



Bristol Port attracts world's largest shipping line

Bristol Port has received a major boost with news that the world's largest container shipping line, Maersk, will begin a new service to Royal Portbury Dock this month.

The weekly feeder service will particularly strengthen the Port's growing appeal to local businesses importing to the West – and comes only months after a landmark deal with The Range to bring up to 7,000 containers a year into Avonmouth Dock.

The new service, which started on 21st December is being run in conjunction with BG Freight and offers customers the opportunity to import their goods via Europe's largest port, Rotterdam, to Portbury Dock in 48 hours.

It will be operated using 1000 teu capacity vessels and is attracting interest from a wide range of trades, including forest products, alcohol and retail.

The Maersk Line service highlights a boom in local businesses using Bristol Port for trade, and also reflects the growing importance of the container trade. The Port has two container terminals with a number of scheduled services, providing extensive connectivity, efficient container handling and the ability to bring containers closer to UK markets.

A Port spokesperson said: "Choosing us can help customers reduce time, costs, carbon emissions and congestion in their supply chains, and industry leading carriers are continuing to recognise this.



Maersk and BG Freight, the latest service to Bristol.

"In providing marine services, stevedoring and quayside operations, we offer a complete package, and we proudly welcome Maersk and BG Freight as one of our services."



Dedicated Bobby kept Port safe and secure for 37 years

Since the early 1980s, he has been one of the Port's most familiar faces – dedicated Bobby on the Beat Tony Moore. Now after 37 years service the Police Constable has packed away his uniform for the last time.

"The role has been wide and varied and I walk away with a number of interesting stories to share with everyone!" he joked.

One stand-out tale involved apprehending, not once but twice, a man who tried to stow away on ships leaving the Port. On both occasions, Tony stopped the man in his tracks, and after discovering he was an illegal immigrant, took him to a detention centre. The story even made headlines in *The Sun*.

Tony has been an instrumental part of the 28-strong team of police officers at the Port, and is proud of the specialist force's history, which predates even the Metropolitan Police. Port police were created in 1844 and officers are still sworn-in under the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847.

In 30 years much has changed and yet much, also, has stayed the same; Tony's core role remained to protect the goods in the Port, and to protect the Port and shipping from outside threats, including terrorism.

Kevin Hazell, Port Police Chief, said: "Tony has been an asset to the team and he will be missed. We thank him for his contribution over the years."



Tony Moore receives a Spanish themed cake – celebrating his love of the country – which was made by the wife of his colleague Stephen. Insets: Tony when he joined in 1982, and *The Sun* article



Cruise industry kudos for Bristol Port

The Port's growing reputation within the cruise industry has received further recognition with the appointment of James Stangroom, Commercial Manager, as the new Chair of CruiseBritain.

From January 2018, James will lead the membership association, which brings together ports and the service sector of the UK cruise industry.

The news comes in the year that Bristol Port welcomed its 30,000th passenger since opening in 2013, and as the Port prepares for another bumper year in its cruise business in 2018. A highlight is the confirmed arrival of the MS Magellan, which carries 1,452 passengers and is the



Commercial Manager James Stangroom will begin his role as Chair in January 2018.

largest luxury liner to have visited Bristol Port. Alongside the iconic Cruise and Maritime Voyages (CMV) ship will be turnaround calls from Marco Polo, and transit calls from Saga Pearl II and Seabourn Quest.

James, who joined the Port in 2001, and has a wide commercial brief, with cruise being one of his trades, said: "Bristol's appeal as a cruise destination of choice to major players continues to grow and as I step up to the role of Chair of CruiseBritain, I look forward to working with the steering group and all of our members and colleagues internationally to continue to fly the flag for cruising not only to Bristol but to all British Ports and destinations."



First class: taking trains to Spain



A British manufacturer facing the dilemma of how to transport new trains to Spain found the answer via Bristol Port this month, resulting in this unusual image of a locomotive atop a truck trailer. The locomotive, made in the Midlands, is being subleased from Direct

Rail Services, and came in via rail to Royal Portbury Dock where it was expertly transferred on to a truck trailer, then taken on the regular European Ro-Ro vessel service. If testing on the locomotive in Spain is successful, it could be a sight we see more of in 2018.

Honour for hero Andy

A Port Paramedic was honoured this month for saving the life of a woman pulled from the waters of the River Avon in Bath.

Andy Gealer received a commendation from the Chief Fire Officer at the Avon Fire and Rescue Service awards ceremony on 1st December. The citation revealed that Andy was volunteering for the Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters' (SARAID) team during Freshers' Week in Bath, and on 30th September, came across a woman in the water in distress. Andy and his team conducted a land-based rescue and retrieved the woman from the water. She was suffering from hypothermia, and was kept warm and safe until emergency services arrived. The River Avon has claimed the lives of 13 people in Bath since 2008.

