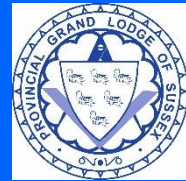


# Sussex Matters



*E Bulletin News for the Province of Sussex*

*July/August 2018*

## 2018 Annual Meeting – Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex

What a great but unusual meeting. For the first time in many years the Annual Meeting was preceded by a small public procession around Worthing Town Hall



In addition to this visible presence the Provincial Grand Master also invited representatives of the media prior to the meeting to take photographs, ask questions and generally find out more about Freemasonry in Sussex.

Such was the success of this initiative that we featured in many of the papers and received a positive response not only from many of our members but also the readers of the publications.

To read the feature article in the Worthing Herald click on the link below.

<https://www.worthingherald.co.uk/news/behind-the-scenes-at-the-sussex-freemasons-annual-meeting-1-8527256>

It was a warm day, as usual and a great celebration for those who were being honoured with Provincial Appointments and Promotions by our Provincial Grand Master.



The Provincial Grand Master also thanked most warmly V. WBro Martin Mitten who was standing down as Deputy Provincial Grand Master having served and worked tirelessly in that capacity for 4 years and previously as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

W. Bro Maurice Adams was invested as the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W. Bro Geoff Cornwell as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

In his address, which will be available in the Provincial Year Book, the Provincial Grand Master emphasised the need to ensure that each Lodge initiates at least two masons per year and repeated his now familiar mantra

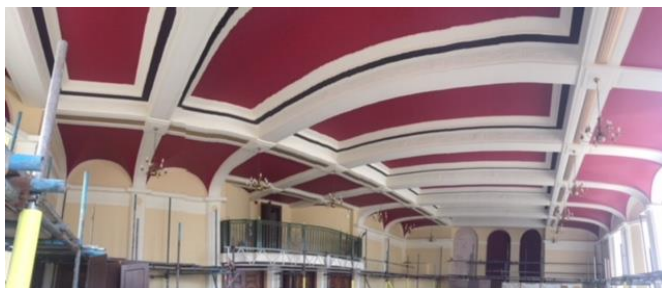
**- "One is not enough".**

The post meeting Festive Board was held at the Charmandean Centre and our guests were able to be away at a reasonable time.

Congratulations to all those who were Appointed and Promoted and wear your rank with pride – remembering that we have a great Province and with your help we can make it even better. What initiatives will we think about for next year?

## Renovation and Repair of 25 Queens Road – our Masonic Headquarters

The Renovation Project for 25 Queens Road is moving on a pace. The outside has now been completed and work has started on the main Dining Hall. This is still work in progress, but you can see the massive improvement to the facilities made only possible by the generosity of our Lodges, Chapters and Members.



This will truly be a building of which we can all be proud and if you, your Lodge or Chapter wish to contribute to this massive project then the you can make payments to: Sussex Provincial Events - Sort Code: 60-18-47 - Account No: 21570078

## Charity Steward Meetings

The Provincial charity team have arranged for a series of four Charity Steward meetings around the Province this autumn, which will be held at:

- **Charmandean Centre (Worthing) Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018**
- **Brighton Masonic Centre Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**
- **Normandy Centre (Horsham) Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**
- **Eastbourne Masonic Centre Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

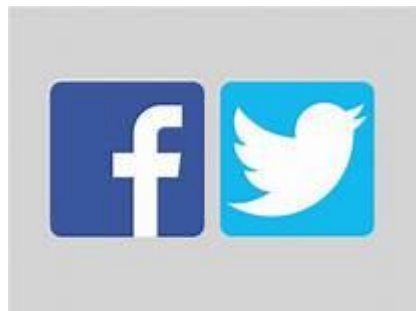
Each session is a 6.45pm arrival for a 7pm start, finishing by 8.30pm.

You are welcome at whichever session is convenient for you.

For administrative purposes. If you are intending to attend any one of the sessions, please let me provincial charity team at 25 Queens Road know by 24<sup>th</sup> August with either your attendance or your apologies.

## Social Media

Don't forget that your Province has its own **Facebook** and **Twitter** page.



**Facebook** is an open page – that can be viewed by anyone – and currently has nearly 2000 followers. It is a great place to advertise your Lodge or Chapter events.

