

## Article on the launch of Lighthouses: The race to illuminate the world, Association of Lighthouse Keepers Quarterly Journal December 2008

### Book Launch

#### The Race to Illuminate the World.



Peter Williams and Toby Chance launching their book

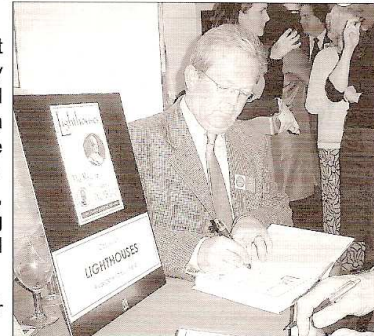
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On the evening of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 some 60 ex Chance employees, Friends, members of the ALK and members of the Smethwick Heritage Centre gathered to hear Toby Chance and Peter Williams formally launch their latest publication "The Race to Illuminate the World". Toby explained that only in recent years had he met Peter via the internet during his research and that soon afterwards, having met at Haverfordwest, they had agreed to work together to compile this book.

For many reasons the time scale was short with high demands of producing many words per month and that they proof read each others work to ensure that there was a common style of writing which did dominate one or the other. Many thanks were given to family and friends for their forbearance, patience and indeed encouragement during

the writing of this book. Also thanks were given to all those who had supplied information and pictures in order to make this book complete.

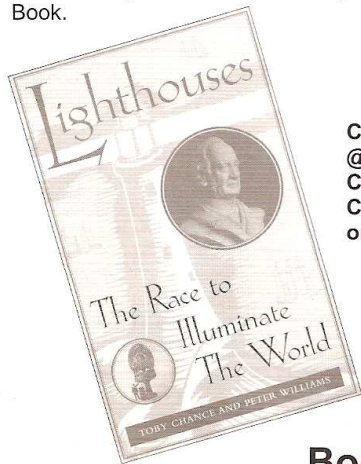
The evening concluded with Toby and Peter personally signing copies of their Book.



Toby Chance signing one of the many Books sold that evening

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### Book Review

#### Lighthouses of the World

Author: Marie-Haude Arzur

It was while at this year's Southampton Boat Show that I decided to glance at some of the books on view at one of the bookstores, and I wasn't disappointed either by what I found. *Lighthouses of the World* an unusual book size with front and back covers showing lighthouses.

The size makes this book ideal for its contents so I quickly decided to purchase this book knowing that inside was going to be interesting. Well, after a long day I decided to tear open the cellophane sealed book, and looking inside found that this certainly was a good purchase.

There are some excellent photographs showing many different style lighthouses throughout the world with an interesting brief description of the lighthouses shown. It also tells you whether the lighthouse can be visited.

An excellent reference and coffee table book, well worthy of a place in anybody's bookcase, just one small point it does not cover all countries of the world but, what is shown is certainly good value for money.

Specification: size 13" x 6.75", 240pp in full colour, hard back matt laminated printed covers in full colour, published by Adlard Coles Nautical, London, 2008, ISBN 978-1-4081-0635-8, Price £19.99

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