

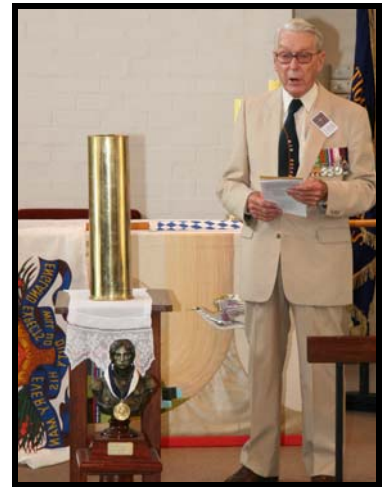
Highlights of the Memorial Service which took place at 11.30am on 8 Jan. 2005 St Margaret's Church, Mt Pleasant WA
 The Service commemorated the 200th Anniversary of the funeral of Vice Admiral Viscount Lord Nelson KB and was followed by the dedication and interment of a fifty year time capsule recording the bi-centenary events of the Trafalgar victory held in Perth in 2005.



Revd Joe Newbold, Vicar of St Michael's, Tim Harrison, Chaplain of Nelson Society & RMA, and David Shannon, Vice Chairman Nelson Society



These young people will be digging up the capsule in 2055!



L to R: Claudia Perkins, grand daughter of our life President; Jack MacDonald, son of RMA Sec. Andrew Thomas and grandson of Chairman of RNA



Claudia Perkins burying the capsule in the Church grounds.



The Bowman Flag flies at the Interment.

LETTER IN CAPSULE TO BE OPENED IN 2055

St Michael's Anglican Church, Mount Pleasant, Western Australia.

Sunday 8 January 2005

Royal Naval Association Perth, Chairman 2055

Royal Marine Association W.A., President 2055

Nelson Society of Australia, Chairman 2055

Association of WRENS, Perth W.A., President 2055

Ladies and Gentlemen

The predecessors in your offices fifty years ago send you greetings and trust that the years have allowed your organizations to flourish, and that in 2055 plans are in hand for the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Trafalgar Victory and the lamented death of Vice Admiral Lord Nelson. May the contents of this Time Capsule enable you to recall the events we participated in during the 2005 Bi-centenary.

You will read that the close on three hundred people who attended the Royal Naval Association's Trafalgar dinner at the South of Perth Yacht Club, enjoyed an evening of pomp and ceremony, highlighted by a pre-dinner performance of the parading of the Colours, Guard and Band of HMAS STIRLING, and culminating in the performance of the Sunset Ceremony of Colours. We hope in 2055 you enjoy a similar event.

The outstanding commemorative event of the 2005 celebrations, the acceptance by the Chief of the Navy of the Sword of Excellence for the display of leadership qualities by officers of the Naval Service, has hopefully cemented a relationship between the Royal Australian Navy, the Nelson Society of Australia and other Naval organizations that has produced a recorded chronicle of leadership instances which Lord Nelson himself would have approved of.

The enclosed bottle of Bicentenary vintage port should provide you with a wine of the highest quality and it is our wish that in drinking it you should partake of a toast to us, the undersigned, your predecessors in 2005. Should there be any remains, what better way of disposing of them than by a further toast "To the Immortal Memory"

Ivan Hunter RVM, Chairman The Royal Naval Association Perth. (Her Majesty's Chief Cox'n, the Royal Yacht BRITANNIA, 1964/72).

Allen Buckley, President The Royal Marine Association W.A. (RM Commando & Civilian Fire Officer),

Michael Sargeant, Chairman The Nelson Society of Australia (Master Mariner)

Audrey Mantle, President Assoc of WRENS (PO Wren 1942-1947)

*The Nelson Society of Australia Bicentennial 5th Annual
Pickle Night Dinner*



Seventy three members and guests, including Mrs Wendy Alford, the great great grand daughter of Nelson's youngest sister Kitty, attended the *Pickle* night Dinner to celebrate the Bi-centennial year in St Michael's Hall, on Friday 11th November 2005.

The table was attractively decorated with place mats and napkins depicting HM Sloop *Pickle*, ingeniously produced by Betty Foster, and a delicious three course meal of traditional fare was prepared and served by Sandra Marriott and her team of assistants from St Michael's.

