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EDITORIAL

Our AGM this year was of landmark importance for The 1805 Club. For the first time, after 30 years of its existence, development and growth, our newly elected Chairman is not British but American.

Captain John Rodgaard USN (Retd) has already gained great experience within the Club as its former North American Secretary, and his elevation to the chairmanship emphasises our internationalism.

Meanwhile, the invitation is still open both to members and non-members for tales of Naval Ancestors, detailed on p.3 – as is the deadline for KA copy.

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Detail from *HMS VICTORY AT SEA*
Alma Claude Burlton Cull (1880-1931)
Print available from
<http://www.maritimeprints.com/portfolio/>

THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Observations From The Chairman, John Rodgaard

This Yankee is delighted and honoured to be elected as the next chairman of The 1805 Club. At the same time, I realise that I have large sea boots to fill that my predecessors bequeathed to me. But, I am happy to report that I have a very experienced Council to rely upon. Having such an experienced team is especially important, because the Club is at an inflexion point as it faces the next decade.

During the course of the next twelve months, the Club's modus operandi will be changing as it makes way to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the regulator oversight of the Charity Commission for England and Wales: 'an independent, non-ministerial government department accountable to Parliament'.

In tandem with the transition to a CIO, the Club will be acting on the recommendations of an independent consultant who

provided a roadmap for us to follow in the next decade. While honouring its original purpose (preserving the memorials and graves of those associated with the Georgian era sailing navy), and maintaining the significance of its name and Nelson's 'immortal memory', the Club will be forging ahead to become the 'go to' association, acknowledged as a global community opened to naval history enthusiasts; devotees who recognise the role the Royal Navy and those navies of the Georgian era played in world history, whilst promoting their legacy into the modern seafaring age.

In the months ahead, I will be providing you with more detail as to the course the Club is taking. I am looking forward to our voyage together.

Yours aye,



THE NEW COUNCIL OF THE 1805 CLUB

Since the AGM on 8th May the Council of The 1805 Club now comprises:

Capt John Rodgaard USN (Ret)	– Chairman
Geraint Day	– Vice Chairman
Stephen Howarth	– Secretary
Nicholas Ridge	– Treasurer

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark Billings	– Canadian Secretary
Josephine Birtwhistle	– Website Coordinator
Kate Jamieson	– Member without portfolio
Gillian Knight	– Education Secretary
Genevieve St George	– Member without portfolio
Barry Scrutton	– Membership Secretary
Harold E. "Pete" Stark	– North American Secretary
Mark West	– Member without portfolio
Capt John Wills	– Member without portfolio

A short biography of Council members is available on the website of The 1805 Club, together with their portraits.

Professor Eric Grove – RIP

We sadly record the death of our friend, the eminent naval historian, Eric Grove in April. An obituary by James Goldrick for the Australian Naval Institute is available at this link:

[Eric Grove Obit](#)

Clive Richard – RIP

We sadly record the death in April of Clive Richards, a long-standing member of The 1805 Club and Vice President of the Nelson Society. Clive joined The 1805 as member number 14 on 19th February 1991. Passionately interested in Nelson, he was also a self-made multimillionaire and a very generous man. A longer tribute will follow in the next KA.

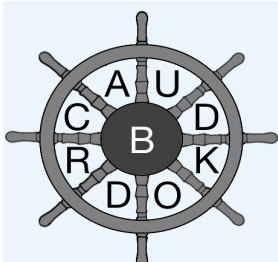
Meanwhile, here is one from his county's newspaper:

<https://www.herefordtimes.com/news/19243608.herefordshire-philanthropist-clive-richards-dies-aged-83/>

Genevieve St George has reported that the Palm Sunday Service at the ORNC Chapel included prayers and Remembrance Lilies for Peter Warwick and Anna Tribe, for which The 1805 Club made a contribution.



She reported that it was 'a lovely service' [with] 'organ music and the Choristers high above in The Gallery was very special. Anna would have loved it.'