Our **Facebook** page is <https://www.facebook.com/SussexMasons/>

**Twitter** is a series of short online announcements or 'tweets

Our Twitter page can be found at <https://twitter.com/@SussexMasons>

## Barford Court Summer Fair



What a glorious day. The 2018 Barford Summer Fair was the best ever. Thank you to all those who supported this magnificent fund-raising event and even more to the Organising Committee and those incredible volunteers (including our RWBro Chris Moore, Provincial Grand Master and Mrs Moore) who arrived early morning to set up the stands and equipment.

Make sure you look out for the details of next year's event which the organisers say will exceed this one.



Why not consider becoming a friend of Barford Court. The residents need our help and support.



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 **THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF BARFORD COURT**  
Registered Charity 1054042

**Membership Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge (If appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Standing Order start date: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Amount £ \_\_\_\_\_

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Tick the box to add an extra 25p to every £1 you give at no extra cost  
Yes, I pay tax in the UK. Please treat all donations I make or have made to The  
Association of Friends of Barford Court, for the past four years and for the future as gift  
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(You must pay income tax/capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax reclaimed on your  
donations.)

Please tick the box if you agree that your personal details given on this  
form may be used only by The Association of Friends of Barford Court and  
not disclosed to any third party. ☐

Send this part to the Membership Secretary and for queries contact:  
Mrs S Holt, 34 Hangleton Way, Hove, BN3 8AG. Tel: 01273 888083  
Email: [sueholt34@gmail.com](mailto:sueholt34@gmail.com)

### Standing Order Form

To: (insert name and address of your bank)

Sort Code: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay a regular annual gift of (tick appropriate box)

☐ £10 ☐ £15 or other amount

Single Family

to THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF BARFORD COURT  
Registered Charity No 1054042

Barclays Bank PLC, Branch Brighton North Street  
Correspondence address: Leicester LE87 2BB  
IBAN GB49BARC20127570826294  
Sort code: 20/12/75 Account: 70826294

Please start on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and each year until further notice.

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Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Send this part to your Bank)



### Martletts Allotment Project supported by Sussex Freemasons

The project that will help bereaved men whilst they work an allotment has received a £16,000 grant from Sussex Freemasons.

Martletts will be recruiting a counsellor and volunteers to run six 8-week programmes, which will begin in the summer, allowing 48 men who have experienced loss to be supported.

The grant from Sussex Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation which is funded by Freemasons, their families and friends from across England and Wales.

**Jane Cato, the Counselling and Bereavement Services Manager at Martletts said,** “We’re very grateful to Sussex Freemasons for their generous grant. There isn’t currently any specific provision in the city solely for bereaved men to come together as a group for counselling or peer support; which makes this project unique.

“The social aspect of meeting at the allotment will be very important. We will be looking to create an environment where the men can gain mutual support, use nature as a source of healing and begin to share their experiences of grief.



“It’s an opportunity to get outside, socialise and draw strength from others who acutely understand what loss feels like.”

**V.WBro Grahame Carr from Sussex Freemasons said,** “We are very pleased to be able to help Martletts who do wonderful work with bereaved

people and who have designed a simple but very effective project to target bereaved men. Until now they have not had special help aimed at them locally.”

### L9414 Sir Leonard Barford Lodge

L9414 Sir Leonard Barford Lodge held it’s Country Meeting and extended an open invitation to all members of the Province to listen to V. WBro Ray Smith, Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons give a talk on “The Magic of the Mark”.

The packed audience which filled the Centre were enthralled by his views not only the Mark Degree but also his views on Freemasonry.



Before making his comments, he thanked RWBro Chris Moore, PGM of Craft Masonry in Sussex for the Provinces’ most generous donation to the Sussex Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in supporting their 2019 Festival.

V.WBro Ray’s concluding comments after taking questions from the floor were that we all have different lives and different expectations – there are many Orders enabling members to develop their knowledge and enjoyment of Freemasonry but only when the time is right. Finally, it is not just about the Magic of the Mark but The Magic of Freemasonry

At the post Meeting Festive Board, a Raffle raised £365 for the 2019 Mark Festival.

Pictured from left to right are: V. WBro Ray Smith, W. Bro Martin Wilson Worshipful Master of Sir Leonard Barford Lodge and PGM of the Sussex Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and RWBro Chris Moore Provincial Grand Master of the (Craft) Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.

