



THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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EMAIL - NEWSLETTER & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

<http://www.britozeast.org.uk/events.asp>

11th February 2012

The Branch Web Site will soon be updated to show our events through 2012

RECENT EVENTS

CELEBRATION FOR AUSTRALIA IN DORCHESTER

In spite of the ever worsening weather, members and their guests enjoyed the evening at the County Museum. Our speakers, Tim Hunter from Gurr Johns and Gwen Yarker a professional curator, covered Roberts's life and achievements in Melbourne, & his little known time in England. The Sunday service at St Peters church began by the wonderful vicar Rev. Vicky Thurtell asking us all to sing Waltzing Matilda ! The visit to the Old Crown Court and the dismal cells below was enlivened by the Dorchester Town Crier and supreme orator on the subject of the Tolpuddle Martyrs. Lunch guests were welcomed by The Mayor of Casterbridge, Tess James. The events were attended by Sally Capp, Agent General for Victoria who read a lesson and spoke so well after lunch. Our Patron Sir James Tidmarsh with Virginia, the Society Chairman John Allen and our new Dep Chairman, Peter Benson OAM. with Lesley Anne were with us at both events.



Sally Capp, Andrew Fletcher, Lesley Anne Benson, Jay Tidmarsh, Angela Adams & John Hawkey on Melbourne

COPY OF THE PORTRAIT BY TOM ROBERTS - 1st RAFFLE WINNER



Brian Savage, Richard Pavitt, Richard Thorogood
Ticket Number 00081 was drawn by the Agent General for Victoria, Sally Capp at the end of the evening at the Dorset County Museum on Saturday 4th February. The winning ticket belonged to Brian Savage, a guest of Keith Newton and a resident of Dorchester. The picture was donated by Richard Thorogood in aid of London Legacy & The Dorset County Museum.



Dorset County Museum, Sally Capp, Kay Pavitt with David & Frances Leonard

TOM ROBERTS RAFFLE -Second Draw for The TOM ROBERTS landscape copy of WinterEngland c.1920,

ANZAC Lunch WARMINSTER 22nd April 2012
See web site for tickets still available

The Phillip Memorials – Progress.

Discussions with the Westminster Abbey authorities continue towards placing a memorial stone in the floor of the Abbey nave by July 2014.

The Bath memorial sculptor selection group are short-listing potential sculptors for this very important memorial in such a prime position in the City of Bath.

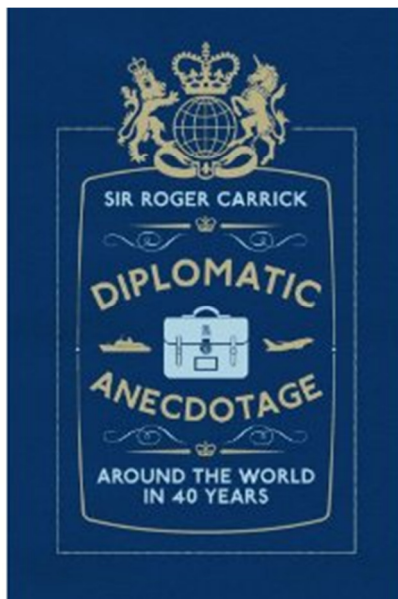
St Nicholas Bathampton church has progressed very well with their display boards and new lighting for their “Phillip Story”



The St Nicholas display for the achievements of Admiral Arthur Phillip.

Diplomatic Anecdotage: Around the World in 40 Years [Hardcover]

By: Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO – President of the West Country Branch



Yet to be released. Publication date probably 12th April. May be pre-ordered from Amazon books for 15% reduction to £16.14. Sir Roger will be happy to autograph your copy when you next meet after publication.

St Nicholas Bathampton



The ledgerstone over the grave of Admiral Phillip and his wife Isabella is now lit from above

HOLBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL Warminster

A 10 year old student – Matthew Williams wrote to The Australian High Commissioner in mid-January to tell him about his school's Australia Year. John Dauth passed this to the West Country Branch who arranged for the school to receive a copy the wonderful map of the First Fleet progress by Ronald Harvey that was given by Pauline Lyle-Smith to the Bathampton Junior School (see newsletter December 2011). The two junior schools are now in touch with each other.

ACCOMMODATION IN SYDNEY

Members requiring apartment accommodation in Sydney should contact :

THE APARTMENT SERVICE.



<http://www.apartmentservice.com.au>

A beneficial arrangement has been made for Society members who book one of their numerous apartments and houses in the Sydney Area.. Contact – Keris@apartmentservice.com.au.

Please mention your membership of the Society to receive the discount and voucher.

