

BHI WESSEX BRANCH

Spring 2016

Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH

is

BRANCH AUCTION DAY

**AT LYNDHURST: VIEWING FROM 6:30 p.m.
AUCTION STARTS AT 7:30 p.m.**

The usual splendid assortment of clock and watch tools, movements and materials; books, etc.

£2 registration fee including refreshments

I have sometimes been disappointed at the numbers on recent organised visits. However, I have arranged another afternoon in the Students' Room at the British Museum on 9th June; Oliver Cooke will guide us through some time-related instruments. Be warned that these (mostly!) do not tick – but please be receptive to learning some of the amazing craft and theory behind sundials, quadrants, navigation instruments, and more!

Meanwhile, South London Branch BHI is holding an Open Day at its workshop on April 9th. I shall be going there and I very much hope some of you will join me.

Andrew James Hon MBHI

Chairman's Chat

First things first! I feel that after over sixteen years as Chairman of Wessex Branch – and I think that's a good bit longer than any of my predecessors, and well over half the length of time the Branch has been called Wessex rather than Hampshire – it is more than high time that I stood aside. So – after saying for several years past at the AGM that I would not continue indefinitely in the post, which I fear may have fallen on some ears not too acute of hearing – I now state that **I will not stand for re-election as Chairman of the Branch at the next AGM on 7th December 2016.**

A new Chairman will, I trust, bring renewed energy and fresh ideas to running the Branch. I shall of course continue to support the Branch and my successor with whatever means are in my power; and it has been a privilege and a delight to serve the BHI and especially you, friends, the Wessex Branch members, for all this time. I was particularly touched to be given the award of Hon MBHI during 2015 as a mark of recognition of my contribution. Now, over to you – nine months should be a reasonable amount of notice; and remember what happens to a Branch if willing Officers cannot be found to stand!

I am delighted to say that this year Roger Still FBHI will be giving the Tony Gutteridge Lecture on the Scott-Cumberland Tompion. "Remarkable" is an inadequate word for this clock – which until last year was probably only known to a handful of people. Although its maker and history is not absolutely certain, and probably never will be, it is of local as well as general interest having been "found" in Lymington some 50 years ago, as an incomplete movement of great complexity. The Mostyn Tompion is quite rightly the jewel in the crown of the British Museum's collection, being a year-going striking table clock; but the Scott-Cumberland spring clock appears to exceed this achievement with the near impossibility of being not only year-going but also quarter-chiming as well as having perpetual calendar and other complications. Roger has successfully reconstructed a movement which has probably lain in the "much, MUCH, MUCH too difficult" pile under a succession of benches for more than a century!

CLOCK AND WATCH FAIRS

(All dates are Sundays)

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY (Sports Hall)	April 10 th September 11 th December 11 th	9 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Kingston Lane, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 3PN (Off A4020, M40 Exit 1, M25 Exit 16)
www.clockandwatchfairs.com		
MIDLANDS	March 13 th May 15 th July 17 th October 30 th	9 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. National Motorcycle Museum. (M42 Exit 6 at A45 junction, Solihull)
www.clockandwatchfairs.com		
TAUNTON	March 20 th November 6 th	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Holiday Inn, near M5 junction 25 Deane Gate Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2UA
www.westcountryclockfairs.co.uk		

The Branch Library (RS)

At its last meeting, your Committee decided it would be a good idea to send all members a list of the books held in the Branch library as a reminder. I have therefore included the list as part of this newsletter. It is a very comprehensive collection – not only classics such as George Daniels's "The Art of Breguet" but also a number of recent publications such as "Thomas Tompion – 300 Years" and James Nye's history of Smiths – and some books which are not easy to obtain.

All these titles are available for branch members to borrow free of charge. Please speak to our librarian Keith Higgins (at a branch meeting or by email to keithhiggins@btinternet.com) if you would like to do so.

Remember –

Newsletter Contributions welcomed!

