

# Newsletter September 2007

## Past Events

### **Barge Weekend and 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 6<sup>th</sup>**

In conjunction with the Society for Sailing Barge Research, Richard Smith mounted an exhibition of Thames Barges in Suffolk at the Waterfront Centre. This was very well attended, as was our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks go to Alison Evans and Richard Thomas for the excellent refreshments and to Matthew Jones, Howard Ryan and David Smuk for serving the liquid refreshments.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Ipswich who showed great interest in the maritime artefacts that the IMT had displayed in the Centre.

### **Visit of the Discovery and IMT Exhibition August 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

The exhibition mounted by the IMT and the visit of the Discovery replica, attracted over five thousand people to the waterfront. As well as the panels provided by the Suffolk Record Office, describing the conditions both on board ship and at Jamestown, there were displays relating to Ipswich's more recent history.



One of the sixteen photographs of Ipswich Dock, taken by Robert Burrows in the 1850s, that Stuart Grimwade had digitally restored.



Part of the display provided by Peter Bendall.

The vital importance of sails and rope was explained by displays contributed by Des Pawson, who also demonstrated rope making each day.

Tony Osler's marine paintings sold well, earning the Trust a good commission.



Visitors to the Discovery were impressed by the small size of the vessel. Two actors, performed the roles of original crew members, thus explaining details of the voyage.

This was one of our most successful events, raising £601 from donations and the profit from the sales of books, paintings, prints and postcards. It was an opportunity to bring aspects of our maritime heritage to a wider audience.

The IMT is extremely grateful to ABP, David Stainer of IBC, the Suffolk Record Office, the Ipswich Institute and BMS Imaging for financing and printing the Burrows Photographs. From our own membership, we would like to thank the following for mounting and manning the exhibition, Peter Bendall, Bob Fox, Stuart Grimwade, Geoff Hartgrove, Jeanette and Tony James, Tim Legget, Anthony Osler, Alan Otterburn, William Patrick, Bob Pawsey, Liz and Des Pawson, Miles Robinson, Ian Self, Richard Smith and Fraser Yates.

Copies of the Burrows photographs may be bought from BMS Imaging. Contact Roger ☎ 01473 601234, who will make a donation to the IMT for each print sold.

## **Future Events**

### **Lecture Programme**

Our lecture programme continues at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Woolverstone, where there is convenient parking, and a two course pre-lecture meal is available at £11 per head, subject to a minimum of 20 meals being booked.

Any member requiring transport, or who would like to share transport, please contact Des Pawson ☎ 01473 690090, as there is the possibility of his being able to make appropriate arrangements.

### **Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Anthony Ostler “Painting and talking about Barges”.**

Tony will demonstrate and explain his painting technique whilst talking about his many years sailing Thames Barges and the Sailormen he has met. With the aid of modern technology, we plan to project the process of painting barges on screen.

### **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Keith Wade, Suffolk CC’s Archaeological Services Manager “The Archaeology of Ipswich with special reference to the Dock Area”**

Keith has spent many years researching the area and his findings promise to take us through the many hundreds of years of development.

Especially interesting will be his team’s investigations during the recent major building works around the Dock.

### **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Martin Vince, “Fish & Fishing over the past 40 years”**

Martin has worked for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, mostly afloat, locally and afar over this period. He will talk about the past, present and future of the industry and give an inside picture of life afloat on the fishing grounds.

There will be an optional “Special Fish Supper” before his talk.

At all our lectures, the bar is open from 6.45pm, supper is served at 7.00pm and the lectures begin at 8.00 pm, ending by 10.00pm. Please refer to the booking form for reservations for Anthony Osler’s lecture. Admission for IMT members is £2.50 and £3.50 for guests. Forms for the November and December lectures will be included in the next newsletter.

### **Dates for your Diary**

06/02/08 Lecture

05/03/08 AGM and Lecture

02/04/08 Lecture

Details of these events will be advised nearer the time. Rest assured that we will have a selection of appropriate, fascinating and wide ranging subjects for these evenings.

### **New Members:**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the IMT:

Mrs Mary Basan  
John Crollie  
Peter Crollie  
John Pearson  
John Cuckow  
David Cousins

# **RESERVATION FOR SUPPER - £11.00 PER HEAD**

**Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007**

**Anthony Ostler “Painting and talking about Barges”**

**RHYC 6.45pm for 7.00pm**

**Name.....**

**Address.....**

**..... Tel.....**

**e-mail .....**

I would like to book ..... meals at £11 per head for Wednesday October 3rd and enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to Ipswich Maritime Trust.

Please send cheques to Des Pawson, 501, Wherstead Road, Ipswich, IP2 8LI before September 24<sup>th</sup>.