When you book you will receive a 10% discount on accommodation. Minimum 1 week and 2 weeks at Christmas.

To add to this, when you arrive at the property you will be greeted by the personal property manager who will assist with any queries there may be before settling in.

The guest may call the property manager at any time with questions about the property, Sydney and the location etc.

The property manager will provide them on check-in a \$100 gift voucher for the Westfield Shopping centers. This can be used to stock the fridge with food or to buy a personal gift.

TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA

The Society has forged a strong relationship with ETIHAD Airways which is the flag carrier of Abu Dhabi and a recent addition to the choice of carriers between UK and Australia. Etihad offers excellent schedules and a modern fleet of aircraft.

Etihad Airways is proud to have been crowned the “world’s leading airline” for the second year running at the 2010 World Travel Awards.

Etihad has offered to help our members by quoting very competitive fares, dependent on availability, and to give a personal booking service. Members planning to travel “down under” to Adelaide, Melbourne,

<http://www.worldtravelawards.com/award-worlds-leading-airline-2010>

Sydney and Brisbane should check with this carrier for their international travel. Etihad also has a tie-up with Virgin Blue in Australia for internal flight arrangements.

For the guaranteed best fares from the World’s Leading Airline, Brit-Oz members can contact the friendly and experienced Direct Sales team. This dynamic team of Paul, Mazia, Krisztina and Poonam have over 50 years of airline experience and are ready for your call on 020 8735 6789 - or email DirectAccountsUK@etihad.ae Also see – www.britozwest.org.uk –

Etihad UK is a foremost supporter of the Britain-Australia Society. For more information please see Branch web site - NEWS



ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that I am telling our members of the death of Keith Painter. In late January. Alan & Ann Cox represented the Branch at his funeral in Bristol on 6th February

KEITH PAINTER

Keith was, for many years Chairman of the Bristol Commonwealth Society And he was a solid supporter of the Branch for many years and served on our committee.

RIP & Thank you Keith

DIARY

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Sunday 22nd April - ANZAC DAY lunch at Warminster Garrison Hyhe Officers Mess & service at Sutton Veny.

Tuesday 15th May - full day programme in Launceston - birthplace of Phillip Gidley King 3rd Governor of NSW. Soon on branch web site.

Sunday 24th June - Annual Cricket. Australian High Commissioner's XI v Sutton Veny and Heytesbury CC.

Friday 12th October - Admiral Phillip Birthday Celebrations - Bathampton & Bath

LONDON

Monday 26th March - Australia Day Service, St Mary-le-Bow. The Address given by Rev. Paul Burden, the Vicar of St Nicholas, Bathampton.. Lunch at the Grocers Hall. Apply to National Director. Postponed from 23rd January

LONDON LEGACY

<http://www.legacy.com.au/london>

The TNT ANZAC-Gallipoli Legacy Ball will be held again in the sumptuous surroundings of the Ballroom at Australia House on the Strand on Friday the 20th of April 2012. The occasion will be a black tie affair for men (lounge suit is also acceptable), with ladies in cocktail dresses or ball gowns.

Attendees will include representatives from the Australian and New Zealand High Commissions, Defence staff from both nations, members of the Britain Australia Society, TNT, the Gallipoli Association and London Legacy

DATES

OTHER BRANCH EVENTS

PORTSMOUTH BRANCH

Friday 11th May - Celebration Dinner in Portsmouth of 225 years anniversary of 1st Fleet sailing. Speaker Dr Jonathan King.

<http://www.britozeast.org.uk/first-fleet-anniversary.asp>

NORFOLK BRANCH

<http://www.britain-australia.org.uk/branches/norfolk.html>

Sunday 29th January - Dinner at www.tasteofoz.com/contact.html with didgerdoo demo and talk on aboriginal art.

Sunday 1st July - Cricket match and dance at Arminghall.

Arranged by Mrs Jane Coleman.

SUFFOLK BRANCH

<http://www.britain-australia.org.uk/branches/suffolk.html>

Thursday 26th January- Australia Day Dinner 7.00pm for 7.30pm @ The Cameo Hotel Copdock nr.Ipswich.

Sunday 29th April - Anzac Commemorative Service, 3.00pm at St Edmunds Church, Southwold, Suffolk. A Finger Buffet lunch will be available prior to the service.

The Address will be given by General the Lord Dannatt,GCB,CBE,MC,DL

LEGACY RAFFLE TICKETS for Prize

Draw on the Go Tours "Turkey Unplugged" 10 day tour inc flights from London for 2 people.

Available from London Legacy and Richard Pavitt

Richard Pavitt West Country Branch
Chairman 10th February 2012

