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HEART OF OAK

The naval timber scarcity in the reign of George III

presented by Gale Gould

During the eighteenth-century there was a belief that Britain was suffering a 'great Scarcity of Timber' and more particularly 'that Sort of which our ships are constructed'. This led to proposals for parts of the New Forest to be enclosed for naval timber and the remainder to be 'disposed of by public sale'. But was this modern history's first instance of 'fake news'? This illustrated talk by Gale Gould, from the University of Southampton, reveals how close the New Forest came to being lost to future generations.



Friday 14th September 2018 6:30pm

Beaulieu Village Hall SO42 7YA

Admission free to members. Guests and non-members £5
No booking required