The function at Australia House, London 28 June 2019

Notes from Pim Jackson who attended with her brother Andrew.

In the Downer Room we were welcomed by Bill Muirhead, but unfortunately the High Commissioner was absent due to a rogue meeting !

Lizette, Rachel, & Susie Flinders Lewis were presented with a marquette which was accepted by Rachel who gave a super little speech. We spoke warmly with her afterwards.

Mark Thurston - CEO HS2 ! Talked a lot about railways & connectivity !

Principal Archaeologist - Caroline Rayner of Costain Skanska (?) spoke brilliantly telling us all about the site - their research team & the excitement of the discovery . CARE – DUTY - RESPECT ! A huge project in itself .

An amazing tapestry is on show in the Downer Room and we talked with one of the commissioners who explained the provenance of the marble & wooden carvings in the building !

The lead breastplate ! So intricate a pattern of flowers and foliage plus the copperplate script but almost impossible to photograph.

We were there, so proud and we talked to many people !

Australian meat pies were served

We met Fiona Salmon of Australia and who is a Director at Flinders University Art Museum in Adelaide !

The other speaker was a colleague of Fiona Dr Gillian Dooley Senior Research Fellow at Flinders University - she has just published a relevant book which I must look for.

We also spoke to Jan & Rob Tipler who are so really easy & friendly.

Only 60 max in attendance and we felt that many were officials . We saw John and Simone (Flinders) too - he is always ' hail fellow '. They and all the great & good will assemble for service at Donington on the right Friday in July. Andrew & I must resolve to go one year!

Nothing is yet settled with the Anglican powers that be, it seems, re the reburial location for Captain Matthew.

We met the local movers and shakers from Donington who are Pearsons. Not family but passionate and run a site called " Bring Him Home " hugely involved with church & Parish & all things Flinders !

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Rachel, Lisette, and Susie recieving the presentation Australia House, London, 28 June 2019

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Fiona Salmon   Australian meat pies.   Andrew Jac

Andrew & Fim Jackson with Capt. Matthew's breastplate
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