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## From the Editor

### Openness and confidentiality



**Y**ou probably know that the Deacon is published as a hard copy magazine for distribution to all members and honorary members of Sussex Craft lodges and Royal Arch chapters at home and abroad.

You may not know that it is also published on the Provincial website and as such is accessible to the world at large and has been for at least the last 5 years. Copies of the Deacon are also distributed at public gatherings, eg. at the South of England Show and at lodge Open Days, and we are invited to leave our copies of the Deacon in places where the public may read them, for example in doctors' waiting rooms (always subject to gaining the prior consent of the "owner", eg. the Practice Manager).

This trend towards openness will continue. You will be seeing the

Provincial Display trailer out-and-about very soon and there will be available to the public extracts of articles and pictures from the Deacon and other sources. The Deacon is also to be made available in a more user-friendly electronic version for those who prefer it.

So, how does this affect you? Probably not at all. However, if you are concerned about being identified as a Freemason you should presume that all pictures in which you appear are liable to be published in the Deacon and in the online version and you may be identified in the associated article by name. So, decline to have your picture taken, or speak with the photographer if you are concerned. In any event we usually only identify people by their first and last name and we never publish addresses or telephone numbers without permission.

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# Change of Deputies

## And the events leading to it



Ken Thomas presenting Grahame with his golden jubilee certificate

Adur Lodge and present Grahame with his Golden Jubilee Certificate. This was witnessed by a large contingent of visitors keen to support Grahame on that special occasion, and included the Past ProvGMs, Ian Lay and David Llewellyn and the two Past DPGMs, Don Durrant and Joe Wilkins, together with all the present Executive.



Bro Martin Mitten, our newly appointed DepPGM

**A**t the Provincial AGM last June, the PGM was pleased to promote W Bro Martin Mitten from APGM to DepPGM, VW Bro Grahame Carr having completed his four year term. For Martin this was of course a great delight, albeit perhaps tinged with a little apprehension given the scope and responsibilities that a Deputy bears and the initiatives now being instigated by Grand Lodge. Fortunately handovers are seldom sudden and, for example, Grahame continues to be a member of the Provincial Communications

Group and a Trustee of Sussex Masonic Charities.

Relinquishing an office can be a mixed blessing too, though the warmth of the tribute made to Grahame by the PGM at the AGM must have been very reassuring. But then another event had happened only two months earlier, and that spoke not just of Grahame's achievements as a DepPGM, but also of all his Masonic achievements throughout his long career in Freemasonry and, more especially, as an individual. On 26th March the PGM was pleased to attend

On behalf of Felpham Lodge, the PGM also presented Grahame with a solid gold, diamond inset tie pin and W Bro Keith Davis presented him with a pair of cut glass whisky tumblers, a matching decanter and a silver tray on behalf of Adur Lodge. Then, at the Festive Board, W Bro. Alan Pilbeam pointed out that whilst whisky glasses are all well and good, they are better used than looked at and polished! Accordingly he presented Grahame with a bottle of scotch. Bro Pilbeam is the senior Past Master of Adur Lodge (1976), just two years before Grahame took the Chair.

## Congratulations

The following Brethren have had Certificates issued for their service to the Craft between March 2014 and September 2014

### 70 Years

W Bro Thomas Snow  
24/3/14 L4962 Temple Lodge

### 60 Years

W Bro Dennis Spillett  
17/3/14 L56 Howard L of Bro Love

W Bro Sidney Hibberd  
20/3/14 L3673 Knights of the Road

W Bro Reginald Moore  
14/5/14 L8072 Langport

### 50 Years

W W Bro Bertram Voller  
3/3/14 L1619 Sackville

W Bro Philip Knight  
4/3/14 L4419 Andredesweald

W Bro Graham Clarke  
5/3/14 L4499 Tilsmore

W Bro Albert Humphry  
5/3/14 L38 Lodge of Union

W Bro Gerald Summerfield  
7/3/14 L6487 Fidelity

W Bro John Purslow  
12/3/14 L732 Royal Brunswick

W Bro Arthur Seymour  
23/3/14 L1110 Tyrian

W Bro David Sheppard  
24/3/14 L4898 Bexhill

W W Bro Grahame Carr  
25/3/14 L2187 Adur

W Bro Derrick Frost  
1/4/14 L6139 William de Warrene

W Bro Norman Stenning  
1/4/14 L6139 William de Warrene

W Bro Brian Day  
3/4/14 L4655 St Andrew's

W Bro Victor Pickett  
16/4/14 L56 Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love

W Bro John Kernick  
1/5/14 L8573 Crowborough Beacon

W Bro Michael Woolley  
15/5/14 L6349 Regency

W Bro John Gillespie  
9/6/14 L4460 Midhurst

W Bro Peter Hoare  
9/9/14 L2434 Anderida

W Bro Ernest Gotham  
24/9/14 L271 Royal Clarence

## Brother Rob Wicks

Prov Senior Grand  
Warden, 2015



**R**ob was born in Westminster Hospital in 1961 where his father was a junior doctor. After school at Eastbourne College he returned to Westminster as a student and qualified as a doctor in 1984. He is now the Senior partner in a GP practice in Eastbourne. He met his wife Debbie, a Westminster nurse, in 1988. They married in 1991 and have two children. Sam, 22 has just graduated in Business Studies from Reading University and Lucy, 19, is studying Biology at Durham.

He is a keen musician, playing guitar and singing regularly with the Hailsham Choral Society. He also plays tennis and runs regularly, having completed three Beachy Head Marathons and several half marathons. He fuels this by making all his own bread!

He was initiated into King Harold Lodge 8630 in 1988 where his father was a founder member, thus continuing an unbroken family line of masons stretching back to his great grandfather in 1900 who was Provincial Grand Secretary for Berkshire. Rob was Master in 1995, served as Charity Steward for many years and was appointed ProvGStB in 2002 and promoted to PPrGSwdB in 2012.

He now belongs to Old Eastbournian Lodge 4946 where he was Treasurer, becoming Master in 2009. He joined East Sussex Masters 8449 in 2003 serving as Assistant Secretary and then Master in 2011. He also belongs to Lodge of Emulation 21 in London where he is currently Almoner.

He was exalted into King Harold Chapter in 1991 becoming MEZ in 1997 and was appointed ProvGStB in 2002 and then joined Tyrian Chapter 1110 becoming Scribe E. He was subsequently promoted to ProvGSwdB in 2011.

Rob served as a Provincial Escort in Craft from 2009 to 2014, thoroughly enjoying the experience and which he would thoroughly recommend. He is a Trustee of the Eastbourne Masonic Temple and serves on the Temple committee. He is often found helping out at fundraising events for the Friends of Eastbourne Hospital Charity, for which his wife is secretary, and in return is allowed out regularly to Masonic meetings!

## Brother Michael Lear

Prov Junior Grand  
Warden, 2015



**B**ro Michael was born in Walton on Thames in 1966 and his family moved to Battle in 1971, where he has grown up, been educated and worked. He studied Architecture at Hastings College and later at Thames Polytechnic, but realising that he enjoyed more hands on work, in 2000 became a full time Property Developer and now runs a number of companies.

Michael is married to Carole, who is French and from Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean. They met when she was working in the UK and have 3 children. Byron, 23, has recently graduated from Brighton University with a degree in Mathematics. Bianca, their eldest daughter, is soon to graduate from Bristol University with a Biology Degree and their youngest daughter, Celine, is 13 and lives for her horse, Poppy, which also takes up a lot of both of their time.

One of Michael's biggest passions is working for a local charity, "The Sara Lee Trust", which supports people living with life limiting diseases. He became involved 7 years ago and is now its Chairman, a role that is very hands on and rewarding. In the past 2 -3 years they have set up and are running four new shops, that bring in vast amounts of money for the charity.

Michael was initiated into Andredesweald Lodge, Battle, in March 1995 and became WM in 1999. Soon after coming out the chair, Michael became secretary for his lodge and later DC, and remains preceptor. In 2006 he was appointed a ProvGStwd, and joined the Stewards Lodge that year. He was promoted to PPrSGD in June 2009.

In September 2009 he became a Provincial Escort and has just finished 5 years of service to the Province, a role he has very much enjoyed. During this time he has acted on many occasions as Deputy ProvGDC at Team outings, and at AGMs. He is also a member of the East Sussex Masters where he has been DC for the past 3 years. Whilst he first joined Royal Arch in London, he later joined Royal Sussex Chapter, Brighton, where he recently completed 2 years in the MEZ chair.

Michael has been involved in many charitable events across the Province and very much enjoys the ritual and social side of freemasonry. He is very much enjoying his year in active office as ProvJGW.

