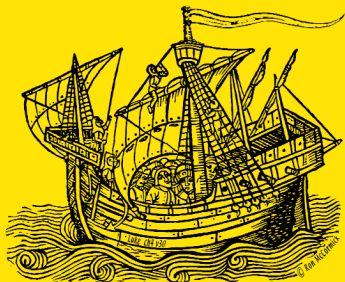


Newport's Mediaeval Ship
1465



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"Mediaeval ships still in one piece are extremely rare and there is absolutely nothing from this period."

Gillian Hutchinson
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"...the most significant recent archaeological find north of the Alps."

William Graham
South Wales East Assembly Member

"...probably more important than the Mary Rose..."

Charles Barker
Director of the Mary Rose Trust

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Join the Friends of the Newport Ship



In the summer of 2002 the well preserved remains of a mediaeval ship were discovered during excavation works for a new Arts Centre on the banks of the River Usk in central Newport. It is one of the most complete examples of a ship believed to have been built circa 1465. Artefacts and remnants of clothing found by archaeologists show that our ship was trading with Spain and Portugal during the late 1400s. Finds recovered from within the vessel include 15th century coins, Portuguese pottery, large lumps of cork, stone cannon balls and engraved brass straps.

Initially dubbed "the Welsh Mary Rose", the Newport Ship has been described as a cross between a caravel and a Viking longship. It is estimated to have been in the region of 25 metres

in length and, unusually, the hull remains largely intact. Tree-ring evidence dates its timbers to the winter of 1465/6.

Unique in northern Europe, the Newport Ship is the only extant example of a merchantman of this period. It is in an excellent state of preservation and historians believe it holds the key to developments in shipbuilding and Wales's international relations 550 years ago when Newport is known to have been a very important mediaeval port.

Newport City Council in collaboration with Cadw and the National Assembly have committed £3.5m to preserve the ship's timbers prior to display in a purpose built gallery.

"We want to ensure that the ship is safeguarded for the future but realistically, a project of this significance and scale requires national financial support which Newport City Council are actively pursuing."

Sir Harry G. Jones CBE Leader of Newport Council

Two public viewings of the archaeological site have already attracted around 10,000 visitors.



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What is the Friends of the Newport Ship?

The Friends of the Newport Ship (S.O.S.) was formed to promote knowledge and information about the Newport Mediaeval Ship and to foster an appreciation of the maritime and industrial heritage of South Wales.

The Association aims to provide a forum for debate, monitor progress on conservation of the vessel and contribute to the promotion of Newport's rich heritage.

Friends of the Newport Ship is supported by:

- The Council for British Archaeology
- Chepstow Archaeological Society
- Pill Heritage Centre
- Risca Industrial History & Archaeological Society

Membership benefits include:

- Friends Newsletter
- Regular progress updates on the the ship
- Special events including 'meet the experts'
- A chance to have your say on local heritage matters
- Discounts for members

How do I join the Friends?

Membership is open to all who support the aims of the Association and is renewable annually on 23rd August. Individual subscription is only £5.

Please detach and complete the proforma overleaf and send with your cheque to:

*Membership Secretary, Friends of the Newport Ship,
3 - 4 North Street, Newport, South Wales NP20 1JZ*
Confirmation of membership will be forwarded to you shortly after receipt of your application. The newsletter and information about other events will be mailed to you on a periodic basis.

S.C. Rutherford, Chairman
August 2002

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