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NEWSLETTER
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 1, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Hall of Nations.

LADIES' AUXILIARY LUNCHEON: Wednesday March 9, 2011 - at 12:30PM in Hall of Nations.-
hosted by the House of Peru. Cost is \$3.00 each.

MEMBER NEWS

Gerhard Lorenzen: Sadly, Gerhard passed away on February 6th at the age of 91. He loved to talk with visitors at the cottage and ask them if they know how England got its name.

Tony Hayward: Tony is our oldest member and turns 97 in March. Happy birthday, Tony.

Update on our change in organization status: Graham McGruer, head of the HPR Bylaws committee, requested that we change our delegates section to comply with HPR Bylaws.

Article V, section 5, now reads:

The two (2) voting delegates to the monthly business meetings of the House of Pacific Relations are: The House of England President (or the 1st Vice President as the alternate) and the House of England elected Delegate or Appointed Alternate Delegate. The two (2) voting delegates (or alternates) must attend each House of Pacific Relations meeting and must report all matters and subjects presented, deliberated and voted on, to the House of England. The second alternate delegate (House Delegate Alternate) is appointed by the president. The First Vice President is the First alternate Delegate. If either Delegate is unable to attend the Assembly of Delegates, the First Vice President shall attend in their place as the Alternate Delegate. If both Delegates are unable to attend then both Alternate Delegates must attend.

Mel resubmitted the bylaws with this amendment and Mr. McGruer submitted them for committee review on Feb 5th. *Highlighted denotes the area of change.*

February meeting minutes: These have been mailed with your newsletter to save time at the next meeting. Please read so that they can be approved (with any corrections needed).

Membership: Hilda reports that we have 57 memberships (82 individuals). This consists of 14 new memberships and 43 renewals.

Message from Bill Horlor: "The House of England is a non-profit and not a club. We can only do events that promote our mission of our English culture and heritage".

Laura Holmwood: This dynamo of a lady is returning to England in March. She has done wonders recruiting new members during her brief association with us. Thank you, Laura for all your work, enthusiasm and ideas. We love the scavenger hunt questions too!

HOSTING AND HOSTESSING AT THE COTTAGE

Thank you to our volunteers.

Call our hosting chairperson, Aileen Price to volunteer for future dates. 619-427-1403

Commitment is from 12 noon to 4PM, providing light refreshments and milk (teabags and sugar are provided) and chatting with the visitors. Donations are accepted for upkeep of the cottage.

NOTE: Rosie Lee Restaurant (Good English food) will give a discount to anyone purchasing food items for serving at the cottage. Phone Lizzie Murray or email her at lizbairdmurray@gmail.com

Feb 1 meeting	Jean Harrison
Feb 6	Laura Holmwood and Lucy Palmer
Feb 13	Richard and Karen Steadham
Feb 20	Annette York and Chris Beckstrom
Feb 27	Shirley Jobb and Pat Carlson
Mar 1 meeting	open
Mar 6	Antony Trupans and Alexi Siglin
Mar 13	Aileen
Mar 20	Delphine
Mar 27	Dorothy Hoffman, Pat Law and Meegan Gosseline



Reminders from Delphine: When leaving the cottage, please make sure the surge protector red light is on and the refrigerator is plugged in. Only plug one kettle into the surge protector bar. It is acceptable to take \$6 per host from the donations towards cost of milk and food- just let the Treasurer know for accounting purposes.

UPDATE ON 75th ANNIVERSARY MUGS

There are mugs on display at the cottage. If a visitor donates to obtain one, please let Mel know when turning in the donations money. You can also pick one up at the Tuesday meeting. All members are encouraged to purchase some for themselves also. They are \$8.00 each.

LONDON | "Kate has chosen her bridesmaids!" "Harry to be William's Best Man!" Those breathless headlines are what pass for breaking news in Britain these days, as the nation is in full throes of its latest royal obsession — the upcoming nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Since William announced his engagement to Miss Middleton in November, fits of euphoria have swept across the media, communities all over Britain have planned street parties to celebrate, and just about every British industry seems to be trying to find a way to cash in on the royal romance.

