



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. All of our 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. This enables us to welcome remote members who can use Zoom all the time.

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 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

~ **More shipping adventures** ~

~ with Bill Mayes ~

Another exciting array of ships for us to enjoy

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14th December 2024

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

~ 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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