paper to *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* for publication.

The Jacques Cartier MA Prize

An award of \$500 for the best masters thesis on a topic of maritime history completed by a student at a Canadian university, or a Canadian at a foreign university.

The Keith Matthews Best Article Award

A prize of \$250 awarded for the best article published in *The Northern Mariner/Le marin du nord* in a calendar year.

All awards are normally announced at the CNRS annual conference, held between May and August. All inquiries about eligibility and application procedure should be directed to Professor Serge Durflinger, CNRS Awards Committee Chairman, History Department, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada.

Email: sdurflin@uottawa.ca

or tel: +1 613 562 5800, ext. 1277.

www2.cnrs.fr/en/39.htm

Local Maritime Archives online

The Exeter Local Maritime Archives Project (ELMAP) provides a searchable online database of maritime and naval records held in archives

across England and Wales. Based in the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies (CMHS) at the University of Exeter, the database is fully searchable and provides full details of each item and its archive location. Initially created by Leverhulme Research Fellow, Dr Todd Gray, the database is maintained by Dr Helen Doe and the postgraduate members of the CMHS.

www.centres.ex.ac.uk/cmhs/ELMAP/index.php

Maritime Information Association

The Maritime Information Association (MIA) is designed for everyone who deals with information about ships and other maritime matters. It exists to foster a community of those using and providing such information, from researchers, historians, enthusiasts, publishers, through to librarians, archivists and curators. The MIA offers a forum to exchange ideas through face-to-face contacts, through our newsletter, *Maritime Informer*, an annual conference, a website with an online forum, and by occasional visits and social events. Above all, the MIA offers a friendly way for busy people to keep in touch with each other.

Details of membership from the Membership Secretary, MIA, 3 Harold Road, Southampton, SO15 3HN, UK.

<http://www.maritime-information.net/>

THE SNR WEBSITE

The SNR is looking at new ways of communicating with its members and making the website more interactive.

The SNR Newsletter now appears on the Society website, www.snr.org.uk, as will future editions of *The Annual Bibliography* and *The SNR List of Members*.

Some members have already opted to view the subsidiary publications on the web site and no longer have hard copies delivered with their *Mariner's Mirror*.

Other members who would like to adopt this arrangement are asked to inform the Membership Secretary, Peter Garvey, by email: peter@garvey.p.fsnet.co.uk or by letter to The Lodge, The Drive, Hellingly, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 4EP.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr J E G Bennell – Winchester, Hampshire

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Mr J R Dancy – Exeter

Mr B Dawson – Royton, Lancashire

Ms K C Epstein – Washington, DC, USA

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Mr J Gentic – Loctudy, France

Mr C Gross – Abington, Pennsylvania, USA

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Miss E Romans – Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire

Mr L E Rutherford – Montana, USA

Miss C Scheybeler – Bernard Quaritch, publishers, London

Mr J Snellen van Vollenhoven – Almere, Netherlands

Mr G Stephenson – University of Exeter, Devon

Mr R P Turner – Woodbridge, Suffolk

DEATHS

Mr P R Corneille (date unknown) – London

Mrs E M Diamond (October 4, 2007) – Thatcham

Mrs C Dolley (date unknown) – Burgess Hill

Mr R S Craig, BSc(Econ), FRHistS (June 16, 2007) – St Margaret's Bay, Kent

Mr D G Harris BA, CD, RNO (November 19, 2007) – Nepean, Ontario, Canada

Mr J A Ingoldby (date unknown) – Boston, Lincolnshire

Mr B Myers ARCA (September 30, 2007) – London

Mr R Ollard (date unknown) – Bridport, Dorset

Captain C H H Owen, RN (date unknown) – Chichester, West Sussex

Mr G Tucker (date unknown) – Surbiton