

The George Daniels Dinner

Now that you have just bought that 2023 diary it's time to enter the details for the 2023 George Daniels Dinner.

Date: Mon 27th March 2023- Time 18:30 for 19:00 ending at 23:00

Place: **Addington Palace Golf Club,**

Gravel Hill,

Croydon,

Surrey, CR0 5BB

Booking forms will be sent out soon.

Branch Auction 10th November 2022

This years auction was a great success (although we ran over time) with 106 lots grossing £2600.00p This raised valuable funds for the branch and the workshop. We also disposed of the last few items from John Hatt.

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Meetings are held on the 1st/2nd Thursday of each month

At The White Hart Barn (Godstone Village Hall)

Godstone Surrey RH9 8DU at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m.

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"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph."
SHIRLEY TEMPLE



**NEXT MEETING
8th DECEMBER**

The George Daniels Memorial Lecture

'Creating a slow tourbillion-why it's worth the effort'.

David Cottrell

For this year's South London Branch "George Daniels Memorial Lecture" we are delighted to welcome a modest watchmaker from Somerset "**David Cottrell.**"



David's interests started Christmas 2013 when his wife gave him a copy of watchmaking by George Daniels. This led to his decision that it would be a challenge for him to make a functioning Daniel's tourbillion. David's background is from toolmaking, and he had no experience of horology until that point. He commenced with the very basic equipment and started to manufacture parts.

The limitations of accuracy and rigidity was one of the first challenges that he had to overcome which led to him purchasing superior equipment, such was the difficulty David accepted that there would be an

extreme learning curve to overcome. After four years of problem-solving trial and error a functioning movement was produced. The hardest part being the Co-Axial escapement.

Zoom instructions to follow

2023 MEETINGS

As from the 5th January meetings will revert to the **first Thursday** of the month, at the White Hart Barn, with the exception of the **4th May** this meeting will be held at Soper Hall (details nearer the date).

2023 Programme

Next years programme is now complete and I hope to send this out with the next newsletter.

2023 MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again please complete the enclosed form and return to me or pay at the meeting. To keep costs down we encourage members with email to take the "**email**" option.

MAURICEFAGG, Hon. F.B.H.I.

I first met Maurice in 1992 when I started to attend the South London Branch B.H.I. meetings.

Then some years later I started attending the Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (S.M.E.E.) lectures, where Maurice was a Member of the Committee.

Maurice was well respected by both organisations.

Maurice served his apprenticeship to watch and clock repairing and jewellery, then for National Service he was drafted into the Royal Air Force, as an instrument technician.

On leaving the R.A.F. he returned to watch repairing and jewellery, working for a number of leading companies, such as 'Garrard'.

He made a number of videos, three of which are: 'What happens when you take your watch to the jewellers', 'Re-pivoting a broken or badly worn pivot' and 'Turning a balance staff'. **'Turning a balance staff'** can be seen on the South London Branch B.H.I. website.

Maurice was a great friend to have, always helpful to everyone where he could be.

Maurice was also a member of the Sutton Model Engineers, and a Radio 'Ham' with membership of his radio club.

Maurice was a great personal friend to me, if we didn't see each other we would speak on the telephone, or Face-Time, at least twice a week.

Rest in Peace, Maurice, God Bless,
Lawrie.

David embraces George Daniels ethic of making everything oneself and after contact with Jon Moorhouse for guidance David spent another year constructing a combined Rose and Straight-Line engine (which he calls a Straight Rose Engine) suitable to make his silver dial. Since the construction of his



first watch David has moved on and he proposes to explain the design and making of his current watch project which has a four-minute tourbillion, with separate drive to the seconds hand, Why it is superior to the one-minute variety he will explain to us his reasons for taking the four-minute tourbillion approach. Again, at the heart of this watch is a Co-Axial escapement but this time with a single piece wheel as devised by Roger Smith.



MAURICE FAGG



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Primrose Fagg.

I'm sorry to have to report that, following the death of Maurice Fagg on 17th October 2022, his wife Primrose died peacefully on Monday 28 November 2022. She had recently moved into a wonderful nursing home where she was happy and content.

Those of our members who knew or had any dealings with Maurice would very likely have met Prim who was undoubtedly part of "Team Fagg". Her skills in relation to the teaching of Morse Code at the Bute Road Academy, for example, are legendary.

Mick Welch.

Maurice repaired many watches for branch members over the years including several for me. His family are aware that a number of items are still in his workshop. Before he died Maurice left instructions about these and at some time in the future they will be sorted and the members contacted. If you have any concerns about items please contact me and I will pass on your message. My phone no. is 01543506195 or email electricwilliam@gmail.com.

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