



# Friends of the Newport Ship

## June 2018

### Chairman's Introduction

We are looking to get busier at the Ship Centre with new events being run in conjunction with Newport City Council. Check out the listing at the end of this newsletter for coming attractions and please try to come along and support us and our visiting displays.

Our annual **Expert Panel Meeting** was held 20 April, bringing together key representatives from Cadw, National Museum Wales, our conservation partners at York Archaeological Trust, Dr. Ellie Schofield (curator of the Mary Rose), Pat Tanner (our consultant Shipwright) and others. Progress continues to be made, but the timbers at York are still taking longer than anticipated and might only be returned to us towards the end of 2019. The exciting display from Pat Tanner was the initial trial of the 'minimum reconstruction' ship dropped into a Virtual Reality environment. Most attendees tried it out and it was amazing to be standing on the deck of the ship and look around to see the masts, sails and rigging. More work needs to be done, but it is hoped to bid for funds to acquire the base setup and pay for further development so that visitors to the Ship Centre will be able to experience life on board.

Young Archaeologist Club visited 12 May and had 'hands on' sessions with Toby.

Cardiff Conservation Course have been cataloguing the latest timbers returned from York and putting them away so that we can find any specific bits that we might want to construct new displays. Perhaps the Mast Collar and associated wedges might be brought back together for all to see.

Our next newsletter will be our Annual publication, distributed free to all members along with the AGM papers. If you have any articles that you might contribute, then I would be most grateful for their speedy submission!

*Phil Cox, Chairman: [chair@newportship.org](mailto:chair@newportship.org) 07411 149678*

### Your Personal Data

As from 25 May 2018, new regulations regarding the management of personal data by all organisations – including small charities like FoNS – came into force.

These require us to audit all personal data that we hold, define how we use it and 'process' it, and most importantly require us to have YOUR specific permission to hold it and use it.

We have been contacting all members whose details we have held to ask for **positive confirmation** that you agree to us holding and processing your data for the specific purposes that we detailed in the email/letter as appropriate. **Please see Secretary's Section.**

### FoNS Annual General Meeting

Our AGM this year will be held at 2.00pm on Saturday 29 September 2018 at the Ship Centre. Full papers will be distributed along with the Annual Newsletter (August 2018) that will this year be sponsored by **Associated British Ports (Newport)**.

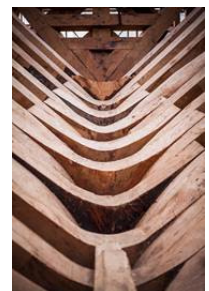
Our speaker this year will be Dan Clayton-Jones, formerly Head of HLF in Wales and Deputy Head of HLF UK who rejected the original bid for funding from the Mary Rose as it was 'insufficiently ambitious'. What lessons can be learned from this I wonder?

If you have any issues that you wish to be discussed at the AGM, please inform the Chairman, Phil Cox by email to [chair@newportship.org](mailto:chair@newportship.org) or by letter to him at 'FONS AGM', 5 Goodrich Grove, Newport, NP10 8SY.

### Victoria Nao International Congress: 5-6 September 2018, Donostia-San Sebastián

Participation in this international event is offered to everybody. It covers the study and analysis of Magellan's *Victoria Nao*'s technological context, in the period of the first round the world journey.

Our own Dr Toby Jones will be presenting alongside other experts including Xabier Agote from Albaola reporting on the progress of the San Juan replica.



## Nautical Archaeological Society Annual Conference with Friends of Newport Ship

We are pleased to announce the 'call for papers' for this most excellent conference taking place at the discovery site of our very own Newport Ship, the Riverfront Theatre & Arts Centre.

Save the Date

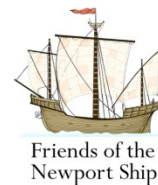
### ***Building a Future for our Maritime Past***



The NAS and the Friends of the Newport Ship are excited to be organising a joint conference to present research in nautical and maritime archaeology. Papers will specifically explore the theme of how current projects presenting our maritime past are helping to secure it for the future

**17th-18th November 2018  
(with activities on the 16th and 19th November)**

**The Riverfront, Newport, Wales**



Sponsorship packages available - contact [mark@nauticalarchaeologysociety.org](mailto:mark@nauticalarchaeologysociety.org)

Image: Sundial from the wreck of The London (1654-1655). Copyright: Mr Steve Ellis

There will be a full programme of talks, a host of stands from related industry and organisations and a great social programme

### **Fundraising So Far**

The Annual Prize Draw organised by Newport Uskmouth Rotary brought in just over £1,300 – some £600 less than last year. It is becoming increasingly difficult to encourage members to sell tickets on our behalf, and also to encourage prospective prize winners to take a chance. This does however represent a significant income to FoNS and we thank all those who badgered their families and friends into buying tickets.