The evening began with the unveiling and donation to the Society of a model of the *Pickle* by Graham Perkins who introduced and thanked the skilful restorer George Cook and presented him with a bottle of Commemorative Port.

The twenty three staging posts of Lieutenant John Lapenotiere's 37 hour journey from Falmouth to London - officially designated '*The Trafalgar Way*' - were marked around the horseshoe table and a stand (*entirely constructed by John Caskey*) representing a post chaise and bearing a copy of Collingwood's response, was moved by Nick Bell, suitably attired as the gallant Lieutenant, at intervals during the evening to indicate the progress of Lapenotiere across Southern England. Additional commentary about the journey was provided by Mike Sargeant, Bob Woollett and David Shannon.

The Despatch carrying the news of the Victory at Trafalgar and Nelson's '*ever to be lamented*' death finally arrived in London and was read out by the first Lord at the Admiralty (*chairman, Mike Sargeant*) A toast to the Immortal Memory was then eloquently delivered by guest, Commodore Bob Love RN, the Defence Adviser at the British High Commission in Canberra. The proceedings concluded with an enthusiastic and old traditional rendering by the assembled company of *Hearts of Oak*.



ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR NELSON'S MEN?

Is there a story in your family about a naval ancestor? Are you researching your family's past? Many people of British or Irish descent living today in Australia claim to have ancestors who served with Lord Nelson in the war at sea two hundred years ago. Now at last here is a collection of research material available. The Nelson Society of Australia is offering a search service in the following categories:

- 1 The battle of Trafalgar 21 October 1805: all officers, men and marines of the 33 British, ships with details of age, place of origin, etc, drawn from each ships' muster roll.
- 2 The Trafalgar roll: A biographical index of all British officers at the battle.
- 3 The Victory's crew at Trafalgar. Two separate databases list the officers, men and marines who served in the flagship. Some biographical details available.
- 4 The battle of the Nile 1 August 1798: all officers, men and marines of all the British ships except HMS Leander). This data is in ship order, so it is essential to know which ship the man served in first.
- 5 The Vanguard's crew at the Nile. A list of all the officers, men and marines who served in the flagship. Some biographical details available.
- 6 The Elephant's crew at the battle of Copenhagen 2 April 1801. A list of all the officers, men and marines who served in the flagship. Some biographical details available
- 7 The Naval General Service medal roll: a list of all men who received the medal in 1848, awards being backdated to actions beginning in 1793. .
- 8 Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy 1660-1815: an alphabetical list including dates of promotions, ranks, date of death. This listing is in four different databases and biographical details of some of the officers are held.
- 9 Other miscellaneous publications contain references to officers, eg James's *Naval History of Great Britain* (1860) in six volumes (one unified index) Nicolas's *The Dispatches and Letters of Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson* (1844-46) in seven volumes (one unified index); *The Mariner's Mirror* (1911 -present) in 91 volumes

The search is free to members of The Nelson Society of Australia, and a donation will be appreciated from non-members (\$7.50 is suggested per name).

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IN THE WARDROOM OF HMS STIRLING, GARDEN ISLAND, WA
 L to R. Cdr Phil Orchard, LCdr Tony Young, Cmdre E Shalders, Cdr Paul Bartlet,
 Ron Ingham, David Orr, Mike Sargeant, Graham Perkins and Bob Woollett.



COMMITTEE OF THE NELSON SOCIETY FOR 2005/6
 Back Row: David Shannon, John Ashworth, Mike Sargeant, Bob Woollett, Richard Savage
 Front row: John Caskey Ann Nelson, Betty Foster. Absent - Roger Pike



FRIENDS OF NELSON AT MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY JAN 8TH 2006

1805

THE BOWMAN FLAG



2005

NELSON AND THE TRAFALGAR MEDAL

2055

COVER FOR CAPSULE'S INTERMENT





THE NELSON SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Founded 2001

Aims and Objectives

To advance public education in the appreciation of the life and character of admiral Lord Nelson. Nelson was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar on the 21st October 1805. In the greatest sea battle involving 60 ships of the line, over 3,000 men were killed, 3,500 wounded and over 1,000 reported missing.

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