



The 1805 Club presents

**The Collingwood Years**  
**Naval Strategy against Napoléon 1806-1810**

Saturday, 13 September 2008

A one-day International Naval Historical Conference at

The Maritime Warfare School  
HMS *Collingwood*, Fareham, England

with  
Conference Dinner  
The Wardroom, HMS *Collingwood*



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## The Collingwood Years



The death of Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar thrust his second in command Vice-Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood into the limelight, but at the time no one, least of all Collingwood himself, could have imagined that his command would leave him in theatre for the next five years. He missed the state funeral of his close friend whose 'ever to be lamented death' he reported to the world, and he never set foot on English soil again. Yet during those five years he became 'England's prime and sole minister acting upon the sea' and demonstrated that he was a consummate strategist.

It was the professionalism and dominance of the Royal Navy post Trafalgar that contained the hegemony of Napoléon Bonaparte, a fact that the Emperor finally recognised in exile, but failed to appreciate at the time. This blinkered attitude was in stark contrast to that of his most famous land opponent, the Duke of Wellington, who said 'If anyone wishes to know the history of this war, I will tell them that it is our maritime superiority [that] gives me the power of maintaining my army while the enemy is unable to do so.'

The great victory at Trafalgar and the death of Nelson overshadowed the importance of the subsequent role played by Collingwood and it is only recently that we have seen efforts to put the record straight.

This unique conference is part of that process. Moreover, it is the first to focus on the workings of sea power during the years that followed Trafalgar and to contrast them with the strategic, operational and administrative complexities faced by today's Royal Navy.

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This one-day international event is being held in the Millennium Hall at the Royal Navy's Maritime Warfare School.

Naval Historians and scholars from Britain and overseas will be joined by serving naval officers presenting papers on Collingwood, sea power and the Peninsular War, Collingwood's captains, the Spanish dimension to the campaign, the complexities of logistics and the contrasts with sea power and strategy then and now, focusing on the implications for training and the role of today's Royal Navy.

Registration will be between 09.15-09.55 on Saturday, 13 September 2008.  
The conference ends at 17.00.

The total fee for the conference, including coffee, buffet lunch and tea and the evening dinner in the Wardroom of HMS *Collingwood* is only £69.00. Partners of delegates are welcome to attend the dinner only, at £38.00.

### **Conference Speakers**

This international conference brings together:

*Commodore Steve Kirby Royal Navy.* The Commodore Maritime Warfare School and Commanding Officer, HMS *Collingwood*

*Max Adams, Author of Admiral Collingwood: Nelson's Own Hero*

*Professor Eric Grove, Professor of Naval History, Salford University*

*Capitan José M Blanco Núñez, Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional/Secretario General de la Cehismi*

*Dr Malcolm Llewellyn-Jones MBE PhD, MA, Naval Historical Branch, Portsmouth*

*Ian MacKenzie, Curatorial Officer, Naval Historical Branch, Portsmouth*

*Justin Reay, Bodleian Library, Oxford and Britannia Naval Research Association*

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## Naval Strategy against Napoléon 1806-1810

### Conference Programme

- 09.15 Millennium Hall open for Conference Registration and coffee
- 10.00 Conference welcome by Commodore Steve Kirby RN  
*The Commodore Maritime Warfare School and Commanding Officer, HMS Collingwood* who will introduce the conference chairman, Peter Warwick, Chairman of The 1805 Club

*The Mediterranean Overview 1806-1815*  
Professor Eric Grove

*Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood: Nelson's Own Hero*  
Mr Max Adams

#### Coffee

*Collingwood's Captains*  
Mr Justin Reay

*The Spanish viewpoint: Admiral Collingwood in Cadiz, 1808, from enemy to ally: British naval co-operation during the Peninsular War*  
Capitan José M Blanco Núñez

#### 13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch

*Sea Power and the Peninsular War*  
Chair: Captain Christopher Page RN (Retd), Head of Naval Historical Branch

*Collingwood's Legacy 1: The Eastern Mediterranean*  
Mr Ian McKenzie

*Collingwood's Legacy 2: Salamanca 1812*  
Dr Malcolm Llewellyn-Jones

#### Tea

*The Royal Navy Today, Tomorrow and Reflecting on 1805*  
Commodore Steve Kirby RN

*Plenary Session*  
Chair: Captain Richard Woodman FRHistS, MIN, Elder of Trinity House and Author

17.00 Conference close

19.00 **Conference Dinner**, The Wardroom, HMS *Collingwood*  
Guest of Honour: Dr Colin White RNR, Director Royal Naval Museum  
Dress: Lounge Suit

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13 September 2008

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**Booking Form**

Closing date for booking is Friday, 6 September 2008

Please reserve ..... places @ £69.00 per person for The Collingwood Years: Naval Strategy against Napoléon 1806-1810 conference to be held at the Maritime Warfare School, HMS *Collingwood*, Fareham, England, United kingdom.

The members of my party are:

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Dinner Partner only @ £38.00.....

My address.....

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Post Code, Zip Code.....

Telephone .....

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**If you cancel:** The following cancellation charges will apply:

On or before 27 August 2008: No charges. After 27 August 2009 NO REFUND

**If we cancel:** In the event of the conference being cancelled a full refund will be made.