



20 August 2010

Dear C S Forester Society Member,

I have pleasure in inviting you to the Annual General Meeting of the C S Forester Society on Saturday 25 September 2010.

We shall meet at 'The Churchillian', on Portsdown Hill Road, Portsmouth PO63LS, 023 9237 1803 at 2.00p m. The Agenda includes a report from your Executive Committee with details of membership, publications and finance. Jetse Reijenga and Lawrie Brewer have indicated their willingness to continue in office as Secretary and Treasurer and I too shall be glad to continue in office if it is your wish; all nominations to serve the Society will be extremely welcome.

After the formal AGM there will be a live, costumed cannon-firing at Fort Nelson a short drive away at 4 p m, and then we shall return to the Churchillian for a talk of 'Portsmouth Naval Base, Past & Present' led by Capt John Roberts RN, our former chairman, followed by a presentation by Jetse on the Spanish port of Ferrol appearing in 'Hornblower and the Crisis' and 'Midshipman Hornblower'.

After a break we shall have a group discussion on our book of the year 'Midshipman Hornblower' followed by presentation from Lawrie on 'Ships names past and present'. I will conclude by presenting my ideas on the original Chateau which served C S Forester as the model for the Chateau Gracay in 'Flying Colours'.

As dinner we will have our traditional Castle Pie and a boat-tour of Portsmouth harbour is planned for the next day. The cost for the venue and live-firing is £15. For full details please visit our website <http://csforester.eu>

Please confirm your attendance to me at chair@csforester.eu. Alternatively, in England you may telephone Lawrie Brewer on 01905 841290 or in the Netherlands contact Jetse Reijenga at editor@csforester.eu

We enjoyed a vibrant meeting at Lechlade last year, since when we have circulated two further editions of our magazine 'Reflections'. The next issue is already in preparation and we welcome all contributions.

The resurrection of the Society included a review of our constitution. We have drafted a new, more manageable constitution and we will vote on a motion to adopt this at the AGM, and enclose a copy for your consideration.

Yours sincerely
Ludwig Heuse
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ludwig Heuse", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.



Constitution 2010

1 Purpose. The Purpose of the Society is to facilitate and encourage the enjoyment of the works of C S Forester.

2 Membership. Any individual may apply to join the Society by expressing a wish so to do. The Chairman and Officers accept applications and may charge a fee for membership, and may terminate memberships they judge dormant.

3 Officers. The Society shall have a Chairman, who may be supported by other Officers with responsibility for functions such as financial affairs, publications, meetings and correspondence. In addition a non-executive President may be elected.

4 Meetings. The Society shall have a General Meeting each calendar year. All members shall be invited to all Society meetings, with 4 weeks' notice.

5 Elections. The Chairman shall be elected. Invitations to propose a member for election as Officer, will be sent with the invitation to General Meeting. All Officers shall be elected by members at the General Meeting or, in default of the discharge of a function, be nominated at any time by the Chairman.

6 Voting. Votes shall take place by show of hands or by previous written response by members who have been members for at least 8 weeks, on a simple majority basis; the Chairman to hold the casting-vote in the event of a tie.

7 Assets. The Chairman and Officers shall administer property and funds held in the name of the Society, at their unanimous discretion. Any net proceeds arising from the sale of assets or upon cessation of the Society' activity, shall be divided equally to the benefit of members who have been members for at least 8 weeks. The Officer with appropriate responsibility shall make a statement of the Society's assets and financial affairs at each Meeting.

8 Cessation. If the Chairman and Officers unanimously agree that the Society's purpose is no longer practicable, they shall at 4 weeks' notice invite all members to a Meeting at which a vote will be taken which may decide to wind up the Society.

9 Constitution. This document replaces any previously existing constitution. A request to alter this Constitution may be made to the Chairman who, not less than 3 weeks prior to a General Meeting, shall circulate details and put the request to a vote at the Meeting.

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