# Freemasonry United

## In aid of a brother

**The Provincial Grand Almoner's office at Brighton is used to receiving calls for assistance, not only from Sussex masons, but also from the Provincial Grand Almoners of other Provinces when they have brethren residing in Sussex who are in need our assistance.**

I received one such call in late 2011 from the Provincial Grand Almoner for Wiltshire about a Surrey mason, Bro Peter (his name has been changed to protect his identity). We were asked to visit Peter's wife, Sue, to see what assistance we might be able to offer.

The PGA Wiltshire gave us the following information:

Peter had been involved in an accident that had left him paralysed by a spinal injury. He was initially treated in Brighton because he was living in Woodingdean but, as he needed specialist care, he had been moved to Salisbury Hospital where he was still being treated. Peter was expecting to be able to return home in 2012 and we were requested to visit Sue to see if we could offer any advice or support once he was home, and/or to assist in the move. The ProvGAlm (Wiltshire) advised us that a Salisbury Lodge was currently maintaining

regular contact with Peter on behalf of his Surrey lodge.

I have personal experience with quadriplegia, my brother being in a similar condition, and after discussing the matter with John Hornblow, our Provincial Grand Almoner, I agreed to take on the duties of Visiting Brother. I visited Sue at her home to make initial enquiries. She was living near Brighton, having sold the property in Woodingdean. She had only been in her new home for about three weeks.

Peter's tragic accident happened when he fell over a low wall, breaking his neck at the 3rd cervical vertebrae. He was now quadriplegic, needing a respirator and permanent care. He was in Salisbury Hospital but it was planned to move him into respite care until the new bungalow had been modified for him. Sue was visiting Peter only once per week due to the distance involved. It took her nine hours to visit him by train at a cost of £15 for her train fare. Once he was moved into respite care it was costing her an additional £25 per visit for taxi fares. She managed this, never complaining, although it was depleting her savings. She was working full time and was also working extra hours to manage. At the time of the accident Peter's Surrey

lodge told Sue that should she need anything she could contact them. However, because of the distance involved, Wiltshire stepped in and Sue commented that the Salisbury lodge had been an enormous support for which she had been most grateful.

The bungalow had a room for Peter to the front of the house, a separate bedroom for Sue and a guest/spare room. There was a reasonably sized lounge. The house needed the doors widened to allow wheelchair access. There was a small conservatory from the lounge to the rear of the property, but Peter would be unable to access this as it had steps and was very small. Peter was going to need 24 hour care, which would be achieved with two shifts of carers each day. The night carer needed to be able to sleep in a small room, which already existed at the rear of the garage. An alarm system needed to be installed to make this acceptable and there was other work that needed to be done to make it more habitable.

Sue had been working closely with Social Services and the Occupational Therapists. They proposed widening the doors to allow wheelchair access by removing the front bedroom window and replacing it with a patio door. This would be used for Peter to enter and leave the house. He would then be able to access the back of the house, via the side of the house, which was wide enough for the wheelchair.

I discussed the practicalities of this



*Bro Peter's new, spacious conservatory, taken in January 2014 by Bro Cornwell*

with Sue. I suggested that this meant he would be very much on public view even if he only intended to visit his back garden. The patio door would open straight onto the front street. She agreed this was not ideal. I suggested that it would be in Peter's best interest to have a larger conservatory that he could use, especially in the winter months when the weather was not suitable for going outside. The lounge was a reasonable size, but not if you have to spend your whole day in it. Peter would have only a limited view of the garden from a wheelchair. Additionally Peter and Sue would be permanently in the same space without any private area. We all need our own space sometimes, however close our relationships.

On the advice of John Hornblow, I suggested that we stay in the background while Sue tried to get the maximum financial support from Social Services. They were expecting to go to committee imminently and we felt that she should make the new suggestions to them before that happened. I assured Sue that we would see if we could assist further once Social Services had agreed how much they were prepared to do for them. Social Services did an enormous amount for Sue and Peter but, due to financial constraints, they were not persuaded to go for our suggestion for a new conservatory.

Sue was still keen to progress the idea of the larger conservatory and I was keen to support her. This was the time for us as Freemasons to step in and help our Brother in need.

The Freemasons charities have been truly supportive from the very beginning. We have spent a considerable amount of time filling in forms and obtaining numerous quotes for the work. I can say though that it has been most rewarding to have been involved in this application. The final application to the Masonic Samaritan Fund was successful and Peter and Sue now have a brand new conservatory on the back of the house. Peter can be wheeled into it and can look out into his garden. This was not possible before. If the weather is good he can be taken out into his garden without having to traverse the front of his house. Peter's quality of life will never be as he would wish but, thanks to Freemasons' charity, it is considerably better than it was.

So what are the messages in this story? After the Installation meeting,

a new Lodge Almoner is given a form to return to the Provincial Office. It asks them whether they are able to assist Brethren from other lodges as a Visiting Brother. We always try to find a Visiting Brother who lives close to the person in need and do not expect him to travel long distance. The Almoner's office is staffed by just five volunteers, so it is therefore a vital link for us. This emphasises the importance of the Almoner within every lodge. We need able-bodied Almoners and Visiting Brothers who can assist us in this important work.

This story is also an excellent example of how the Almoners from different Provinces work together. This was a Surrey mason, living in Sussex but hospitalised in Wiltshire. Surrey asked for help from Wiltshire to visit the Brother and keep both them and

the Surrey lodge members up to date with his progress. Surrey asked Sussex to look after the mason's wife and subsequently assist with the preparation for Peter's return home. It was a real team effort by three Provinces. Peter will be monitored by us in the future should he need further help and we will be able to update his Surrey Lodge with his progress.

As we get older it is reassuring to know that there is this support available to us should we need it. However, whilst we are able, it is the responsibility of all of us to be there to assist those brethren less fortunate than ourselves. Please support your Almoner in his very important duties.

*By Geoff Cornwell,  
the then deputy to ProvGAlm and now ProvGSec*

## Welcome to Freemasonry

*The following Brethren were initiated into Sussex Lodges  
between March 2014 and September 2014.*

*We wish them every happiness on their Masonic Journey*

Bro Derek Rainer	L40	Bro Russell Thorn	L6054
Bro Norman Salmon	L40	Bro Douglas Howson	L6296
Bro Simon Bailey	L56	Bro Tony Ray	L6630
Bro Anthony King	L56	Bro Paul Ancombe	L6745
Bro Philip Woods	L56	Bro Patrick Bartholomew	L6866
Bro Simon Knight	L271	Bro Robert Whiteman	L7057
Bro Brian Tweedy	L732	Bro Nigel Goodyear	L7057
Bro Aaron Botting	L1110	Bro Richard Crawford-Small	L7461
Bro Jason Hollman	L1141	Bro Darren Crabb	L7461
Bro Carl Denne	L1184	Bro Nevil Balcombe	L7547
Bro Mark Hadley	L1829	Bro Nicholas Strutt	L7642
Bro Neil Walker	L1947	Bro Alexander King	L7642
Bro Richard Heath	L2187	Bro Nicholas West	L7891
Bro James Large	L2201	Bro Graham Wathey	L7891
Bro Gary Tidman	L2692	Bro Wayne Harris	L8072
Bro Mark Smith	L2907	Bro Sean Roberts	L8102
Bro Peter Berry	L3143	Bro Sean Miles	L8148
Bro Paul Cockburn	L3277	Bro David Wright	L8148
Bro James Drury	L4104	Bro Roger Collier	L8243
Bro Hugo Peyre	L4104	Bro John Liddell	L8296
Bro Ajaz Hussain	L4150	Bro Nicholas Prout	L8307
Bro James McCreath	L4150	Bro Charles Napper	L8318
Bro Marc Hancock	L4307	Bro Joshua Reynolds	L8369
Bro Steven Howard	L4419	Bro Wayne Crookes	L8450
Bro Stewart Bishop	L4460	Bro Wayne Edwards	L8504
Bro Jonathan Whitehead	L4754	Bro Timothy Tracey	L8573
Bro Colin Mills	L4870	Bro Courneil Warmington	L8573
Bro John O'Hara	L4898	Bro Aldo Borg	L8583
Bro Allan Shaw	L4905	Bro Robert Jamieson	L8708
Bro Russell Dicker	L4946	Bro Adrian Marshall	L8708
Bro Julian Kaye	L4946	Bro Morris Campbell	L8863
Bro Andrew Ash	L4995	Bro Dion Pearce	L8907
Bro Martin Rolph	L5273	Bro Robert Austin	L8907
Bro Iyadurai Jayarajah	L5822	Bro Tristan Sherwood	L9053
Bro Mark Pickthorne	L5822	Bro Peter Bedson	L9871



*The Freemasons' Tavern c1800*

## 1814 and all that

### The formation of UGLE

**O**n the 5th July the WM of Worthing Installed Masters Lodge, Colin Stanley, was pleased to welcome W Bro Dr Mike Kearsley, the Provincial Grand Orator of Middlesex, into the Lodge and to deliver the Prestonian Lecture for 2014 to the brethren present. The Lecture, entitled "1814, Consolidation and Change: The First Year of the United Grand Lodge of England", was drawn from Bro Kearsley's booklet of the same name, copies of which were available for sale on the evening.

