

# THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY



## WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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**To West Country Branch Members of the Britain-Australia Society**

## **BRANCH NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014**

Dear Members,

Thank you to the members who supported and/or attended the Admiral Arthur Phillip's 200th Anniversary celebrations and memorial unveilings in July at Westminster, Bath and the New Forest.



The series of events were a great success and certainly exceeded my expectations in terms of the publicity and fund raising; the ceremony and pageantry (thanks to the Sea Cadets and RAN Midshipmen; Sir Roger for the choreography, and Lady Heath for sourcing the trumpeter); and the overall spirit of fun and friendship. We had over 200 members and guests, many from Australia, attending our various functions in Bath. The highlight was the unveiling of the memorial (an informative tribute sculpture in

bronze and stone) in Bennett St, in the gardens of the Bath City Assembly Rooms diagonally across the road from where Phillip lived. Above is a photo taken at the unveiling with the Sculptors, Education Trust Chairman Sir Christopher Benson, BAS National President Peter Benson and West Country BAS branch committee members.

I again extend my congratulations and thank you's to outgoing Chairman Richard Pavitt, outgoing Branch President Sir Roger Carrick, David Leonard, Alan Cox, Alex Kelly and all the other Branch committee and other members who worked tirelessly over the past 3 years to make the Arthur Phillip memorial in Bath (and Westminster of course), and the Education trust legacy, a reality

Details, and a full set of the photographs are on our branch web site.  
or link: **View Pictures (password: Arthur).**

We also welcome you to visit the memorial itself. As highlighted by Sir Christopher the memorials and celebrations are only the start of the ongoing Education Foundation which is continuing to raise money to create a lasting and living memorial by sponsoring bright and worthy students for higher education who in Phillip's name will enhance the exchange between Australia and Britain

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We have number of important events in the next few months and I would remind you to register as per the attached references:

### **1. Saturday 20th Sept - Chairman's Lunch at the Treasurers House in Martock**



I would like to invite members and guests to a **Chairman's Lunch at the beautiful Treasurers House in Martock on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2014**. This lunch will raise money for the Britain- Australia Society Education Trust Legacy and will allow members and guests the opportunity to visit the beautiful and historic Treasurers House, as well as to offer Sir Roger and Richard our thanks for their decade as Branch President and Chairman.

Please reply to Keith Newton - [Booking form](#)

For our Branch Committee members we have scheduled a committee meeting before the lunch. I would request committee members arrive around 11am for a short meeting to review committee memberships and positions, branch finances, and activities and plans for 2014/15.

## **2. Friday 10th October - Governor Phillip Birthday event at St Nicolas Church, Bathampton with lunch at the Guildhall in Bath**



We are pleased to announce that the Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, HE The Hon Alexander Downer will be attending our annual Governor Phillip Birthday event at St Nicholas Church, Bathampton, followed by lunch at the Guildhall, Bath.

Please reply to Richard Pavitt - [Booking form](#)

## **3. Thursday, 28th August 2014 - Black Tie Dinner at the Reform Club**

The National; President, Peter Benson has asked me to remind you of the Black Tie Dinner in the presence of HE The Hon Alexander Downer, Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. The event will be held in the exclusive surrounds of the Reform Club, Thursday, 28th August 2014

6:30pm - 10pm. Please see the national web site for booking details or contact the office to book: [office@britain-australia.org.uk](mailto:office@britain-australia.org.uk) 020-7630-1075

## **4. ANZAC Day 2015**

Also a reminder that in 2015 the Anzac Day luncheon and service at Sutton Veny in what will be the centenary year of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli. Details of these will soon be posted on the Branch web site and be in the future Branch Newsletters.

## **5. Wine Club Membership**

We are very pleased to introduce the new wine club in partnership with Tesco Wine By The Case. We have been negotiating behind the scenes to get access to a dedicated advisor, specialist advice online and a range of deals and benefits. Details will be soon available on our web site.

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Our Treasurer, Mr. Alan Cox, has also asked me to remind those who have not yet paid this year's subscriptions to please pay. Your continued support is important to us and we hope you will wish to continue be part of this exciting year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Keith Newton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith Newton

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