Castle Rock Brewery in Nottingham is crafting a celebratory beer called Kiss Me Kate, while the Birmingham Mint is peddling commemorative medals depicting the couple. Tea towels, plates and mugs featuring pictures of the couple are for sale nearly everywhere.

Now comes word that the couple are sending invitations to 1,900 of their closest friends and relatives, including notables such as Sir Elton John and soccer star David Beckham, but excluding William's aunt, Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York.

Bookmaker Paddy Power is taking bets on the exact color of Miss Middleton's dress (ivory? ecru?), the location of the honeymoon and whether Miss Middleton will use the word "obey" in her vows.



The day has been declared a national holiday! Keep track on *Facebook page:* [Royalwedding on Facebook](#)

HPR Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon, February 9, 2011, was hosted by House of England.....



41 people were served -- (14 were House of England members with 5 of their guests).



Delphine was presented with a rose, theme for the year, by new president, Alicia Weinert



Meegan served up the excellent meal



Dorothy, Chief Cook & MC, made shepherd's pie.



Jean made her excellent bread pudding with vanilla sauce.



HOE member, Victoria, and co-rider Jean, were on police duty in Balboa Park and joined us on their lunch break.



Bill and Harry sang after the luncheon....

And a video was played showing Bill Ratini interviewing Bill Horlor and Carolyn Flor about the purpose of HPR and clips of lawn programs from former years.

First of monthly column from our member, Lucy Palmer:

I'm excited to bring you my brand new column, which will be mostly Internet-based, though occasionally there will be bits and bobs for those without a computer. I've had a lot of fun finding these websites for you, and hopefully they will be of some use.

Firstly, this month we say a fond farewell to Laura Holmwood and her lovely family as they head back to the U.K. On behalf of us all, I want to say thank you, Laura, for all you have done for the House of England, especially your huge recruitment drive on Boxing Day! Have fun back in England; you'll be missed.

CHILDREN

There are many of us in the House of England society that have young children, so this month I am sharing some websites that I have used in the past with my children. First up is the excellent CBeebies website, run by the BBC (CBeebies is their programming for children between about 2 and 6). Their website has games, both educational and fun, along with songs, crafts, TV programmes and more. The best part, as a parent, is that there is NO advertising on there so you can trust that your children can surf without unwanted distractions. For the older set there is the equally excellent CBBC:

<http://tinyurl.com/chd0>

<http://tinyurl.com/5rhkz>

Here is another fantastic resource that I use, a list of 50 educational and/or fun websites for children, which includes homework help and quizzes.

<http://tinyurl.com/ykcu73>

SHOPPING

Missing the shops in the U.K.? Here are some websites that ship directly to the U.S.:

NEXT: Clothing, shoes, accessories, home. Only \$5, two-day shipping.

<http://tinyurl.com/46k444e>

Book Depository: FREE SHIPPING from the U.K. A wide assortment of books for a very reasonable price. (*Please note this website will automatically change the website address to .com instead of .co.uk. You can change it back yourself, and do so if you want to see the U.K selection*).

<http://tinyurl.com/6ovaf6>

LUSH: Gorgeous, natural handmade bath and beauty products. If your order weighs less than 2lb, shipping is £7.95. It is actually cheaper if you are making a larger order to get it from LUSH U.K. than LUSH North America.

<http://tinyurl.com/27uwmmj>

If you have any ideas for things you would like to see in this column, don't hesitate to ask! You can contact me at newquaygirl@cox.net.

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Rolf Harris- Jake The Peg ...

<http://tinyurl.com/4z9xona>

Until next month! ... Lucy x

London Bridge is a bridge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona that is based on the 1831 London Bridge that spanned the River Thames in London, England until it was dismantled in 1967. The Arizona Bridge is a reinforced concrete structure clad in original masonry of the 1830's bridge, that was bought by Robert P. McCulloch from the City of London. McCulloch had exterior granite blocks from the original bridge numbered and transported to America, in order construct the present bridge in Lake Havasu City, a planned community he established in 1964 on the shore of Lake Havasu. The bridge was completed in 1971 along with a canal, and links an island in the lake with the main part of Lake Havasu City.