#### Why did the Ancients and Moderns Unite?

It is generally accepted that a meeting of free and accepted masons took place at the Goose and Gridiron ale house on 24th June 1717 at which they formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of London, aka the first (or Premier) Grand Lodge of Freemasons. The brethren represented lodges that met at four ale houses in London, including the Goose and Gridiron. By c1725 they had titled themselves the Grand Lodge of England. But titling

oneself does not automatically confer authority, or indeed respect. There was dissent almost from the off. The Irish formed their own Grand Lodge in 1725 and, in the same year, the York Grand Lodge, which had been formed in 1705, termed itself the Grand Lodge of All England. In 1735 the Scots formed their own Grand Lodge.

By 1751 the Grand Lodge of England was being criticised for its modernisation of the ritual, most notably in its approach to the Royal Arch; they, the "Moderns", had virtually removed it, resulting in the so-called Antients' Grand Lodge being formed to work the "old ways". The Antients grew stronger, presenting a challenge to the Moderns, with members and lodges transferring between the two grand lodges.

Looking outside the confines of Freemasonry, the French Revolution of 1789, the revolt of the United Irishmen in 1798, the wars with France and the Americans' fight for independence from England all

contributed to a state of national unease, resulting in the 1799 Unlawful Societies Act. The Act would make freemasonry illegal because it rendered illegal any association or society that required the taking of an oath or obligation. This prompted the Duke of Atholl, then Grand Master of both the Antients and Scottish Grand Lodges, to declare that "there were no set of men in the kingdom .... who could possibly be more loyal or attached to the person of their sovereign or the cause of their country". The Duke's intervention resulted in an amendment being passed within weeks specifically excluding Freemasonry. In 1794 members of both the Antients and Moderns Grand Lodges had petitioned Prince Edward and, in reply, he promised that his "utmost efforts shall be exerted, that the much wished for union of the whole fraternity of masons may be affected". Twenty years later it was so effected, the same year the English captured Washington and burned down the Library of Congress!

#### The Team and its Tasks

Having established the imperative for the Moderns and the Ancients to settle their differences and form a Union for the greater good, we turn to who implemented UGLE, what it's creation involved and how was it achieved. Bro Kearsley identifies some 21 tasks in his booklet, obviously more than can be described in this article. What follows is just a taster; for a fuller story purchase a copy of the booklet via the Internet - see below.

The activities of three brethren in particular were key to the creation and building of UGLE and the tasks it involved. They were the Grand



*The Duke of Sussex in his regalia as Grand Master of UGLE*

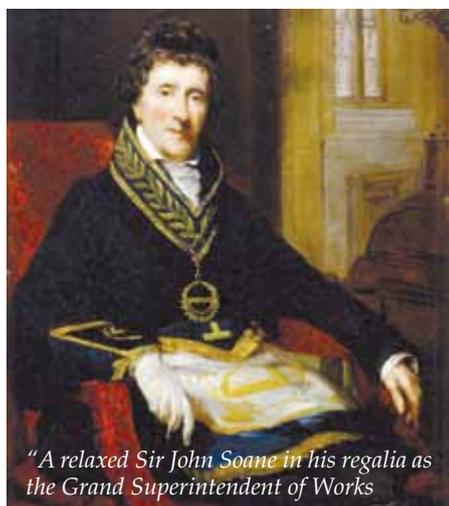
Master, the Duke of Sussex, formerly DepGM of the Moderns (initiated in Germany in 1798), one of the two Grand Secretaries, William White, aka William Henry White who was also the Duke's private secretary, and the Grand Superintendent of Works, John Soane, the eminent architect (initiated in November 1813).

Certainly the Duke of Sussex was well qualified with his undoubted love of freemasonry, his experience as a Deputy Grand Master, his foresight and leadership, his determination, diplomatic skills, resilience, authority and, as a prince, power. He had his weaknesses though; personal ambition, an autocratic style and frequent personal cash flow difficulties.

In William Henry White, the Duke had chosen someone upon whose integrity, dedication and skills he could rely. In terms of masonic experience, William Henry White was the son of William White who was Grand Secretary to the Moderns from 1870.

John Soane, who was knighted in 1831, designed many important buildings, including the predecessor to the current Bank of England and the Chelsea Hospital, among other fine buildings, and established a museum in Lincoln Inns Fields that held his collection of architectural artefacts in what was also his home. As an indication of his standing, Sir John purchased two adjoining properties and was permitted, by Act of Parliament, to combine them into 3 linked buildings and to establish a Trust to maintain the museum in perpetuity. *Editor: A museum well worth a visit.*

### The need for accommodation



*"A relaxed Sir John Soane in his regalia as the Grand Superintendent of Works"*



*Colin Stanley and Mike Kearsley exchange gifts*

The Duke believed that a larger and more prestigious building was required to accommodate the United Grand Lodge and in March 1813 sought to expand the Moderns' building behind the Free Masons Tavern by acquiring four adjoining properties. He caused John Soane to survey and value them and, in April 2014, he reported their value to be £8,000. However the owner, aware of the Duke's interest, required £11,500 and, with a further estimated £2,000 of repair costs, their purchase was impracticable. At a subsequent meeting in October 1815, Soane reported that the houses had been auctioned, that he had purchased them personally for £3,200 on behalf of the Fraternity and asked that the Society (aka UGLE) repay him. In between times the Duke had invited Soane, who had not previously expressed any interest, to join Freemasonry. Records suggest that Soane was balloted, initiated, passed and raised into both the Moderns and, separately, the Ancients on 25th November 1813. Within a month he was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works with Grand Rank. However, it took Grand Lodge nearly six years to repay Bro Soane the £3,200, over £250,000 in today's terms!

### Union Day

Who can consecrate a Grand Lodge? The Duke of Sussex had hoped that the Grand Masters of Scotland and Ireland would do so jointly, but that proved impracticable within the Duke's timeframe. Fortunately the Count de La Gardie, a senior Swedish diplomat and mason, agreed to perform the ceremony. Thus a Swedish brother who, for the purposes of the occasion was termed "Grand Master of the Lodge of the North", sat in the GMs chair before 800 brethren, with a Prince of the realm kneeling before him. He

duly invested the Duke as the first Grand Master. Ironically in May that year the Count had written to his Grand Master, King Carl of Sweden, saying "but so many difficulties arise that I, for my own part, can see no possibility to secure a union ..... the uttermost disorder and anarchy in the lodges themselves undo every modification or rather every attempt to create orderliness".

### Final Reflections

In his conclusion Bro Kearsley compares the urgent need for the reform that prompted the formation of UGLE with our present uncertain future in which we now find ourselves dismissed by society as a whole and with a falling membership. He points out that then there was a single, autocratic Grand Master who presided over English Freemasonry from 1814 till his death in 1843. For the first 14 years he was continuously advised and assisted by two joint Grand Secretaries until the death of one, Edwards Harper, when William White carried on alone until his death in 1858. Sir John Soane was the sole Grand Superintendent of Works from 1814 until his death in 1838. The Duke of Sussex was, of course, also actively supported by many members of the Royal Family, by churchmen, business leaders and senior politicians. That is not the situation we find ourselves in today. Should we now re-trench by taking inspiration from the past, or become a more open, democratic, social and benevolent fraternity working within society?

*Your editor is grateful to Bro Kearsley for his assistance in establishing the veracity of this article and for making available the photographs that accompany it. Bro Kearsley's booklet is available at [www.prestonian2014.org.uk](http://www.prestonian2014.org.uk). Proceeds are donated to the charity DEBRA.*



The brand new, purpose-built Urdaneta Centre designed by Bro Lewis for the Lodge's sole use

# Freemasonry in the Philippines

## Very different, yet very similar

**A**s a regular reader you will recall that the last issue of the Deacon carried an article entitled *Wheels of Hope*, written by Bro George Santos, a Filipino member of both Temperance Lodge and Dadiangas Lodge, about their donation of wheelchairs to disadvantaged children. The article also included a superficial piece about Freemasonry in the Philippines.

As a result of that, Bro Malcolm Lewis, PGStB, PProvGSuptWks (1998 – 2008), contacted your Editor asking whether the brethren would like now more about Freemasonry in the Philippines. Feeling assured you would, what follows is his article together with photographs sent by him. The map is courtesy of Wikipedia

### History Of Philippine Masonry

“In 1889 a Filipino lodge was established in Barcelona and a second lodge was formed later in Madrid. These were the seeds that bought Masonry to the Philippines. The first truly Filipino Lodge was organized in 1890 and in 1898 the first American Lodge opened in Manila. In 1901 Manila Lodge 342 received its charter from the Grand Lodge of California and later Cavite Lodge 350 was establish also under the Grand Lodge of California, but it was not until 1912 that the Grand Lodge of

the Philippines Islands was formed.