SHIP'S WORD WHEEL

Take a ten minute break and find as many words as possible, using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others, used only once. No plurals (if only made with by adding an 's' or 'es'), no foreign words not in common usage in English, nor proper nouns. There is at least one nine-letter word to be found.

Answers on page 4

THE DUKE IN CANADA

It was too late to include in our Tribute to The Duke of Edinburgh, but Club Member Ron Anderson sent this moving account:

"Flags lowered and the biggest bell in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill tolled out 99 times. An old friend of Canada has gone. He came here in various capacities more than 70 times. The last time was in 2013 to present new colours to the Royal Canadian Regiment. (He was Colonel-in-Chief of six regiments). That presentation coincided with the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the burning of York (Toronto) by the Americans, and Philip watched the largest military parade in Toronto in decades before winding the day up at Fort York. (By the way a souvenir that was taken away is still at Annapolis - and you can send it back at any time! President Roosevelt gave back the mace).

I personally saw him here a number of times - and when he was on his own he would sometimes stay at the RCMI. He was like a part of the Canadian family and we will miss him.

He had a known fondness for this country, and one of his favourite stories was about a dinner he was attending in the far north where formalities are not taken seriously. As the server was taking his dinner plate away she said, "Keep your fork, Duke – pie's next".

Tribute to The Duke of Edinburgh

Members of The 1805 Club will all have seen the digital tribute to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, in which those members who were privileged to have met him related their stories.

A one-off printed edition of fifty copies was made, to present as gifts to the Royal Family and other special recipients, and as mementos to all the contributors.

Thanks to all who contributed for your stories, as the tribute has been generally well received.

Couldn't have done it without ye!



Nelson and Murray in Chichester, UK

Vice-Admiral Sir George Murray (1759-1819) served in the Royal Navy during the American War of Independence and the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars and had an enduring friendship with Nelson, who personally requested that he be appointed as his Captain of the Fleet in 1803. He was in that post for the chase of Villeneuve across to the West Indies and back and, in fact, though promoted to rear-admiral on 23 April 1804, declined to hoist his flag, preferring to remain with Nelson. When Nelson sailed to join the fleet blockading Cadíz, Murray stayed in England to deal with family business following the death of his father-in-law, but Nelson

decided not to appoint a replacement – which Nicholas Tracy, in his *Who's who in Nelson's Navy: 200 Naval Heroes* (2006) said was because, “none but Murray would do”.

Murray became mayor of Chichester in 1815, and it has been decided that a statue by Vincent Gray of Murray with Nelson will be initially erected outside the Council House. The sculpture has been completed, but fundraising continues to enable the statue to be cast in bronze and placed on a stone plinth, and a permanent site is sought.



Nelson at Sea 250

A presentation by the Naval Historical Society was introduced thus: “A retrospective of Lord Nelson's early years as noted British naval historian Stephen Howarth [*Club Secretary and former Chairman*], who co-authored *NELSON: THE IMMORTAL MEMORY* with his father, provides a chronological overview of the young sailor's career and insights into those who influenced his development as one of Britain's greatest admirals. Stephen Howarth then is joined by famed fellow historian Andrew Lambert, who offered his own insights, as well as Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Jerry Kyd CBE, RN, who offered insights on how the Nelson mystique has carried down through generations. Additionally, Admiral James Foggo III, USN, remarked upon the exemplary leadership that Admiral Nelson epitomized.”

You can still catch it at:
[Nelson at Sea 250](#)

Future Book Reviews

We expect to publish, in the next edition of the *Kedge Anchor*, reviews of *Napoleon's Admirals*, by Richard Humble, published by Casemate Publishers and *Marine Chronometers* by Commander Rupert T Gould, published by the Antique Collectors' Club (for which ACC are offering a limited-time 30% discount to Club Members, after the review is published)

Medal Sale – Sir Wm Hoste

Iain Mackie, a Club member in Cornwall, has contacted us about Sir William Hoste's medals and wine coolers, which the family have decided to sell. Speaking for Sir William's five times great granddaughter, he said:

“After considerable thought we have now made the difficult decision to part with these historic medals. Owning them has been a great honour, but it has also been a considerable responsibility and we believe now is the time to share the achievements of our illustrious forebears with a wider audience.”

