



## News letter March 2007

### New Members

We would like to welcome to the following new members of the IMT

Stephanie Valentine,  
Peter Willis  
Mr & Mrs J Furlong  
John Holmes  
Mr & Mrs B Moss  
D Barklem  
James Pawsey  
June Webb  
Ron Revans

*The booking form for this event is enclosed with the newsletter. Please remember that guests are welcomed to all our events.*

### New Timings

Remember that we have changed the timings of the meetings; the **bar will open at 6.45pm**, with supper being served at **7.00p.m.** and lectures will begin at **8.00pm**.

### Future Events

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Capt Richard Woodman**

**Please note the change of date**

#### **The Merchant Service in Napoleonic Times**

Richard Woodman's expertise on this period in our history is well known, as is his ability to tell an enthralling story.

### Summer Events

**June 30<sup>th</sup> / July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Barge Weekend and celebration of IMT's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Exhibition and Reception for IMT members at the Wet Dock**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Visit to Ipswich of the replica vessel "Discovery"**

This vessel was built to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage from Ipswich to America by the Discovery and two other vessels which resulted in the establishment of Jamestown.

## Past Events

### **March 8<sup>th</sup> John Field Maritime Ipswich in the Story of America with a focus on Jamestown**

Over 80 members of the Trust and their guests met once again at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, many having enjoyed a delicious pre-lecture dinner, to hear John Field tell us about “Maritime Ipswich in the story of America with a focus on Jamestown”.

John is a founder member of the Trust and has visited Jamestown USA several times to further his interest and involvement between the two towns which are, this year, celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events which led to the foundation of Jamestown.

In the early days of world exploration, Spain and Portugal mutually agreed a monopoly in colonising the world. John explained that an agreement between them “carved up” the world into two distinct East-West halves . . . East for Portugal, West for Spain (the line passed through South America, hence Brazil being Portuguese). England was late into the field!

Not to be outdone, 400 years ago, three ships including one named “Discovery” sailed from Ipswich loaded with migrants determined to establish a colony in America. John told us how the Gosnolds of Otley Hall near Ipswich organised the project and of the recruitment, voyage and privations of the expedition together with the political wrangling which went with it. This led to the establishment of the colony which was to become Jamestown. He finished his talk with pictures of the town as it is today.

## Can You Help?

Would you like to become more involved with the IMT? There are two important anniversaries this year; that of the voyage of the Discovery to America and the founding of the IMT. To mark these occasions, we would like to make the summer events extra special. To do this we need volunteers to work with the committee. If you have a little time to give, please contact Des Pawson 01473 690090