In the 100 years since then, Freemasonry has expanded gradually over the main islands that make up the Philippines and there are now almost 400 lodges divided into Districts. Unlike in England and Wales, the Grand Master and the Wardens are elected every year at an annual 3-day convention (AnCon) that is held in different cities within the Philippines and is open to all masons in the Philippines as well as many foreign visitors. In consequence, it is usually attended by over 2,000 masons and the President of the Philippines. This year it was held in Manila and I attended along with some 15 members of my lodge.

In my experience Philippine Masonry tends to be more elitist than in England and Wales because all

meetings, including the rituals, are in English. Consequently members are generally well educated and prominent member of society, the current Grand Master being the head of the Philippine National Police.

### My Lodges

I remain an honorary member of Arthur Jolly Lodge 8102 and will be making a special effort to attend their 50th anniversary in 2016. However, I am now also a member of Urdaneta Lodge 302 in which I am the only non Filipino. Being in the provinces outside of Manila, none of the other 8 lodges in our District of Pangasinan (about the size of Sussex) have members from outside of the Philippines. However, at Annual Conventions and Multi District Conventions that I have attended I have met a number of westerners, mainly from America. The Urdaneta Lodge has a membership of 60, with a hard core of about 35 attending. We meet on the 4th Saturday of each month. Following the meeting we have an informal fellowship with food and drinks supplied by the brethren, very different to the formal dinners that we had in Sussex.

The lodge was formed in 1993 and a couple of years ago we started building our very own meeting place which we are now using, although due to lack of finance it is not fully completed. Following my



Bro Malcolm and his wife, Monica, at the Lodge's (public!) Installation meeting

work in Sussex as Superintendent of Works, I carried on the job here and was made the architect for our new building, which is designed as a truncated pyramid. As Masonry here is more open than in Sussex, you will note that the square and compasses decorate the outside of the building and most members wear Masonic tee shirts in public and have Masonic stickers in their cars. At meetings the dress code is a Philippine dress shirt (barong), most being embroidered with the lodge name, and black trousers, although some lodges, including mine, require suits and ties to be worn by officers of the lodge at installation meetings.

The ritual follows the Scottish Rite which was, no doubt, imported from California. The blue ritual book is wholly in code, unlike that in Sussex, and prospective initiates have to learn their obligation which, in my experience, are all undertaken without error despite English not being their native tongue. Similarly candidates are tested after the initiation and fellowcraft ceremonies prior to proceeding to the next degree. These tests require the candidates to recite 20 minutes of ritual without prompts which, I think, some Sussex candidates might find extremely difficult to achieve. Unlike Sussex, the lodge is opened in the third degree and thus at many meetings initiates and fellowcrafts cannot attend, but merely join us at the fellowship afterwards.

We generally have a ceremony every meeting and have over 10 petitioners at the moment (October 2014). Being a petitioner is not cheap: it costs 25,000 peso (£350) to join, which is expensive when you consider that it is far more than one month's salary. Also at each meeting we have a lecture on Masonic education and, like Sussex, have a charity collection. The installation meeting, along with all the other lodges in the District, is held in February and is an open meeting where family and friends attend. These meetings are well attended by the members and families of other lodges and, in view of the numbers, our installation meetings are held in the civic centre. Following the meeting we have a meal, plenty of alcohol and dancing. During the year we also have a number of outings for the families that are usually held on a Sunday, and we also have many informal gatherings of our members



*The WM wearing a top hat and some of the members in their Lodge Room. No prizes for guessing which is Bro Lewis!*

to celebrate birthdays, house blessings and funerals –so it's more fun in the Philippines!

Malcolm Lewis''

### The Map

The Philippines consists of over 7100 islands. The map shows the 17 administrative Regions and the 81 Provinces that make up the country. The GLOP administers through 54 Districts, where each District may include multiple Provinces from a region or, sometimes, Provinces from more than one Region. Typically each District will comprise 5 – 10 lodges. In one case, that of the National Capital Region (ie. Manila), the Region comprises a single "province" that is split into seven Districts by the GLOP. Five of the Districts are overseas, ie. Guam, Japan (Okinawa and Yokohama), Korea and the Marianas Islands, four of which have but one lodge each and the fifth three lodges.

Bro Lewis lives in the Province and District Pangasinan, in the Ilocos Region of the north west of the country. Ilocos has a population of 4.7m (2010) and is shown in shades of brown.

Bro Santos (of Temperance Lodge) comes from Province of Sarangani, which is in the District of South Cotabato and in the Region of Soccksargen. The Region has a population of 4.1m (2010) and is shown on the map in shades of

blue at the southernmost part of the Philippines.

### Further Information

*The Web Site of the GLOP (Google "Freemasonry Philippines") provides much interesting information, including the location of all the Districts and the lodges within each. It also provides down loadable documents including the 50 qualifying questions a Brother must answer if he is to become WM – minimum pass score is 45, ie. 90%. Editor*



*A map showing Pangasinan in the north and Sarangani in the south*

# Chichester Cathedral Flower Festival

## Our Floral Tribute



*The aisle – “The main aisle, bedecked with flowers, looking towards the altar in the east. Picture by Roddy Bruce*

**A**s many of you will know, the Province of Sussex has been developing closer links with Chichester Cathedral for some time and, in June 1999, presented a Processional Cross to the Dean as part of its Millennium Appeal.

We continue to hold the Annual Church Service there on the Sunday before the Craft AGM, with the added attraction of rather super teas afterwards at the South Pallant Masonic Centre, just a short walk away. This year we were able to participate in the biennial Flower festival, as Bro Roddy Bruce describes below, and as the pictures taken before the service by Bro Ray Whitehouse so wonderfully illustrate.

At Evensong service the ProVG read 2 Samuel 23: 1-5 and the Canon delivered the Homily and other readings, whilst the Choir of St John the Divine, Kennington led the singing of hymns. There were approximately 200 masons, their wives and friends

present, in addition to members of the cathedral's congregation.

“Every second year for the past 20 years, Chichester Cathedral Trust has held a flower festival in which the whole cathedral is decorated. My wife, Pam, has been involved with 8 of the past 10 festivals.

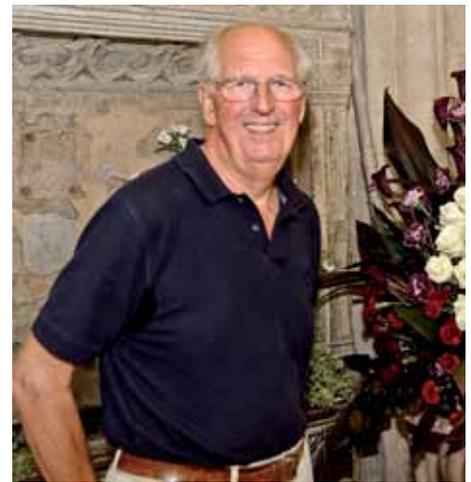
This year the cathedral was divided into 70 ‘pitches’ of varying sizes and I gather the budget was something over 6 figures. The result after sponsorship, paying visitors etc is that so far a net profit of £125,000 has been raised which I understand will be higher when the books are completed.

The theme from the designer this year was ‘The Music Makers’ and the army of volunteer flower arrangers were given a title to work on last autumn and were invited to produce a detailed plan of how they proposed to demonstrate the title given them. Well, Pam and her co-conspirators Ruth

Vivian and Penny Masterson, were given ‘The Magic Flute’. Knowing the Mozart opera quite well it seemed to me to be an excellent opportunity for the Craft to get a bit of PR/marketing/exposure. So a call to the ProVGSec, Bro Maurice Adams, and as they say, the rest is history.

The team of three was given a difficult pitch (a passageway) but they managed to produce arrangements to cover the three degrees and ‘heaven’ as well as many other subtle Mozart masonic references. Sussex PGL produced the square and compasses. I did the props and scaffolding and a lot of carrying and tidying up! They were given a decent budget for flowers and 3 days to get it done.

The donation from ProVGL was hugely appreciated and disappeared fast (!) but at least ‘Supported by Sussex Freemasons’ appeared on the title board and in the Festival brochure.”



Top: The display looking eastward with the PGM talking with Bro Don Durrant (seated) and his wife, Peggy.

Centre left to right: Bro Don Durrant and his wife, Peggy, admiring the "moon" display beside the ever-so-subtle square and compasses.

An athletic Pam Bruce touching the 'fire', with Ruth Vivian on the left and Penny Masterson on the right.

A slightly embarrassed and justifiably proud Roddy Bruce.

Bottom: The display looking westwards. The aisle is out of view but is parallel to this passageway.