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160 Years Of Seth Thomas Clocks	Bailey, C H
A Guide To Turret Clock Research	McKay, Chris
A Long Time In Making: The History Of Smiths	Nye, James
Accurate Clock Pendulums	Matthys, Robert J.
Antiquarian Horology Volume 1	AHS
Antiquarian Horology Volume 2	AHS
Antique American Clocks And Watches	Thomson, R
Antique Clocks & Clock Collecting	Bruton, Eric
Antique Watch Restoration	Perkins, Archie B.
Antiques & Their Values – Clocks & Watches 1981	Curtis, T
B.H.I. Conservation Of Clocks & Watches	Wills, Peter B
Barometers (Aneroid Barometers And Their Restoration)	Collins, P R
Bench Practices For Watch And Clock Makers	Fried, Henry B
Brass Dial Clocks	Loomes, Brian
Carriage Clocks History & Development	Allix, Charles and Bonnert, Peter
Clock And Watch Escapements	Gazeley, W J
Clock And Watch Making Today Exhibition 1987	Clockmakers, Worshipful Company Of
Clock Cleaning & Repairing	Jones, Bernard E
Clock Jobber's Handbook	Hasluck, P N
Clockmaker's Guide	Harlow
Clocks	Fleet, Simon
Clocks	Jagger, Cedric
Clocks & Clockmakers Of Salisbury	Snell, Michael
Clocks & Watches – Clockmakers' Company	Clutton, Cecil; Daniels, George
Clocks And Watches	Belmont
Clocks And Watches	Ullyett, Kenneth
Clocks And Watches 1400–1900	Bruton, Eric
Clocks And Watchmakers Of Tiverton	Ponsford, C N; Scott, J G M; Authers, W P
Clocks In The British Museum	Tait, Hugh
Clockwork Of The Heavens	Asprey
Collector's Collection	Clutton, Cecil
Collectors Pieces, Clocks & Watches	Science Museum
Correspondence Course – 3 Vols Preliminary/Intermediate/Final	BHI
Country Clocks And Their London Origins	Loomes, Brian
Country Life International Dictionary Of Clocks	Smith, Alan
Directory Of Hampshire Clockmakers	Norgate, Martin
Dorset Clocks & Clockmakers	Tribe, Tom; Whatmoor, Philip
Electric Clocks	Wise, S J
English 30 Hour Clocks	Darken, Jeff; Hooper, John
English Barometers 1690–1860	Goodison, Nicholas
English Church Clocks 1280–1850	Beeson, C.F.C.
English Clocks For The Eastern Markets	White, Ian
English Country Grandfather Clocks	Barder, R C R
English Dial Clocks	Rose, Ronald
English Domestic Clocks	Cescinsky, Herbert; Webster, M R
English House Clocks	Bird, Anthony
English Lantern Clocks	Hana, W.F.J.
The English Watch: 1585–1970 A Unique Alliance Of Art, Design And Inventive Genius	Camerer Cuss, Terence
European Clocks	Tyler, Eric
European Pendulum Clocks	Heuer

French Clocks, Clocks The World Over (Part3)	Tardy
Gears For Small Mechanisms	Davis, W O
Guide To The Museum Of The Worshipful Company Of Clockmakers	Baillie, G H
Harrison	Betts, Jonathan
Horological Hints And Helps	Britten, F W
Horology In Provincial And Rural Museums	Stevens, John; Aked, Charles
In Quest Of Clocks	Ullyett, Kenneth
Investing In Clocks & Watches	Cumhaill, P W
It's About Time	Chamberlain, Paul
Jens Olsen's World Clock	City Hall Of Copenhagen
Jeweled Bearings	Higginbotham, Charles
John Harrison And His Timekeepers	Gould, Rupert T
John Harrison Copley Medallist	Quill, Humphrey
Lantern Clocks And Their Makers	Loomes, Brian
Lathe Accessories, How To Use Them.	Westbury, E T
The Longcase Clock Reference Book	Robey, John A.
Longcase Painted Dials	Tennant, Mary Frances
Longitude	Sobel, Dava
Looking After Your Antique Clock	Rose, Ronald
Lyle Official Antiques Review 1979	Rutherford, Margot
Metamec, The Clockmaker, Dereham	Bird, Clifford
Oddities	Gould, Rupert T
Old Clocks And Watches And Their Makers (9th Ed)	Britten, F J
Painted Dial Clocks	Loomes, Brian
Paul Philip Barraud With Supplement	Jagger, Cedric
Perpignan 1356	Beeson, C.F.C.
Pocket Watches	Meis, Reinhard
Practical Clock Repairing	De Carle, Donald
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The Quest For Longitude	Andrewes, William J. H
Railway Clocks	Lyman, Ian
Repairing Quartz Watches	Fried, Henry B
Repairing Watch Cases	Schwanatus, W. (Fenimore)
Restoring Musical Clocks & Boxes	Ord-Hume, Arthur W J G
Royal Clocks	Jagger, Cedric
Samuel Roberts – Clockmaker	Pryce, W; Davies, T. Alun
Saunier's Treatise On Modern Horology	Saunier, Claudius (Foyles 1952)
Sharpening Small Tools	Bradley, Ian
Skeleton Clocks	Royer-Collard, F B
Sketch Of The Clockmaking Business 1792–1892	Camp, Hiram
Smiths Domestic Clocks : A Guide To Their History And Identification	Smith, Barrie
Smiths Watches	Smith, Barrie
Somerset Clockmakers	Bellchambers, J K
Stands The Church Clock	McKay, Chris
Sundials	Daniel, Christopher StJ H
Sundials	Mayall and Mayall
Sundials: Their Theory And Construction	Waugh, Albert E
Survey Of Turret Clocks In The Salisbury Area	Wiltshire (S.) Industrial Archaeological Soc.
Swatch Catalogue 1992	
The Art Of Breguet	Daniels, George
The Art Of The Gold Chaser In Eighteenth-Century London	Edgcumbe, Richard

