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# FALMOUTH HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS NEWSLETTER

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## ELLEN PUTS FALMOUTH ON THE MAP

Dame Ellen MacArthur selected Falmouth as her first port of call after her momentous achievement of the fastest single handed circumnavigation of the World. The Port responded by giving her a tumultuous reception, pictures of which were broadcast around the World. Ellen set off from Falmouth in November and completed her trip of 27000 miles in 71 days and 14 hours. Ellen and her team selected Falmouth as her return Port despite strong competition from other channel ports. On her web site, Dame Ellen paid tribute to the kindness of all those she encountered in Falmouth and to the warmth of the welcome on her return. A number of FHC craft co-ordinated by the Mark Killingback Deputy Harbour Master were deployed to assist with the entry. Mark would like to pass on his thanks to those afloat for their co-operation and good humour.



B & Q Arrives in Triumph – photo David Barnicoat

## HARBOUR REVISION ORDER MADE

The new Falmouth Harbour Revision Order which was originally drafted in 2000 and suffered a range of bureaucratic delays as well as needing to overcome some last minute objections finally came into force on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004. The Order brings into effect a new constitution for the Commissioners and permits new levels of reserves and borrowing. It also repeals some sections of previous Acts and Orders.

## FALMOUTH HOSTS KEY SEA BRITAIN FESTIVAL EVENTS

The Sea Britain Festival takes place in 2005 and Falmouth is playing a major part. The Emergency Services are repeating the highly successful demonstration of their skills in the Mayday Mayday event to be held in Falmouth Docks in May. There is also an opportunity to explore the Fal River Links free of charge for a weekend at the end of May. Tall ships have been invited to visit between June 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Their arrival has been timed to coincide with a repeat of the successful Sea Shanty Festival last hosted in 2004.

Falmouth's part in the history of the Battle of Trafalgar is being re-enacted on the 4<sup>th</sup> August with a landing from a historic cutter at Fish Strand Quay of the messenger bringing news of Nelson's death.

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## **NEW COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF MEMBER APPOINTED**

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners have appointed 2 new harbour commissioners and re-appointed one previous commissioner as three appointments lapsed at the end of 2004. The vacancies were advertised locally and regionally with the applications being sifted down to eight interviewees. The interview panel was chaired by Andrew Bell with Cliff Brown the Chairman of the Consultative Committee and John Brown an independent Human Resources Consultant also on the panel. Peter Morgan who has completed a term under the previous constitution re-applied and was successful. Peter Fish was selected to replace Nick Offord and Dave Ellis selected to replace Mike Orton.



**Paul Bickford welcomes Peter Fish (left) and Dave Ellis**

The Commissioners are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Josie Maddison to our office staff. Josie replaces Mrs Sue Smith who left before Christmas.



**Josie Maddison is welcomed by Mark Sansom and Paul Bickford**

## **LITTER PARTNERSHIP PLANS CAMPAIGN**

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners have joined forces with Falmouth Town Council and Carrick District Council in order to combat the problem of litter cluttering the foreshore. The partnership are attempting to organise regular litter picking from the foreshore area as well as launching a campaign to encourage people owning and using the waterfront to take pride in the Area.

## **DOCKS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Commissioners are working with Falmouth Docks & Engineering Co. to progress a dredging and berth improvement scheme aimed at providing facilities for the new generation of large cruise ships alongside in Falmouth. Studies show that, if achieved, the scheme will contribute significantly to the Falmouth and West Cornwall economy. Preliminary work aimed at raising funding and identifying the possible environmental impacts of the scheme has been completed. More detailed work is now being undertaken on the environmental impacts and an application for funding through the Objective One programme is being prepared.

The number of expected cruise calls for 2005 is now 39. Although this is only one less than last year, 5 calls from Princess Cruises have been lost as they now operate ships that are too large to berth in Falmouth. It is hoped to attract about 90 calls a year within 5 years of completing the works.

## **DATE FIXED FOR PUBLIC MEETING**

The annual public meeting will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the learning centre at the National Maritime Museum. A report will be given on the years activities and future plans and questions will be taken.

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