Our only winner this year was Friend and Volunteer, Babs Same who came away with a half case of wine. Cheers Babs!

The Chairman's wife, Naura (aged 67) ran the Newport 10k at the end of April and achieved a time of 1:23.59. The generous amongst you sponsored her and raised over £200. Please start saving up to spur her on to the Cardiff Half Marathon in October and then her first ever full 26.2 miles of the Newport Marathon on 5 May 2019. Pledges can be taken NOW!

### **FoNS Trips**

We are looking at running a couple of trips in the autumn, before the cold weather and long nights set in.

On SUNDAY 16 September we will run a trip to Lydney Harbour and the wonderful maritime artefacts that are scattered on the Severn shoreline. Our guide will be Paul Barnett who will be speaking to us on 18 September about Lydney's Lost Fleet. The trip will cost £3.50pp but we have to provide our own transport – although we might look at a minibus if we have enough people.

We are also considering a long-haul trip up to York to visit a number of sites; predominantly our conservation partners at York Archaeological Trust, the upgraded and improved Jorvik museum. This could be a 2 day trip, and spending a night in York, but we could also consider extending it to visit other sites up in Yorkshire.

Suggestions of your bucket list trip could well be included.

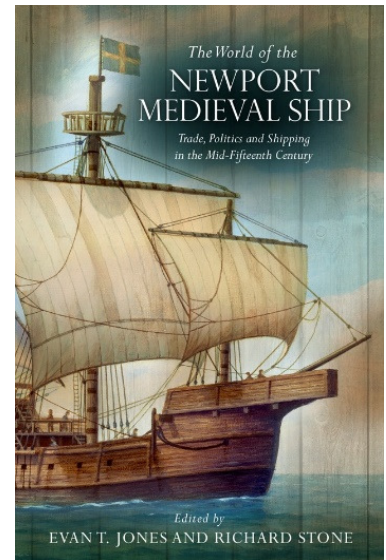
## **The World of the Newport Medieval Ship (Trade, Politics and Shipping in the Mid-Fifteenth Century)**

Following our sell-out conference in the summer of 2014, the supporting papers have now been drawn together into a fabulous publication by Dr Evan Jones and Richard Stone from the University of Bristol. This volume will be published in the middle of June and will be celebrated by a launch event on 23 June at the Ship Centre where several of the contributors will be present.

**This event is by invitation only – if you want to come, please make your request to the Secretary directly.**

The foreword has been provided by none other than HRH Prince of Wales and features papers

- The Newport Medieval Ship (Nigel Nayling, Toby Jones)
- The Rise and Fall of the Big Ship (Ian Friel)
- Violence at Sea in the Late 15<sup>th</sup> Century (Susan Rose)
- Newport During the 15<sup>th</sup> Century (Bob Trett)
- Sailing the Severn Sea in the Mid-15<sup>th</sup> Century (Ralph A Griffiths)
- The Severn Sea: Urban Networks & Connections in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century (Peter Fleming)
- The Shipping Industry of the Severn Sea (Evan T Jones)
- The Trading Context of the Newport Ship (Wendy R Childs)
- Bristol's Overseas Trade in the Later 15<sup>th</sup> Century (Richard Stone)
- The Iberian Economy and Commercial Exchange with North-western Europe (Hilario Casado Alonso & Flavio Miranda)
- Trade and Navigation Between the Atlantic and Mediterranean Worlds (Francesco Guidi-Bruscoli)



An anonymous donor provided the main funding for the publication; FoNS provided additional support funding of £1,750 to ensure that colour prints were included in the publication alongside the articles, and Newport City Council contributed in both funds and Dr Toby Jones' generous time and effort.

FoNS will be stocking a supply at the Ship Centre and via mail order. Postage will be assessed once we have the volumes.

