



THE SOCIETY OF DORSET MEN

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hello everyone, my name is John Neimer and I have been appointed to succeed the late, lamented Michel Hooper Immins as the editor of the Society's newsletter.

I am not a born Dorset man but, having lived in the county for over fifty years and having made some contribution to its affairs, I feel that I am able to take the seat of newsletter editor without a blush.



Apart from my residential qualification I have always felt privileged to live in such a beautiful place with its huge variations in scenery and fascinating history and I have taken every opportunity to explore it and to get to know its citizens. So that although I 'baint be one o' we' I feel that I have earned my residential wings!

Any contributions will be welcome; send to john@jandpneimer.plus.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Lt. Col. Christopher Braitwaite,
Milton on Stour: Bruce Briant,
Motcombe: Brigadier N Cocking,
Sturminster Newton: Richard
Hawker, Milborne St. Andrew: John
Heenan, Motcombe: Julian Keevil,
Virginia USA: David Taylor,
Dorchester: Tony Wormold,
Dorchester.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 27th October 2018
COUNTY DINNER

At the George Albert Hotel, Wardon
Hill, Evershot Nr. Dorchester Dorset
DT2 9PW

Speaker: The Rt.Hon Michael Gove
MP

ALSO

Sunday 2nd December 2018 XMAS
LUNCH & CAROLS
At the Crown Hotel, Blandford

See below for booking details

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Michael Gove was first elected MP in May 2005, he took a prominent role in the successful campaign to leave the European Union, as Co-Convenor of the Vote Leave campaign committee. After leaving government in July 2016, Michael helped found Change Britain and served as Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Exiting the European Union. He also returned to *The Times* to write a weekly column. Following the 2017 General Election, Michael was appointed as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR) _ 2018

1. The Society of Dorset Men collects data from members on joining the Society. This form includes permission from the member to store this information on a computer.
2. The purpose of this information is to enable the Society to contact members by surface mail, e-mail or telephone. Such contact will be to facilitate the running of the Society and to keep members informed of the business and activities of the Society.
3. This information will only be accessible by the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Membership Secretary and will not be shared with any other committee member or member of the Society.
4. This information will be shared with Mailing Service Providers as necessary to distribute to members information regarding the Society and in particular Newsletters and the Dorset Year Book. These Service Providers will be contracted not to share this information with any other person and to use it only for the purpose intended.
5. A member may request to see the information that is held about him and may withdraw his permission for that information to be held at any time.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Greetins to 'ee all. Yer, I be zorry most o"ee werden 'entrested in visiten they gardens down Abborsbury I 'ad t' cancel cos' only twenty six o' 'ee got back to I Twere too late ver I t' git summat else fer our zummer do. These be zuch a viniky lot I tell 'ee.

Zo tis all bin a bit 'quiet drew t zummer an' now I 'ull 'ave t' bide quiet 'till thick County Dinner wher' I 'ope to zid plenty o' 'ee in yer best bib an' tucker! We'm got zomebody be us speaker vrom Parleyment it be thick Michel Gove veller, 'Spect 'im will 'ave zummat to zay 'bout what's bin kippen 'em all busy zince us voted t' leave an' caused such a ruction. Zum o' thee might a' zid thick dineyzor in Darzet County Muzeum and 'eard they be 'avin a gert big eztenzion - zo we be goin' to gie Doctor Murden (Director) 'cos 'en be behind it all, one a' our Darzet Awards at t' dinner. We reckon 'een 'ave earned it 'cos o' all t' werk ee've put in ver Darzet.

Our Chairman be still tryin' to vind zomeone t' vill my zhoes zo if ee' knowed o' zomeone gi 'im a call 'cos we'm startin' t' git in a bit o' a dathcr.

Peter Lush be doin' a vair ole job wi' they yer books en 'ave vinishcd the fust world war an' tis all bin zet up vor 'ee on yer 'puter. ('Ow did us manage vore us 'ad all yer vancy technology').

Carse zince I last writ a bit vor 'ee all, poor wold Michel be sadly past on zo us 'ave ad t' git zomeone to 'ave a goo a' this yer Newsletter. Well as it zo 'appens a vine veller named John Neimer 'ave cum vorward an' 'ee be our new Editor an' zo we d' gid 'ee a gert big Darzet welcum ver takin' en on. Speakin' about Darzet maekes I 'ave t' zay 'ow roamen drew the County this zummer an' zpecially up be Came Down- these t' know tis where tries t'"it a golf ball -it be wunnervul t'zee Darzet lookin' its, very best all lovely an' be a part on it. We'm zo lucky t' live down yer I reckon.

Now just to finish off - Two people were in the bar discussing at some length the pros and cons of staying in Europe but not be out done and wanting to be part of the discussion George said "Ah, that as maybe but I tell 'ee zummat else. Zum o' yer 'ave got mar to worry about 'cos 'em 'ave got tbeir early tatties showin an' if we d' git a vrost t'night they's bedder look out. nar mind us worrying 'bout they volk over tother zide"!

Thy true vriend an' zarvent
Hayne Russell
Hon Sec

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MEMBERS

The Membership Secretary has recently mailed members for whom he awaits membership update details and those concerned are asked to respond as soon as possible. Peter is particularly anxious to have email addresses for as many of you as possible. The Society, in common with many other organisations, realises that the future distribution of information such as this Newsletter is greatly facilitated by such a medium and affords considerable savings on costs.

2019 DORSET YEAR BOOK

Editor Selwyn Williams is already working on the 2019 Dorset Year Book. He needs poems, stories about Dorset, Dorset men or women, its history, landscape, flora and fauna plus the odd fictional story. Articles should be e-mailed in Word, pdf or rtf file format—but if on paper, in a larger font so that it can be scanned in. Photographs need to be in as high a resolution as possible. The deadline is preferably 1st September but we can add the occasional article up to 1st October.

