

## WSS DORSET 2024/25 MEETING PROGRAMME

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14th September 2024

**~ At sea with the British Antarctic Survey ~**

~ with Robin Plumley ~

*Voyages aboard research ships supplying the Falklands and British bases*

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12th October 2024

**~ Shipping at Rotterdam & Felixstowe ~**

~ with Trevor Hargreaves ~

*Experience ship spotting encounters in Rotterdam, Harwich and Felixstowe*

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9th November 2024

**~ Mediterranean Ferries Enjoyed and Endured ~**

~ with Bill Mayes ~

*Share journeys through Greek and Italian waters over the past two decades*

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14th December 2024

**~ Operation Pedestal – 1942 Malta Convoy ~**

~ with David Parsons ~

*From the Clyde to the surviving five ships arriving into Valetta Harbour*

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11th January 2025

**~ Pride of Bilbao ~**

~ with Paul Dallaway ~

*From the Baltic to the Mediterranean via this ship's Western Channel days*

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8th February 2025

**~ Falmouth through the years ~**

~ with Krispen Atkinson ~

*History, development, cargo and shipping activities in the Cornish port*

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8th March 2025

**~ Maritime Royalty - Britain's Queens of the Atlantic ~**

~ with Bill Miller ~

*The most famous ocean liners of all time ... and the arrival of a seventh Queen*

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12th April 2025

**~ Farewell to the Marco Polo ~**

~ with David Trevor-Jones ~

*A last look around this classic ship before it left the UK for a final time*

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10th May 2025

**~ Rotterdam to Amsterdam – R Class crosses centuries ~**

~ with Steve Pink ~

*Four ships still serving Holland America & Fred Olsen cruise lines*

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The Dorset Branch of the World Ship Society provides "hybrid" events combining face to face meetings with Zoom transmission allowing members and remote supporters to enjoy our monthly speakers simultaneously. Our current programme can always be found via our website [www.shipsdorset.org](http://www.shipsdorset.org) where there is also information on our Dorset venue, how to donate and a resources library. Initial meeting invitations come with no obligations – for ongoing invitations we ask for annual donations – £20 for 2025. For further queries please email [info@shipsdorset.org](mailto:info@shipsdorset.org)

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### **~ Stories of British India ships in the Gulf ~**

~ with Kevin Patience ~

*Kevin's links to British India's Mulbera, Dwarka and Dara - all uncovered from passenger to diver!*

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14th October 2023

### **~ Krispen's Travels: Coming to America ~**

~ with Krispen Atkinson ~

*Krispen takes us to the United States and Canada - another exciting array of ships for us to enjoy*

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11th November 2023

### **~ Bosphorus ferries and passenger ships seen in Istanbul ~**

~ with Bill Mayes ~

*Ferries through history - many UK built - and enjoy a bonus collection of other passenger ships*

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9th December 2023

### **~ British Liners of the 1950s & '60s ~**

~ with Bill Miller ~

*Bill takes us back to the decades when Britain had the biggest passenger ship fleet in the world.*

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13th January 2024

### **~ The Merchant Navy in the Second World War ~**

~ with David Parsons ~

*An island nation at war with a near neighbour was critically dependant on it's merchant shipping.*

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10th February 2024

### **~ Sunset Falls on the Intercontinental Ocean-liner ~**

~ with Ted Scull ~

*Ted recalls ships that carried passengers across the world's oceans & memories of voyages*

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9th March 2024

### **~ An overview of the Haven Ports ~**

~ with Derek Sands ~

*Locations, facilities, shipping and cargoes passing through this network of East Anglian ports*

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13th April 2024

### **~ Birger Jarl & Mariefred ~**

~ with David Trevor-Jones ~

*A 1950s Sweden-Finland ferry and a 1900s Stockholm coastal ferry – enjoy two classic ships*

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11th May 2024

### **~ Seven years at Sea in the Seventies ~**

~ with Steve Pink ~

*A brief seagoing career - sixteen ships - times of seismic changes in passenger & cargo shipping*

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## WSS DORSET 2022/23 MEETING PROGRAMME

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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.*

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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.*

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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.*

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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.*

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January 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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February 11<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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March 11<sup>th</sup> 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.  
~ meeting postponed ... re-convened April ... replacing unavialble speaker ~*

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April 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

