



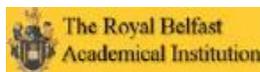
BELFAST TITANIC SOCIETY

2018 / 2019

Check our website for the most recent information on meetings and events www.belfast-titanic.com

ALL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7.30pm UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

We are proud to be associated with RBAI (College Square, Belfast) who continue to host our monthly meetings – the school is closely associated with Belfast’s wider maritime and Titanic story. Victims Dr John Simpson and Thomas Andrews were among its former pupils (old Instonians) as was Lord William Pirrie, Chairman of Harland and Wolf – for more information on RBAI’s illustrious history visit their school website at www.rbai.ac.uk



SATURDAY 8th AND SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER ✠

OPEN DAY AT GRAYMOUNT HOUSE ('Heritage Open Days')

EVENT at Hazelwood

An event by TRACY BEARE *Vice Principal of Hazelwood Integrated School and BTTS member.* Graymount House is a Regency House opened in 1835 by linen merchant William Gray. The house was bought by the Belfast Corporation for the municipal hospital for tuberculosis children. It was headquarters for the auxiliary fire service during WW2 and opened in 1945 as 'Graymount Girls'. Presently it is used as part of Hazelwood Integrated College. The Society will be providing artefacts from its historic archive collection. **Open times: both days 11:00 - 16:00.** www.discovernorthernireland.com



✠ **MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER**

EVENT at PRONI, Titanic Quarter

OCEANIC – WHITE STAR'S 'SHIP OF THE CENTURY'

An illustrated talk by Mark Chirnside, *author and Titanic historian*



FREE TICKETS - must be pre-booked on 'Eventbrite' (accessible from PRONI page on NIDIRECT) or telephone PRONI (02090534800)

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in conjunction with the Belfast Titanic Society are once again delighted to jointly host a presentation by maritime historian and Belfast 'friend', Mark Chirnside at the lecture room, PRONI, Titanic Quarter about his upcoming new publication.



The White Star Line's Oceanic, often called the 'Ship of the Century' was launched by Harland & Wolff in 1899. Lavishly outfitted, she

developed a reputation for popularity and reliability, running on the express route to New York for fifteen years. In 1914, she served very briefly as an armed merchant cruiser before running aground and becoming a total loss. Mark has written extensively on the ships of Harland & Wolff. We are delighted to welcome him back for a second year following last year's talk on 'The Big Four'. Mark is also about to publish his latest book on RMS Oceanic,

Mark's books include The 'Olympic' Class Ships: Olympic, Titanic & Britannic revised edition (2011); RMS Olympic: Titanic's Sister (revised edition 2015); RMS Majestic: The 'Magic Stick' (2006); RMS Aquitania: The 'Ship Beautiful' (2008); Olympic, Titanic & Britannic: An Illustrated History of the 'Olympic' Class Ships (2012); and The 'Big Four' of the White Star Fleet: Celtic, Cedric, Baltic & Adriatic (2016). He co-authored The Sting of the Hawke: Collision in the Solent (2015) with Sam Halpern

Car parking is available in the underground car park at the Belfast Metropolitan College (next door to PRONI) or at the SSE Arena. Other surface car parks are available in the Quarter.



MONDAY 8th OCTOBER



'THOMAS ANDREWS – A Portrait'

- an illustrated talk by Stephen Cameron, Society Member

...Chief Naval Architect, Managing Director of the design department at Harland & Wolff and the leader of the Guarantee Group on the Maiden Voyage....



In a final letter to his wife Thomas Andrews expressed his satisfaction with the newly completed ship: *"The Titanic is now about complete, and will I think do the old Firm credit tomorrow when we sail"*.

Stephen Cameron was co-founder of the Belfast Titanic Society and has delivered many talks to the Society and beyond. He is author of 'Titanic: Belfast's Own', 'Death in the North Channel' (the loss of the MV Princess Victoria 1953) and 'Belfast Shipbuilders: A Titanic Tale', all published by Colourpoint Books.



MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER ☒

MEETING
at Ulster Museum

THE LEBANESE ON BOARD TITANIC

- and links to migration from the Middle East

An illustrated talk by Guy Jones, Irish Lebanese Cultural Foundation (representing the Lebanese Emigration Research Centre and the International Lebanese Titanic Committee [ILTC])

We are delighted to bring the story of the Lebanese on board RMS Titanic to Belfast – not least because of the significant numbers of Lebanese involved in the disaster, but also because in many respects the story of the Lebanese onboard was also a story of emigration. And the emigration story is not unlike the story of the Irish onboard reflecting the lives, and hopes of so many of the third-class passengers regardless of which country in Europe, or the Middle East, they started their journey.

Did you know that 154 Lebanese were on board the Titanic? And that 125 of them perished.



Guy Jones (3rd from right) with representatives from the Irish Lebanese Cultural Foundation and Belfast Deputy Lord Mayor Sonia Copeland at the Titanic Commemorative event in Belfast City Hall, April 2018.