See p5 for details



Never forget that there is a whole treasure trove of interesting stuff on our facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/The1805Club/>

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Do You Have Naval Ancestors?

We are interesting in hearing from anyone, member or not, worldwide, if they have ancestors in one of the world's navies in the Georgian era (1714-1837).

We would like information on who they were, their rank, where they served, which theatre of war if applicable, any actions in which they took part, what happened to them, etc.

Any information provided will be added, with your permission, to our vast resource of naval history that is gradually being collated into a form that will eventually be accessible to researchers online, and may even be expanded to form an article in *The Kedge Anchor*.

Do not let your ancestors be forgotten!

If you are a student or budding author seeking an opportunity to get your research published, The 1805 Club are always looking for interesting original and relevant articles for inclusion in *The Kedge Anchor*, our twice-yearly magazine, whether or not you are a member.

Contact the Editor.

The copy deadline for the autumn

***Kedge Anchor* is
21 September 2021**

Please never hesitate to offer articles for publication in *KA*, whoever you are.



Publicity for the Kedge Anchor

Those of our digital readers who are not members of The 1805 Club do not have the advantage of having seen the latest printed edition of the *Kedge Anchor*. To give you some idea of what you are missing, this is a, lightly edited, message received recently from a member in Canada:

"The latest *Kedge Anchor* has arrived and it is a real treat. I haven't finished reading it yet but I have greatly enjoyed what I have read so far. I have long thought Adam Duncan deserved more recognition, and as for his Scots background it was a big reason that John Jervis did not fully trust him. In Canada Henry Dundas is under the microscope and there are rumblings about renaming streets and places that bear his name.

Moving on - what an interesting article about the Nisbet miniature found on Quebec roadside on the way to a garbage dump. There is undoubtedly much old Royal Navy material stashed away in hidden places in Canada, and it is interesting to see what manages to come to the surface in the darnedest places.

The Battle of Genoa captured my imagination as a kid - the repeated crossing of *Ca Ira*'s stern gallery to pump broadsides into her from much smaller ships. And even here there is Canadian connection - albeit very weak - The French admiral, Pierre Martin, was born in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia.

The French sea shanties make for a great article and add much colour to what we know about French life at sea.

And thank you for the book review section. I still hope someone skilled in book-reviewing does one on "Napoleon's Admirals" by Richard Humble that came out in 2019. I profess it belongs on the shelf of everyone who collects books on Nelson.

The page on Anson is also very good. Perhaps the next issue could be on Rodney [It will not be, as the series "Everone Knows About That" is intended to be alphabetical - so look out for 'B' next time. But Rodney is an interesting suggestion. Ed].

I could go on but you get the gist. I think this is a great issue. Please pass on my congratulations to everyone involved.

Cheers, Ron"

SHIP'S WORD WHEEL ANSWERS

Duckboard, burdock, buckra, brack, carob, cobra, bardo, board, broad, dobra, burka, brock, bucko, back, carb, crab, ubac, bard, brad, drab, baud, daub, bark, brak, boar, bora, bock, buck, curb, budo, drub, bork, burk.
15=Average, 20=Good, 25=Very Good, 30+=Amazing.

The Newsletter for Anyone Interested in The 1805 Club

PURPOSE. The purpose of this newsletter is to support and advance the Club's objectives. The newsletter provides anyone who is interested with brief items of news about the club and its activities, in the hope that it can help the club attract wider interest in naval history and new members. Much of the content will be a précis of articles that will appear in *The Kedge Anchor*, the six-monthly club magazine.

THE 1805 CLUB

The 1805 Club was founded in 1990 and broadly:

- Promotes and engages in the preservation of monuments and memorials relating to the Royal Navy and seafaring people of the later sailing-navy era; and
- Promotes research into and education about the Royal Navy, merchant maritime service and other state navies of the same era; and
- Organises relevant cultural, historical and social events.

The Club is charity No. 1071871, registered in England and Wales.

EDITORIAL POLICY.

