

COWES HERITAGE



NEWSLETTER



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MADE IN COWES



Morning Cloud III built in Cowes by Clare Lallow's and the innovative **Enfield Electric Car** just two examples of local skill and craftsmanship combined with innovative design for which Cowes is justifiably famous.

At our Annual exhibition "Made in Cowes" next October we will be exploring Cowes's rich manufacturing history as well as hobbies that have left a physical legacy. While we have featured many industries in earlier exhibitions I'm confident our diligent researchers will come up with something new and absorbing. We have some interesting artefacts relating to traditional crafts, many of which are lost.

If you had an interesting or unusual trade we would love to hear from you. Or if you wish to be involved there are many ways you can help. A few hours chatting to visitors at the exhibition is very rewarding. Interested? If so please contact

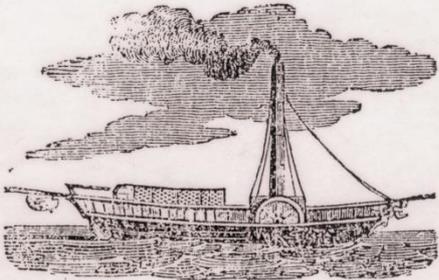
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RED FUNNEL

A Full Circle.

There is almost 200 years between the launching of Red Jet 7 last

SOUTHAMPTON, ISLE OF WIGHT, AND
PORTSMOUTH STEAM-PACKETS.



THE MEDINA.
JAMES KNIGHT, Commander.

THE GEORGE IV.
DAVID CORKE, Commander.

THE MALMESBURY.
JAMES KNIGHT, Jun. Commander.

One of the above Packets LEAVES SOUTHAMPTON every day, at Half-past Eight, Three, and Five o'Clock, for COWES, RYDE, & PORTSMOUTH; and PORTSMOUTH for RYDE, COWES, and SOUTHAMPTON, at the same hours. The 5 o'Clock Packet proceeding to COWES, only, & returning thence at 9 on the following morning.

For Particulars enquire of CAPTAIN KNIGHT, Gloucester Square; or of JOSEPH CLARK, Junior, 18, High Street.

year and the first Cowes built paddle steamer for the Isle of Wight Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (forerunner of Red Funnel) in 1822. **PS Medina** was built in Lynn Ratsey's yard, situated roughly where Cowes Yacht Haven is today. The Medina has an obvious local connection while the **PS Earl of Malmesbury**, also built in Lynn Ratsey's yard in 1825, was named after the then Governor of the Isle of Wight.

Also built in Cowes in 1839 by John White of Cowes (later J S White's) was **PS Gem**. Tiny by

today's standards - just 104ft x 14ft, 87 tons gross with a 40 h.p. engine. After her time as a cross Solent passenger ship she was based in Cowes for tendering American liners in Cowes Roads, at a time when many Americans were coming ashore in Cowes. From 1869 she was working in Cowes carrying freight and towage and was finally withdrawn in 1883 after 43 years' service, she was scrapped in 1889.

Today's skilled workforce have produced Red Jet 6 & 7, although built in East Cowes it is skilled workers from both sides of the Medina that have renewed this association between the local workforce and the company linking Cowes and Southampton.



BEFORE THEIR TIME.

Pictured below are 3 **Skootamotas** outside the Chequer's Inn. Built at Somerton Works from 1920 these were forerunners of today's electric bikes. Just one interesting feature of "Made in Cowes".



Two adverts from 1903:

BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT TO H.M. THE KING.
Contractors to the Admiralty, War Office, and Board of Trade.



Henry Bannister & Co.,
Yacht Rope Manufacturers,
Established 1820. **COWES.**

The oldest established and most noted firm for the manufacture of the FINEST YACHT

Manila, Russian Hemp, Italian, and
Bleached Flax Rope, Hawsers, Warps,
Hauling Lines, and Coir Springs.

Every description of **ROPE** and **LINES** made to order on the shortest notice by the most complete and up-to-date machinery.

Large Stock kept of the Highest Grade
STEEL WIRE
for Standing and Running Rigging.

RACING OUTFITS a Speciality. TELEPHONE No. 25.

Associated with the flourishing yacht building and sail making **Bannister's** was for many years based in Mill Hill Rd. Eventually taken over by J S Whites this company was an important part of the local marine industry.

Trading on the opposite side of Sun Hill James A. Warne would have been competition for the world famous company of Redfern's. With John Morgan's at 46 to 49 High St there was plenty of choice for the better off to find locally made appropriate attire.



JAMES A. WARNE,
Ladies' & Gentlemen's Tailor, Hatter, Bosier, Etc.
43, HIGH STREET, COWES.

Every Garment cut, fitted and made on the Premises.
HATS, CAPS, TIES, in all the leading styles.

OUR SPECIALITY!—**THE COWES YACHTING CAP.**

Ladies' Costumes
Made in the latest fashions or to Customers' own designs.

Gent's Lounge and Reefer Suits,
In all NEW GOODS from 45/-.

Gent's Underwear of every description.

DEATH TO PAIN!

It's a shame this cure-all is no longer made! Reading this advert **Clarkson's Embrocation**, manufactured in Cowes, was the answer to every ailment. If only half as good as claimed then why is it no longer available to purchase? Or were its benefits somewhat exaggerated.

DEATH TO PAIN.

The present age has been prolific of some of the most wonderful and beneficial discoveries known in the History of Mankind. But to none, perhaps, do we owe so much as to those which remove disease and pain. Chief among these is

CLARKSON'S EMBROCAATION

Those who for years have suffered from Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Tic, Tooth-ache, Corns, Bunions, Periodical Sore Throats, Quinsey, Mumps, Cramps, other Pains, and Inflammations, are now by Thousands rejoicing in the possession of sound Health and complete freedom from Suffering. In cases of

**Accidents by Fire and Steam,
Accidents by Machinery and Tools,
Accidents by Falls or Blows,
Accidents of Sprains and Bruises,**

you have instant relief and speedy cure without the shadow of doubt or difficulty. It is truly a balm to the wound, an ever-available Pain-destroyer. Let it not be out of your reach in all seasons. Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Sores, Wounds from all causes, are relieved and cured as if by Magic. This is not a mere statement, as might perhaps be assumed by some, but a calm and deliberate assertion based upon unquestionable facts and unimpeachable testimony. In cases of Chilblains and Tender Feet, it is wonderful how soothing and healing it is found to be: it is the true Friend-in-Need. No home ought to be without it. Try it at once.

Procrastination is the thief of time,
The bane of life, the foe of wealth,
And long delay at last becomes a crime,
When dire disease attacks the health.

Sufferers! exercise caution. Be sure to ask for and see that you obtain **CLARKSON'S Embrocation**. Full Directions and Testimonials with each bottle. Prepared only by

**A. CLARKSON,
SURREY HOUSE, WEST COWES, I.W.**

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I hope you enjoyed this newsletter which just scratches the surface of the topic we will be presenting at Regatta House Bath Rd Cowes from Saturday 19th October to Sunday 10th November.