*The World of the Newport Medieval Ship: Trade, Politics and Shipping in the Mid-Fifteenth Century – Evan T. Jones and Richard Stone – 978-1-78683-143-9 – Hardback – £85.00*

*The World of the Newport Medieval Ship: Trade, Politics and Shipping in the Mid-Fifteenth Century – Evan T. Jones and Richard Stone – 978-1-78683-263-4 – Paperback – £29.99*

*The World of the Newport Medieval Ship: Trade, Politics and Shipping in the Mid-Fifteenth Century – Evan T. Jones and Richard Stone – 978-1-78683-144-6 – eBook – £29.99.*

**NOW IN STOCK and FOR SALE**

## **Newport Medieval Ship Centre as a Performance Space**

Many of you may be aware that Ringland Primary School made use of our exhibition space for a theatre evening. The pupils organised the event themselves, arranged for the theatre group to perform, invited star guests including the Minister for Heritage & Culture, Lord Daffyd Elis-Thomas, the Mayor, the leader of Newport CC and many more (including Mums and Dads) to a great event – and they all came!

It was a responding success that we hope to repeat, bringing more people from different groups, areas and interests to the Ship Centre.

Alongside this we have our own performance events and we look forward to seeing you at our Music Nights and displays.



## Visitors with a Difference

As we know from experience, all kinds of people come through our doors at Unit 20. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Jeff Brooks recalls a very memorable visit.



**1 DAYBREAK; view towards the starboard bow**  
British registered ship NO. 105174  
Builder: Richard Dunston Ltd. Thorne  
Date Built: 1934

Thames sailing barges, but is quite different. The most obvious distinction is the square rigged mainsail and small topsail which looks very different from the rig of the Thames barges. The latter

have a set of sails carried around the mainmast with a small mizzen mast and sail mounted right aft. Keels did not usually unfurl their topsail in open water, as shown in the first photo, but used it to help when sailing close to the wind in tributary rivers and the canal system around the Humber. Keels are capable of sailing in very shallow water; which must have come in handy on Britain's modest rivers and canals. Several sources say they can float in barely a metre of water.

Ironically, Keels do not have a conventional keel; they have a leeboard on either side mounted amidships which can be lowered into the water to provide extra stability as needed. The starboard leeboard can be seen in the first photo. Less obvious is the really bluff bow that wraps itself around the vessel; not elegant but very practical. The second photo shows this bow shape very well.

It seems that Keels were around in the medieval period; remains of some from the 13<sup>th</sup> century have been discovered and their sailing rig is believed to derive from that of medieval trading vessels such as the Cog. They were built of wood, usually oak, until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, keels switched to steel construction for the final phase of their economic usefulness during the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. All of which brings us to Daybreak:.....



**2 Another starboard view, this time from a higher vantage point. The photo not only shows the bow of this strongly built vessel, but also the excellent condition in which Daybreak is maintained.**

Built with a steel hull in 1934, Daybreak was able to carry 100 tons of grain from Hull docks inland to Hanley's Mill in Doncaster and many other cargoes when not needed for grain shipment

Daybreak is one of only two Humber keels currently seaworthy. The other, 'Comrade' is the property of the Humber Keel and Sloop Preservation Society.

The Woodward's currently use their keel for sailing along the east coast of England and into the Thames estuary and have plans to visit the Netherlands in 2018.

## FoNS Events 2018

We will be hosting a number of 'special events' at the Ship Centre, and we are already getting booked up for events out at about, both near and far, to spread the word about the project and encouraging greater footfall at the Ship Centre