The Editor has full editorial responsibility for the newsletter. Views expressed in the newsletter are those of individual authors, unless claimed by the Editor. Articles which appear do not express the official position of The 1805 Club on any subject unless specifically noted as such. Content of contributions to the newsletter may be edited for grammar, space allocation, or to better serve the purpose of the newsletter. Contributors wishing to be alerted to editorial decisions should notify the Editor at the time that their contribution is submitted. Otherwise the submission will be published within the scope of the editorial policy.

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Readers who enjoyed the article in KA on Admiral Anson, will like this historic cigarette card.
Collection by **Tarcisio Scerri**



NAVAL TERMS THAT HAVE 'COME ASHORE'

Ships that pass in the night – The expressed opinion that one may not meet again, from the fact that many ships in bygone days without radar would in fact pass each other without knowing their names and without ever meeting again.

KERRUMP!

Ships that just don't quite pass in the night

ISSUE AND COPY DATES

The proposed issue dates for *The 1805 Dispatches* are:

February, April, June, August, October and December.

Anyone wishing to contribute an article or news item to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter should do so by the beginning of the month preceding the issue in which it is to be inserted. Any articles that are not time-specific can be submitted at any time, with a note advising him of that fact.

All copy is welcome, but not all copy may be used!

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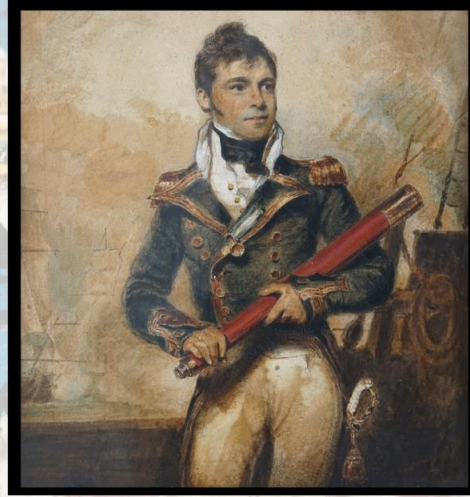
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The 1805 Dispatches usually has a four-page format, but one of the joys of digital-only publications is that there is a flexibility that is unavailable to printed matter.

Captain Sir William Hoste, KCB (1780-1828)
Auction Sale: 6 & 13 July 2021



Like Horatio Nelson, William Hoste was the son of a Norfolk vicar. He joined Nelson as Captain's Servant aboard HMS *Agamemnon* in April 1793, soon after the outbreak of war with France. Nelson described the young Hoste as being 'without exception one of the finest boys I ever met with', promoting him to midshipman within a year. Hoste moved with Nelson to HMS *Captain* in 1796 and was present at the Battle of Cape St Vincent, where the capture of the great Spanish ships *San Joseph* and *San Nicholas* was achieved by 'Nelson's Patent Bridge for Boarding First-Rates'.

As a newly promoted Lieutenant, Hoste served aboard HMS *Theseus* at the Battle of the Nile in 1798. He became one of a number of officers who commissioned Egyptian-styled objects in celebration of the victory and his magnificent set of four ormolu wine coolers will be offered in Sotheby's 'Treasures' auction on 6 July 2021, following a public exhibition.

In September 1805 Nelson appointed Hoste to the command of HMS *Amphion*, a 32-gun frigate dispatched to North Africa with diplomatic gifts for the Dey of Algiers. This meant that - to his lasting regret - Hoste missed Trafalgar but his subsequent career in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic was to prove outstandingly successful. Rewards included a Captain's Gold Medal for the Battle of Lissa, when Hoste famously hoisted the signal *Remember Nelson* before leading four frigates to a famous victory over a much larger Franco-Venetian squadron on 13 March 1811, the Austrian Order of Maria Theresa (1814), and a knighthood with the award of his KCB in January, 1815. Hoste's gold medal and Order insignia, together with other related items and family medals, will also be offered for auction by Morton & Eden, on 13 July 2021, and will be available for public viewing at Sotheby's alongside the 'Egyptian' wine coolers.

Here is a live link to: <http://www.mortonandeden.com/>

