

FILM SHOW – REVISED ARRANGEMENTS

In an addition to the original programme there will be a talk by Simon Rees starting at 18.00

Simon Rees is the son of John Rees, Cruising Manager for BI Educational Cruises from 1961 to 1970. As a schoolboy, Simon travelled on five cruises, starting at the age of 9 with a Baltic cruise on Dunera via the Kiel Canal which visited Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Leningrad (as it then was). Subsequent cruises took him on Nevasa and Uganda around the Mediterranean, where he has vivid memories of school parties being let loose on Tangier, Heraklion, Venice, Dubrovnik, Istanbul and Santorini – and all returning safely to the ship in time for supper out of those distinctive BI tin trays with indentations for curry, rice and stodgy pudding. Simon has worked for 23 years as dramaturg (in charge of programmes, lectures and surtitles) for Welsh National Opera, and is now a freelance writer living in Cardiff. He regularly leads opera tours for Martin Randall Travel, and tries to maintain the standards of education and enjoyment he learned from the BI Educational Cruises all those years ago.

The film show follows at approx 18.30 with a break at 20.00 for the buffet meal. All other arrangements remain the same.