

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION
Homage to Hull; Sailors, Scrimshaw and Science
08 October -10 October 2010

Background Information

The South Georgia Association organises an annual trip for members, welcoming family and friends too. As our new chairman Prof David Drewry was until recently Vice Chancellor at the University of Hull it is fitting that we have chosen Hull for this year's event.

In fact Hull has long been mooted as a destination of interest to the South Georgia Association and this weekend will be a chance to explore her connections with ship building, whaling and exploration.

The city is not just of historical or maritime interest. Hull was never a slave port and was a staunch supporter of the emancipation movement. "Having ignored this legacy for decades, history has now been mobilised to help Hull's renaissance"¹.

This renaissance manifests itself in Hull's eight free museums, the renovated historic dock area, a spectacular aquarium "The Deep" and of course some lively restaurants and pubs!

We are benefiting from David's connections as he has arranged a reception and tour of Blaydes House, a beautiful Georgian townhouse which is the base for the University Centre for Marine Historical Research.

The more members who come along, the better our weekend will be. New members are especially welcome.

Itinerary

Friday 08 October

- Most of us are planning to stay in the City Centre branch of the Premier Inn as it is good value and well located. It is a mile from Hull train station and a ten minute walk to the old/museum quarter. As there are several branches of this hotel chain in other parts of Hull, make sure you book the right one!
- We will meet each other in the hotel bar between 18:00 and 19:00 before heading off for an informal dinner at a local venue.

Saturday 09 October

- David Drewry has kindly offered to guide us on a walk of the "old quarter" on Saturday morning to provide an overview for the rest of the weekend.
- After lunch we will visit Hull Maritime Museum. Formerly the Town Docks Offices, the museum houses a fine collection of paintings, artefacts and models. It houses the largest collection of scrimshaw this side of the Atlantic, and many objects used in early whaling. We hope to get a personal tour of the collection. Entrance free.
- In the early evening there will be a presentation at Blaydes House by Dr Robb Robinson, Outreach officer at the Maritime Historical Studies Centre. He has worked in the field of British and North Atlantic fisheries history, whaling and also the maritime history of Hull and the Yorkshire coast. This will be followed by a tour of the house including a display of photographs of South Georgia and the Falklands, some relating to Bernard Stonehouse in the 1950s and to Hull vessels in the 1982 war.
- Afterwards there is a reception, at a cost of £10 per person for drinks and canapés. <http://www.hull.ac.uk/mhsc/blaydeshouse/blaydeshouse.htm>

Sunday 10 October

- Explore the rest of the Museum Quarter; there are four museums situated on Hull's High Street (Streetlife, Hull and East Riding Museum, Wilberforce House and the former deep-sea fishing vessel, the Arctic Corsair see <http://www.realyorkshire.co.uk/attractions/hull-museums.aspx>) which have free entry and are open until approximately 16:30. The fine Ferens art gallery is also open and has free admission. Its highlights include works by Frans Hals, Antonio Canaletto, Stanley

¹ <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2006/aug/06/comment.theobserver>

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Spencer, David Hockney, Helen Chadwick and Gillian Wearing.

- The Deep Aquarium (<http://www.thedeep.co.uk/>Tower Street, Hull HU1 4DP Tel 01482 381000) is a big attraction in Hull but there is an entry charge.

Accommodation

Hull City Premier Inn, Tower Street, Citadel Way, Kingston Upon Hull, Hull HU9 1TQ

Please book your accommodation directly with the Premier Inn.

- I advise you to check the Premier Inn website first (<http://www.premierinn.com>) to take advantage of their web-only offer. Currently they are offering double/twin rooms for £29 per room per night. But you can only book this on line, it is subject to change and you can not get a refund if you cancel.
- Alternatively you can telephone the hotel on 01482 485180 or 0871 527 8534 book. For the same rooms the price booked this way is between £46 - 56 per room per night but will get more expensive as availability decreases. You may be able to speak to Deborah Glover or Matt Brown who are very helpful and if so please mention the South Georgia Association. To secure a reservation you must provide your credit/debit card details at least 4 days before arrival. Unfortunately they do not accept cheques. You can cancel your room up to 1pm on the day of arrival without being charged. Should you cancel after this time or if you do not arrive on the due date 1 night of accommodation will be charged to your card.
- Each room sleeps two people and you can request twin or double beds. If you are a solo traveller and would consider sharing a room (same sex), let me know so I can try to match you.
- Breakfast is not included. An "all you can eat traditional English" costs £7.95 in the hotel.
- You can of course arrange accommodation elsewhere if you prefer.

Meals

We have not arranged formal meals as members have not always wanted this in the past. We envisage that smaller groups will choose the options that best suit them.

Travel

<http://www.hulltrains.co.uk/>

Parking is available and free at the Premier Inn. if you are interested in car share I will pass on your details.

What next?

1. Please book your accommodation with Premier Inn directly (ASAP to secure the cheapest price for rooms).
2. If you would like to attend the reception at Blaydes House, and I hope you will, please write out a cheque for £10 per person payable to the South Georgia Association.
3. Complete the form below which lets me know you are coming.
4. Post the form and cheque to me. Please clearly mark the cheque and the envelope "SGA Hull Trip".
5. Please contact me for questions, concerns and co-ordinating room or car via the reply form or by email at events@southgeorgiaassociation.org, with your telephone number so I can call you back after work.

I look forward to seeing you!

Melanie D'Souza

Events Secretary, South Georgia Association

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BOOKING FORM for SGA Hull Trip 2010

Name:.....

Address:

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Email:.....

Contact telephone number

If applicable, I enclose a cheque for

	Yes or No	Comments
Staying Fri 8 Oct?		
Staying 9 October?		
Booked at Premier Inn?		
Attending reception?		
Name of any guests		
Interested in car share?		
Vegetarian?		
Mobility issues?		
Please indicate which Sunday options appeal to you:		
"Do my own thing"		
Explore Museum Quarter inc. Arctic Corsair		
The Deep aquarium		

Please post this form and your cheque, with **"SGA Hull Trip"** clearly marked on both the envelope and the cheque.

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