



Welcome to the second edition of our new, revamped

newsletter. Already 2009 is turning into a busy year, and after the EIA exhibition in November, FHC are now working hard in the hope of making the dredging project a reality.

As always, we are keen for your comments and suggestions, and our Public Meeting in April is a great opportunity to meet the team and put forward any ideas you may have about the harbour. We very much hope to see you then!

Mark Sansom  
Harbour Master



Above (from left to right): Mark Sansom, John Hick and David Ellis

## Tall Ship Organiser Receives FHC Award

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners (FHC) has rewarded the work of John Hick, Chairman of the Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta Organising Committee in Falmouth, by presenting him with the much coveted FHC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Falmouth Harbour.

The award is presented annually to people who have contributed significantly to the harbour over the course of the year. Mr Hick received the award for his contribution to the success of the Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta which took place

in Falmouth during September.

Collecting his award Mr Hick said he was delighted to receive the accolade. "This is just wonderful," he said, "I worked extremely hard to make sure that the Tall Ships Regatta was a good as it could be and I'm honoured that my efforts have been recognised in this way."

The Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta attracted more than 66,000 people to Falmouth and reinforced Falmouth's position as a world class maritime event location.

## Two New Commissioners at FHC

FHC are pleased to announce the appointment of two new Commissioners, Rob Yates and Richard Reed, who joined the Board in January 2009. They replace Mike Reynolds, of A&P Falmouth, and former FHC Chairman Andrew Bell.

Both Commissioners have a wealth of experience to bring to the role. Rob Yates, former Director of the Portman Building Society and current Director for Coastline Housing Ltd, is a resident of the Helford River and a

regular leisure user of the harbour.

Richard Reed was formally the Managing Director of Seacore Ltd, prior to its acquisition by the Fugro Group. Richard has been a regular user of the harbour, both on a commercial and leisure basis, for over 20 years.

Should you have any questions for Richard or Rob they will be at our Annual Meeting in April- see right for more details.



Above: Richard Reed and Rob Yates

## Annual Meeting Scheduled

The FHC Public Annual Meeting has been scheduled for the 1st April 2009, and will be held at 7.30pm in the Learning Centre at the National Maritime Museum. We are trying a new, informal format for the evening, giving you a chance to meet and chat to the Commissioners, as well as picking up a copy of our 2008 Annual Report.

Everybody is welcome to attend, and tea and coffee will be provided. We look forward to seeing you then!

## EIA Exhibition a Great Success

FHC hosted a five day exhibition in November, detailing the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the dredging project.

The exhibition was originally to be for only one day, but due to high levels of public interest the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners extended the period of the exhibition over the weekend to ensure that as many people as possible could view the exhibition and fill in feedback forms.

It is estimated that more than 300 people viewed the exhibition during the time it was on display. A total of 30 feedback forms were completed, all of which left positive feedback about the proposals.

Information from the exhibition is available to view online at [www.falmouthport.co.uk](http://www.falmouthport.co.uk). The feedback form is also available online should anyone wish comment on the EIA.

## FHC Joins Search and Rescue Committee

FHC's Deputy Harbour Master, Captain Mark Killingback, was asked to become the new representative for the UK Harbour Master Association (UKHMA) at the UK Search and Rescue (UKSAR) Maritime and Aviation Consultative Committee back in December.

The first meeting took place in Guernsey, and concentrated on industry experience in Search and Rescue.

Mark's experience with

the RNLI, coupled with his time as Captain on Sail Training Ships, made him an ideal candidate to represent the UKHMA.

Mark said: "I am delighted to be presented with this ongoing role. Search and Rescue is an interesting and important area of expertise and the committee has presented the opportunity for all related parties to highlight and discuss any important issues they may have."

## FHC Welcomes Two New Members of Staff



Above: Harriet Knowles and William Davies

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners (FHC) has welcomed two new members of staff to the team. The appointments are for two new roles within the company: Maritime Sustainability Development Officer and Assistant Harbour Master.

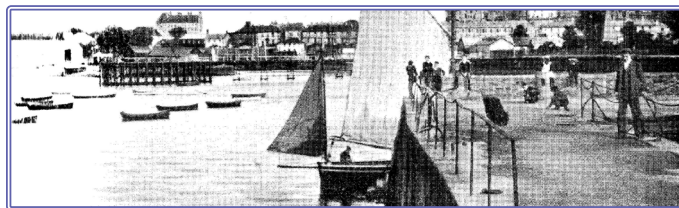
The role of Maritime Sustainability Development Officer has been taken by Harriet

Knowles, 23, from Plymouth. Harriet will work on behalf of FHC to develop a framework for sustainable port operation and development for Falmouth. This has been developed as part of a Knowledge Transfer Partnership with University of Plymouth.

The second appointment is for an Assistant Harbour Master. William Davies, 33, from Calstock takes on this role. Will has 10 years experience in the marine industry and his role will involve working with leisure and business users to ensure they operate safely within the harbour.

Falmouth Harbour Master, Captain Mark Sansom added: "We are delighted to welcome Harriet and Will to our team. I am confident that they will both be great assets to FHC."

## Harbour Quays Restored



Above: Custom House Quay in the early 1900's

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners have had the outer arm of Customs House Quay surveyed and large cavities were found. These cavities have now been filled by local diving contractors, Sub-Marine Services and builders, Symons Construction in November 2008.

Interestingly, during the repairs, a cannon

ball was found in the entrance to Custom House Quay. The date and origin of the cannon ball is unknown.

The quays were built by Peter Killigrew, from 1674 to 1676. The outer arm was widened in 1903 and, due to subsidence, major repairs were done to the end of the outer arm in 1994.

## Do you have any stories or suggestions for our newsletter...?

If you have an interesting story or idea for our newsletter please email

[aa@falmouthport.co.uk](mailto:aa@falmouthport.co.uk) and you may find it in the next issue of the FHC Newsletter!



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