



THE BRITAIN- -AUSTRALIA
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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION 2008
& ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

BY INVITATION OF THE VERY REVD ROBERT GRIMLEY MA THE DEAN OF BRISTOL
&

THE CLIFTON CLUB

BRISTOLIAN ARCHITECT FRANCIS GREENWAY
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION WILL ATTEND
The West Country Branch will celebrate Australia Day 2008 in Bristol. Members from the recently formed Wales Branch are expected to attend. This event is also available to the English-Speaking Union and the Bristol Commonwealth Society. We will participate in the Eucharist Service with the Cathedral Choir Choristers. Please register early as numbers will be limited.

THE PROGRAMME

- 10:00 – 11:15 am: Members and guests join the Sunday Eucharist service in Bristol Cathedral.
[see separate arrangements for parking and travel in Bristol]
- 12:00 - 12:40 pm: West Country Branch Annual General Meeting
The Clifton Club.
Chairman Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO
Non members are invited to attend if accompanied by a member
- 12:45 – 1:15 pm: Presentation on FRANCIS GREENWAY
By Francis Greenacre BA FMA
- 1:15 - 3:30 pm: Lunch in The Club

Members of the Society + ESU + RCS £33.00 – Non-Members £38.00
Please respond by Monday 21st 2008, using the enclosed form

FRANCIS GREENWAY AND THE CLIFTON CLUB



In 1977 The Clifton and Hotwells Improvement Society placed a plaque beside the entrance to the Clifton Club. This is in memory of the architect Francis Greenway who spent time in Newgate prison, Bristol awaiting trial for forgery. He was sentenced to be hanged but this was later commuted to transportation to Australia where he became famous as the Father of Australian Architecture

The placing of this plaque was carried out by the initiative of Francis Greenacre BA FMA who was chairman of this society at the time and will speak during our lunch. He recalls- "I remember it as my initiative (although it is the role of chairmen to take advantage of other people's ideas and my memory may be somewhat selective). An especially urbane and sophisticated Australian High Commissioner came down in a large limousine and spoke quite excellently on that narrow pavement as the shoppers went by. And the Lord Mayor gave a luncheon in the Mansion House"

The Club was founded as the Clifton Club Rooms in 1818. The original proprietor-members would stroll through Birdcage Walk towards their new club premises, which were located close to the parish church of St. Andrew's.

The original club closed, but was resurrected by some surviving members at the current location in The Mall in 1856. The reins were formally handed over to the Clifton Club Company in 1882.

Pam Maclaren & Burnaby Portal are members of the Britain-Australia Society and great-great grand children of Francis Greenway. They will attend the service and lunch. Documents from their archives will be on show at the Clifton Club and they will both attend the unveiling of the refurbished Greenway memorial plaque at the Club.

Among the items on display will be a picture of the portrait of Greenway that now hangs in the Mitchell Library in Sydney and many facsimiles of his work in Australia.

Francis Greenacre BA FMA was Curator of Fine Art at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery from 1969 to 1997. At Bristol he organised a wide range of outstanding exhibitions from the first major retrospective of the work of Sir Peter Blake in 1969 to the scholarly and influential 'Artists of the Newlyn School' in 1979. Most often remembered are the exhibitions celebrating the artists of the Bristol School, which Francis Greenacre has done so much to promote. These have included the large show of Francis Danby's work, which went on to the Tate Gallery in 1989, and the exhibitions of Samuel Jackson's watercolours, likewise seen in London, and of W.J.Müller and of the 'Marine Artists of Bristol'. Born in 1941, Francis was educated at Eton and the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London. He first worked at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. His long commitment to Bristol is reflected in his involvement in several of its institutions and charities, old and new. He was High Sheriff of Avon in 1993/4. More recently he was involved in the acquisition by the National Trust of Tyntesfield, for which he wrote the guidebook.

Clifton and Hotwells Improvement Society The renovation of the plaque on the wall of the Clifton Club is being arranged by CHIS. Contributions to the cost have been agreed through the Britain-Australia Society, Pam Maclaren and Burnaby Portal amongst others.

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SOCIETY**

AUSTRALIA DAY BOOKING FORM

SUNDAY 3rd February 2008

**BRISTOL CATHEDRAL
&
LUNCH AT THE CLIFTON CLUB**

From – Name/s:
- Address :
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- Telephone:
- Email:

Members and ESU Members - per person £ 33.00

Non Members - per person £38.00

[A donation for the Cathedral is included in this price and there will be a collection during the service]

Name/s of Guest/s
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Please reserve place/s.

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| I/we will attend: The Cathedral Service | yes/no |
| The Branch AGM | yes/no |
| Lunch including wine | yes/no |

I/we will park at the Cathedral and travel to/from the Clifton Club by the mini buses: yes/no

I enclose my payment of : £.....
[cheques should be payable to – “The Britain-Australia Society”]

Please return this form with your payment to –
Richard Pavitt (Chairman) The Britain-Australia Society West Country Branch,
The Clerk’s House, Pound Lane, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6LU
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TICKETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED

REFUNDS CANNOT BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 21st JANUARY 2008

BRISTOL PARKING & TRANSFER TO & FROM THE CLIFTON CLUB

Bristol Cathedral is in the centre of the city and is situated on College Green (BS1 5TJ) beside the Council House.

Travelling and parking in and around Bristol is not easy at the best of times. So that we can have as trouble free time as possible it is suggested that everyone parks for the day in the City Council pay & display park at BRANDON STREET (BS1 5YU) this is situated directly behind the Council House on College Green. And is 2 minutes walk from the Cathedral. The cost £1.60 for the day on Sunday (correct at time of printing).

After the service a shuttle run by minibuses has been arranged from outside the cathedral to the Clifton Club. The journey time is about 10 minutes and the cost per person is £2.00. Please pay the driver before departure.

After lunch the mini buses have been booked from outside the Clifton Club for the return transfer back to Brandon Street. The cost is £2.00 per person paid to the driver.

If anyone requires an individual taxi transfer please arrange this with Streamline Taxis 0117 9264001.

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