

45th WSS Naval Meeting

Saturday 18th October 2025, 0900-1730

in the Royal Maritime Club, 75-80 Queen Street, Portsmouth PO1 3HS

PROGRAMME

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| 0900 | 'Below Decks' open – participants assemble, Book Sales etc |
| 1030 | Coffee |
| 1050 | Introduction |
| 1100-1200 | Seventeenth DK Brown Lecture – Dr Jayne Friend : <i>'The Best and the Bravest': Destroyer Men, Identity and Experience</i> |
| 1205-1300 | Dr Alistair Feltham : <i>Post-WW2 Royal Navy Destroyers and Frigates: a presentation to accompany a display of scale models illustrating their design-evolution</i> |
| 1300 | Lunch |
| 1345-1355 | Answers to Pre-Meeting Quiz. Announcement of winner (who will set the 2026 Pre-Meeting Quiz!) of the Richard Osborne Prize. |
| 1355-1445 | George Moore Photo-Quiz – set by Professor Aidan Dodson |
| 1450-1545 | David Verghese : <i>'County-class Cruisers – born of a Treaty, a lifetime of Service'</i> |
| 1545 | Afternoon Tea |
| 1600-1655 | Dr Edward Hampshire : <i>'How the Royal Navy was saved from the 1981 Nott Defence Review'</i> |
| 1655 | Closing Remarks |
| 1700-1730 | 'Below Decks' remains open for Book Sales etc |

Sale of Naval-Interest Books

Once again it is intended that 'naval-interest' books surplus to the requirements of the WSS Chatham Library will be offered for sale to those attending the 2025 Naval Meeting at 'very reasonable' prices (i.e well below what one would normally expect to pay, whether on-line or on the High Street) to raise money to support that Library. A list of books to be offered for sale will be

circulated some two weeks before the meeting: books may be ordered in advance for collection on 18th October, or purchased on the day.

If you wish to attend the 45th WSS Naval Meeting please complete the form on Page 2 of this document and:

- Post to Mr M R Brady, 40 Magdala Road, Cosham, PORTSMOUTH PO6 2QG

or

- E-mail it to **mrbrady@btinternet.com**

For further information contact **Mark Brady** (Tel: 023-9237-9278, or as above).

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From: (*Your Name – Capitals, please*):

I wish to attend the WSS Naval Meeting on 18th October 2025 (Attendance Fee £20-00)

(Delete if appropriate) I wish to book a Buffet Lunch (Price £17-50)

It is requested that payment (£20-00 or £37-50, as appropriate) be made in advance (by Monday, 13th October):

- **By Cheque** (payable to 'WSS Naval Meetings'), mailed to Mark Brady (address on Page 1)

Or

- **By Bank Transfer** to the account 'WSS Naval Meetings', Sort Code 30-98-97, Account Number 75146862. *(If paying by Bank Transfer, please give your surname as the 'Reference')*

Please post/E-mail this form to Mark Brady (addresses on Page 1) as soon as convenient, so he has an idea of the number of participants. Payment (see above) may be made closer to the date of the meeting.

To receive the list of 'naval-interest' books to be offered for sale to those attending the meeting please provide:

Your Postal Address (*Capitals, please*)

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and/or E-mail address