

Medway Branch Update

By Peter Wyatt, Chairman

September 2016

Tim Meadley, one of our Members, enjoys Magic as a hobby. At this month's meeting, he kept everyone on the edge of their seats with his skills. As the evening progressed the members were trying to work out "how did he do that?". We were all mesmerised as well as thoroughly entertained by his art & wiles. A big thank you to Tim for providing the Branch with a very magical evening!

October 2016

The years roll by so quickly and it seemed only last week we all enjoyed last year's superb annual Medway Black Tie dinner. This year's dinner was no exception, once again we held the event at Upchurch River Valley Golf Club and the food, as well the service, was brilliant. In addition, we hired "The Crooner" (Martin Farbrother) who greeted us with song then entertained us after the formalities. He was so good he managed to encourage our Members to take to the floor and enjoy a dance or two. Even Chairman Peter Wyatt and his wife Sybil enjoyed a little shuffle on the Dance Floor! The Mayor of Medway, Stuart Tranter and his wife Sarah, our County Chair, Carol Stickler with her husband Geoffrey plus guests from Maidstone, Sittingbourne and Whitstable joined us for this fun evening. In all there were over sixty in attendance. The venue is so good we have already booked both the venue & the Crooner for next year's Dinner!



November 2016

We enjoyed a Speaker evening this month. Christopher Ball, a local Historian, came along and enlightened us on the evolution of our local Libraries. His delivery was so interesting that his talk, which took well over the hour, only seemed to take five minutes. We all learnt a lot how Libraries were started and how they developed over the years. Overall, a very interesting evening!

Remembrance Sunday - November 13th

As a Branch, we always commemorate Remembrance Sunday by laying a wreath at the Rochester Cathedral Memorial following the Service held there. This year we were proud



to see Iris Bradford, a long-time Member of our Branch, laying the wreath on our behalf. The image below shows Iris just after the laying as unfortunately the view was blocked, stopping a record being made of this event. After the formalities twenty-two of us then proceeded on our annual pilgrimage to The Crown Public House in Rochester to enjoy a delicious Sunday

Lunch and a good natter about life in general, thus ending the day on a lighter note.



December 2016

“Christmas time, Mistletoe and Wine” is how the song goes and Medway Branch took this to heart at our Christmas Party this year. There was over fifty of us who were entertained by a singing duo called “ Dave & Clive k\ a Unique”. What a brilliant time we had too! The duo sung their hearts out and the Members were up dancing to most of their numbers. As you can see from the images below we had a great time!



A mountainous Christmas Buffet was laid on and everyone, including the Singers, enjoyed tucking in! We certainly ended a really entertaining and enjoyable year on a high!

January 2017

Every January we kick the year off with an informal lunch and this year we held it at Upchurch River Valley Golf Club who provided their usual excellent food and service, accompanied by a wonderful ambience, all at a very affordable price! The weather was also kind and we were blessed with the beautiful views of the countryside surrounding the Restaurant. Everyone quickly settled down exchanging news on their Christmas fun and tucked into a very enjoyable meal.

We were also able to welcome four new Members to our Branch and who are pictured from left to right: Marian, Chris, Joan, and John.



Medway are very pleased to have started the new year off with a bang and are looking forward to the forthcoming Programme with enthusiasm!