



THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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E-MAIL - NEWSLETTER & A HAPPY EASTER

3rd April 2012

The Branch Web Site is now up dated for all our events through 2012

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

Looking back over the past events we have held here in the West Country my records go back to the Australia Day service and lunch at Grittleton in 2003. I was first introduced to the Society, which I had never heard of before, in 2002. Kay and I have now been involved here for over 10 most enjoyable years !

Another year has begun and this newsletter is to remind you of the membership renewals as well as three well worth while events we are holding during the summer months.

I do look forward to seeing many members and their guests at Sutton Veny, Launceston and the ESU lunch.

A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

MEMBERSHIP

Renewals for all members who joined prior to 1st October 2011 are now due please. There is no change in the Branch Subscription - £20 for a double and £15 single annual membership. You should also be aware that for every member of the Branch we send £5.00 capitation as our contribution to our Society the London Office. This year we have added £5.00 to subscriptions for members who do not use the internet and who wish to have our communications posted.

<http://www.britozeast.org.uk/memberapp2012.pdf>

-SUMMER EVENTS -

Please let me know if you plan to join us at any of the following:

ANZAC Remembrance lunch - Warminster Garrison and the service at Sutton Veny - Sunday 22nd April. A short Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 11:30 before the reception.

TOM ROBERTS RAFFLE -Draw for the landscape copy of *Winter in England* c.1920
<http://www.britozeast.org.uk/Anzac-Day-2012-Booking-Form.pdf>

- **Phillip Gidley King** lunch and presentations - Launceston Tuesday 15th May
<http://www.britozeast.org.uk/launceston-booking-form.pdf>
- **Summer Jubilee Lunch** - Sunday 14th July 2012. 12:30 until 4:00 pm
The English Speaking Union Bath & District Branch has offered us a limited number of places at this special summer event which they are holding at the home of **Mary West**; Boxley Wood Barn, 66 Pickwick, Corsham SN13 0PS. This lunch will be attended by the Chairman of the ESU, Dame Mary Richardson OBE.
"The Chaser Jazz All Stars" have been booked to play during the afternoon
Cost pp £30.00 - members' bookings through Richard Pavitt
(rwpavitt@aol.com) will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis.

RECENT EVENTS

IN HONOUR OF
ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP
CITIZEN OF LONDON
FOUNDER AND FIRST GOVERNOR
OF AUSTRALIA

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Michael Savory, the Australian High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner led the congregation at the memorial service that was taken by Revd George R. Bush the Rector.

Members of the West Country Branch attended this annual event that is held at St Mary-le-Bow on 26th March. These included our Branch Patron Sir James Tidmarsh and Lady Tidmarsh as well as Richard & Kay Pavitt.

The annual Arthur Phillip Address was, this year, given by the Revd Paul Burden, Rector of Bathampton and Claverton. His presentation, related to Phillip while he lived in Bath, was outstanding and the transcript can be read on

www.stmarylebow.co.uk/sermons

Sir Roger Carrick who has written about Admiral Phillip was unable to attend the service but he has read the address and comments - "sensitive, well judged, illuminating, excellent".

This address is well worth reading.



Revd Paul Burden at St Mary-le-Bow

After the service I was able to arrange for Revd Bush to speak about Phillip in London at the annual birthday celebration at St Nicholas Bathampton on 12th October. Adam McCarthy, the Deputy High Commissioner hopes to attend and to repeat his very successful talk to the children of the local junior school that he gave in 2009. Richard Pavitt

This excellent book will be published by 26th April and will be available from:

http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss/275-1725522-0064214?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=carrick&x=18&y=20

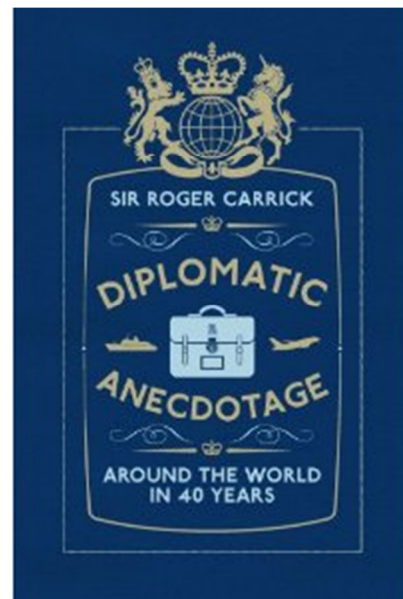
OTHER BRANCH EVENT

PORTSMOUTH BRANCH

Friday 11th May - Celebration Dinner in Portsmouth on the 225th anniversary of First Fleet sailing. Speaker Dr Jonathan King.

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

Richard Pavitt
Branch Chairman 3/4/12



Diplomatic Anecdotage: Around the World in 40 Years [Hardcover]
By: Sir Roger Carrick – President of the West Country Branch