



The George Daniels Dinner

As you will see in the annual programme the dinner is to be in March. Full details next month.

*Meetings are held on the 1st 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.*

LAST MONTH'S MEETING AUCTION

Last month's auction was a great success. A total of 112 lots were sold, approximately half of the lots were sold to benefit the branch the rest were sold on behalf of our members. Next year's auction is to be advanced from November to take the place of the October branch meeting, and the venue is to be changed from the White Barn at Godstone to Soper Hall in Caterham.

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"Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality."
Washington Irving



NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

7th December 2023

The George Daniels Memorial lecture.

'A Revolutionary Breguet Clock

(and more Breguet at the British Museum)'.

For this year's South London Branch "George Daniels Memorial Lecture" we are delighted to welcome back "Oliver Cooke". From the British Museum.

Oliver will look at the life of the extraordinary three-wheeled clock, Breguet No. 111, which was conceived during the French Revolution and which came to the British Museum in 2015. The ground will be set with a brief look at Breguet's beginnings, some of his accomplishments and a survey of the other Breguet clocks at the BM. The conception and production of 111 will then be discussed, followed by a close look at its fascinating features, including the three wheels (for a one-week duration), a revolutionary calendar and two forms of temperature compensation. It's subsequent life will then be followed, from its first sale until its arrival at the BM.



Oliver Cooke has been a Curator of Horology in the Department of Britain, Europe & Prehistory at the British Museum since 2007. He is responsible for managing the care, storage, display, and conservation of the diverse collection of over 8,000 items, which includes clocks, watches, scientific instruments, components, prints and ephemera, ranging from the humble to the pre-eminent. He enjoys developing correspondingly broad interests in the field, which enable him to fulfil his key duty that is to promote access to the collection for students, researchers, and the public. Having studied the conservation of antique clocks at West Dean College, and subsequently becoming an MBHI, his practical background is essential in informing his technical and historical research into these complex objects.

As has become the tradition for this event we will be laying on Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

2024 Programme

The Branch Programme for 2024 is now complete and a copy is enclosed with this newsletter. I am sure you will agree Duncan has put together another excellent array of talks and visits.

2024 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. If you joined the branch at last month's auction your membership will carry over to next year. **If you pay by bank transfer could you please complete the membership form for my records.**