These five photographs courtesy Bro Ray Whitehouse





## Freemasons' Hall, eat your heart out!

We welcome  
Brighton Fashion Week

**I**t seems like only yesterday that we received an approach from the organisers of Brighton Fashion Week asking if they could use the Sussex Masonic Centre for a fashion show in October. We are now, looking back, reflecting on what was an absolutely fantastic and extremely professional event.

We are all well aware of the much-publicised events that are held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London. When we were approached with the opportunity to do something similar the immediate reaction was one of "if London can do it then so can we!"

We were told that we could anticipate between 400 – 500 people. A considerable number of these would be models and their supporting teams. There would be a large number of members of the press. The organisers wanted to use the number one Temple as the main venue. Number one dining room was to be used for changing, number three temple as a VIP reception area and the bar for the remainder of the guests.

There has been a considerable amount of work done to date by W Bro Colin Dann and his new Communications Group with the aim of promoting Freemasonry to the community and enhancing our image and, thereby, recruitment. We immediately saw this as an opportunity to further both these aims. The public would be able to appreciate the beautiful building that is our headquarters and see that we were not hiding behind closed doors. At the same time we could encourage a little curiosity, hoping to draw questions from potential recruits.

From the first moment that the organisers arrived and saw temple one they were total stunned by its beauty and by how appropriate it was for their needs. Each new person who arrived was taken aback as soon as they walked into the room. We did not have to sell this venue to them. They absolutely loved it and immediately started asking questions.

Our first step was to obtain the approval from our Provincial Grand Master. As always, he was supportive from day one and gave us the necessary approval. We took on board his concerns regarding security and the risk of damage to the building and its contents. We assured him that this would be paramount in our planning.



*Not your average Grand Officers regalia.*

We formed a small committee comprising the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Martin Mitten, the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works, W Bro Rob Saunders, the Provincial Librarian and Curator, W Bro Reg Barrow and me, W Bro Geoff Cornwell, the Provincial Grand Secretary. The committee met regularly with a large number of specialists involved in the various aspects of the show. This included not only the organiser, but everyone from models, choreographers and fashion designers, through to electricians, prop designers, sound and lighting engineers and many more. I feel sure that our committee learnt an awful lot during these meetings and we faced many challenges.

Not least was the issue of electrics. The number one Temple has only a few power points whereas the organisers wanted to bring in massive gantries to support the considerable amount of lighting required. Rob Saunders was our key man here as, knowing the building so well, he needed to work with their electricians to get the required amount of power into the temple. There were similar problems with the number one dining room. This room became the dressing room for the models with over 100 people needing bright lights and running hair driers and all their other equipment.

Security was paramount, but the organisers had promised us that their own security team would ensure that there would be no issues in this regard. We were grateful to W Bro Colin Ballard and his Stewards

who provided additional security to oversee the Masonic artefacts and ensure that the public did not venture too far around the building.

Early that morning, Sunday 16th October, we cleared all of the display cabinets from the passageways and locked them safely away. As we were doing this, a large team was arriving with a considerable amount of equipment to transform our building into a venue for a fashion show. I cannot praise them enough for their consideration in everything that they

did. They worked closely with us and I can happily report that there was no damage or loss. The masonic symbolism was removed and locked away, leaving just sufficient to create the intrigue and magic that we wanted.

By mid-morning the building was swarming with people. Designers had arrived from as far away as Vienna with equipment by the lorry load. They had wanted the building from the previous day but we had to decline because masonic meetings were being held. They were therefore on a very tight schedule. They were at the door at 7am ready to start and by late afternoon our building had been transformed and was ready for the public.

At the appointed time 260 members of the public arrived to experience the Brighton Fashion Week. There were two fashion shows each lasting an hour, and they can only be described as spectacular. It was hard to imagine that this was our temple. The music was certainly not what we normally hear played, and the lighting would certainly have added a new dimension to our ceremonies. We had almost every available chair brought into the room and they were all occupied. It seemed strange to be standing outside the temple, where a Provincial team would normally form up, and to see instead a line-up of attractive models waiting to saunter in. It will never be the same again!

At the end of the show our public retired to the bar and the break down began. Again I have to praise



*Might make the retail market?*



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our organisers and their teams. The only evidence after they left was an enormous amount of rubbish, considerably bagged up, for us to dispose of. At 1am the following morning everything was back in place and we were once again the Sussex Masonic Centre.

**Geoff Cornwell**

*Editor: The stunning photographs included in this article and that on the front cover were supplied courtesy of the photographer, Malcolm Tam, via the organisers of Brighton Fashion Week. Incidentally, I asked the boss of the Provincial office, Perri, why the clothes were so, shall I say, out of the ordinary. Apparently the purpose of such shows is to create extreme designs to show-case the designers skills with fabrics, rather than necessarily be wearable. Not all, though. I rather like the red one....*





## THE FREEMASONS' GRAND CHARITY

We saw in Issue 40 of the Deacon that the Freemasons Grand Charity not only provides financial assistance to those brethren and their dependents who are in need, but also substantial funds to hospices every year. In the three articles below we report on major donations to other good causes. And those donations are additional, not instead of, their work for hospices and the needy.



Friends enjoying fellowship at the workbench

## £50,000 to Blind Veterans UK

**O**n 29th May W Bro Martin Mitten, acting on behalf of the Freemasons Grand Charity, was pleased to present a cheque for £50,000 to Blind Veterans UK at their Ovingdean Centre.

Jackie Ball, Blind Veterans UK's Group Manager for Relationship Fundraising, said: "This most recent gift of £50,000 from the Freemasons'

Grand Charity is a further example of its generosity and philanthropic culture. This donation takes the total raised for Blind Veterans UK by the Grand Charity and the many individual Freemason lodges throughout the UK to an impressive £250,000 over the past 10 years. We are exceptionally grateful for this extraordinary support and



Martin Mitten presenting the cheque to Bob Strickland

welcome the fact that so many of our blind veterans have also been welcomed into Freemasonry, which is demonstrative of the fact that the Freemasons is an organisation that embraces diversity."

Blind Veterans UK, formerly St Dunstan's, is the national charity for blind ex Service men and women. We believe that no one who has served our country should battle blindness alone, and therefore provide a lifetime's practical and emotional support to blind veterans and their families, regardless of when they served or how they lost their sight.

Services offered at our three centres in Brighton, Llandudno and Sheffield include rehabilitation programs, art and craft classes, sports and recreation, clubs and societies, information technology, care and welfare.

At Blind Veterans UK we get our members back on their feet, helping them to recover their creativity and independence and discover a life beyond sight loss. You can find out more about the charity here - [www.blindveterans.org.uk](http://www.blindveterans.org.uk)

In February 2012 the charity, which was founded in 1915 as St Dunstan's, changed its name to Blind Veterans UK. The new name was chosen because it describes exactly what we do and who we help, and has ensured that our work is better recognised and understood. This in turn has helped boost member recruitment.

Research carried out by the charity found that there are an estimated 68,000 plus blind veterans who could be eligible for its support, but they either do not know that the charity is here or they do not know that they are eligible. So far the charity is only supporting 5,000 blind veterans and their family members - of which approximately 520 are based in the East Sussex, West Sussex and Sussex areas - for which reason it launched a campaign, named the No One Alone campaign, specifically targeted to reach out to potential members. To find out more, go to - [www.noonealone.org.uk](http://www.noonealone.org.uk).

## £50,000 to the Blond McIndoe Research Foundation

Last August, Ken Thomas and Colin Scourfield presented a cheque for £50,000 to the Blond McIndoe Research Foundation (BMRF), which is based in the specialist Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead. The Foundation undertakes research into the treatment of burns and soft tissue injuries. Its aim is to continually develop new procedures and technologies that will simplify treatments, and reduce healing time and scarring.

The Foundation, which was created by the philanthropists, Neville and Elaine Blond, is named after and inspired by the surgical pioneer Sir Archibald McIndoe who treated many injured WWII airmen at the hospital. To create a lasting memorial to McIndoe, a statue has been sculpted by Martin Jennings FRBS and is sited on the route McIndoe used daily to reach his patients. Jennings describes his sculpture and speaks eloquently of McIndoe the man:

"I want[ed] to make more than just a statue of the great surgeon. McIndoe's story is inseparable from that of the Guinea Pig Club, his burned 'boys' for whom he was a cross between compassionate parent and strict figure of authority. So I have represented him with a patient (though not a particular person) who has burns to his face and hands but still wears his RAF uniform, as McIndoe insisted his patients should be allowed to. The pilot is turning his head to look back up to the sky in which he can no longer fly but also towards his doctor for reassurance. McIndoe's hands are on the younger man's shoulders, suggesting the communication of his extraordinary confidence - his patients always refer in their memories of him to his absolute certainty that they would go on to lead productive lives despite the traumas they'd suffered. Many of McIndoe's patients suffered terrible injuries to their hands and "main en griffe" (claw hands) frequently resulted. After his wartime burns, my own father's hands were fixed in a claw shape for the remainder of his adult life. I can remember when growing up how tentatively he

sometimes used to hold them and how he used to stretch them when they ached. This is something I want to record in that one small part of the statue."

