

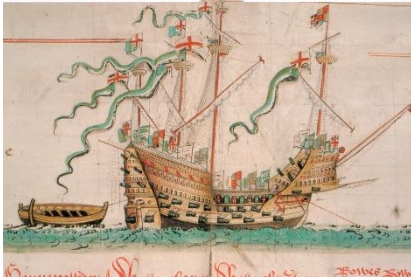
Institute of Physics – London & South East Branch – Retired Members Section

The Mary Rose Museum and Historic Dockyard, Portsmouth on Thursday 6 October 2016

This visit has been organised by Stewart Coulter.

Description

We will visit the dockyard and will take a guided tour of the Mary Rose, a nice follow up for those who attended last January's *At Home* when Dr. Eleanor Schofield spoke on *Conserving the Tudor warship Mary Rose*. It also complements September's visit to the Historic Dockyard at Chatham. Lunch will be followed by a harbour cruise. The rest of the day is your own to explore the many other site attractions.

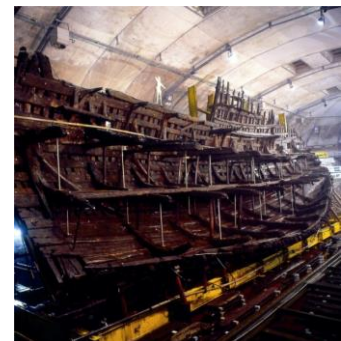


The 34 year long conservation process which Dr Schofield managed was completed only this summer and major improvements to the museum have accompanied completion of the project. The Tudor warship (above) is now wholly visible in a controlled atmosphere shared by visitors for the first time. She was built in 1510 and sank in 1545 during the Battle of the Solent against a French naval force. This event was seen from Southsea Castle by Henry VIII himself. The contemporary illustration (below) shows her masts sticking up out of the water. Many men were lost including Vice-Admiral George Carew (see round portrait by Holbein overleaf).



There was at least one unsuccessful attempt to raise the Mary Rose in Tudor times. But it was not until 1982 that it was eventually raised by the Mary Rose Trust and became the subject of a unique conservation project. We shall see a large part of the hull preserved and accessible close-up on walkways and many artefacts giving a remarkable insight into naval life in Tudor times. For more details, see:

www.maryrose.org or https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Rose



There is much else to see at the Historic Naval Dockyard in Portsmouth, not least Nelson's flagship HMS Victory currently undergoing conservation work. There will be time for this in the afternoon.

Where and when to meet: Assemble at Costa Café in the ticket office, first left as you enter. From 10:30 or earlier for a 10:50 departure and 5 min walk to the exhibition which begins at 11:00.



Getting there

By car: Portsmouth is just off the A3. When you enter the city, follow the signs for 'Historic Dockyard'. For those using a satnav, the post code of Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is PO1 3LJ, this will get you to the vicinity, then please follow brown tourism signs for the car park.

By train: Trains run from **London Waterloo to Portsmouth Harbour** Station. The station is five minutes' walk away

Lunch: At Ampersand in Boathouse #7 or elsewhere

Timetable

10:30 - 10:50	Gather at Costa Café adjacent to the ticket office
11:00 - 12:00	Guided tour of the Mary Rose Exhibition
12:00 - 13:00	Browsing time back in the exhibition or at other sites
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch. Venue will be announced at the start as is number dependent
14:30 - 15:15	Harbour cruise subject to space, 250 places, cannot book in advance
15:15 - 17:30	Enjoy the rest of the Historic Dockyard, e.g. HMS Victory
16:45 Optional	Refreshments in Costa Café if leaving early. Café closes at 17:00
18:00	Dockyard closed, site now empty, returned to MOD.

I am told there shouldn't be a problem with the cruise but I will scout it out on the day to ascertain whether we need to arrive early to ensure places.

Size of party A minimum of 10 pax is required to form a group. No max.

Cost: Please add £6.50 to **all** prices below for the guided tour.

Day ticket: £20.60 if purchased at least 10 days in advance, else £23.30. If the booking system cannot change the price with 11 days to go (a day needed for processing), I will collect the difference in cash on the day. Totals: £27.10 and £29.80 respectively.

Annual ticket: £28.80, £32.80 including the Jutland exhibition. The day ticket cannot be upgraded and the annual ticket provides access to other sites in Portsmouth. Check the details on their website <http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk>

If you do wish to purchase an annual ticket, book as above but also email me at the same time to stewartcoulter.rems@gmail.com with your request. I may be able to manage this according to numbers.

Contacts Before the event: Tony Colclough 020 8398 0766 or tonycolclough@tiscali.co.uk
On morning of visit: Stewart Coulter on 07747 800 837 or Tony on 07930 171307

Late arrivals: see mobile numbers above. Let us know if you are not going to appear or are seriously delayed lest we wait for you in vain. Your tickets will be left at the ticket office.

Deadline: booking before 26 Sept gives the cheaper price and 10 days notice is required for lunch at Ampersand which is exclusively for groups. So please book by then if you can.

Getting there: by car: most will probably approach on the M275. The coach parks labelled below will most likely also take cars but they are well signposted. The train station is a 5 minute walk.



The museum site:



← Costa Café and ticket office where we meet 10:30 – 10:50