## Never Forgotten

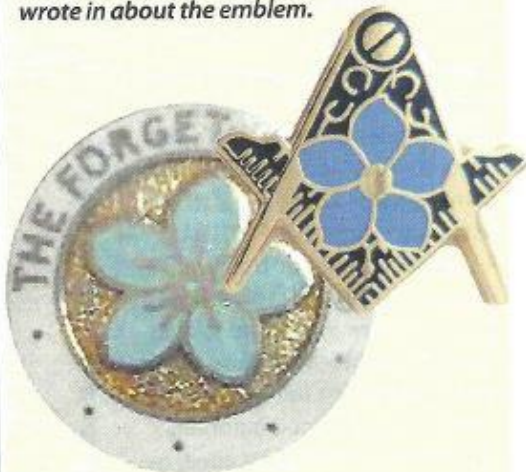
**Eric Misselke writes:** In answer to Mrs D Cook's question regarding the "Forget-Me-Nots" badge in the December issue, I can advise that the organisation concerned is Freemasonry.

The background to the forget-me-not emblem goes back to the 1930s and the Second World War, where Freemasonry was outlawed by the German Nazi regime. In fact, along with the millions of others who perished in the gas chambers, a good number of Freemasons were also killed – just for being Freemasons.

However, in order that Freemasonry could continue and so that Freemasons could recognise each other, a small forget-me-not emblem was worn by them on the left lapel of their jacket or coat.

This practice was continued after the war and was brought over to Britain in the 1950s and 60s (probably by members of the armed forces who had been stationed in Germany). The practice flourished and, although not worn very often, the emblem is still worn by a goodly number of Freemasons in the UK to this day – particularly when they are going to their lodge meetings.

*Thank you too to Trevor Stokes who also wrote in about the emblem.*



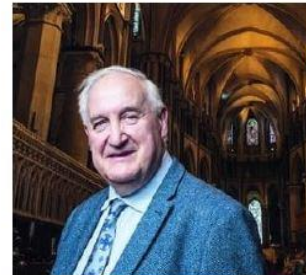
Some forget-me-not badges are more explicitly Masonic than others.



## RICHARD COLLYER LODGE 4905

INVITES YOU TO A TALK TO BE GIVEN BY:

**V W BRO ROGER ODD** PGSwdB, PDepPGM (East Kent)



This fascinating lecture takes us back in time to look at the earliest stone buildings and cathedrals. After examining how medieval stonemasons worked, and the special skills developed, it goes on to trace the many links between them and Freemasonry today.

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018, 4:30pm**  
**THE NORMANDY CENTRE, DENNE ROAD, HORSHAM, RH12 3JF**

**This is a WHITE TABLE meeting, open to Masons, their wives/partners and non-masons.**

**SO, COME ALONG AND JOIN US!**

For further information and to book in, please contact the Lodge Secretary W Bro Pete Hansen: [peteejhansen@gmail.com](mailto:peteejhansen@gmail.com)



**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX**  
In the United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England



### Seven Sisters Lodge of Installed Master

Inspiring and thought provoking. That was the view of the meeting when RWBro Sir David Wootton, Assistant Grand Master attended a meeting of Seven Sisters Lodge of Installed Masters in Peacehaven, Sussex



Talking to a packed Lodge Room he provided an update on the current and future plans for Freemasonry in a talk - "The Future is Exciting".

At the post meeting Festive Board RWBro Sir David was presented with a bottle of Seven Sisters Gin.

Pictured is RWBro Sir David (centre) RWBro Christopher Moore PGM Sussex and W. Bro John Wilson, Worshipful Master Seven Sisters Lodge of Installed Masters. Also pictured is the magnificent Lodge Banner.

### 2018 Annual Church Service

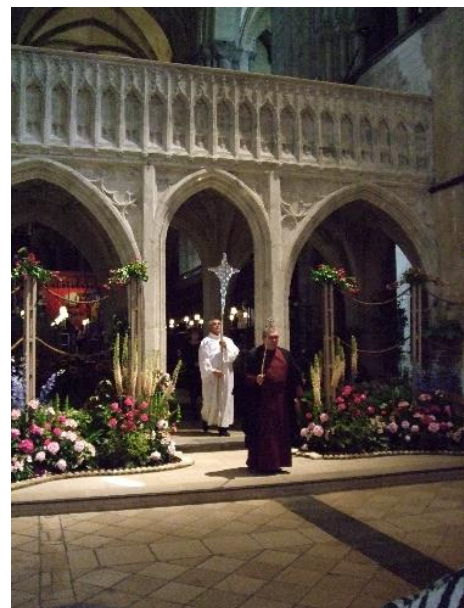


Provincial Grand Master.

