



WORLD SHIPSOCIETY DORSET BRANCH

Two words that are close to home ...

~Ships~Dorset~

... interested?

The Dorset Branch of the World Ship Society meets on the second Saturday afternoon of the month between September and May at The Centre - Ferndown in East Dorset (BH22 8XH), 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. Following our success using Zoom in 2020/21, all meetings are now “hybrid” sharing our Dorset venue event with a wider member community via Zoom giving local members the choice between getting together or enjoying the event at home.

Our nine meetings per year have been widely acknowledged as informative and well presented, attracting popular and respected speakers from the local, national and international ships, shipping and maritime history scene. Visitors to our branch are always welcome ~ in person or via Zoom ~ please get in touch. Initial invitations come with no obligation, and we hope you enjoy the afternoon. Ongoing participants are encouraged to become Branch Members ~ for only £20 a year.

For details of our future events programme please see www.shipsdorset.org/events ... and do contact us. Hybrid meetings now allow us to welcome you wherever you are in the world! Email us via info@shipsdorset.org or to find out more see www.shipsdorset.org

WSS DORSET 2022/23 MEETING PROGRAMME

September 10th 2022

~ **Ocean Liner Extraordinaire: The Fabulous Normandie** ~
~ with Bill Miller ~

She was "floating Ginger Rogers" ... pure Art Deco, top heavy with glamour & the finest Atlantic liner ever ... she was triumph, innovation, notation, but the victim of a far too short life at sea.

October 8th 2022

~ **Thirty Days of September** ~ with Krispen Atkinson ~

Images and commentary recalling Krispen's busiest ship spotting month ever, travelling through Europe and a visit to Singapore.

November 12th 2022

~ **ss Rotterdam of 1959 - My favourite ship of all time** ~
~ with David Trevor-Jones ~

Recalling the heyday of Holland America's Rotterdam (V) and her ongoing life as cruise ship, hotel and city attraction.

December 10th 2022

~ **Port of Rotterdam 2018 Panorama** ~ with Neil Davidson ~
A private cruise around Europe's largest port – and a look at a vibrant city.

January 14th 2023

~ **Favourite ferry trips from the Golden Era in Scandinavia 1985-1999** ~
~ with Bill Mayes ~

Our much-travelled WSS & OLS director shares more scanned images of ferry journeys in Norway, Sweden & Denmark.

February 11th 2023

~ **Firth of Forth Shipping** ~ with Iain McGeachy ~

A whistle-stop tour of the firth's harbours and the wide variety of shipping visiting in recent years.

March 11th 2023

~ **Broadening my Horizons** ~ with Ann Haynes ~

Travel memories and ships spotted on Ann's 2012 OLS cruise departing from Marseilles in the south of France.

April 8th 2023

~ **Doctor at Sea** ~ with William Cremin ~

Stories of the ships and medical challenges encountered whilst serving as the medical practitioner onboard.

May 13th 2023

~ **Visions of the Nineties** ~ with Steve Pink ~

A class of six RCCL cruise ships delivered 1995-98 ... if 1988 saw their first "megaship" ... what came next?

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