

COLLINGWOOD SOCIETY: 2014 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES



Tuesday 28 th January 2014 19.30	Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne	Admiral Collingwood as a Diplomat and Military Statesman 1805-1810 – an enlightening look at a lesser-known period in Admiral Collingwood’s life, post-Trafalgar, during which he acted as Britain’s ‘virtual Viceroy’ in the Mediterranean. Simon Tillbrook, Head of History, Newcastle RGS. Free admission for Society members, £2 for others.
Friday 7 th March 2014 19.30	The Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Grammar School	The RGS are again generously hosting the prestigious annual Collingwood Lecture, this year entitled ‘ Master, Commander – Collingwood, O’Brian and Jack Aubrey ’ and delivered by Max Adams. A must for Patrick O’Brian fans. Free admission for Society members, school staff and pupils. £2 for others.
Tuesday 22 nd April 2014 19.30	Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne	‘ Collingwood’s Ships – Design and Construction ’ – a talk by David Byrne, society member and naval architect. A lot more involved than you might think.... Free admission for Society members, £2 for others.
Tuesday 3 rd June 2014 19.30	Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne	‘ Pressed! – A History of the Press Gang in N.E. England ’ – a customised presentation in music and word by local folk group ‘Old English’. A first for the Society in our continuing quest to find new ways of delivering material to our members! (further details to follow closer to the time).
Thursday 24 th July 2014 19.00	The Planetarium at Newcastle Centre for Life	‘ Also Astronomy’...what Collingwood wanted his daughters to be taught ’ – Another society member contributing to our programme in an interesting way, this time Chris Hudson. Be prepared for a crick in your neck, but also to learn about the night sky on which Collingwood and his officers would have depended for navigation. We understand some rarely-seen historical navigational instruments may also be on view as part of this talk. We will incorporate a small drinks reception and this will therefore be a ticketed event, with an additional cost of £5 per member, £7 per guest (further details to follow closer to the time).
Tuesday 16 th September 2014 19.30	Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne	‘ Wooden Wall to Stone Frigate ’ – a talk by Prof Eric Grove, naval historian and defence analyst based at Liverpool Hope University, on the various naval vessels and shore establishments which have borne the name ‘Collingwood’.
Tuesday 21 st October 2014 10.00	Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle upon Tyne	Annual short Commemorative Service at the Collingwood bust in the rear of the Church. Public event.
Tuesday 21 st October 2014	Tynemouth Memorial	The annual ‘ Toast the Admiral ’ event, hosted by North Tyneside Council. On the midday hour, at which the first shot was fired in the Battle of Trafalgar, raise a glass to our hero. Free prog, additional refreshments in the TVLB

Assemble 11.30		watch-house afterwards. Public event.
Tuesday 21 st October 2014 Assemble 11.15	Morpeth Town Hall, then Collingwood House, Morpeth	Short commemorative event at the bust of Admiral Collingwood in Morpeth Town Hall, followed by civic event outside Collingwood House, Oldgate, Morpeth. Public event, free grog here too!
Tuesday 21 st October 2014 10.45 for 11.00	St Paul's Cathedral, London	As last year, we hope to be represented at the annual Trafalgar commemoration. The short service takes place around the tombs of Admirals Nelson and Collingwood.
Thursday 23 rd October 2014 19.30	Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne	The 3 rd Annual General Meeting of the Collingwood Society, followed by 'Forebitters' . A 'forebitter' was a sailor's song, traditionally sung for recreation in the forecabin accommodation of an evening, as opposed to the more functional shanties which accompanied the various work tasks aboard ship. The concept of allowing rank and file members a 5-minute slot on anything Collingwood-related was received with enthusiasm when mooted at the 2013 AGM, so we are embarking on our first 'open mike' session, so to speak! Half a dozen or so 'turns' – mini-lecture, song, poetry, dance, costume, who knows??! Volunteers please apply to the Secretary before the Summer recess – this may take some organising!! Free admission for Society members, £2 for others.
Tuesday 25 th November 2014 19.30	Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne	'Collingwood's Admiral – The Life and Career of Admiral Robert Roddam (1719-1808)' – a talk by Dr Tony Barrow Admiral Roddam, relative by marriage, early patron and friend of Cuthbert Collingwood, resident of Roddam Hall near Wooler in Northumberland. Free admission for Society members, £2 for others.

£2 admission charge to selected events for non-members will be refunded if the person joins the Society on the night.

Every effort has been made to list the anticipated times, venues and speakers, based on information available at the time of publication. The Society's officers accept no liability for changes which may occur through circumstances beyond their control. Any such changes will be advised to all online members by e-mail and published on the Society's website as soon as known. If time permits, those not online will be advised by letter. Details can be verified by telephone call to either the Secretary (Dr. Tony Barrow) on 01665-576716 or the Chairman (Capt. Stephen Healy) on 0191-2159356.

Trinity House Newcastle is in Broad Chare, off Newcastle's Quayside, behind the Law Courts. The Q2 Quaylink bus runs from the City Centre to the Quayside at regular intervals, or parking is recommended at the Quayside car park (free after 5pm).

The Royal Grammar School is located in Eskdale Terrace, very close to Jesmond Metro Station in Newcastle, or parking is recommended on adjacent streets, but attention is drawn to prevailing restrictions and permit requirements.

The Collingwood Memorial and Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade Watch House are located at the river mouth and accessed via Tynemouth village. Buses run from Newcastle centre to the village. Two car parks are close by out on the headland and buses and the Metro run to Tynemouth village from Newcastle.

Morpeth Town Hall is located in the Market Square, Morpeth. Collingwood House is within easy walking distance. Trains run to Morpeth from Newcastle, or parking is recommended in the various public car parks around the town.

The Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas is located in Collingwood Street, Newcastle upon Tyne and is within walking distance of Central Station. Parking is recommended at Dene Street Car Park (NCP charges apply).