Chichester Cathedral was brimming with members from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex and colleagues from the Companion Orders at the Annual Service. For the first time we were invited to wear Masonic Collars which was subsequently approved by the

This coupled with the Festival of Flowers made it an event not to be missed. Also pictured (left) is the Silver Millennium Cross which was donated by Sussex Freemasons

We were warmly welcomed by the Dean and Chapter and afterwards we retreated to the Pallant Suite for afternoon Tea. Thank you to all the Team at the Pallant Suite for a slap-up Tea.



Sussex Masonic Shooting Sports Association in conjunction with



## Artemis Shooting Sports Lodge

(To be consecrated in November 2018)

is presenting a **Charity Shoot** in aid of the  
**Royal National Lifeboat Institution**

**On Saturday 18th August 2018, 1000 for 1030.**

at:

**Southdown Gun Club**  
Muntham Farm, Findon  
West Sussex, BN14 0RQ  
01903 877555  
[www.southdowngunclub.co.uk](http://www.southdowngunclub.co.uk)



First there will be a **100 Sporting Clay Shoot** with prizes for individual and team entries followed by lunch and afternoon activities for family & friends.

Competition entry will be **£49 which includes** hot drink and Bacon Roll on arrival plus lunch selection including burgers, sausages, chicken & trimmings (**£12** if not competing).

Pre booking with Southdown is essential to qualify for this offer.

For more details and entry forms visit **[www.smssa.org.uk](http://www.smssa.org.uk)**

SMSSA & Artemis Lodge Contacts: David Thornley 07881 813814 and Brian Field 07973 256514

Other activities will include:

- Prize draw in aid of the RNLI
- Optional Flush for teams of 3 or 4 guns.
- Have a go stand for novices especially wives and partners.
- A Black Powder 'experience'. Try a flint lock and a S/S percussion muzzle loader.

Now that the petition has been granted by Grand Lodge the consecration of Artemis Lodge No 9964 can go ahead on the 10th November at the Brighton Centre. The formation of a lodge has been a natural progression out the activities of the Sussex Masonic Shooting Sports Association that's been holding regular, informal, clay shoots at Southdown GC on the first Wednesday in the month.

The name Artemis, the Greek Goddess of Hunting, is appropriate as it reflects the shooting activities of the founders and members that will soon be joining. Like many similar lodges, Artemis will have a strong shooting theme, use of shooting artefacts in the meetings and game on the menu for the festive board. It will be meeting at the Chichester Masonic Centre on the first Tuesday of February, April, October and November. In order to appeal to busy people, the regular meetings will be limited to four a year and kept as short as possible. It's intended that an extra, white table, meeting will be arranged at a different venue in the summer around a clay shoot to enable wives and partners to

participate.

Naturally supporting charity is high on the list of priorities and a clay shoot has been organised at Southdown in aid of the RNLI on the 18th August. This will be a full day out starting at 10am with a 100-bird shoot followed by a flush and a "black powder experience" in the afternoon. To make wives and partners welcome a "have a go" stand will be organised for those who haven't shot before. The cost is a very reasonable £49 to include the 100-bird shoot, breakfast and lunch; if you're not shooting the cost is only £12.

If you want to find out more about the lodge, the SMSSA or the charity shoot, visit the website at [www.smssa.org.uk](http://www.smssa.org.uk) (Please note insurance cover is provided by Southdown Gun Club who regularly organise competitions as a commercial organisation with appropriate cover).



## SUSSEX MARK MASONS FUND PCaSO PSA TESTS

The Provincial Grand Master of Sussex Mark Masonry, Martin Wilson, had great pleasure in presenting a cheque for £1,500.00 to Roger Bacon, Chair of PCaSO (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation), at the Normandy Masonic Centre, Horsham on Thursday 19 July 2018.



