



# THE BRITAIN-AUSTRALIA SOCIETY

## WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

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## E-MAIL – NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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## A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

**The West Country Branch** has enjoyed a busy year: February, Tom Roberts in Dorchester; April, ANZAC Remembrance and AGM at Warminster and Sutton Veny; May, Gidley King lunch in Launceston; the annual High Commission Cricket match at Sutton Veny in June. The joint garden lunch with Bath ESU in July and most recently the Admiral Phillip birthday celebration in Bath.

**The Society with Portsmouth Branch** held an interesting event with Dr Jonathan King at the Royal Marine Museum in May.

**Thank you all for your support in 2012 – Richard Pavitt**

## **-FUTURE BRANCH EVENTS 2013-**

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

**AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Service and buffet lunch at Nicholas Bathampton. The Revd. George Bush will give a talk after the service about Arthur Phillip in London. Lunch will be in the Miller Room.

<http://www.britozeast.org.uk/Australia-Day-2013-Invitation-Booking.pdf>

**ANZAC Remembrance – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.** Lunch in **Infantry Mess** at the Warminster Garrison and the service at Sutton Veny –A short Branch Annual General Meeting will be held at 11:30 before the reception. See booking details on Branch Web Site. <http://www.britozeast.org.uk/Anzac-Day-2013-Booking.pdf#>

**ADMIRAL PHILLIP MEMORIAL EVENT – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July** – SS Great Britain Gala Dinner. Bristol - Speaker: Dr Kevin Fewster, Director, Royal Museums Greenwich.

**ADMIRAL PHILLIP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – St Nicholas Bathampton, Bath Guildhall. Details will follow next year.

## **LONDON**

2012

**SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** – and Christmas Reception 6:00 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Australia House

**SOCIETY CAROL SERVICE** – St Mary-le-Bow – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1:00 pm

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**THE ADMIRAL PHILLIP MEMORIAL TRUST** - Commemoration Service, St Mary-le-Bow. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March . Lunch at the Grocers Hall.

Apply to National Office: <http://britain-australia.org.uk/events/>

**AUSTRALIA TEST TEAM CRICKET FIXTURES 2013**

<http://www.cricket.com.au/news-list/2012/6/1/ashes-fixture>

# RECENT EVENTS

THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
IN HONOUR OF  
ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP  
CITIZEN OF BATH  
FOUNDER AND FIRST GOVERNOR  
OF AUSTRALIA

An exceptionally good turnout was achieved for this flagship annual event. Guests at the Bathampton Church service and the Guildhall included the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, Adam and Nicky McCarthy, as well as the Agents-General for Western Australia and Queensland.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Bath greeted guests to the Civic reception prior to lunch. After luncheon, some members and guests repaired to the Council Chamber where they witnessed an illustrated talk on Admiral Arthur Phillip and his founding of modern Australia by Branch President Sir Roger Carrick. The large audience was then treated by sculptor David Harber to an explanation with slides of the proposed memorial tribute sculpture for Bath, Phillip's retirement city.

Subject to funding, the sculpture will be a joint work by David Harber with stone artist Nigel Fenwick, whose inspiration is the stone naval bollard incorporating a naval anchor chain and rising from a stone base evoking sand and the sea's edge. Mounted on the bollard is to be an armillary sphere – the navigational instrument that would have been familiar to and used by Phillip. David Harber's accurate armillary is planned to have appropriate words engraved on the bronze of the sphere and to incorporate within it a globe showing the First Fleet track. The explanation and design of the proposed sculpture was well and warmly received by those present; and the result widely thought to be a major, most appropriate and exciting work of art.

Professor Carl Bridge, Head of the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at King's College, London, concluded the afternoon with a positive and encouraging talk about the enduring relevance of Arthur Phillip's achievement to the modern day.

Special thanks to: Sir Roger Carrick,  
David Harber and Professor Carl Bridge

See also events of the ESU and Royal Commonwealth Societies Bath on our web site

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**A VERY SPECIAL "GOODBYE"** A sorry "farewell" from the Branch to Kay Fairfax who is off to live in Sydney. Kay has been a member of this Branch Committee since before my time and has always been a keen and dedicated supporter of the Society. We will miss you & Michael very much indeed ! Kay has agreed to remain as an "ex officio" member of the West Country Committee and to be our representative in Sydney. I am delighted that Jennifer Beazley has agreed to join the West Country Committee.  
RP

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012



St Nicholas Church flies the Australian flag (PL-S)



The Mayor of Bath Councillor Andrew Furse (AC)



Deputy High Commissioner, Adam McCarthy talks to the Junior School children during the service (AC)



Audience gathers in The Bath City Council Chamber for the Phillip Memorial's presentations (PL-S)



Adam McCarthy accepts the West Country Branch Boomerang On behalf of the High Commission, (AC)



Special guest speaker - Michael Whalley (AC)

**THE REASON FOR OUR DAY [right]**

The chaplets that were placed on the ledger stone by Sir James Tidmarsh, Patron of West Country Branch and the Australian Deputy High Commissioner on behalf of Australia (AC)