

## BRANCH COMMITTEE

*The office of President is currently vacant.*

Chairman	Graham Morse ‡ (Assoc)
Vice-Chairman	Scott Jeffery MBHI
Secretary	Richard Steedman (Assoc)
Treasurer	Alan Davis (Assoc)
Membership Secretary	Ken Lee ‡ Hon MBHI
	Peter George MBHI
	Andrew James Hon MBHI
Librarian	Keith Higgins

‡ *Auction Co-ordinators*

### Recent additions to the Library include:

Foulkes	<i>Patek Philippe: The Authorized Biography</i>
Perkins	<i>The Modern Watchmaker's Lathe &amp; How To Use it</i>
Radage	<i>Charles Gretton: Clock and Watchmaking: Through the Golden Age</i>
Roberts	<i>Precision Pendulum Clocks (Vols 1-3)</i>

*Books may be borrowed by Branch Members.*

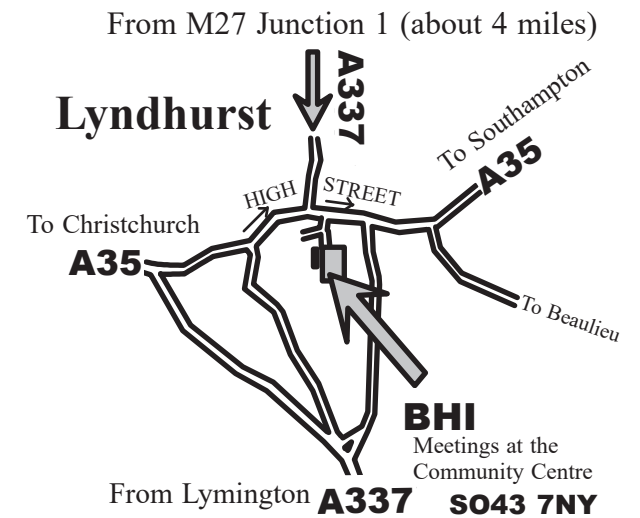
The first two meetings already planned for 2019 are printed here to improve continuity and allow us to send this leaflet out in the New Year if necessary.

## WESSEX BRANCH MEETINGS PROGRAMME 2018

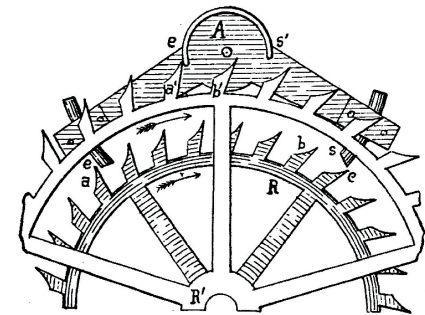
Gather for coffee and conversation from 7:00 p.m.  
with the formal meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.  
(For the Auctions, doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

At **LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
and on the first **WEDNESDAY** of the month

<b>February 7</b>	Branch Members <i>Skills Evening – practical demonstrations</i>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>BRANCH AUCTION</b>
<b>April 4</b>	Chris McKay FBHI <i>The Great Salisbury Clock Trial</i>
<b>May 2</b>	Christian Dannemann <i>From Watch Enthusiast to Commercial Watchmaker</i>
	<b>THE EIGHTEENTH TONY GUTTERIDGE LECTURE</b>
<b>June 6</b>	Ron Rose FBHI <i>Thomas Cole - His Business and Family Influences</i> <i>A buffet and wine will be provided</i>
<b>September 5</b>	Graham Morse <i>Restoration of 18th Century Pocket Watches</i>
<b>October 3</b>	<b>BRANCH AUCTION</b>
<b>November 7</b>	Roger Stevenson FBHI <i>The Derek Pratt Frodsham H4 Watch</i>
<b>December 5</b>	Annual General Meeting <i>'Bring and Show', Quiz, and Christmas Fare</i>
	— 2019 —
<b>February 6 2019</b>	Branch Members <i>Skills Evening – practical demonstrations</i>
<b>March 6 2019</b>	<b>BRANCH AUCTION</b>



- *Meetings are free to BHI members*
- *There is easy, free, adjacent parking at our venue*
- *Free tea, coffee and biscuits!*
- *Time for a chat before and after lectures*
- *Access to Register of Services for specialist jobs*
- *Free loan library of well over 100 horological titles – many being scarce, expensive or hard to obtain*
- *Buy, sell, or exchange tools and equipment etc.*
- *Members of other Branches, and occasional guests, are most welcome! (£5 Donation required from non-members.)*



## Chairman's Message

The passage of time, it would seem for most people, is experienced very subjectively, and even though we as horologists may be thought to take a more pragmatic view of it, I know that my perception of it is one of increasing acceleration with each year that passes.