The Bracket Clock	Roberts, Deryck
The Chain Makers	White, Allen
The Chronograph	Humbert, B.
The Clockmakers Of Sussex	Tyler, E J
The Clocks And Watches Of Captain James Cook	Howse, Derek; Hutchinson, Beresford
The Country Life Book Of Watches	Camerer Cuss, T P
The Craft Of The Clockmaker	Tyler, E J
The Deacon Family Of Leicestershire Clockmakers	Hewitt, Patrick A
The First Twelve Years Of The English Pendulum Clock	Lee, Ronald A
The French Marble Clock	Thorpe, Nicholas
The Golden Age Of English Horology	Garnier, Richard; Carter, Jonathon
The Grandfather Clock	Edwardes, Ernest L
The Greenwich Meridian	Ordnance Survey
The Horolovar 400 Day Clock Repair Guide (5th Ed)	Terwilliger, Charles
The Horolovar 400 Day Clock Repair Guide (8th Ed)	Terwilliger, Charles
The Inside Story Of The Swiss Watch	Swiss Watch Chamber Of Commerce
The Lost Science Of John "Longitude" Harrison	Laycock, Wiliam S
The Pocket Watch Handbook	Cutmore, M
The Price Guide To Clocks 1840–1940	Shenton, Alan
The Science Of Clocks & Watches	Rawlings, A L
The Tompion Clocks At Greenwich And The Dead-Beat Escapement	Howse, Derek
The Watch Collection Of Stanley H. Burton	Burton, Stanley H
The Watch Escapement	Fried, Henry B
The Watch Repairer's Instructor	Britten, F W
The Watch Repairer's Manual	Fried, Henry B
The Watchmaker's Lathe	De Carle, Donald
The Wells Cathedral Clock	Howgrave-Graham, R P
The Worlds Great Clocks & Watches	Jagger, Cedric
The Theory Of Horology	Reymondin, Charles-Andre
Thomas Tompion – 300 Years	Evans, Jeremy
Time Measurement – Catalogue Of The Science Museum	Ward, F A B
Turret Clock Keepers Handbook	McKay, Chris
Twelve Faces Of Time	Doerr, Elizabeth
Viennese Clockmakers And What They Left Us	Claterbos, F H Van Weijdom
Viennese Timepieces	Kaltenbock, F
Watch & Clockmakers Handbook Dictionary & Guide	Britten, F J
Watch And Clock Encyclopedia	De Carle, Donald
Watch And Clock Making And Repairing	Gazeley, W J
Watch Case Makers Of England	Priestley, Philip
Watch Repairing	Player, J W
Watch Repairing And Adjusting	Randell, W
Watches	Thompson, David
Watches (Ashmolean Hanbook Series)	Thompson, David
Watchmakers And Clockmakers Of The World Vol 1	Baillie, G H
Watchmakers And Clockmakers Of The World Vol 2	Loomes, Brian
Watchmaking	Daniels, George
Watchmaking In Llangollen	Bacon, D H
With The Watchmaker At The Bench	De Carle, Donald
Wooden Clock Cases	Bryant, D