

NEWS RELEASE

CRUISE TERMINAL SUPPORTS TOURISM WEEK

The Port of Tilbury will be showing support for Thurrock's tourism industry by holding an Antique, Vintage & Collectors Fair in the historic London Cruise Terminal during British Tourism Week. British Tourism Week takes place between 23 – 29 March 2009 and His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, is patron. His involvement will help raise the profile of the week and of the tourism industry. BTW is organised by VisitBritain with the support of the Tourism Alliance, the Tourism Society, the UK's regional and national tourist boards and representatives of the industry.

British Tourism Week co-chair, Bernard Donoghue said: "Tourism's importance to the UK's economy is often unappreciated, despite continued growth and record numbers of visitors. Our industry suffers when we fail to recognise that every business contributes to a greater whole. Together, during British Tourism Week, we hope to change the perception that the different sectors – from transport and tour operators to accommodation providers, travel agencies and attractions - operate independently".

Hallmark's Fair takes place at the London Cruise Terminal at Tilbury on Sunday 29th March. Over 100 stalls will be present selling and buying memorabilia including furniture, art deco, jewellery, militaria, jewellery, paintings and books. Visitors can enjoy browsing antiques in a venue reflecting the period of the products on display and refreshments are available. The Fair is open from 10 am until 4 pm, admission £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for seniors and there is free parking.

Notes to Editors:

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Further information: www.hallmarkantiquefairs.co.uk and www.britishtourismweek.com