In June Sussex Mark Masons hosted a day of PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) testing by PCaSO at Horsham for men from the local community aged over 45. The tests were provided free by Sussex Mark Masons and 154 men were tested on the day, 5 were found to have abnormally high readings and 3 were borderline, the rest were within the normal range for their age.

Martin Wilson, in handing over the cheque, said "I am delighted that we have been able to provide this useful service for the community and am hopeful in doing so that we may have been able to save some lives."

Roger Bacon of PCaSO on receiving the cheque from Martin Wilson thanked him and the Sussex Mark Masons for generously supporting the PSA testing event and said, "This money will help our charity continue with our programme of free PSA test events all around Sussex."

The event ran very smoothly on time throughout the day, with complimentary comments from men who attended. In all a very successful event which we hope to repeat again next year.

## ... The good news stories just keep coming

### Sussex Freemasons Donate £30,000 To Support Local Disabled Children

Hundreds of families with disabled children in Brighton and Hove will be helped to claim the benefits they are entitled to, thanks to a generous donation from Sussex Freemasons to Amaze's Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Project.

The £30,000 Masonic grant will help Amaze to provide a team of trained volunteers to support the most disadvantaged families to complete benefit claims and run regular workshops. We are also planning to develop new digital resources to help families complete their own claims, which will we will be piloting with a group of families in East Sussex.

The extra income from a successful claim for DLA or Personal Independence Payment (PIP), including benefits like Carers Allowance, amounts to between £8,000-13,000 per year for most households, which helps families to meet the additional costs of bringing up a disabled child or young person. Once a family's immediate financial hardship is resolved, the DLA Project also signposts disabled young people and parents to other sources of support and advice, for example local support groups or training courses, helping to further improve the wellbeing and social inclusion of the whole family.

The grant from Sussex Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is funded by Freemasons, their families and friends, from across England and Wales.





Pictured is W. Bro Mike Harris, Chairman of Sussex. Masonic Charities

**... yet another reason to feel proud that you are a Freemason.**

Through the generosity of our Members and our Lodges we make a real difference to real people's lives.

Thank you to the Lodge of Union No 38 meeting in Chichester, Sussex.



Please share this good news story with your family, friends and particularly those who are not Freemasons

Dear Gary and all at the Lodge of Union 38,

Thank-you so much for your kind and generous donation of £1200 that will pay for 2 years worth of visits from our children's entertainer, here on Howard Ward here at St. Richards Hospital in Chichester.

We are so grateful as these visits mean so much to the children, and without your support they would not be able to continue.

With best wishes, from Kerry, Shelley and all of the Staff and patients on Howard Ward  
xxx

## Duke of Sussex

Once again, our Provincial Grand Master took the initiative and, with the approval of United Grand Lodge of England, sent the following Loyal Address to the Duke of Sussex.

The Provisional Grand Master received an acknowledgement informing him that his message had been warmly appreciated and thanked him and the Province of Sussex for their best wishes.



CHRISTOPHER LINTERN MOORE  
Provincial Grand Master

SUSSEX MASONIC CENTRE  
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BRIGHTON  
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TEL: BRIGHTON (01273) 325917  
Email: [pga@sussexmasons.org.uk](mailto:pga@sussexmasons.org.uk)

21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

The Private Secretary to  
His Royal Highness The Duke of Sussex, KCVO.,  
Clarence House,  
London,  
SW1A 1AA.

Dear Sir,

I should be grateful if you would convey to His Royal Highness The Duke of Sussex the Loyal Greetings of the Freemasons of the Masonic Province of Sussex on the occasion of the conferment of that title and of his marriage to Meghan Markle.

All Sussex Freemasons wish Their Royal Highnesses a long and happy marriage.

Yours faithfully,

C.L. Moore  
Provincial Grand Master for Sussex.

### Disabled young people to live a DREAM thanks to Sussex Freemasons

Disabled young people at Chailey Heritage Foundation near Haywards Heath have received a significant boost to their planned state-of-the-art DREAM Centre, following a £25,000 grant from Sussex Freemasons.

The Charity launched a £3.1 million appeal in 2016 to replace their ageing 1950s hall with a building large enough for children and young people with complex disabilities to participate in a mixture of arts and physical activities. Wheelchair football, power chair driving, trampolining, drama and dance will all be on offer alongside the sensory four-dimensional experience, which will allow children to be 'transported' to different countries and experience sights and sounds from around the world.

