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Subject: Invitation to IDHTS from Norfolk Railway Society to an online talk

Dear Mervyn and David,

It is unfortunate that due to Covid we will once again miss out on our joint NRS/IDHTS meeting. It does seem a long while ago that I together with David Pearce, Graham Kenworthy and Brian Kirton last visited IDHTS in Ipswich.

You may be aware that we have been running a series of online NRS meetings and we thought our next one may be of interest to you and your members. It is not specifically a railway talk and the speaker, Jeremy Batch, is someone Brian Kirton was aware of and recommend to us - details below.

The meeting is on Thursday 18th March starting at 7.30pm. We hold our meetings on Zoom. If you and any of your members would like to attend you will be very welcome. All I would ask is that people who would like to join please email me at norfolkrailwaysociety@gmail.com to request a link which I will send out the day before the meeting. No special software is required to 'attend' the meeting and I can provide a short guide to using Zoom if anyone would like it.

NRS Zoom Meeting on Thursday 18th March at 7.30pm

South of the River: London's Cradle of Power – the story of Greenwich, Woolwich & Deptford

- a talk by Jeremy Batch

The world's most powerful warship (in three different centuries) and its first high-voltage power station, the largest palace in Europe, the headquarters of Trinity House and the East India Company, together with London's Royal Dockyards, Arsenal, Observatory, Seamen's Hospital, Naval College, Military Academy, first steam railway and only nuclear reactor have all – at one time or another – been found along the south bank of the River Thames in Greenwich, Woolwich and Deptford.

Here, Sir John Franklin's and James Cook's ships were fitted-out and here Francis Drake, on his way to be knighted, brought the Golden Hind after her circumnavigation; and from here Samuel Pepys oversaw the building of 30 new ships one of which, the Lenox, is to be built again.

Plus: the other, more controversial decision taken at the International Meridian Conference, and how they fixed the time machine on the day the pips were late.

About Jeremy Batch:

For 9 years I was a Lock Keeper at Limehouse Lock, where the Regent's Canal and the Lee Navigation meet the Thames. I now (since Nov 2013) work as an administrator for the Cruising Association, which is also based at Limehouse.

I am a boater: I go narrowboating and motor boating on hired boats on the inland waterways, and I also sail. Until Jun 2016 I had a 24ft sailing cruiser, Dream, which I kept at Limehouse Marina.

I am a member of the Cruising Association (CA: based at Limehouse) and a former member of Greenwich Yacht Club (GYC). My interest in the history of London's docks and waterways began when I started to write a series of articles for Trident, the club magazine of GYC, but of course it increased during the time when I was working as a lock keeper in London.

I hope you and your members are keeping safe and well.

Kind regards,

Andrew

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