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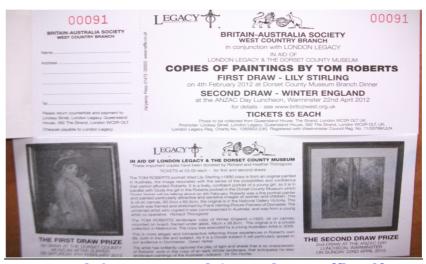
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### RAFFLE - TOM ROBERTS - RAFFLE - TOM ROBERTS - RAFFLE



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#### Message from Peter Roberts (Grandson)

"I wholeheartedly support the Tom Roberts raffle with its two thoroughly deserving beneficiaries. London Legacy as Tom served in the 1<sup>st</sup> world war and of course the Dorset County Museum in his home town of Dorchester which he visited and supported throughout his life.

The excellent prizes of the two copies of his paintings which were exhibited in 2006 to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary are fantastic and much sought after.

I will endeavour to get my nice Victoria Roberts to attend the dinner on 4<sup>th</sup> February in Dorchester" Peter Roberts, Melbourne Victoria 18/12/11

#### TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:-

London Legacy – 0207 420 8765 - www.londonlegacy.org Queensland House,392 The Strand, London WC2R 0LT

Richard Pavitt 01935 824045 rwpavitt@aol.com
The Clerk's House, Pound Lane, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6LU

The Britain Australia Society Office 0207 630 1075 Swire House, 59 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6AJ

Dorset County Museum 01305 262735 enquiries@dorsetcountymuseum.org

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## TOM ROBERTS IN DORCHESTER

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012

The **Kings Arms Hotel. Still** has some rooms available on 4th February. You may book by giving your credit card number. It will not be charged until you check out on 5<sup>th</sup> February unless you cancel after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

The Society Chairman John Allen with his wife Susie as well as our new deputy Chairman Peter Benson AO and his wife Lesley –Anne have already booked as has Professor Carl Bridge of the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies.

The Agent General for Victoria Ms Sally Capp has accepted our invitation to attend and has agreed to speak at the lunch in the Hotel on 5<sup>th</sup> February.

PLEASE DO LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS VERY INTERESTING SOCIAL EVENT See ALL DETAILS ARE ON OUR WEB SITE

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### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Branch Vice President -**

I am delighted to tell you The Rt. Hon. The Lord Goodlad KCMG PC has agreed to this appointment. Click on this link:

http://www.debretts.com/people/biographies/browse/g/18426/Alastair%20Robertson%20Goodlad+GOODLAD.aspx

**Society Deputy Chairman** – Mr Peter Benson OAM was elected at the Annual General Meeting at Australia House on 23rd November. Peter is an adviser to leading broadcasting groups in UK, Europe and Australia. In 1988 he was sent to London to be General Manager, Operations, Sky Television, London. He is a Committee member for The Order of Australia Association for UK & Europe, based London. Next year he will take over as the first Australian Chairman of the Society.

## **FAREWELL**

A reception was held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> in the Downer Room of the High Commission to say goodbye to Kerry Sanderson AO, the Agent General for Western Australia.. Kerry has been a great supporter of the West Country Branch and we are sorry to see her return to Perth after 3 years. Her successor has yet to be appointed.

## **DIARY DATES 2012**

<u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</u> - Australia Day Service, St Mary-le-Bow. The Address given by Rev. Paul Burden. Lunch at the Grocers Hall. Apply to National Director.

<u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</u> – Dorset County Museum Tom Roberts evening and Memories of convicts sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet from Dorchester Old Crown Court.

<u>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</u> - ANZAC DAY lunch at Warminster Garrison & service at Sutton Veny.

Sunday 29th April - ANZAC Day Commemorative Service Southwold. Suffolk Branch

<u>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May</u> – Celebration Dinner in Portsmouth of 225 years anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet sailing. Speaker Dr Jonathan King.

<u>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</u> – (provisional) full day programme in Launceston – birthplace of Phillip Gidley King 3<sup>rd</sup> Governor of NSW.

 $\underline{\textbf{Sunday 24}^{\text{th}}\ \textbf{June}}$  – Annual Cricket. Australian High Commissioner's XI v Sutton Veny and Heytesbury CC.

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

Richard Pavitt - Branch Chairman

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9NhL3agUaw