### ~ Doctor at Sea ~

~ with William Cremin ~

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

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May 13<sup>th</sup> 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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## WSS DORSET 2021/22 MEETING PROGRAMME

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August 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

**~ Rule Britannia: Bygone British Ocean Liners ~**  
with Bill Miller

*Biggest passenger fleet of the '50s & '60s ... Cunard, P&O, Blue Funnel, Shaw Savill & more ... a nostalgic review.*

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September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

**~ Shout at the Devil ~**  
with Kevin Patience

*German cruiser Königsberg ... East Africa 1914/15 ... blockaded and destroyed by Royal Navy & RN Air Service.*

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October 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

**~ Stockholm's amazing vintage steamers ~**  
with David Trevor-Jones

*Centenary-old examples still in service ... the Lake, Canal & Archipelago fleets ... a parade unparalleled in Europe.*

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November 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

**~ All Around Panama Canal in 2017 ~**  
with Neil Davidson

*A transit of the old locks ... views from visitor centres at Miraflores and Agua Clara ... plus ships at Pacific anchorage.*

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December 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

**~ Voyages & Visits – from the archive ~**  
with Bill Mayes

*From a collection of over 60,000 shipping images previously on slides – we get to see Bill's "special selection".*

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January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

**~ The Long Way Around Africa ~**  
with Andy Skarstein

*A personal voyage the 70's ... "In the Wake of The Intermediates" ... Castles & Clans ... Suez, East Africa & more.*

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February 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

**~ Krispen's Travels to the Easter Baltic ~**  
with Krispen Atkinson

*After our journey to the Far East in 2021 with Krispen ... in 2022 we get to see a variety of Baltic shipping.*

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March 12<sup>th</sup> 2022

**~ Clyde built ships – Cardiff Class bulk carriers ~**  
with Paul Strathdee

*A series of 30 ships built in the 1970s ... each with deadweight tonnage over 26,000 ... launched on the Clyde.*

*~ replaced by Kevin Patience - Salvage Master ~*

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April 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

**~ Shipping of Portland Harbour and Anchorages ~**  
with Paul Dallaway

*An archive of 20 years ... Boat-master Paul gets up close to Cruise Ships, RFAs, Tankers and Specialist Ships.*

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May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

**~ 154 Days aboard 4 Post-War Liners ~**  
with Steve Pink

*Nevasa, Edinburgh Castle, Pendennis Castle & Reina del Mar ... ship facts, brochure graphics, images & stories.*

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## WSS DORSET 2020/21 MEETING PROGRAMME

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September 12th 2020

### ~ **Impressive Maritime Vistas** ~

with Steve Pink

*Outlining the construction & development of 11 successful cruise ships built in the first decade of the 21st century.*

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October 10th 2020

### ~ **The Story of the Marco Polo** ~

with David Trevor-Jones

*The history and life-events of veteran cruise ship Marco Polo.*

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November 14th 2020

### ~ **Shipping from our Motorhome** ~

with Trevor Hargreaves

*River and canal traffic in Europe from some fantastic viewpoints - plus ship spotting in Norway, Europort and the Keil Canal.*

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December 12th 2020

### ~ **2019 highlights - 17 cruises & a few ferries** ~

with Bill Mayes

*We follow Hondius, join Hamburg's Cruise Days, see Celebrity Edge, Albatros, Spirit of Discovery & more.*

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January 9th 2021

### ~ **British India Steam Navigation Company Gulf Service** ~

with Ken Dagnall

*From Bombay/Karachi ... a brief history from 1862 to 1982 ... from "Coringa" to "Dwarka".*

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February 13th 2021

### ~ **Krispen's Travels - Another visit to South East Asia** ~

with Krispen Atkinson

*A day on the Saigon River ... shipping in Singapore waters ... container ships, bulk carriers, cruise ships & more.*

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March 13th 2021

### ~ **Union-Castle Purserette** ~

with Ann Haynes

*Lavender hulled ships sailed weekly from Southampton to South Africa ... see Transvaal Castle & more.*

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April 10th 2021

### ~ **Cablesips and the Internet** ~

with Barry Peck

*Recapping the evolution of cable laying vessels ... in 2021 see what a modern Cablesip does ... & more.*

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May 8th 2021

### ~ **The Trinity House Story** ~

with Capt. Karl Lumbers

*One of Britain's best kept secrets ... with a Younger Brother of Trinity House ... lighthouses, wrecks & more.*

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