AN URGENT PLEA FROM YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AGAIN!

Despite my plea in the last Newsletter concerning the retirement of our Hon Secretary at the next AGM (April 2019) no one has come forward to take on this very important position in the Society. Without a Secretary we would find ourselves in a serious situation with the likelihood of not being able to function. There has to be someone in a Society of over 1000 members who could take on this role! There is an Honorarium paid to the Hon Secretary. So please contact me, Stuart Adam either by telephone [01823 432076](tel:01823432076) or e.mail stu.adam@outlook.com if you are interested or know of someone who might.

THE COUNTY DINNER

The County Dinner will be held on Saturday 27th October 2018 at the George Albert Hotel, Warden Hill, Evershot DT2 9PW. 6-45P.M. for 7-15P.M. Cost will be £45. Dress code will be black tie or dark suit for men and evening dress – long or short for ladies. Our speaker will be Michael GOVE MP. Wine can be pre – ordered and will be cheaper than on the night. Please complete the enclosed pro-forma and send together with your cheque **DIRECT** to the hotel. All 39 rooms at the hotel are available to us and price for double bed and breakfast will be the same as last year £80. You must make your booking direct with the hotel by telephoning 01935 483430 and mention the “Society of Dorset Men County Dinner” On line bookings will not give you the reduced rate. Members, wives, partners and guests are all welcome and you can apply by completing the enclosed pro-forma and returning it to the Hon Secretary.

SOCIETY OF DORSET MEN

Dinner at the George Albert Hotel 27th October 2018

Starter: Tomato and Buffalo mozzarella salad served with rocket, basil and croutons (V) **OR** Poached and Smoked Salmon Terrine served with a Cucumber salad, Horseradish Cream & a Lemon Dressing

Main: Pan Fried Medallion of Beef served with Red Wine Sauce, Potato Gratin, Mushrooms, Baby Onions, Savoy Cabbage and Smokey Bacon. **OR** Roast Vegetable Pithivier served with a Tomato and Red Pepper sauce, New Potatoes, Tomato Confit and Baby Basil (V)

Cheese: Dorset Blue Vinny served with Local Watercress and a Selection of Biscuits including Dorset Knobs

Dessert: Lemon Posset, Pineapple Pavlova, Mascarpone and White Chocolate Cheesecake. **OR** Milk Chocolate and Mint Sorbet served with Poached Pear Confectioners Cream and a Chocolate Sauce

Tea and Coffee

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WITH CAROLS

The Sealy Suite, Crown Hotel, Blandford Forum DT11 7AJ Sunday 2nd December 1215 pm for 1245 pm Cost £25

Starter - Lentil, Fennel & Citrus Salad with Rocket, Watercress, Mint & St Clements dressing (V) **OR** Ham Hock & pickled Carrot Terrine, caramelised red onion chutney and Melba toasts.

Main - Roast British Turkey, homemade stuffing, pigs in blankets, beef dripping roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, honey roast parsnips and roast gravy. **OR** Stone Bass with crispy prosciutto, creamy Dauphinoise potatoes and a caper & tomato dressing **OR** Nut Roast Wellington with Dauphinoise potatoes, honey roasted parsnips and tomato and basil sauce (V)

Dessert – Xmas Pudding served with dairy custard and brandy butter **OR** Gluten free Lemon Tart with raspberry coulis **OR** Cheese board

Tea and Coffee.

To book for one or both of these events complete and send the enclosed form and your cheque—Payable to ‘The Society of Dorset Men’ to The Hon Secretary, Hayne Russell at 34, Brunel Drive, Preston, Weymouth, DT3 6NX

Email: hrussell@gotadsl.co.uk to telephone 01305 833700



On the 14th April the Society held its one hundred and fourth Annual General meeting at the Castleman Hotel, Chettle. The first Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 2nd December 1904 when the first committee was appointed and at that time had 150 members, today membership stands at 1060. Mr. Swinburne-Hanham became the first Chairman, retaining this position until his death in 1935. Sir Frederick Treves, Bart., G.C.V.O., C.B., L.L.D., an eminent surgeon became the first President; he having already achieved some notoriety by stopping the coronation of Edward VII at two days' notice by insisting the King must be operated on for appendicitis.



The Society of Dorset Men – Hambro Cup, 4th July 2018

For the eightieth year since its induction in 1938, Came Down Golf Club was again the venue for the competition. When the scores were checked, of the twenty players thirteen were within six shots. The winner, four shots clear of second place, was Angus McIntyre with a magnificent forty points. David Beaton was second and Peter Fry took third place by a count back on the last six holes.

Prizes were presented by our Secretary Hayne Russell, prizes for nearest the pins could not be presented as the club had not put out the necessary markers so the prizes were decided by drawing cards from the remaining competitors.

The Cup will be presented to the winner by the President at the Society's Annual Dinner in October.

In 2019 the competition will be held on 3th July at Came Down Golf Club. Please contact John Rousell; 54, Celtic Crescent, Dorchester DT1 2TA, Phone: 01305 266461 or email: john@celtic54.plus.com



Blessing of our founders tombs Sir Frederick Treves and William Watkins May 2018 Dorchester



At the county dinner the Society will present Dr Jon Murden, director of the county museum with the County Award for his outstanding work at the County Museum.

In 2009, Jon became Director of Dorset County Museum. A complete re-organisation, strict expenditure control and generating new income streams was necessary and since that time, the Museum has become financially sustainable. His involvement in the establishment of strategic partnerships has improved the museum's reputation, exhibitions and access to grant funding. The museum's ambitious development programme was launched under his leadership in 2013