IN LONDON: A bridge has existed at or near the present site over the period from the Roman occupation of the area, nearly 2,000 years ago. The first bridge across the Thames in the London area, probably a military pontoon bridge, was built of wood by the Romans on the present site around 50 AD.

The 1831 London Bridge was the last project of engineer John Rennie and completed by his son, also named John Rennie. By 1962, the bridge was not structurally sound enough to support the increased load created by the level of modern traffic crossing it, and it was sold by the City of London.

IN ARIZONA: The purchaser, Robert McCulloch, was the founder of Lake Havasu and the chairman of McCulloch Oil Corporation. McCulloch purchased the bridge to serve as a tourist attraction to his retirement real estate development at Lake Havasu City. The bridge facing stones were carefully disassembled and each piece was numbered. After the bridge was dismantled it was transported to Merrivale Quarry where 15 to 20 cm was sliced off many of the original stones. These were shipped to the bridge's present location and re-assembly began in 1968. The original stone was used to clad a concrete structure, so that the bridge is no longer the original after which it is modeled. The reconstruction took slightly over three years and was completed in late 1971. Today, it serves as a popular tourist attraction for the city.



London Bridge in the early 1890s



A panoramic view of the entire bridge.

Hilda remembers walking across this bridge, when it was in London, on her way to work!



Arya attended the Buses by the Bridge VW campout again this January on Windsor Beach State park. He says the campsite is beautiful and there are activities for all ages. Perhaps we can do a House of England campout next January by the bridge?!

Jamestown unearths 400-year-old pipes for patrons



This 2010 photo provided by the Jamestown Rediscovery Project shows composite photograph of eight pipes...

RICHMOND, Va. – Archeologists at Jamestown have unearthed a trove of tobacco pipes personalized for a who's who of early 17th century colonial and British elites, underscoring the importance of tobacco to North America's first permanent English settlement.

The white clay pipes — actually, castoffs likely rejected during manufacturing — were crafted between 1608 and 1610 and bear the names of English politicians, social leaders, explorers, and officers of the Virginia Company that financed the settlement and governors of the Virginia colony. Archeologists also found equipment used to make the pipes.

Researchers believe the pipes recovered from a well in James Fort were made to impress investors and the political elite with the financial viability of the settlement. They are likely the rejects that failed to survive the ceramic firing process in a kiln.

The find comprises more than 100 pipes or fragments. More than a dozen are stamped with diamond shapes and inscribed with the names or initials of luminaries including explorer Sir Walter Raleigh, who dispatched the colonists to the territory he named Virginia. He also is credited with popularizing tobacco in England and is said to have smoked a pipe just before being executed for treason in 1618.

Other names include Capt. Samuel Argall, a major Virginia Company investor and governor of Virginia; Sir Charles Howard, Lord High Admiral of England; and Earl of Southampton Henry Wriothesley, a Virginia Company official who was also William Shakespeare's major patron.

The discovery casts lights on the social, political and economic network behind the Jamestown venture that started in 1607, as well as the importance of tobacco to the settlement, said William Kelso, director of archaeological research and interpretation at Historic Jamestown.

Smoking imported tobacco was very popular in Europe in the early 17th century.

After settlers arrived at Jamestown, tobacco quickly became the American colony's chief export. Among the immigrants Capt. Francis Nelson brought to Jamestown in 1608 was Robert Cotton, a tobacco pipe maker who likely fashioned the pipes found in the well.

In 1614, the first shipment of Virginia tobacco was sold in London. Jamestown's tobacco exports to Europe grew from 10 tons in 1619 to 750 tons in 1639.

Tobacco's popularity created a large demand for pipes that were typically made in London using white clay from Dorset, along England's southern coast. Interested in the lucrative new industry, investors in the Virginia Company sought to add pipemaking to its trades and sought out adequate clay from the surrounding area.

Settlers, Kelso said, were under "tremendous pressure" to give investors the instant gratification they needed because "they put so much money into it," and didn't want to lose their lifeline to England. Colonists tried different trades such as silk making, glassmaking, lumber, sassafras and tar, with no financial success.

"The whole idea was to make money for investors and they enlisted all these specialists that would search Virginia for profitable resources that they could exploit," Straube said. "Tobacco was the quickest and easiest and most successful."

....Submitted by Delphine Malone