

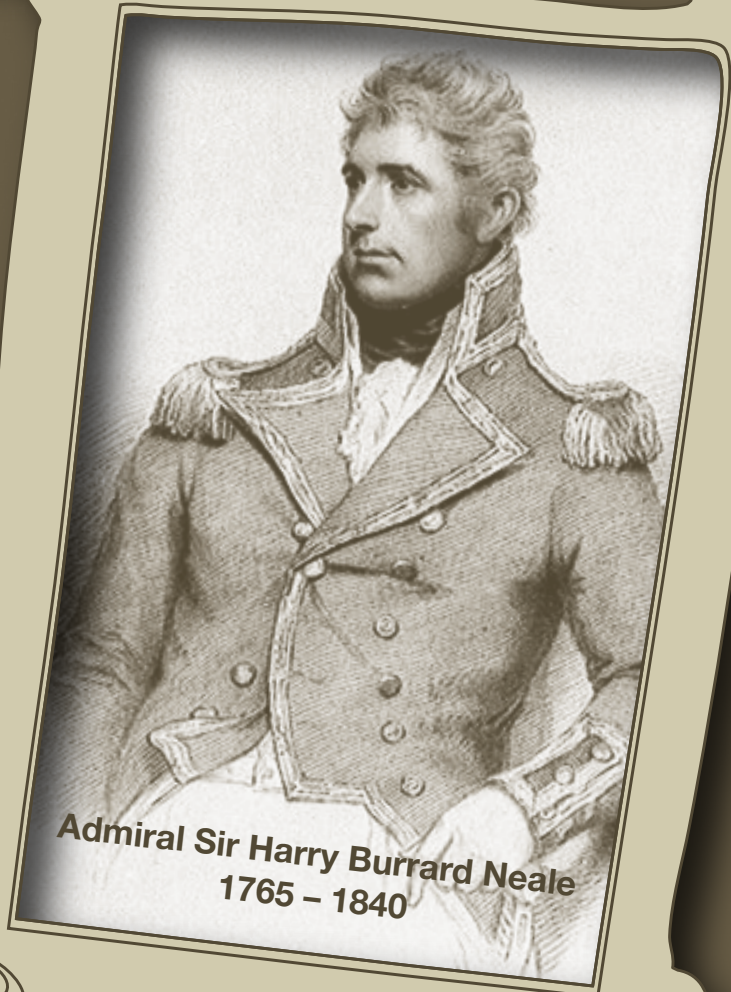
What is Lymington celebrating in 2015?

In September 2015 the town of Lymington will be holding a number of events to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of **Sir Harry Burrard Neale**. You can see his portrait opposite.

Who was Sir Harry?

Harry Burrard was born in September 1765 and lived in Yarmouth Castle on the Isle of Wight, as he was the son of the Governor. He went to school in Christchurch and then at the age of thirteen was sent away to join the Royal Navy.

Harry became a famous naval officer and commander and went on to become a Lord of the Admiralty. He also became Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet. In 1797, when Britain was at war with France and mutineers blockaded the River Thames, Sir Harry stopped a bigger conflict happening and was presented with The Nore Drum by the King George III.



Admiral Sir Harry Burrard Neale
1765 - 1840



The Nore Drum is on display at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

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Apart from being in the Navy and a famous Admiral, Sir Harry was also Mayor of Lymington and an MP for the town for 25 years. He married a lady called Grace Neale in 1795 and they lived at Walhampton House (which is now Walhampton School).

During his time as Mayor of the town Sir Harry Burrard Neale and his brother paid for gas street lighting in the town. The picture opposite shows a beautifully restored, one-off memorial lamp standard of 1832, near the Royal Lymington Yacht Club.

Sir Harry died in 1840 and you can see a memorial plaque on the left side of the altar in St Thomas' Church, where Sir Harry was buried.



After his death, the people of Lymington and England decided to pay for a special memorial to Sir Harry. This was because of all his heroic achievements and his work in the local area.

If you look up at the skyline from the bottom of the High Street you can see a big stone monument or 'obelisk'. This is the Walhampton Monument and was built as a reminder of the life of Sir Harry.

The monument has four sides to record different aspects of Sir Harry's life. The side facing the Solent records his famous naval career and the side facing the town records his civic achievements.

If you want to see the monument you can walk up *The Solent Way* from Undershore Road near the Waggon and Horses Pub.

The ground around the monument is being cleared of some of the overgrown vegetation and trees, so that it will be easier to see from the Town and easier to look at when people visit.

Fact

The monument to Sir Harry is made of granite that was cut from the same quarry on Dartmoor as that for Nelson's Column and Trafalgar Square in London.



Visit www.burrard-neale250.org.uk for more information