*Martin Jenkins' powerful statue of Sir Archibald McIndoe*



## Worthing-based QAHH receives £30,000



**The Occupational Therapy Department at The Queen Alexandra Hospital Home has received a boost of £30,000 from The Freemason's Grand Charity. The cheque, presented to QAHH Senior Occupational Therapist Sally Cook by Martin Mitten, Deputy Provincial Grand Master is the first of two instalments pledged to QAHH and will assist in providing specialist rehabilitation to disabled veterans, helping them to live more independent and fulfilled lives.**

Because QAHH supports ex-Servicemen with a range of physical and neurological disabilities, the role of Occupational Therapy is varied, addressing many complex issues. The grant will help fund a range of activities and sessions including group and individual cookery classes, upper limb exercise groups, as well as our "Great Escapes" community-based rehabilitation programme. All activities aim to increase independence and ability to complete everyday tasks.

Jennifer Hanraads, QAHH Interim Head of Fundraising commented "We are extremely grateful to The Freemason's Grand Charity for choosing to support this vital strand of our work. By funding the department over two years we can plan ahead for the future of this service. Later this year we hope for our wheelchair clinic to be fully operational which will further improve our range of on-site services and have a great impact on the overall well-being of our residents. I would like to extend thanks on behalf of all of our residents and their families to The Freemason's Grand Charity for their generosity".

QAHH provides long-term placements, short-term respite stays and, increasingly, intermediate rehabilitation stays that generally last anywhere between a month and a year.

Although QAHH supports beneficiaries from across the UK, its location in Worthing means that 60% of residents are local to East and West Sussex.



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The air ambulance returned from a mission just in time for the crew to accept cheques totalling £14,000. On Monday (4th August) Colin Scourfield, Chairman of the Trustees for Sussex Masonic Charities and his wife Maureen visited one of the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance bases to see the helicopter and hear more about the work of the life saving charity. They presented a cheque for £4,000 from the Freemasons Grand Charity and a further £10,000 from Sussex Masons.

Chief Executive of the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance, Adrian Bell said "We are extremely grateful for the very significant amount of money that the Sussex Masonic Charities have raised for us over the years. We appreciate the huge amount of hard work that they put into raising this money and thank them sincerely for their continued support".

Colin said 'The Freemasons of Sussex are so pleased to be able to assist this wonderful charity and I know they will continue to provide support for a long time to come through the generosity of Sussex Masonic Charities'.

## £14,000 for Air Ambulance mostly from Sussex



"KSS Air Amb" - Colin presents £14,000 to Doctor Anthony, with Paramedic Lewis on the right and the pilot in the centre. Photo by Maureen Scourfield.

The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance was the first in the country to operate a 24 hour Helicopter Emergency Medical Service. The night service responds to an average of between 1-2 medical emergencies every night

in addition to the 4-6 missions they attend during the day. Freemasons in Sussex have donated more than £300,000 to the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance since the service started flying in the county in 2007.

## £1350 for Lifelites Technology for hospices

Last March the PDepPGM, VW Bro Grahame Carr, was pleased to jointly present a cheque for £1,350 to Janine Share on behalf of the Lifelites project at Chestnut Tree House. You may recall that Chestnut Tree House is part of the St Barnabas Hospice group, so Nik Hammett of St Barnabas was also pleased to attend.

Michael Fahey, who was the Master of Sompting Lodge in 2013, raised £750.00 at the Lodge's Ladies Night through the generosity of the Lodge Members and guests. Ted Phillips, the Lodge's Charity Steward, subsequently successfully applied for and received the maximum matched funding of £600 from the Sussex Masonic Charities.

Lifelites provides computer technology to and within every children's hospice in the country (presently 44) with the objectives

of educating and entertaining life-limited children in their care. Lifelites was originally the millenium project set up by the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, but it was later spun off as a separate but subsidiary charity with a charter allowing a wider scope and to obtain funds from non-masonic sources including from Freemasons. The RMTGB no longer finances the charitable work

of Lifelites, but it does provide its accountancy resources and provides free office accommodation in Great Queens Street.

Michael has been the Masonic Volunteer for Lifelites since Chestnut Tree House was opened in 2003. Sorting out problems with the computer equipment was the original role, his efforts now are in raising funds for Lifelites and he is happy to visit any Lodge throughout the Province to give a talk on the Lifelites project and to raise awareness of the excellent work the Chestnut Tree House hospice does throughout East and West Sussex.



Ltr: Nik Hammet of St Barnabus, Janine Share of Lifelites, Grahame Carr, Mike Fahey and Ted Philips

# Cheques galore from Loxfield Lodge

nearly £5000 in a year!



*The charities and Lodge members in Uckfield: picture courtesy Ron Hill*

**O**n 9th May, Loxfield Lodge organised a mass-cheque presentation at the Uckfield Masonic Centre, where the Lodge has met since its consecration in 1893. In fact the Lodge purchased the building in 1939, then part of the Old Grammar School, and is now used by 23 masonic units. But we digress ...

In welcoming the guests the Charity Steward, Gavin Keegan, took the opportunity to shed a little light on the nature of Freemasonry and its objectives, correcting some of the miss-information that has been and, to some extent, still is propagated.

Each presentation was made by a different member of the Lodge, after which the representative of the charity was invited to say a few words about its work and how the money would be used. The meeting was closed by the WM, W Bro Leslie Willcox, who thanked everyone for attending and hoped that their Charities would continue to prosper and carry out the excellent work for which they are so well known. The donations were:

£1200 to the Children's Respite Trust, presented by Martin Wilson and received by Mrs. Shirley Price, which they plan to invest in a Sensory Kit

for treating children with sensory impairment.

£1200 to the Sussex 4X4 Response Group, presented by Gavin Keegan and received by their Vice-Chairman, Mr. Paul Cumbers, who plans to put it towards the purchase of an inflatable operations centre. The group use their radio-equipped off-road vehicle to assist the local Police and other groups in times of emergency and very poor weather conditions.

£1000 to the Retina Pigmentosa Fighting Blindness Charity, presented by Graham Garnsey to Mr. Chris Bailey who had recently undertaken a sponsored 'ramble' across the Sahara Desert to raise funds for the charity.

£415 to St.Peter & St.James Hospice, presented by John Clark to Mrs. Carol Hughes, who spoke of the ever-rising running costs of the hospice and thanked the Lodge for its continuing support.

Earlier in the year, £415 had been donated to Demelza House Hospice Care for Children, £300 to the Uckfield branch of the East Sussex Association for the Blind - Partially sighted social Group, and £300 to the White Ribbon Group that meets in Eastbourne.

## The Phoenix Stroke Club

Receiving £1300 from Carfax

**O**n the 14th April 2014, a wonderfully sunny day in Horsham, Judith Trigg, the assistant manager of the Phoenix Stroke Club, received a cheque for £1,300 from Sheila and Danny Hilliard on behalf of the Carfax Lodge.

The money was raised by the raffle held at the annual Ladies Weekend in Bournemouth and attended by over 100 members, family and friends. Sheila is a volunteer at the Phoenix Club in Horsham and, as the Masters Lady, she suggested that the proceeds of the raffle be donated to this local enterprise. This proved to be an excellent choice and as we have seen, very successful.

The Phoenix Stroke Club was founded in 1979 to support stroke survivors and those with neurological conditions. It is open 3 days a week and provides a hot lunch and refreshments. The large team of volunteers provides family carers a weekly respite, assist the members in their activities and help with the general running of the Club. There is also a Communication group one morning a week providing one-to-one support. The Club relies heavily on donations and necessarily keeps its running costs to a minimum.



*Outside the Clubhouse enjoying the sun; l to r, Judith Trigg, Sandra Gooding (volunteer), Brenda Alderside and James Church (both members), and Sheila and Danny*

## Inspired to give and keep on giving

In December 2005, a successful Brighton businessman passed away suddenly at the age of 52. Steven George Danahar left a large hole not only in his family's lives but also those of his friends and acquaintances far and wide. Steve was a larger than life character and gave generously to charity events that he was involved in.

Seven years ago three of Steve's close friends, David Plant (who is also a PM of St Mary of the Harbour Lodge), Mike Smith and Kevin Taylor decided to promote a charity golf day in his memory, the aptly named 'The Steven George Danahar Memorial Golf day'. They, with the help of Steve's former PA Maureen Keenan, brought many friends and acquaintances in the electrical industry together for a day to play golf, enjoy a superb dinner and, with the help of raffle prizes donated by various individuals and wholesalers, raise money for a particular charity.