At the time of last year's message I had just taken on the role of chairman and was looking forward to the year's activities. Now at the beginning of the New Year I trust that the Branch will continue to flourish and will fulfil our members' expectations

The interests of our membership are very wide and eclectic, but what surely connects us all is a common fascination with a subject which encompasses in varying proportions craft skills, technology, science, art, design, history and sociology, to name only a few. We all vary in our approaches and tastes, and I hope we all find something to appreciate in the activities of our Branch, not least in the sociable and friendly atmosphere of our meetings. Any attempt to assign relative merits to the study of say, Timex watches, Smiths mantel clocks, or Josiah Emery's lever watches, is I believe a pointless exercise; they all have their place in the history of our subject, and all present opportunities for research and learning.

We have endeavoured to cater for a wide range of interests again in the 2018 programme of speakers and activities, covering ancient and modern, clocks and watches, with the two anchor points of our auctions in March and October which I know you will support.

With best wishes for 2018 from all of the committee,

*Graham Morse*

## Information

### Phases of the Moon for 2018

New Moon	First quarter	Full Moon	Last quarter
<b>In 2018:</b>			
	2 Jan	02:24	8 Jan 22:25
17 Jan 02:17	24 Jan 22:20	31 Jan t13:27	7 Feb 15:54
15 Feb P21:05	23 Feb 08:09	2 Mar 00:51	9 Mar 11:20
17 Mar 13:12	24 Mar 15:35	31 Mar 12:37	8 Apr 07:18
16 Apr 01:57	22 Apr 21:46	30 Apr 00:58	8 May 02:09
15 May 11:48	22 May 03:49	29 May 14:20	6 Jun 18:32
13 Jun 19:43	20 Jun 10:51	28 Jun 04:53	6 Jul 07:51
13 Jul P02:48	19 Jul 19:52	27 Jul t20:21	4 Aug 18:18
11 Aug P09:58	18 Aug 07:49	26 Aug 11:56	3 Sep 02:37
9 Sep 18:01	16 Sep 23:15	25 Sep 02:53	2 Oct 09:45
9 Oct 03:47	16 Oct 18:02	24 Oct 16:45	31 Oct 16:40
7 Nov 16:02	15 Nov 14:54	23 Nov 05:39	30 Nov 00:19
7 Dec 07:20	15 Dec 11:49	22 Dec 17:49	29 Dec 09:34

Eclipses: T/P/A – total/partial/annular solar; All times GMT  
t/p/u – total/partial/penumbral lunar

#### In 2019:

6 Jan P01:28	14 Jan 06:46	21 Jan t05:16	27 Jan 21:11
4 Feb 21:04	12 Feb 22:26	19 Feb 15:53	26 Feb 11:28

### The Branch Auctions – some reminders:

Twice yearly, **March and October**, at **Lyndhurst**.  
6:30 p.m. viewing for 7:30 p.m. start; usually 250+ lots.  
Commission is payable by the seller, not the buyer:  
£2 per lot *plus* 5% of the sale price.  
Buyers – pay a £2 registration fee; no buyer's premium.  
Includes refreshments!  
Sellers describe and label their own lots and bring them  
– early, to allow time for setting out – on the night.  
Clocks and watches, materials, tools, equipment, books...  
Contact Ken Lee (01962 861110) for your lot numbers  
**several months before** the auction – **don't** leave it too  
late and miss your chance!

**Please support the Auctions** – so that we can all benefit  
– from fair prices for sellers and good bargains for buyers  
– and from the remarkably modest commission that keeps  
the Branch's finances healthy.

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