

Chairman's Message

Our 2019 could be, as the Queen described hers, very well characterised as 'bumpy'. Our single auction this year in October was a success, with another record turnover, enabling us to continue to provide quality speakers and good hospitality, which we hope will inform and entertain you. In October we were all saddened by the untimely death of our President, Andrew James, but his legacy continues in the strength of the Branch. You will notice that the June meeting has been renamed in his honour, although we are not forgetting our other departed Chairmen and Presidents.

This year's programme is again an eclectic mix, including the talk by David Rooney in June for the Andrew James Lecture.

Please note that the auction has been scheduled in May this year, which we hope will benefit from lighter evenings and better weather than a March date.

With best wishes for the year ahead from all of the committee,

Graham Morse

Branch Committee

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Chairman Graham Morse ‡ (Assoc.)

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Librarian Keith Higgins

‡ Also auction coordinators: please contact one of us in good time if you wish to enter lots.

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Meetings are free to all BHI members.

Members of other Branches and occasional guests are most welcome (£5 donation required from non-members).

Easy, free parking right next to the venue.

Time for a chat and free tea, coffee and biscuits before and after lectures.

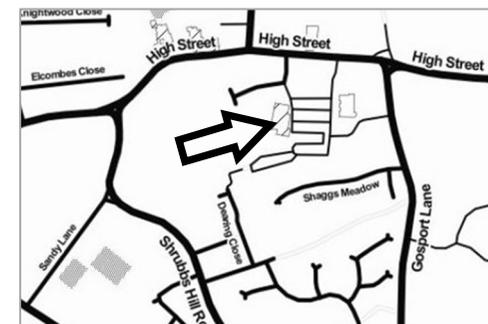
Free loan library of well over 100 horological titles, many being scarce or hard to obtain.

Informal technical advice available from experienced members.

The BHI Wessex Branch aims to cater for all who enjoy horology in its many aspects, from turret clocks to wrist watches. This is the reason for our existence.

Where and When We Meet

Lyndhurst Community Centre, next to the central car park, off the High Street, SO43 7NY, on the first Wednesday of the month. Meet at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.



Meetings Programme for 2020/21

Gather for tea, coffee and conversation from 7.00 pm with the formal meeting starting at 7.30 pm.

February 5th Skills Evening **Branch Members**
Members demonstrate clock and watch servicing, repair and restoration techniques, live and on video.

March 4th Building a month-going regulator **David Shires**
David trained as a scientific instrument maker, prior to a career largely in double glazing, but has constructed all the significant elements for several impressive timepieces from scratch, including the design and construction of jewel assemblies and cases, in his modest workroom.

April 1st Henry Ward of Blandford **Ron Macrae**
Ron, who is a long-time member of this Branch as well as the Dorset Clocks Society, has a special interest in the clockmakers of Dorset. Henry Ward was a talented and inventive engineer and clockmaker. He was born in 1776 and died in 1815, dates of some wider historical significance, and his short lifespan covered a period of great change.

May 6th Branch Auction* **Wessex Branch**
Doors open for viewing from 6.30 pm and for receipt of vendors' lots from 4.30 pm on the day.

June 3rd THE 1st ANDREW JAMES LECTURE
The Politics of Precision: Standard Time and Violent Protest, 1884-1914
Dr. David Rooney
Dr. David Rooney is a writer, curator and speaker specialising in the history of time, cities, technology and engineering. Before he went freelance in 2018, David was Keeper of Technologies & Engineering at the Science Museum, London, and has also been Curator of Timekeeping at the Royal Observatory Greenwich. His museum career began in 1995 on the Science Museum's trainee scheme. David helps run the Antiquarian Horological Society and chairs its Electrical Horology Group. He is a Liveryman and Past Steward of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and sits on the management committee of the Clockmakers' Museum.
(A buffet and wine will be provided).

September 2nd Aynsworth Thwaites **Keith Scobie-Youngs FBHI**
Keith is the director of the Cumbria Clock Company in Dacre, near Penrith. He will examine the life, clocks and remarkable career of this maker, (1719-1794), whose son John formed a partnership in 1815 with G.J. Reed which later became the famous firm of Thwaites & Reed.

October 7th James Ritchie of Edinburgh **Prof. Eddy Odell**
As well as being a professor of Oral Pathology at Kings College London, Eddy is an active member of the Electrical Horology Group of the AHS.

November 4th W.H. Bailey & Co of Salford **Chris McKay FBHI**
Roberts of Manchester was a company that made all types of machinery. In 1839 works manager John Bailey left to start his own company, making anything of cast iron; valves, boiler fittings, gauges, pumps, steam engines etc. He also supplied many special clocks for industrial use. Chris outlines the company's history and illustrates it using catalogue pages from the 1880s, majoring on the clocks. Bailey's catalogues, clocks and other products travelled throughout the British Empire and around the world.

December 2nd Annual General Meeting **Branch Members**
Followed by 'Bring & Show' and Christmas Fare

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* The BHI Wessex Branch auctions are an ideal, cost-effective way to realise the value of those watches, clocks, tools, equipment, materials or books which you no longer need, or are wondering how to dispose of.

Unlike the majority of auctions today, commission of only £2 per lot plus 5% of the hammer price is paid by the vendor and no premium by the buyer. Buyers just pay £2 registration fee which includes tea, coffee, biscuits, (and an entertaining evening).

Vendors describe and label their own lots and bring them - early to allow setting out - on the night, and receive prompt payment for their sold lots the same evening. If you need information or advice on submitting or assembling lots, please contact Ken Lee or Graham Morse.

Members of the BHI are welcome as visitors to the Dorset Clocks Society.
See online at: <http://www.turretclock.force9.co.uk/dorset.html>