<b><i>At the Ship Centre</i></b>	<b><i>All evening events will now take place on Saturdays</i></b>
11 August and 6 October	<b>The International Guild of Knot Tyers</b> visit the Ship Centre. This group has members across the country and we hope to see a wide-ranging set of skills.
7 July and 13 October	<b>Cardiff Garrison</b> visit the Ship Centre
Saturday 26 May	<b>Music Night</b> featuring <i>Danielle Lewis &amp; Mark Purnell</i>
Saturday 23 June @ 3.30pm	<b>Book Launch:</b> World of the Newport Ship – <b>by invitation only</b>
Saturday 23 June	<b>Music Night</b> featuring the <i>Ian Phillips Big Band</i> – Jazz & Swing
Friday 27 July: 11am-3pm	Family crafts at the Ship
Saturday 18 August	Talk: Paul Barnett: "Lydney's Lost Fleet"
September tbc	Music Night
September	Craft Fayre
Saturday 29 September @2pm	AGM
Saturday 8 December	Christmas Fayre
<b><i>There are lots of ideas for 'themed' days at the Ship Centre and for evening events to draw new audiences into the Ship Centre. If you have any ideas, please let us know and we can see what we can do. If you feel that you can participate in any such themed days or events, or even organise it for FoNS, then please get in touch</i></b>	
<b><i>Out and About</i></b>	
<b>22 June</b>	Adult Learners Event: Newport Indoor Market
<b>30 June</b>	Tintern Fete
<b>7 July</b>	Monmouth Show
<b>14-15 July</b>	Tewkesbury Medieval Fayre and Battle Re-enactment
<b>28 July</b>	The Big Cheese, Caerphilly Castle
<b>3-11 August</b>	National Eisteddfod, Cardiff
<b>11-12 August</b>	Harlech Castle 'Pirates of the Cambrian'
<b>11-12 August</b>	Spetchley Park (M5) Medieval Fayre
<b>Sunday 16 September</b> 10.00am at Lydney	Trip to Lydney Harbour and the wonderful maritime artefacts that scatter the Severn shoreline (with Paul Barnett) (£3.50pp and own transport)
<b>15-16 September</b>	Caldicot Castle Medieval Festival
<b>22-23 September</b>	Ammanford Medieval Festival
<b>27 October</b>	Newport Chartist Fayre
<b>17-18 November</b>	Building a Future for our Maritime Past – <b>NAS/FoNS Conference</b> at the Riverfront Theatre, Newport – where our Ship was discovered
<b>24 – 25 November</b>	Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre

For further information on any of these events, please contact Rob Kenny at [events@newportship.org](mailto:events@newportship.org).

## Secretary's Section

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ AND HELP MAKE MY JOB EASIER

As stated in previous Newsletters and emails to members who have email addresses, I have been reviewing the FoNS membership database to ensure that we comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force on 25 May 2018. The FoNS Data Privacy Policy has been published and circulated to members previously.

As part of that exercise I checked the record of members' subscription payments and, by means of a general email (i.e. not addressed personally), contacted all members from whom FoNS has not received a member subscription for at least one year, in many cases for nearly two years. I am grateful to those members who contacted me subsequently and have paid arrears. However, there is still a reasonable number of members who have not responded. At the time of formulating the FoNS Data Privacy Policy it was agreed that if a member had not paid a subscription for two years, then the membership would be cancelled, the individual's details removed from the FoNS member database (in accordance with our GDPR policy) and the former member would cease to receive newsletters etc.

I am sure that this is an unfortunate oversight on the part of members and the last thing we want is to lose supporters. FoNS needs as many active current members as possible. It was "People Power" that saved our Ship back in 2002 and it will be "People Power" that eventually results in a final home for our Ship, where it can be reassembled and on display to its **international** public. By just remaining a member of the Friends you make an important contribution - you help demonstrate the level of public support for the ship, and that's vital as we try to get grants to complete the project.

Therefore, I would ask all those potential lapsed members to pay their outstanding subs as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your situation regarding subscriptions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are as follows: [secretary@newportship.org](mailto:secretary@newportship.org) Post to: PO Box 109, Caldicot, NP26 9AR  
Mobile: 07718 751391 Home: 01291 430002

My thanks to those members who have responded to my appeal for annual subs to be paid on 24<sup>th</sup> August or as soon as possible thereafter, in accordance with FoNS Constitution, and preferably by standing order to our HSBC bank account. My thanks also to those who have registered for Gift Aid which increases the value of their contribution by 25%.

Unfortunately, despite several reminders in newsletters during the past 18 months, there is still a significant number of members who have yet to increase their level of contribution to the increased subs introduced at least four years ago. Single membership is £10 per annum and joint membership is £15 per annum. Many members, including a few couples, are still paying £8 each year. I would appreciate members adjusting their payments accordingly.

Finally, with regard to GDPR, there is still a large number of members who have not returned a completed Member's Consent Form. In order to comply with GDPR we need your consent to:-

1. store certain personal details on our database and
2. to send information such as Newsletters, AGM papers etc. to you.

Whilst we would prefer that you complete a Member's Consent Form, any form of "Consent" will be accepted including emails which contain all the information on the Consent Form. A few members have submitted letters of consent containing all the necessary details. The important point is that we have your written consent in one form or another. Please send to me at PO Box 109, Caldicot, NP26 9AR

**Robert Kenny, Secretary**