

2008 - WELCOME TO THE 'CS FORESTER SOCIETY'

Welcome to the exciting and enthralling world of C S Forester. To many people of course C S Forester means only "Horatio Hornblower", Britain's greatest fictional Naval Hero, but in reality his books cover a diverse range of subjects ('The African Queen', 'Brown on Resolution', 'The Ship', 'The Gun' etc). Half a dozen of his books have been made the subject of major films and only one of those featured Horatio Hornblower, though many of the Hornblower books have been turned into television series.

C S Forester tells a good story and he tells it very well. His characters are always finely drawn and he avoids the excesses and extremes of some popular modern writers. His books are enduring and continue to be read by hundreds of thousands of people all over the world, men and women, young and old. Few who start one of his books, put it down before they have finished and many are inspired to look for something else written by him.

The C S Forester Society brings together those fascinated by the books of C S Forester, to help promote and encourage a wider interest, enjoyment and readership. Ask yourself three simple questions - which of his books have I read? (a list of his books can be found on this web site); which of those books do I like best?; and finally, why? If you can answer the last two questions then you may well be able to contribute to the Society for those are the questions we discuss from time to time in our meetings. The range of answers can be illuminating.

To help focus on individual books the Society selects one book a year to concentrate on "consider and discuss". This year, 2008, the chosen book is "The Happy Return". Have you read it? - if not then we strongly recommend it to you. If you have read it, then how did you rate it and why did you enjoy it?

This site provides information and background on the man and his books and if you have any questions we would very much like to hear from you. If you are interested in joining us then we will be absolutely delighted to welcome you to the Society. Click on the 'Membership' tab to the left of this page, for details.

Why not give it a try? - at least read "The Happy Return"!

With best regards

John Roberts

Chairman