EVENT
at 20 Windsor Ave

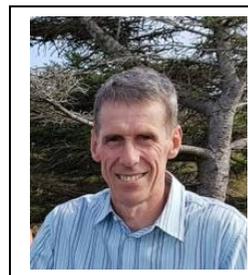
☒ MONDAY 10th DECEMBER
7.00pm – 9.00pm

CHRISTMAS AT DUNALLEN

Join members and friends of Belfast Titanic Society for another festive event hosted in Dunallen House. Come along for mince pies, mulled wine, soft drinks and some craic and storytelling! **Note our earlier start time.**

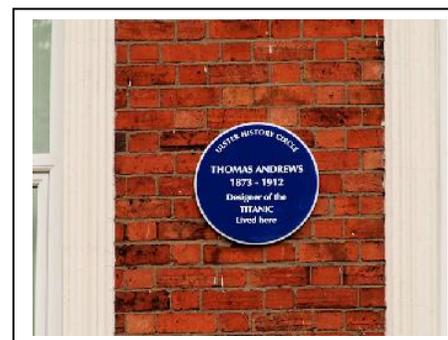
'H&W AND THE GERMAN CONNECTIONS'

- a short illustrated talk by Society member Mark Doherty



Car parking is available at Dunallen.

Dunallen House is in South Belfast off the Lisburn Road at 20 Windsor Ave. The house was formerly the home for four years of Thomas Andrews, Managing Director of H&W and Naval Architect. He shared the house with his wife Helen Barbour, who he married on 24 June 1908. However, the property was actually owned by Mr W R Patterson and the Andrews simply rented.



☒ MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

EVENT in Titanic Hotel, Belfast

☒ MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2019



TOUR OF THE DRAWING OFFICES

In association with Titanic Foundation

The former H&W Headquarter Building and Drawing Offices were built between 1886 and 1917. Today the building is a boutique hotel but it is a B+ listed building and was once the heart of the largest shipyard in the world. It was where the designs and plans were created for the White Star Olympic Class Liners – Olympic, Titanic and Britannic as well as many hundreds of other ships.



Meet in the Titanic Hotel, Belfast at 7.30pm for a special guided tour of the newly restored Drawing Offices, once the centre of the old H&W Headquarter building, now the crowning jewel in Belfast’s historic Titanic Quarter - the heart of the new Titanic Hotel, Belfast.

Afterwards there will be an opportunity to socialise in Drawing Office No 2, now the main bar of the Hotel.

MEETING on Belfast Barge

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
– on board The Confiance (Belfast Barge)

❶ Tour of mini maritime museum on the MV Confiance – 1 Lanyon Place, Belfast (moored close to the Waterfront Hall)

❷ Mini illustrated talk by Society Committee member, Maureen McKinney – ‘Titanic Stories’ Cornwall’s Titanic Exhibition

Car parking – there will be car parking available in the nearby Lagan Lookout / Lagan Weir.



MEETING
at RBAI

☒ MONDAY 11th MARCH

**TITANIC: BORN OF RIVALRY
AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

An illustrated talk by Gareth Russell, author and historian

Gareth Russell is an historian and author – his work includes both plays and novels. In August 2014, his first non-fiction book, *The Emperors: How Europe's Rulers were Destroyed by World War One* was published by Amberley Publishing. In 2017, his biography of English queen consort Catherine Howard was published, based on research undertaken between 2011 and 2016.



FRIDAY 12TH APRIL – MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2019 ☒

TITANIC TOGETHER – special events across the Titanic Quarter and across Belfast marking the 107th anniversary of the loss of RMS Titanic.

The long weekend will include:

- ☒ FRIDAY 13TH APRIL
 - PRONI Tours
 - Society Gala Dinner at Belfast City Hall



- ☒ SATURDAY & SUNDAY 13th/14th April
 - talks and tours
 - Night to Remember



☒ MONDAY 15th APRIL at 12 noon



EVENT
at Belfast City Hall

**'ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENT MARKING THE 107TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOSS OF TITANIC'**

...in association with Belfast City Council

Attended by family members of those lost on Titanic, Belfast's Lord Mayor, as well as Society members, this is an opportunity to take time out to reflect together with other Belfast citizens and visitors to the city.

The event takes place at the Titanic Memorial Gardens, Belfast City Hall and is open to the public.

Please look for updates and details of how to get a ticket at www.belfast-titanic.com



☒ **MONDAY 8th MAY**

**MEETING
at RBAI**

1 SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are encouraged to attend
– come and support elections and hear the latest news about the Society.



2 THE FINES BOOK

– a short illustrated talk by Aidan McMichael

Discover the secrets of the H&W Shipyard fines book. Who were the men who feature in its pages? What were their misdemeanours? What do the fines book entries tell us about daily life in the ship yard around the time of the building of the Olympic Class Liners.



**BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE SOCIETY**



Becoming a member is easy....
just visit our webpage at
<http://www.belfast-titanic.com/>
and then click on 'membership'.

We welcome anyone with an interest in the
Titanic story as well as the wider maritime.