The D.R.E.A.M (dynamic, real, experiential, amazing, magical) Centre is the latest chapter in the story of the Chailey Heritage Foundation, which has been changing the lives of young people with disabilities since 1903.

Ellie, a pupil at Chailey Heritage School, is a competitive child and typical of the young people who will benefit from the new facilities. The D.R.E.A.M. Centre will be jam packed with sporting activities. This new indoor space will also house the powered wheelchair driving school which will benefit many of the young people, including Ellie, who are learning to drive.

Carol, a teacher at Chailey Heritage School, who has been helping Ellie to reach her full potential, said "Thanks to Sussex Freemasons and all the other generous donors, the D.R.E.A.M. Centre will make it possible for Ellie and her friends to have a space large enough to play competitive sports and perform to friends and family on the purpose-built stage along with lots of other opportunities."

The grant from Sussex Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is funded by Freemasons, their families and friends, from across England and Wales.

Sally-Anne Murray,  
Development Director of Chailey  
Heritage Foundation said:

"We are enormously grateful for this grant. We rely on organisations like Sussex Freemasons to help us provide the ground-breaking facilities that really enrich the lives of those we care for."

W. Bro Maurice Adams from  
Sussex Freemasons said:

"We are delighted to support Chailey Heritage Foundation with their appeal and look forward to seeing the D.R.E.A.M Centre in action when it opens in 2019. It is truly humbling to see the Team at Chailey Heritage Foundation showing such amazing levels of compassion and professionalism".



Pictured are Pupils Harriet, Matthew and Ellie (left to right, front row) with Ryan Heal (Sussex Freemasons), Sally-Anne Murray (Development Director at Chailey Heritage Foundation) and Maurice Adams (Sussex Freemasons).

(the children and their parents have given their permission for photographs to be published)

## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex



What a fantastic day at Ardingly College on Sunday 22nd July where the annual inter Provincial Mark competition took place. The tournament was decided on the final ball of the day where Sussex beat Middlesex to retain the trophy for the 5th consecutive year. The whole day was a joy with a magnificent family atmosphere, superb organisation led by Dave Allen with numerous excellent stalls and, topped off,



by the splendid surroundings and the gorgeous weather. Well done Sussex and thank you to all the participants from Middlesex, Kent and Surrey. Also, thanks to everyone, both on and off the field of play to make it such a memorable day with a handy sum of money raised for the 2019 Sussex Mark Festival.



## TLC Appeal

The TLC Appeal originated after an allergic reaction suddenly caused the swelling and blocking of the windpipe of the wife of a Freemason. Her life was saved by the rapid action of the medical staff at an A&E unit, who were able to resuscitate and stabilise her. They are both eternally grateful for the swift and caring attention that she received but found the experience the most frightening of their lives and speculated on the distress that children must face when visiting A&E units.

The idea of doing something useful for medical staff at A&E units was discussed with other local Freemasons, and from that point the compulsive idea of "Teddies for Loving Care" was born. The Appeal was launched in Essex in 2001 and has since been adopted by most of the Masonic provinces across the country. Prior to the launch, a great deal of research was carried out. Hospitals were asked how many teddies would be needed. We had to establish what style and size of teddy would be suitable to meet stringent toy safety regulations and be 'cuddly' enough to appeal to small children. After 12 years, that support and enthusiasm for the Appeal still exists and well over 1,000,000 teddies have now been distributed nationwide. Most of the money raised to fund the Appeal comes from Freemasons themselves through lodge donations, but we also receive some donations from grateful individuals and the sale of TLC merchandise.

Not every child visiting A&E will receive a bear. The medical staff use their discretion and will give a bear to a child that is suffering particularly from trauma, injury or illness. They use the bears to befriend the children, to reward them for being brave and in some cases to demonstrate what they are going to do.

One A&E Sister said "I cannot remember how we used to cope before the Teddies. I hope that you can continue to supply them for a long time".



Another said, "It's not just a teddy, it's so much more."

As the TLC Appeal is a Masonic initiative, it's pure nature has also benefited Freemasonry, by raising the level of public awareness of the contribution made to the community by Freemasonry, a greater understanding of the principles on which Freemasonry is founded, and how those principles are exercised in the modern world.

