



THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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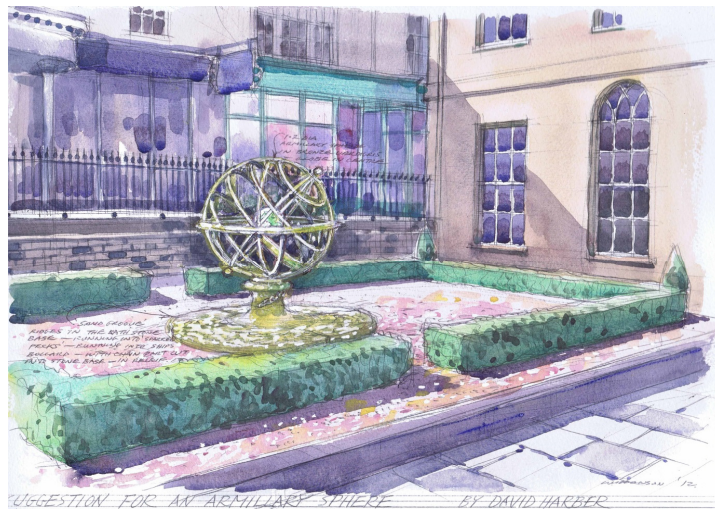
***** A VERY HAPPY EASTER *****

The West Country Branch and the Society look forward to seeing many of our members at the varied and inspirational events.

Starting with the ANZAC ceremonies in April, the South Australia presentations and reception at The Reform Club in May.

Australia play Somerset CC in Taunton in June, The Society event at the Long Room at Lords in honour of Sir Don Bradman and the SS Great Britain in late July – a pretty full programme. Not forgetting our annual Admiral Phillip Birthday Celebration in the Autumn. Full details of all these important events follow below:

ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP Royal Navy BATH TRIBUTE MEMORIAL



We are approaching an important milestone towards the unveiling of the Bath memorial in July 2014. Planning consent was applied for at the end of January and the expiry date for consultation is 18th March. So far our application has been unopposed. The target date for a decision to allow the construction of the memorial will be by 9th April.

The Education Trust will soon begin a major fundraising appeal which will reach into all corners of the UK and Australia.

The Trust Chairman, Sir Christopher Benson DL and Society Chairman Peter Benson OAM recently met and briefed out Society Patron on the Westminster Abbey, Bath and the St Nicholas Church Bathampton projects. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh showed great interest and asked to be kept informed of our progress.

The West Country Branch committee has set a target for the region of £100,000.

Plans are also in hand for a West Country welcome to the many hundreds of visitors we are expecting to attend both the Westminster Abbey stone dedication and the Bath unveiling of the Amillary Sphere that has been created by Nigel Fenwick and David Harber (www.davidharber.co.uk/) at the Bath Assembly Rooms. (See concept picture above).

The planning application is available by following the link below taking you directly to the application pages where you will be able to view the documents relating to this application. The Case Officer is Tessa Hampden.

Copy & Past Link to Planning Application - <http://bit.ly/16kiO09>

CRICKET THIS SUMMER

SOMERSET CC vs AUSTRALIA Tour Match

Taunton, Wednesday 26th June to Saturday 29th June

The Branch has arranged for a special ticket price for any of the 4 days play of £30 for 2 adult tickets valid for any one day. Bookings at this price can ONLY be made between **25th and 29th March** (inclusive) by calling:

The ticket line: 0845 337 1875 and mentioning the booking code: *ex pats 2013*.

This is a very special concession for The Society.

THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY AT LORD'S

Lord's has long been seen as the 'Home of Cricket' and the game's spiritual 'headquarters'. But its importance is not merely historical. In practice it remains, to this day, perhaps the most important single place in world cricket.

THE SIR DON BRADMAN ASHES DINNER Friday 12th July

with The South Australian Cricket Association

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LORD'S Cricket Ground Museum, The Bradman Exhibition tour 6:30 pm

7:30 to 10:30pm Black Tie Dinner

Guest Singer : Greta Bradman, opera singer granddaughter of Sir Donald.

<http://www.gretabradman.com/>

THE LONG ROOM, LORD'S CRICKET GROUND, St JOHNS WOOD NW8

<http://bit.ly/Zdb1fw>

Please email or call the Society to indicate your interest in booking this unique event.

Also see - <http://bit.ly/13Q5Rf5>

Provisional Cost £120.00 pp

Australia House Cricket Club vs the Sutton Veny & Heytesbury CC.

Sunday 23rd June

11:00 Start of Play - The Alexander Field Sutton Veny

13:15 Lunch - BBQ+ Beverages

Under Nines and Minis exhibition match

14:00 Second Innings

16:30 Approx - Teas and presentations in the Village Hall

Raffle draw - lots of prizes - Digger Bear, wines and much more

Last year Australia lost by 2 runs. The scores were Heytesbury & Sutton Veny CC 192 in 35 overs.

Australia House CC 190 in 40 overs.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

The Sutton Veny Village Hall BA12 7AP

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

Renewals for all members who joined prior to 1st October 2012 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 at 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.