At the 19th hole, David Plant second from left and his son Craig, far right

That golf day proved to be the first of what has become an annual event and has to date raised £17,000 for local charities. Due to Maureen's retirement, Steve's son George has now joined the team and intends, with the continued help of those friends, to continue to raise money for worthy causes for many years to come.

The inaugural event was held at the Singing Hills Golf Club in 2008, involved 72 golfers and raised £2000 for The Martlets. Thereafter it has

been held at the Dyke Golf Club and, until 2013, The Martlets has received £10,000 as the sole beneficiary. Over the last two years £6,500 has been given to Leo House and it is expected to give more next year. All of which suggests that the event is now a well-established Memorial, further illustrated by this year's event attracting 87 golfers.

[Charity] like its sister Mercy, blesses him who gives as well as him who receives.

## Improving mastectomy outcomes with Royal Sovereign donation



L to R, Angela Healey and Juliette Twyman, Keith Mason, Elizabeth Shah and Paul Lown, with Roy Sydney peaking over Paul's shoulder

Breast care patients at Conquest Hospital are set to benefit from a £3,651 donation from Royal Sovereign Light Lodge that meets in Bexhill. Its Master, Paul Lown, accompanied by his wife Ellen, Roy Sydney and the Charity Steward, Keith Mason, presented a cheque for the Conquest Hospital breast care fund to Miss Elizabeth

Shah, Consultant Breast Surgeon.

The money will be used by the Conquest Breast Team to develop an innovation in breast reconstruction using a reconstructive tissue matrix, also known as an Acellular Dermal Matrix.

Bro Paul Lown said "It is a great pleasure and a highlight of a Master's

year to support very worthy charitable causes. Therefore, I could not be more privileged to present a cheque on behalf of the Lodge towards the leading work of Miss Elizabeth Shah. She is a highly respected Consultant Breast Surgeon. I and my wife have more reasons than many to recognise and benefit from her outstanding work and that of her team."

Miss Shah said: "We are so grateful to the Royal Sovereign Light Lodge for their support and generosity. Their many fundraising activities throughout the year have raised a tremendous amount. It will help the breast team develop this innovative breast reconstruction procedure following a mastectomy that gives additional support to the implant and improves the shape and appearance of the reconstructed breast, leading to a more pleasing aesthetic outcome for the breast cancer patient."



*An artist impression of the view from Sussex Cancer Support Centre*

## £1600 from Saltdean to Macmillan for the Sussex Cancer Support Centre

**O**n 28th October, brethren from Saltdean Lodge were very pleased to present cheques totalling £1,600 to Sarah Coxhill, Fundraising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support in Sussex.

Joe Wilkins, our well-known PDepProvGM, made a point of expressing his pride at the level of giving achieved by the Lodge and the contribution to that ethic their Charity Steward, John Hughes, has made. Their most favoured charity is Chestnut Tree House, to whom they have given over £8000 plus, in most cases with matched funding. The donation of £1000 was raised at David Vine's Ladies Night, plus £600 from Matched funding. Bro Vine, then the WM, has a cancer so Joe stepped in to present the cheque on his behalf. Happily David is now out and about and we wish him well.

Sarah describes the purpose of the Support Centre thus: "Macmillan's mission is to ensure that no one in Sussex faces cancer alone. Macmillan Cancer Support is building its Cancer Support Centre in Brighton, opposite the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Building work began in March 2014 after 5 years of campaigning and fundraising, and is due to open by the end of summer 2015. Working in partnership with the Brighton and Sussex University Trust and Sussex Cancer Fund, this centre will provide a safe, non-clinical environment for anyone affected by cancer in Sussex. The appeal was set at £3.7 million and we still have £500,000 to raise to complete and furnish the centre.

The centre will provide specialist cancer information and advice across Sussex, including welfare benefits advice, counselling services, complementary therapies, physical

activity support, hair, wig and skincare advice, practical support, dietary advice and a space for self-help and support groups. Whether patient or carer, this centre will be a place of safety, peace and support to gather unbiased, broad ranging information about all aspects of the cancer journey. It will provide those affected by cancer with assistance and support across the county, sign posting them to local services and networks that can provide help at every stage of their cancer experience.

This centre is crucial to a county where 1 in 2 people are affected by cancer and 28% of all deaths in Sussex are caused by cancer. In fact, Sussex has 20% higher rates of cancer than other parts of the country and it's the only county to not have a dedicated cancer support centre. In Sussex, sadly every day 24 people hear the news that they have cancer and, devastatingly, 13 people die. They need our support, now. What's worse is that 1 in 4 people face cancer alone, so it's disturbing to think that by 2030 the number of people in Sussex living with cancer will fill the Brighton and Hove Albion American Express Stadium 4.5 times. That's 47% of us

in Sussex who will be diagnosed with cancer during our lifetime.

Today, across Sussex, there are over 180 Macmillan healthcare professionals – nurses, GPs, dieticians, psychotherapists and many more – working to support anyone affected by cancer. In Sussex, during 2013; 2,104 people called the Macmillan Support Line, £1.77 million was identified in unclaimed benefits and 596 people received a Macmillan grant (totalling in £165k) allowing them to cover things like travel costs and parking for chemotherapy and other hospital appointments. Money is also available towards the purchase of stair lifts, enabling them to stay in their home rather than unnecessarily in hospital for months on end or, very simply, to buy new bedding after theirs has been left unusable from treatments and night sweats.

No one should face cancer alone, especially without the relevant information and support to make the journey easier. We want everyone affected by cancer in Sussex to have the Macmillan team in their corner to support them every step of the way."

*Sarah Coxhill*



*Joe Wilkins presents cheques to Sarah Coxhill. His wife, Terry is to Joe's immediate left, Keith Cooper (Secretary) to Sarah's left, whilst John Hughes stands modestly behind*

# Your memorial to Colin Lee

## he'd have loved it!



*L to R, Zoe and Andrew Lee looking on whilst Sam receives the AccuVein from Carrie*

**Colin had never wanted to see flowers at funerals and cremations and so when he passed away suddenly in December 2012, I abided by his wishes. We decided that instead of flowers we would ask for donations to go to the Haematology Department at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton. You may have wondered why this beneficiary was chosen - here is the reason for that choice.**

Colin had lost the sight in the lower part of his right eye in July 1999 and was then found to be suffering from Polycythemia Rubra Vera in 2003. From then on he was a regular patient at the Haematology Department, going for blood tests every two weeks to enable the consultant to work out how much of the chemotherapy medication was required to keep the condition under control. This was when his dislike of having blood taken started. When the needle came near to take the blood, his veins would "disappear", making it very difficult to find a vein to use. Often up to ten or twelve attempts were made. Sometimes Colin would have to return a couple of days later for them to "try again". Luckily as time passed and the medication was stabilised he

was only visiting the hospital every three months, but the dislike of the blood tests never went away.

During the last few years, as Colin's blood became thicker, he would have to have a venesection every two to three months, which involved taking a bag of blood from his system and, before each of these procedures, the requisite blood tests – more needles! All the staff in the Haematology department are wonderful, so patient and prepared to spend time answering what were probably very trivial questions, but worrying for us.

After Colin died I went to visit the Department to see what could be purchased in Colin's memory. The answer was an AccuVein machine. It makes the veins beneath the skin visible by holding the portable machine over the skin. It is lightweight and rechargeable and by taking the guesswork out of finding veins it will help both patients and staff. The cost of this machine was just under £3500. Colin would have loved it!

But could we raise that much? Thankfully the donations made at Colin's memorial service alone totalled over £800. With the cheques sent in from family and friends, and

from Sussex Masters' Lodge, Sussex Masonic Charities, Preston Park Lodge, including matched funding from Sussex Masonic Charities, we were now getting closer. Then in the summer Josie, Zoe and I were invited to the Hog Roast held by the Provincial Priory of Sussex. Following conversations about the AccuVein, we were presented with a cheque for £500 from the proceeds of their raffle. We had reached our target!

On 28th January 2013 Andrew, the girls and I officially handed over the AccuVein machine to Sam and the rest of the team in the Haematology Department. It had already been put to good use. One patient who, on her last visit had nine attempts before a vein was found, was amazed at how easy it now was to find a vein on the first attempt. The machine had also been lent to the Renal Department where a patient had suffered narrowing of the veins. The AccuVein and the machine made getting the intravenous line in his hand more easily and with less stress.

Over a year has passed since my wonderful husband died. We have only come through the last year with the help of family and many Masonic friends. Thank you so much to all of you.

*Carrie Lee – February 2014,  
pictures by Zoe Lee*



*The AccuVein illuminating the skin to reveal the blood vessels*

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**O**n August 12th 1914 Great Britain declared war on the Austro-Hungarian Empire, marking the start of what became known as the Great War. Peace was declared on 11th November 1918, a date now known as Armistice Day but only at the cost of the lives of 888,246 British and allied soldiers, sailors and airmen forces.

