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Friends of Old Portsmouth Association
Social Event

Pembroke Gardens Bowling Club, Pembroke Road, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2NR

Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 7.30 pm

Queen Victoria's Forgotten Navy: a talk by James Doherty

We are delighted to have James Doherty with us on 21 July with his illustrated talk on Victoria's forgotten Navy. James is Principal of UTC Portsmouth and has been involved with the college since its foundation. Alongside his career in education, he has a longstanding interest in the military and maritime history of Portsmouth and the Solent. James is a member of the Palmerston Forts Society and has delivered talks on the region's Victorian defences. He is the creator of what is considered the most accurate map of the Victorian forts of the Solent region: https://www.palmerstonfortssociety.org.uk/fort-maps His interests focus on the Victorian and Edwardian era, including fortifications, local military history, historical cartography, and the use of digital technologies to interpret and preserve heritage. Through his research and presentations, he seeks to make the history of Portsmouth's remarkable defensive landscape accessible to wider audiences.

Tickets: £6 per person including 1 complimentary drink

The club will be open from 7pm and members are welcome to socialise with drinks available from the pay bar. Choice of complimentary drinks: house wine, beer, soft drinks.

BOOKING FORM - James Doherty's talk on Queen Victoria's Forgotten Navy

Name (s)		Tel No	
I/we enclose a cheque made payable to FOOPA for £ ticket(s) @ £6.00 each			
I/we have made a bank transfer of £ for ticket(s) @ £6.00 each using Doherty as a reference to Friends of Old Portsmouth Assn, to Sort code: 30-93-04. Account number: 01015819			
Payment			
Booking forms and cheques should be sent to: Anna Koor, FOOPA Sec, 128 High Street, PO1 2HW		If paying by bank transfer, you must email the booking form to: foopabookings@outlook.com or post to Anna Koor, FOOPA Secretary, 128 High Street, PO1 2HW	
Date sent		Date payment made	
If you can, *please pay by bank transfer* as the bank now charges for all other means of payment. Cash payments will not be accepted. No refunds will be offered for non-attendance. In the event of a cancellation by FOOPA full refunds will be given. For health & safety reasons tickets must be purchased in advance. Space is limited and tickets are sold on a first come first served basis. Any net proceeds from the event will be donated to a local charity. Doors open from 7 pm.			