

Lecture details

Title – **The Maritime History of the Falkland Islands: The Liverpool Connection**

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Given their geographical position and geopolitical situation, it is unsurprising that the early history of the Falkland Islands is essentially a maritime one. From settlement in 1764 until the Californian Goldrush (1848) shipping was the main currency. The opening of the Panama Canal in 1913 finally sealed its' fate.

Much of that history was being lost in the decay and breakup of hulks around the Islands until in the 1980s, WHEN Mike Stammers and Merseyside Maritime Museum started to research and document it. Mike's involvement was monumental in raising the profile of the maritime legacy of the Falklands.

The lecturer, who has over 40 years experience of research and development in the Falklands, edits the Falkland Islands Journal (of which Mike was deputy editor), sits on the committee of the Shackleton Scholarship Fund, is consultant to the UK Falkland Islands Trust, has published extensively on the Islands and is involved in all facets of life in the Islands. He was awarded the OBE in 2014 for services to agriculture and research in the Falklands.

He will give an overview of life and the current situation in the Falklands, and review its history and archaeology, highlighting the outstanding contribution made by Mike Stammers.