

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 13th August 2024

OLIVER GREEVES – Historical Author and Speaker



“HORATIO NELSON: Myths, Legends and Awkward Facts”

Introduction: Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson (29 September 1758 – 21 October 1805) was a British sea captain in the Royal Navy. He commanded the British fleet during the Napoleonic Wars, fighting the French and the Spanish. His inspirational leadership, grasp of strategy and unconventional tactics brought about a number of decisive British naval victories. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest naval commanders in history. His victory on 21 October 1805 at the Battle of Trafalgar led to British naval supremacy over the next century and beyond.

Aboard HMS *Victory* at Trafalgar he was fatally wounded by a French sharpshooter. Amongst his last words was the famous saying "England expects that every man will do his duty".

Our Guest Speaker: A direct descendant of Frances (Fanny), Viscountess Nelson, he has long been fascinated by her life and times and has travelled extensively researching her story and the turbulent times of the French Revolutionary Wars and the Napoleonic War. He has now embarked on recreating stories of the era based on historical fact.

Oliver has a PhD in history from Bristol University in the United Kingdom and studied creative writing at the New School in Greenwich Village New York where he lived for two decades. His career spanned thirty exciting years in International Banking and Insurance, at senior levels first with Chase Manhattan Bank, then with MetLife. He was cofounder of Pharos Institute, a Leadership and Strategy consulting company.

He now lives near his beloved Sydney Harbour. When not writing, he spends his time sailing and advising executive business leaders and the next generation.

His Presentation: Oliver attacks the myth-making behind one of history's greatest legends, offering a fresh insight into the lives of British naval hero Horatio Nelson, his devoted wife Fanny and her son Josiah. It is a thrilling series of sacrifice, betrayal, battles and survival.