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Thank you all very much indeed for your support

<http://www.britozwest.org.uk/memberapp2013.pdf>

2013 DIARY DATES

Sunday 28 th April	ANZAC REMEMBRANCE DAY
Thursday 16 th May	THE SOCIETY at The Reform Club
Sunday 23 rd June	CRICKET - SV&HCC v Australian High Commission
26 th -29 th June	CRICKET Australia v Somerset - Taunton
Friday 12 th July	THE SOCIETY at Lord's
Sunday 28 th July	SS GREAT BRITAIN, BRISTOL - FOR THE ADMIRAL PHILLIP MEMORIALS Gala Dinner and Guest Speaker - Kevin Fewster AM FRSA
Friday 11th October	ADMIRAL PHILLIP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - BATH
December	SOCIETY AGM and Carol Service

See Society Web Site for many more events this year <http://britain-australia.org.uk/>

THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY AT THE REFORM CLUB

Thursday 16th May 2013

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The Britain-Australia Society lifts the lid on a fascinating, yet generally unknown, aspect of Australian colonization - the role of London's Reform Club in South Australia's settlement. <http://www.reformclub.com/>

The Society is honoured to welcome special guest, the Hon John Bannon AO, South Australia's 39th Premier and renowned historian, who will share some fascinating tales of reformist zeal. Mr Bannon will be joined by Reform Club member, Dr Jeff Nicholas, who, over the past decade, has researched meticulously the biographies of around 60 early members of the Reform Club, all of whom were involved in the pioneering project that was South Australia's settlement. These talks will be given at The Army & Navy Club Marlborough Room prior to crossing Pall Mall to the Reception at the Reform Club. This is an occasion not to be missed, and a story best told before a glass of fine South Australia wine

The West Country Branch will be represented by several South Australian members, including Lady Heath (Margaret), Guy and Christine Cavenagh-Mainwaring (Whitmore Hall, Staffs), Professor Christina Slade and Kay Pavitt

Join us on 16th May 2013

From 5:00 pm at the Army and Navy then 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Reform Club,
104 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5EW.

Members £50.00 Guests £55.00

Booking - <http://britain-australia.org.uk/events/event/britain-australia-society-at-the-reform-club/>

SPONSORSHIP

NEW TRAVEL PARTNERSHIP

The Britain-Australia Society together with Kanoo Travel, in partnership with American Express global travel network, now offers members and friends a one-stop professional travel & tour service to Australia and worldwide!

Every booking made by members and friends will provide a financial benefit to the Society through this corporate sponsorship arrangement.

**Just Call - 08444 631252 & ask for -
Rachelle, Bernie, Joanne, Christina or Tracey**

-WEST COUNTRY BRANCH - SUMMER EVENTS -

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to join us at the following:

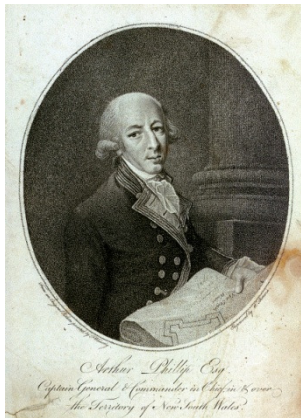
- **ANZAC Remembrance lunch** - Warminster Garrison and the service at Sutton Veny - Sunday 28th April. A short Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 11:30 before the reception and lunch at the INFANTRY OFFICERS MESS

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To save postage you are most welcome to email me (see below) that you plan to attend and to transfer your payment of £29.00 pp direct to the Branch bank account 30-90-54 a/c 04560502
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THIS ONE SHOULD NOT BE MISSED

Unique venue on the ship that carried thousands of immigrants to Australia and a guest speaker fitting to the venue Dr Kevin Fewster AM FRSA who is the Australian Director of the Royal Museums Greenwich



IN AID OF
**THE ADMIRAL
ARTHUR
PHILLIP RN
MEMORIALS APPEAL**

Members: £75.00,
Guests : £79.50
Dress - Lounge Suit

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&
THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY
EDUCATION TRUST

A CELEBRATION DINNER ON BRUNEL'S SS GREAT BRITAIN IN BRISTOL

Sunday 28th July 2013

7:00 Reception on Deck

7:30 Dinner in the First Class Dining Saloon

Guest Speaker

Dr Kevin Fewster AM FRSA

Director, Royal Museums Greenwich

R.S.V.P.
See Booking Form
rwpavitt@aol.com

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

The Bristol Harbour Festival is being held on July 26th, 27th and ending on the afternoon of 28th

Many of our guests may wish to enjoy the atmosphere and events of this festival on Saturday and Sunday. Hotel accommodation may be tight so please do book as soon as possible. By Sunday evening all will be over and the hotels will be less busy.

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To save postage you are most welcome to email me (see below) that you plan to attend and to transfer your payment of £75.00 pp direct to the Branch bank account 30-90-54 a/c 04560502 - PLEASE ensure that you identify yourself as the payee.

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