

BOOKING FORM

THE NELSON SOCIETY TRAFALGAR WEEKEND AND 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PLYMOUTH, FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017

THE CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKING IS **FRIDAY 31 AUGUST 2018**

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED BOOKING FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

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ENCLOSING:

- A LARGE (A5), STAMPED, SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE,

- YOUR PAYMENT CHEQUE, PAYABLE TO 'THE NELSON SOCIETY'

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SHADED BOXES, IN **BLOCK CAPS** WHERE POSSIBLE

FULL NAME/S OF MEMBER/S	
ADDRESS AND POSTCODE	
EMAIL AND TELEPHONE	
FULL NAME/S OF GUEST/S Please print clearly	

WEEKEND PROGRAMME:

All events are at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Plymouth unless otherwise indicated. See notes indicated, overleaf.

Further information about all events from Peter Brinsden peter@brinsden.net

DATE	TIME	EVENT	Cost Per Person	No of Persons	Total Cost
Fri 19 Oct	12.00	Registration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (hotel check-in from 15.00) (Note 1)			
	18.00	First timers/new members only – informal drinks and meet the Committee in the Hotel Bar. Please indicate in advance if you wish to attend	YES/NO (if yes indicate if a couple: COUPLE/SINGLE)		
	18.30	Lecture by Cdr Charles W Crichton OBE MSocSc, Royal Navy (Rtd): 'Nelson and the Royal Navy in Plymouth'.	£8.00		
	20.00	OPTION: Visit (on foot) to The Royal Citadel for welcome drinks and buffet supper. Visit ends 22.00. (Note 2)	£25		
Sat 20 Oct	10.15	Lecture by Surgeon Cdr Peter R Brinsden FRCOG FRGS, Royal Navy (Rtd.): 'Nelson, his Surgeons and Surgery in his Navy'. Followed by coffee.	£10.00 Incl, Coffee		
	11.30	The Nelson Society Annual General Meeting	No charge		
	12.30	Finger Buffet Lunch.	£12.00		
	13.30	Visit and Tour of The Heritage Centre, including transport, visits to Submarine Courageous, Will Stirling shipyard, tea and coffee and a donation to the DNHC Charity. Return to Hotel at 17.00 (Note 3)	£20.00		
	18:45 19.15	Coach to Royal Marines Barracks Stonehouse Chairman's Reception and Trafalgar Dinner (Price includes transport from and back to hotel, reception drinks, dinner with wine and port). Pay bar after dinner. Carriages at 12.00 midnight. (Note 4)	£75.00		
Sun 21 Oct	11.30	Morning Service at Exeter Cathedral (members' own transport) (Note 5)	No charge		
		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Overseas members – if payment is not in Sterling, please add £6 equivalent to cover bank transfer charges)			

All those attending this event should be aware that they do so at their own risk and that The Nelson Society accepts no liability for loss, damage, delay, inconvenience or direct or consequential loss however caused.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records

TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER AT THE OFFICERS' MESS, ROYAL MARINES BARRACKS STONEHOUSE

Please complete if required:

Names of those requiring a vegetarian/special diet meal:	
If possible I/we would like to sit with:	

(NOTE 1) Hotel information

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION RESERVATION DIRECT

Accommodation has been arranged at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Armada Way, The Hoe, Plymouth PL1 2HJ.

It is close to The Royal Citadel, there are excellent walks along The Hoe with views over Plymouth Sound and, Smeeton's Tower, and it is an easy walk to the city centre. Special rates for the rooms have been negotiated:

Bed and Breakfast: Twin/Double rooms: £110 per night. Single room: £80 per night.

Room only: Twin/Double room: £95 per night. Single room: £75 per night.

Reservation: Quote 'The Nelson Society' Email: revenue@cpplymouth.valoreurope.com. Phone: 01752 639936.

Booking is subject to availability. 35 doubles, 20 singles and 3 disabled rooms have been reserved.

(NOTE 2) If you are unable to or do not wish to visit **The Royal Citadel**, your own arrangements can be made to dine at the Hotel, or elsewhere in Plymouth. The Royal Citadel is a very large fortress overlooking Plymouth Sound, which accommodates The Royal Marines Artillery Regiment. Nelson visited the Citadel and inspected the Guard. We have been granted access to the Officers' Mess for a light supper. It is about 400 yards from the Hotel – an easy walk for most. Photo ID, names, dates-of-birth, nationality and passport numbers for non-UK citizens will be required. Maximum 60 for this tour so it will be 'first come, first served' on the pre-booking list. Check out: www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/royal-citadel-plymouth/ or https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Citadel,_Plymouth.

(NOTE 3) **The Devonport Naval Heritage Centre** (DNHC) is a small museum of naval history with a canteen and a lecture theatre. See <http://devonportnhc.wordpress.com> for details. Administered by the Naval Base Commander, it is run by civilian volunteers as a charity. The retired nuclear **Submarine Courageous** (sister to Conqueror, which sank the Belgrano in the Falklands War) is open to special visits - Photo ID, full names with nationality will be required. PLEASE NOTE the submarine visit guidance notes state that you will not be allowed to visit if you are not reasonably physically fit and agile enough to negotiate a steep ladder, if you have had a recent heart attack, stroke or major surgery, if you have any physical or psychological problems such as asthma, nervous disposition, fear of heights, claustrophobia, behaviour disorders, or if you are pregnant. Clothing and footwear must be appropriate. Hand baggage and cameras may not be taken onboard. Unfortunately this part of the visit will not be suitable for some of our members and guests.

Will Stirling, who has lectured to The Nelson Society in the past about his stunning Arctic expedition and whose father Charles has been a long-time member, repairs old boats and builds new wooden boats in the historic No.1 Covered Slipway. Will does amazing work there and will be pleased to show us around his boatyard.

(NOTE 4) The traditional Naval **Trafalgar Night Dinner** should be the highlight of the weekend. RMB Stonehouse is an historic building and we are to dine in the very impressive dining hall of the Officers' Mess with all the Mess silver on display, Marine Cadet drummers, the parade (well, maybe only three!) of (we hope!) chocolate ships of the line. Colour Sergeant G Chapman RM will give us a short history of the buildings and pictures in the dining room – among which are original paintings of Nelson and Wellington, and he will also be our 'Master of Ceremonies'.

(NOTE 5) **Trafalgar Day Service at Exeter Cathedral** at 11.30. This is the only (certainly only major) service in the South West. Exeter will be on the way home for most who are travelling by car. Trains from Plymouth to London also stop at Exeter St. David's Station. Exeter is about one hour's drive from Plymouth. A bus could be laid on for those preferring not to drive and who wish to return to Plymouth. The service is attended by the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Devon, the Lord Mayor of Exeter, serving members of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, members of The White Ensign Club, Exeter Flotilla, Sea Cadets and a block reservation has been made for Nelson Society Members. A Royal Marines Band will be present. A reception is held after the service by the Exeter Flotilla (for which there is a small charge).

Other options for Sunday: If not attending the Service at Exeter Cathedral, members may wish to remain in the Plymouth area for another day or two. The following are visits that may be of interest: **Fanny Nelson's house** in Exmouth and her grave at Littleham-cum-Exmouth, Devon; **Lt. Lapenotiere's grave** at Menheniot, Cornwall; **Kingsand and Cawsand villages; Plymouth Museum, the Royal William Yard, Barbican and Sutton Harbour area, Mayflower Steps and Aquarium; Dartmoor and Tavistock.**

More details, brochures, websites etc. will be provided to those Members and their guests who wish to attend this weekend and who complete the above form and send it in by the booking deadline.