



THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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

31st December 2013

ALL BEST WISHES FOR 2014 TO MEMBERS & FRIENDS

PLEASE register your intent with me OR book this event as SOON as possible. Places are limited and I expect that there could be a waiting list. London guests see train/coach details on the booking form. Richard Pavitt

<http://www.britozwest.org.uk/celebration-auction-2014.pdf>

LUNCH & AUCTION IN AID OF THE MEMORIALS, HARTHAM PARK, CORSHAM

Sunday 2nd February 12 Noon

The West Country Branch of the Britain-Australia Society is now mounting a major effort to generate funds for The Society Education Trust Admiral Arthur Philip Memorial Appeal.

We have received confirmation that following plan to attend:

- Hon. Mike Rann CNZM, High Commissioner
- Mr Jeff Thomas Chairman of Hartham Park plc
- Sir Christopher Benson DL, Chairman of Trustees
- Mr Peter Benson, OAM, Society Chairman
- Mr Richard Robins, Society Deputy Chairman
- Sir Roger Carrick KCMG LVO, Branch President
- Prof. Christie Slade, Vice Chancellor Bath Spa University

The auction has been well supported and there will be some very attractive lots to sell both in a silent auction prior to the event and with more on the day.

Lots include:

- 1 week in a villa in the Virgin Gorda BVI.
- Champagne tea for 4 at The Pump Room Bath.
- 2 days dry fly fishing on the Bybrook in Wiltshire
- A flight over Fovant, Codford and Sutton Veny
 - A Celeste Sundial
 - Paintings, Pictures and Books

The full catalogue, with some additional lots will be placed on the web in January so that the Silent Auction can take early bids

DONATIONS TO THE TRUST via Virgin Giving This facility is now available, link to: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/donate/indexerSearchCharityResults.action>

and search for *Britain-Australia*

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2014

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

Sunday 2nd February – Hartham Park

Sunday 27th April, – ANZAC lunch and service, Sutton Veny.

Friday 10th October – Admiral Phillip service & lunch, Bathampton and Bath.

[Book Through Branch Web Site](http://www.britozwest.org.uk/events.asp)

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THE ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP MEMORIALS

Tuesday 8th July, London. Welcome Reception Australian High Commission, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Wednesday 9th July - Westminster Abbey – Dedication of the Stone Reserved seats *by invitation only to donors*.

Friday 11th July. Welcome Reception with the Mayor of Bath. The Bath Guildhall 6:00 – 8:00pm

Saturday 12th July. The Memorial Unveiling ceremony at the Assembly Rooms Bath, followed by afternoon tea.

Reception at Number 1 Royal Crescent 6:00 – 7:15 pm

Saturday 12th July. The Admiral Phillip Dinner, the Assembly Rooms, Bath, 8:00pm

Sunday 13th July. Optional visit to Lyndhurst with overnight stay at the Lyndhurst Park Hotel. site of Captain Phillip's New Forest Farm.

PROGRAMMES & BOOKING

[Book Through European Connoisseur Travel, Bath](http://www.ectravel.com/index.php/partnerships/britain-australia-society/admiral-arthur-phillip-rn-commemoration)

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Some visitors may wish to continue to Portsmouth.

Arrangements should be made either individually or via:

Brian Hall, Portsmouth Branch Chairman:

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We hope that Her Excellency Professor The Hon. Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, will be present both in London and Bath.

Follow link to article from Daily Telegraph, Sydney
<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/world/ken-thompsons-memorial-stone-for-sydneys-founder-admiral-arthur-phillip/story-fni0xs63-1226790224604>

Following the successes of Society events at The Reform Club, Lord's and The Garrick Club in 2013 keep a diary date for **Wednesday 12th March** for a Royal event at St James's Palace