

Friends of the Newport Ship

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Our New Ship Centre Opens!



Our chairman Phil Cox welcomes visitors to Unit 20.....



.... who seem to find plenty to discuss!

On Friday, June 26th we opened the (roller shutter) door of Unit 20 to visitors for the first time. Volunteers have had put in a great deal of effort to get the premises ship shape (no pun intended) and were rewarded by having around twenty visitors during the course of the day. Not bad considering we had not yet erected our direction signs and publicity had been minimal.

On our third opening on July 11th, we had twenty three visitors, including two from Italy who had previously lived in Stockholm and were frequent visitors to the *Vasa* museum in the city. Another couple were members of a camera club and photographed just about everything in the building as part of a “Newport at Work” project their club are undertaking.

From Friday July 24th, we will be opening on Friday and Saturday from 10.30am - 4.30pm during the school summer holidays; and providing that we continue to get the footfall, we intend to continue with this regular opening schedule.

BUT, our big problem is an *extreme* shortage of volunteers.

At present we have just ten people to staff the centre; but not everyone can be there for every opening. If you could give only a couple of hours each week, you would be making our task much easier.

On our first Saturday opening we received over fifty visitors; so there is a definite interest in what we are doing. Please come along and lend a hand!

Dr. Toby!



Dr. Toby Jones (L) with Professor Nigel Nayling at Lampeter.

The warmest congratulations from everyone connected with the FONS must go to our unassumingly dynamic and long suffering curator, Toby Jones. Toby has been awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy by the University of Trinity St.David's at Lampeter for his thesis connected to the Medieval Newport Ship Project.

Toby has been a key member of the Ship Project for over ten years and curator since 2010. His incredible efforts and understated diplomacy have pushed things forward even in current economic circumstances.

And, led by Dr. Toby..... An Introduction to Maritime Archaeology

17 October 2015 10.30am – 4pm
M Shed
Princes Wharf, Wapping Road
Bristol, BS1 4RN
£35/£30. Age 16+

Find out about the work of a maritime archaeologist. Learn how shipwrecks and other underwater sites are investigated and discover what happens to the objects that are found.

Led by Dr Toby Jones, Nautical Archaeologist and Curator of the Newport Medieval Ship Project

New Merchandising colours



The *Ikurrina*; the flag of Euskadi.

By happy coincidence, the flags of Wales and Euskadi (the autonomous Basque region of the Iberian Peninsula) share the same colours; green white and red. So, to reflect their joint heritage in our Ship, it has been decided to make green, white and red the colours of our merchandising stock. The first clothing items are now available; so come along and have a look! Polo shirts in all sizes between Small and 4XL are priced at £14.00.

New stocks of mugs and tankards are now available with other new items arriving regularly into our Cabin.

Pembrokeshire visit 2016.

It has been proposed that we visit the maritime heritage of Milford Haven for our “works outing” in 2016. Perhaps also a visit to Pembroke Castle would round off the trip? More details will be published as they become available.



Replica Welsh boats built by the West Wales Maritime Heritage Society at their Pembroke Dock yard and, below, a Short Sunderland flying boat taking off in 1950 – two very different aspects of Milford Haven’s maritime past.

