



The Mayflower Ship

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The Essex Sunshine Coast also known as the Tendring District is steeped in a wealth of history.

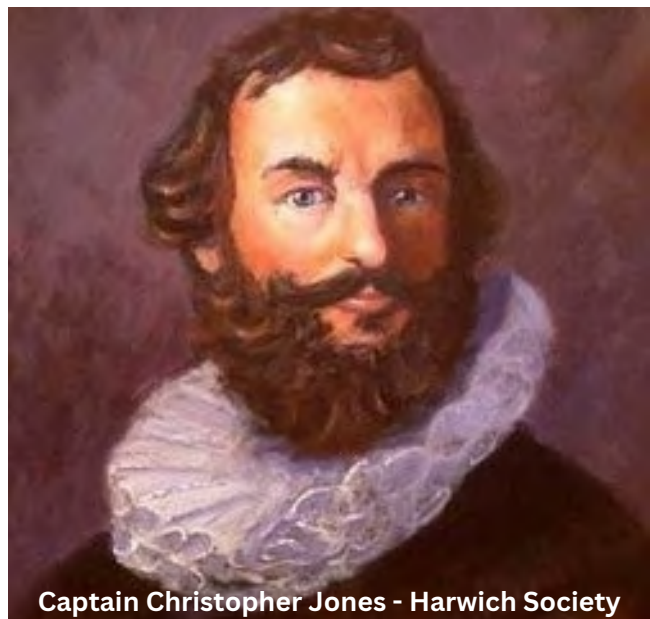
Tendring has strong links with the United States of America and shared histories that reach back as far as the Mayflower and the Pilgrims journey that influenced the future of the United States of America.



Local Links

Christopher Jones Master of the Mayflower

The Mayflower is believed to have been built in Harwich sometime before 1600, and was commanded and part owned by her Master, Captain Christopher Jones. The Mayflower ship took the first settlers to America in 1620.



Captain Christopher Jones - Harwich Society

Christopher Jones House

The house is located in King's Head Street, Harwich.

Visitors are able to see many of the original features and can bring their experience to life using the augmented reality. Display boards tell the story



Christopher Jones House - Harwich Society

Mayflower Exhibition

This interactive exhibition takes you on a voyage of discovery from Christopher Jones to the Wampanoag, Native American people and their crucial role in the Mayflower story.

This exhibition is currently being relocated.



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Mayflower Martimtime Heritage Trail Tour

In commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower, a self guided trail tour was designed to tell the story of the town, its maritime history and its strong links to the Mayflower.



Trail Tour - Tendring District Council

Harwich and the New World Exhibition

Inside Ha’Penny Pier, Harwich is an exhibition on Harwich and the New World, featuring Christopher Newport and Jamestown 1607 and Christopher Jones and the Mayflower 1620.



Ha’Penny Pier - Harwich Society

Christopher Newport and Jamestown

Baptized December 29, 1561 in Harwich, Newport was captain of the Susan Constant, the largest of three ships which carried settlers for the Virginia Company in 1607 on the way to found the settlement at Jamestown in the Virginia Colony, which became the first permanent English settlement in North America.



Christopher Newport - Harwich Society

Star-Spangled Banner

A unique carving etched into the wooden walls of one of the rooms of the Guildhall, Harwich is a carving of a ship flying the Stars and Stripes dating from the time of the American War of Independence.



The Carvings Room - Harwich Town Council

Mayflower Sculpture

The structure, designed by artist collaborators Hanman Murphy, is located on access into the international port. The large sculpture depicts the Mayflower ship. This piece of public art, made from a structural skeleton, evokes the historic starting point of the Mayflower story.

The globe reflects the interpretation of iron bearing waters, and the international legacy of the Mayflower.



Mayflower Sculpture - Tendring District Council

Notes of interest

St Nicholas Church, Harwich

Captain Christopher Jones, is believed to have been born in Harwich around 1570, and was the son of Christopher Jones Senior, who was also a mariner and ship owner. He was baptised 4 March 1621 in Harwich.

Christopher Jones was married twice in 1593 and again in 1603. Registers for which date back to 1559 also contain the baptism of some of Jones' children in Harwich.

Names of Richard Gardiner and John Alden (the hero of Longfellow's poem "The Courtship of Miles Standish"), who were among the Pilgrim Fathers are also to be found here.

Christopher Newport was baptized on 29th December 1561.

The Alma Inn and Dining Rooms, Harwich

Before Jones married his first wife, Sara Twitt. Sara lived across the road on Kings Head Street in what is now known as the Alma Inn and Dining Rooms.

Mayflower passengers said to hail from Harwich

- John Alden
- Robert Choppin
- Richard Gardiner

Mayflower Line

The branch railway line between Harwich and Manningtree is named the Mayflower Line.

The Mayflower Name

The connection with the Mayflower is prominent throughout Harwich, a number of references to the Mayflower is present from schools and medical centres to restaurants and hotels.

Harwich Town Records

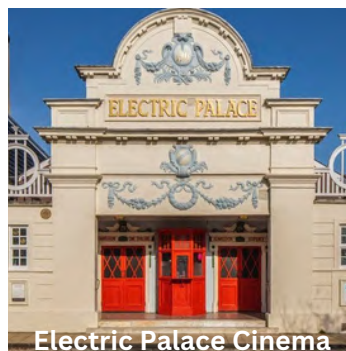
Name Christopher Jones as freeman of Harwich and a charter of 1604 lists him as one of Harwich's burgesses. Jones had an encounter with the law of an accusation of keeping greyhounds or hunting dogs. Possession of such animals was reserved for 'gentlemen', then defined as men of gentle (noble) birth or men owning both land and property.

Harwich Essex to Harwich, Massachusetts

The town of Harwich, Massachusetts includes several villages, including Harwich Port, East Harwich, Harwich Centre, North Harwich, Pleasant Lake, South Harwich, and West Harwich. The village of Harwich Port is named after the port of Harwich in Essex, England.

Downton Abbey

The Electric Palace Cinema, Harwich was featured in parts of the 2021 film Downton Abbey: A New Era.



Other local links

Naze Tower

Located in Walton, the Naze Tower was used between 1950s - 60s by the American Airforce for communication during the 'Cold War' era.

Little Clacton

During the latter half of WWII, American soldiers were lodged in Orchard Lea, which was once the Street Farm.

Jaywick

During WWII 'The Green' was taken over by American Gunners, who built thick concrete bomb shelters in the centre.

Little Bentley

A number of Allied aircraft force landed in the large field south of the Church, including an American B17 during WWII.

Great Bromley

After the war, the old radar T (Transmitter) site in Hilliards Road was used by Marconi for important radio and television tests including a radio relay link between the US Air Force in England and Germany. A small party of American airmen lived locally in order to man the radio trailers.

Little Zippie P51-D Mustang

The remains of the North American Aviation P-51D Mustang 44-14574 'Little Zippie' now resides in the East Essex Aviation Museum, Jaywick Sands.

The aircraft was being flown by United States Flying Officer Raymond King of the 436th FS, 479th FG, on an escort mission on 13 January 1945 where it experienced engine troubles before it ditched half a mile off the Clacton coastline.



'Little Zippie' - East Essex Aviation Museum



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