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Cruise with Fred. Olsen and meet the most interesting people

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is proud of its philosophy '*It's all about the people*' and the cruise line is famed for its personal touch. Part of the pleasure of a cruise is to meet new people and enjoy stimulating discussion – perhaps learning something new along the way. An eclectic mix of speakers appears as part of Fred. Olsen's cruise enhancement programme, *Vistas*, which covers a host of fascinating topics that guests can enjoy at no extra cost.

Two very different speakers featured in the 2012/13 *Vistas* programme are veteran newscaster and broadcaster, **Peter Sissons**, and the Northern Ireland footballer and former Spurs and Arsenal manager, **Terry Neill**.

Thought to have been Britain's longest-serving TV news presenter, with a career spanning 45 years, **Peter Sissons** is best known for his long and distinguished career with the BBC. Having worked for both ITN and Channel Four – where he won three consecutive BAFTAs – he joined the Corporation to present *Question Time* and the *Six O'Clock News*. Latterly, he presented the *Nine O'Clock News* from 1994 until it moved to its present ten o'clock slot.

Prior to his successful life in journalism, Peter studied alongside some very famous classmates. Growing up in Liverpool, he was at junior school with John Lennon and Jimmy Tarbuck and then attended the Liverpool Institute, where, among his fellow students, were both George Harrison and Paul McCartney. Many people will remember Peter as the newsreader who was trusted with the momentous task of announcing to the nation the death of the Queen Mother in 2002 – and was castigated by some (and applauded by others) for wearing a burgundy tie, rather than a black one! He left the BBC in 2009 to concentrate on writing his memoirs, since published under the title '*When One Door Closes*', and promises to be a fascinating speaker.

Peter Sissons will be the guest speaker on D1223, *Boudicca's* 23-night cruise to the Mediterranean, departing from Portsmouth on 12th October 2012. The cruise visits Portimão (Portugal), Ibiza (Spain), Valletta (Malta), Piraeus for Athens (Greece), Alexandria (Egypt) for an overnight stay, Tripoli (Libya), Algiers (Algeria) and Gibraltar, returning to Portsmouth. Prices are from £2,379 per person.

From a very different world comes **William John Terence ('Terry') O'Neill**. Born in Belfast in 1942, Terry has been involved in football from his earliest days, playing as a junior for Bangor before moving to Arsenal in 1959. In the early 1960s, he made 29 league appearances for The Gunners, and was also a regular player for the Northern Ireland team. He became Arsenal captain in 1968 and played 275 games for them, scoring ten goals in total. He moved to Hull City in 1990, as one of the youngest ever player/managers, and was later manager of Tottenham Hotspur, returning to his beloved Arsenal as its manager until his retirement from 'the beautiful game' at the early age of 41. Since then, he has run a number of successful sports bars in London, and still commentates on Arsenal games for Arsenal TV.

Terry Neill will be speaking on *Boudicca's* cruise D1202, a 35-night voyage to the Caribbean, departing from Southampton on 19th January 2012. The cruise visits Tenerife, Barbados, Curacao, Colombia, Jamaica, Cuba (for an overnight stay in Havana), the Turks and Caicos Islands, St Maarten, and the Azores, returning to Southampton. Prices are from £3,249 per person.

Prices are quoted per person, based on two adults sharing an inside twin cabin, Grade 'I' and include accommodation, all meals and entertainment onboard, including the celebrity speakers, and port taxes.

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