The Port has donated to SARAID and you can help support them too by visiting www.sariad.org



A rare and otterly extraordinary sight...



They act as the front door to the Port's shipping customers, an exit point to Europe and the world. But for one cheeky Port inhabitant last month, the Avonmouth lock gates resembled nothing more than a playful climbing frame to show off their surprising performance skills.

Phil Bartholomew and Paul Tarling could not believe their sight when they caught site of an otter running past the lock gates. They saw it climb the gates then run along the quay wall before jumping back into the Severn Estuary.

The rare sighting was caught on security tape, and after seeing the footage an amused Anne

Hayes, Environment Manager at the Port, said: "Whilst we have otters around the foreshore of Portbury and in the River Avon, it is very rare to see them in the Port itself. They are very playful characters that enjoy climbing and sliding around so this would explain what one was doing here."

After a major conservation campaign, otters returned from the brink of extinction in the UK. The semi-aquatic mammals feast on a diet of fish and frogs, both of which can be found in abundance around the Port.

"As part of our wildlife plan, we have created corridors to maintain habitats and scarce animals," said Anne.



A day in the life of...

Honda Takahito, International Placement Student

This month, we meet international placement student Honda and learn what brought him from Tokyo to Bath University

How did you find out about the role at Bristol Port?

I was studying for an MBA at Bath University and went to the Careers Service at the university and when I saw the opportunity at the Port I thought it was exactly for me.

Why did you choose to study an MBA?

I was working in logistics for the biggest port in Japan, Kamigumi and then I worked in China for 10 years in freight forwarding, export and project cargo. I decided to do an MBA after I became a manager, and looked after 150 employees. I was struggling to encourage and motivate them so I wanted to do a course to learn about leadership and the MBA is an intense, 1 year course to help learn this along with other skills.



What has been your role at the Port?

I have been working on different efficiency projects and it has been so interesting to learn about Port operations across all the trades and to learn about management.

What is next for Honda?

I would love to stay at the Port but I miss all my family in Japan, so I am going back in January to start a new management role involving a high speed train project.

What have you enjoyed about working at the Port?

I have loved all the people. Everyone is so approachable and friendly.

What has been the most difficult part?

At first I really missed the food of Japan as we eat a lot of rice, fish and raw food. But I have grown to love a traditional roast dinner in the Port canteen!

What did you want to do when you were a little boy?

I wanted to be an aeroplane pilot or high speed train driver. I have always had an interest in transport.

Anything else you would like to add?

I want to say a big thank you to everyone at the Port, especially Charlie Brown as he was so supportive during my placement at the Port.



Highlights for the month ahead include:

- Arklow Cape loading grain in Avonmouth
- Norstar Intrepid discharging aviation fuel into RPD
- At least 38 car carriers including Tiger, Glovis Spring and Patara
- Peristil discharging steel into RPD





Picture of the month

'Hot Fuzz Moment' by Police Chief Kevin Hazell. "We had reports of a young Swan having a stop over at the Royal Portbury Docks. After a rest and refreshments provided by the Dock canteen ladies, the swan took off again and was last seen flying over the conservation area towards Portishead."

If you have any images, stories or news you would like included, or if you would like to feature or nominate someone for next month's 'Day in the Life' series telling our everyday stories, please contact

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Loose lifting equipment

It has come to that time of year for the 6 monthly LOLER inspection of loose lifting equipment. The inspection started from the 18th December, and will carry on until 5th January 2018. During the above dates the colours purple and



orange on lifting equipment can be used. Please note, purple will be the next colour which will run until June 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Port News would like to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

We would like to thank everyone that has helped to contribute to the newsletter, from sending pictures, to offering their time to speak to us. This is your newsletter and if you have any ideas, tips or feedback please let us know at Katherine.lovell@bristolport.co.uk. Please continue to follow the Port on Twitter (@bristolport) on Facebook (@officialbristolport) and on LinkedIn for all the latest updates. See you in the new year where you will have the chance to vote for your favourite 'Picture of the Year 2017'.

Director changes in 2018

Engineering Director Jonathan Mordaunt will be replacing Andrew Ord on 5th February as Commercial Director. Andrew will then be moving into the role of Director of Operations on 1st March. New Director of Engineering James Overthrow has joined the company and will officially take over the role in February 2018. The Port wishes them well in their new roles.

Wishing all our readers..