Did you know that ... In England, Wales and Ireland (North and South, a distressed child receives a TLC Bear on average every 2 ½ minutes which is 24 Teddies every hour, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In Sussex V. W. Bro Grahame Carr, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master co-ordinates the scheme and is pictured with Sharon Spiers his contact at Worthing Hospital.



### **W. Bro John Banks – Loxfield Lodge**

From W. Bro Martin Wilson

I had the pleasure of presenting W Bro John Banks PPrGReg with his 60-year certificate at the meeting of L2450 - Loxfield Lodge.

John was initiated in the era of rock 'n' roll, with "Great Balls of Fire" by Jerry Lee Lewis and "Jailhouse Rock" by Elvis Presley in the hit parade.

His first job as a Steward of the Lodge was to go to the Secretary's office, collect about 100 summonses, fold them, put them in envelopes, buy the stamps and post those he hadn't delivered by hand.

Having attained the Chair in 1973, John continued to support the Lodge by holding the Office of DC for a period of ten years and has missed only a handful of meetings during his 60 years' service. An able ritualist, he has always been happy to stand in and has continued to regularly support the LoI until very recently.

As a builder he has spent much time and effort in repairing and maintaining the Uckfield Masonic Hall and played a major role in the formation and running of the management committee.

A modest and unassuming man, John is a pillar of the Lodge and an example and inspiration to us all.



Pictured are W. Bro Paul Varrall (WM of Loxfield Lodge), W. Bro John Banks and W. Bro Martin Wilson.

## Simone's Incredible Adventure

The Chief Executive of Lifelites, Simone Enefer-Doy recently went on what was possibly the wackiest relay ever. The challenge, dubbed 'Lift for Lifelites', visiting nearly 50 famous landmarks in England and Wales in a variety of weird and wonderful modes of transport in 14 days, all with the help of Freemasons across the country. It was an eventful 14 days: she sat in a spitfire, went on the fastest zipwire in the world, rode in a DeLorean (no time travelling was involved), stood on the podium at Silverstone, took a speedboat down the river Thames, and waited very patiently while a flat tyre had to be replaced on a four-seater plane which was due to take her to Jersey.



In Sussex we are grateful to W. Bro Greg Shackleton who after a cheque for £5000 was presented to support this worthy cause "loaned" his Rolls Royce to take Simone from Brighton to Portsmouth.

The challenge has raised a staggering £103,867.41 - and counting! Simone wants to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the challenge, whether that was by driving Simone, donating money or providing any other support along the way. She has the following message:

The money raised will help us continue to donate assistive technology to life-limited and disabled children in hospices across the British Isles. This life changing technology helps children to play, be creative, control something for themselves and communicate, for as long as it is possible.

We are proud that Sussex "did its bit" to support this incredible charity.

## Paddle Round the Pier and Burrell Lodge

Paddle Round the Pier is the world's biggest free beach and water sports festival

Paddle Round the Pier runs every year on the beautiful venue of Hove Lawns and features the very best in water, street & urban sports, live music, kids' entertainment, 'have a go' opportunities and much, much more. Paddle has always appealed to surfers and water sports enthusiasts, but it seems we just can't stop people wanting to get involved.

With all the usual suspects from Surfing, Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Kayaking, Skating, Windsurfing and Free Running. To all new sports like Surf Life Saving, Land Paddling, Kitesurfing and Freestyle Mountain Biking.



So, what has this got to do with Freemasonry. W. Bro Ken Clay of Burrell Lodge organised a Freemasons Stand at the event.

He and his team of helpers found a lapsed Freemason who wants to resume his masonry and three possible candidates.

They were also able dispelled a few myths about our wonderful organisation and some people amazed that we were out in public talking to them about Masonry.



W. Bro Ken is organising a stand for the Lagoonfest on the 8th September 2018 and will be seeking Volunteers to help him with the stand. Can you help him? If so just send an email to [Communications@sussexmasons.org.uk](mailto:Communications@sussexmasons.org.uk)

Thank you to W. Bro Ken for this incredible initiative. What a better way to promote Freemasonry and to get possible Candidates. Remember the PGMs manta – ***One is not Enough***

#### Message from the Provincial Mentor

W.Bro Andrew Lee, our Provincial Mentor has asked that his new “Official” email address be publicised. He can now be contacted at [mentor@sussexmasons.org.uk](mailto:mentor@sussexmasons.org.uk)



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