

Horatio Nelson

Personal Timeline

- 1758** 29th September, Nelson is born at Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk.
- 1771** At 12 years of age Nelson joins the Royal Navy. He is a Midshipman.
- 1778** At 20 years of age Nelson is promoted to Acting Lieutenant.
- 1779** At 21 years of age he is promoted to Post Captain.
- 1781** At 23 years of age Nelson is appointed Captain of the *Albemarle*.
- 1787** Married **Francis Nisbet**.
- 1793** In September Nelson first meets Lady Hamilton in Naples.
- 1794** 12th July, during siege of Calvi Nelson is injured and loses the sight in his right eye.
- 1797** 13th February, **Battle of Cape St Vincent**.
24th July, right arm amputated!
- 1798** 1st August, Nelson destroys the French fleet in Aboukir Bay in what becomes known as the **Battle of the Nile**.
22nd September, Nelson is created Baron of the Nile and Burnham Thorpe.
- 1800** 13th August, Nelson is created Duke of Bronte.

- 1801** 13th January, Nelson separates from his wife.
- 2nd April, **Battle of Copenhagen.**
- 22nd May, Nelson is created Viscount Nelson of the Nile and Burnham Thorpe.
- 1805** 4th April, Nelson receives news that the French Fleet put to sea on 30th March.
- 11th May, Nelson sails for the West Indies, chasing the French fleet.
- 13th July, Nelson chases the French fleet back across the Atlantic.
- 15th September, Nelson sails from Spithead in *HMS Victory*.
- 28th September, Nelson and *HMS Victory* join the fleet off Cadiz.
- 21st October, **Battle of Trafalgar.** Nelson destroys the combined French and Spanish fleets off Cape Trafalgar but is himself killed.
- 1806** 9th January, Nelson's funeral in St Paul's Cathedral.