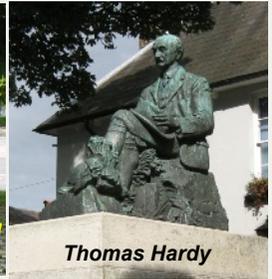




Roman Wall Remains



'For Christ and
Conscience Sake.'



Thomas Hardy

monument to all Dorset Martyrs, including victims of Judge Jefferys' Bloody Assizes, walk around the remains of a Roman town house, and see a statue of Thomas Hardy, the author who was also born and lived in the Kingstons Maurward area.



Borough Gardens



Roman Town House

The Club Dinner was held at the George Albert Hotel. Barry and Anne had decorated the tables with balloons, and Anne had made a beautiful flower arrangement for each table.



After a welcome speech by Chairman Simon Bishop, and the Grace, said by Chris Hayward, over 70 Singer Folk sat down for an excellent meal, with Butternut Squash Soup for starters

and a main course of Slow Cooked Shoulder of Dorset Down Lamb (or Goats' Cheese Tart for the vegetarians).

The service was excellent and the waiters well drilled - four would approach a table, each carrying two plates, and when all were in place they would advance to the table in unison so that the whole table was served in one go. The only problem



was some tables seated nine, so one diner was left in limbo! (But not for long.) There followed the Loyal Toast to the Queen given by Vice Chairman and Toast-Master, Peter Watts, who said we were pleased the royal family had adopted our suggestion to name the future King after the man whose achievements we were honouring that



Four waitresses poised for action



Chris chats with Laretta Ince, while Mike Gardner admires one of Anne's Posies

retired he hoped he would be able to spend more time on Singer activities, looking forward particularly to the next DSOC Lustrum, which would be in 2015.



Rudi then thanked the team involved in organising the activities over the weekend, and invited them to come forward to receive a DSOC mug each in appreciation of their efforts.

Final item on the menu was a quiz, with questions prepared and posed by Chris Hayward. If you know the **Make and Model** of the three cars pictured below, you may well have been a serious challenger to Andrew McAdam, who came top with 59 of a possible 75 points.



Rudi with Barry, Mike, David, Chris & Rory



Q1



Q2



Q3

Quiz Answers: Q1 - Triumph Vitesse (not Herald, because of the metal bumper finish!); Q2 - Ford Zephyr Mk 2; Q3 - Singer Chamais

Sunday 15th started dull, but at least it wasn't raining - that was forecast for later in the afternoon. Today's scenic route initially followed that taken by the bus on Friday, through Sydling ford to Cerne Abbas, except we turned right up the long climb to Piddletrenthide and along the River Piddle (Dorset for 'stream'), to White Lackington, Piddlehinton and Puddletown. Here we turned along the former course of the A35 to Athelhampton House, or, to visit the Martyrs' Museum, another mile or so to Tolpuddle.

With our Singers arrayed in front of the House and on on the lawns either side of the drive, there was a most impressive display.



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ATHELHAMPTON AT HOME TO ASCO - from Pat & Richard Heaton



We were all so privileged to be welcomed to Athelhampton Manor for the last day of our ASCO weekend in Dorset. This stunning 15th Century Manor House extends its welcome as soon as you pass through its gates.

It is a beautifully proportioned building with noble nooks and crannies and well-crafted curves and cornices, all inviting further investigation



from the moment you pass over the threshold. This welcome was compounded by its owners, who kindly allocated us shelter from the inclement weather in one of their stately panelled halls for our award ceremony.

The entire establishment welcomes and embraces its visitors with a roaring fire in the hearth of the magnificent Great Hall where you are actively encouraged to sit and absorb the atmosphere, and wonder at the vaulted ceiling, minstrels gallery and pipe organ, (pity Mike wasn't there to give us a tune), heraldic stained glass windows and linenfold wood panelling. From there, corridors through arches and stone stairwells absorb you further into the heart of this island in time.

From the Great Hall through to the Kings Room and Library, past the





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