In commemoration of the dead of the Great War, during the three months between this August 12th and 11th November, a field of 888,246 ceramic poppies was planted in the moat of the Tower of London, symbolically demonstrating the growing toll of the dead. From November 12th the poppies were progressively removed.

Millions visited the Tower of London to witness the field of poppies and admire the creative design of Paul Cummins and Tom Piper. One of the millions was your Editor, along with his wife and our 9-year-old niece. No doubt many more freemasons went too; indeed the nation was in thrall of its moving brilliance.

Meanwhile around the country, communities marked the two events in their own ways, with freemasons participating as individuals or as groups. The second Sunday in November is now known as Remembrance Sunday, marking not only those that died in the Great War, aka the First World War, but also in the Second World War and in the many conflicts before and since.

Senlac Lodge No. 5273 marks Remembrance Day every year at its meeting in November. A bugler sounds Last Post at the Festive Board and poppy petals are strewn across the tables, as reported in Issue 36 of the Deacon. And members of the Sussex Motorcycling Lodge No 9871 assist with the Royal British Legion Remembrance Day service in Henfield.

As a way of representing the various services held across the county and the people who attended them, three events are described here and overleaf:

- the Service of Remembrance held in Chichester on 9th November (*photo by Nicholas Broadway*)
- the annual visits to the Western Front by members of Midhurst Lodge 4460 (*photos by members of the Lodge*)
- the Drumhead Service held in Chichester on 4th August marking the centenary of the declaration of Great War (*photos by Nicholas Broadway*)

*Editor*

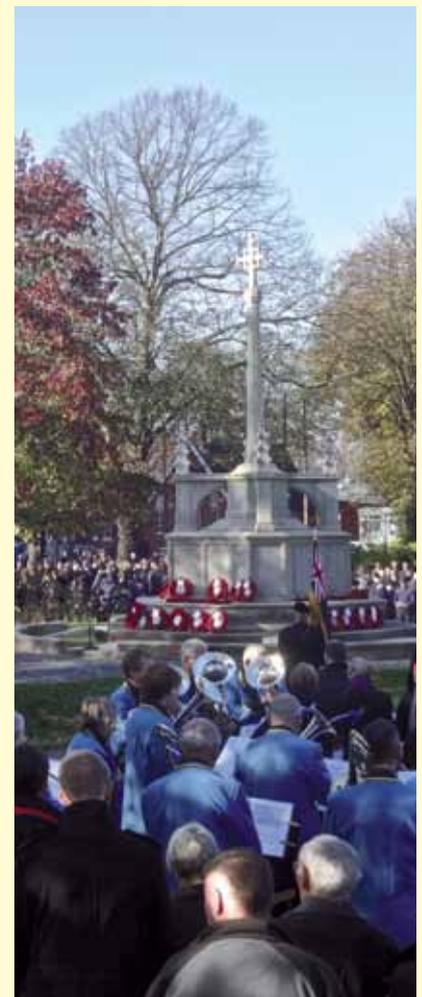
## Remembrance Day Service

### Chichester War Memorial

**T**he 2014 Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance service and parade was held on Sunday, 9th November at the War Memorial in Litten Gardens, Chichester.

As the pictures show, it was very well attended, and the weather was remarkably fine and bright. The Mayor of Chichester, Councillor John Hughes, attended the service after observing the 2 minutes silence at the City Cross.

Chichester City Band supplied the music, as they have in the past.



# Midhurst's Annual Remembrance

## visiting Belgium and Northern France



*The Midhurst party at The Menin Gate in 2014 for the wreath laying.  
Picture courtesy Ted Symonds*

**I**t all started in November 2006 when four brethren of Midhurst Lodge, **Martin Dexter, Mike Dawson, Phil Pede and myself**, decided to honour the memory of a mutual friend by visiting the grave of his brother who had died in 1944.

I had previously attempted to find the grave with our friend some years earlier, but had failed. With the advent of the Internet I found the location of the grave in Lower Normandy and it was duly visited and honoured. The same four brethren visited Bailleul and Cambrai in Northern France in 2007 and 2008 and found the graves of men named on the War Memorials of Midhurst and the surrounding villages.

In 2009 three of us, Mike having left the Lodge, decided to visit Ypres to find the grave of William Werry. Mr. Werry's two younger brothers were both members and past masters of Midhurst Lodge. We found the grave near the railway line south east of Ypres in a cemetery of 2,459 graves known as Railway Dugouts. We attended the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate on the Saturday. Very moving.

George Maunders joined us for the 2010 trip. George is somewhat of an authority on the Great War and showed us many sites, memorials and



*L-R, Bros Phil Pede, Martin Dexter, Ted Symonds, John Andrews, Ray Esher and John Mayle, and kneeling, Bros George Maunders and Stuart Bishop, picture courtesy of a passing stranger*

cemeteries that we might otherwise have missed. We made similar trips in 2011, 2012 and 2013 and, on each occasion, we attended the Last Post Ceremony on both the Friday and Saturday evenings. In 2013 we also made the trip south to the battlefields of the Somme on the Saturday.

This year several other brethren expressed a wish to join us. On Friday 14th November we set off in two cars for Flanders. After a two hour holdup on the M25, we met up in Ypres.

We attended the Menin Gate that evening and, on Saturday, we laid a wreath at the memorial panel to the missing soldiers of The Royal Sussex Regiment. We also placed a cross near the panel on which is inscribed the name of Lt R.W. Thornton. Lt Thornton was the son of the then PGM of Sussex, Major Lawrence Thornton, and a member of Loxfield Lodge. He died on 16th June 1915 aged 19. His body was never found. For more information see "Sussex Freemasons (all the Orders)" Facebook page posted by Bros. Martin "Ginge" Barker and Gastao Rumsey.

We also visited Hill 60, Hill 62, Tyne Cot and Polygon Wood, all sites of major engagements of the Ypres salient and which now have enormous cemeteries and memorials to the fallen. On our return from Hill 60 we stopped at Zillebeke Church. In the graveyard lie 26 officers and men. Several of the officers were either British peers, or sons or relatives of peers and for this reason this small graveyard is known as the aristocrats' cemetery.

We completed our visit by calling in at Talbot House in Poperinge on our way back to Dunkirk. Talbot House was a rest and recreation centre set up behind the lines for soldiers of all ranks by chaplain Philip "Tubby" Clayton. It has an interesting museum attached and you can still stay there to this day.

*Ted Symonds*

# Drumhead Memorial Service

## Chichester marks the outbreak of The Great War

**A**t 11am on 3rd August 2014, all the participants to the commemoration mustered below the castle mound in Priory Park, Chichester. The park was given to the City by the Seventh Duke of Richmond in 1918 as a perpetual memorial to the Great War, thus sealing his generosity as Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. We formed up in our various groupings with members of the Sussex Regiment in the vanguard. While waiting for the Mk II 18 pounder field artillery piece to arrive, our small party of Chichester Freemasons arranged ourselves in 'missing man' formation.

On the command, the whole contingent, many in be-medalled mufti or uniform, marched, some not without difficulty through infirmity, to the south side of the Chichester Guildhall where the Drumhead service would take place. Spectators and congregation in position, the Chichester Band faded and the bugler took up the calls while the bearers lowered their standards, placing them at the Drumhead in honour of the fallen in all conflicts. The names of the fallen are perpetuated not only on the War Memorial, but they and their family members are in our Lodge annals and honours boards. Thus it is most fitting for successive generations of local Freemasons to respect their memory.

The service was conducted by the Revd. Canon Simon Holland, the Mayor's Chaplain, and comprised the well known hymns 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'Now thank we all our God', a reading by the Mayor of Chichester, Councillor John Hughes, from Romans 12 and the Prayer of Commemoration with The Commitment to Peace. With the standards returned and the bearers at attention, the Padre delivered the solemn traditional commemoration to which all present responded: "We will remember them."

The Mayor laid a wreath at the Drumhead, followed by the artillery salute, the bugler's Last Post, two minutes silence, a further artillery salute, Reveille and the National Anthem. After the Blessing, the Mayor and Corporation filed away and the parade was dismissed. Several members of local Lodges, with their families, were noticed among the congregation. The service was organised by the Royal Sussex Regimental Association and the Friends of Priory Park, and supported by Chichester City Council so that people could respectfully mark 100 years since the outbreak of The Great War.

*Hugh S O'Neill  
Pictures by Nicholas Broadway*

*Brethren, each year at this time we remember the fallen and the debt we owe to them. The Drumhead ceremony held at Chichester is, perhaps, special because it was inspired by the centenary of the start of The Great War. But, do you attend Armistice Day services, whether as a brother or as a part of a group? We would welcome the opportunity to record in the Deacon the extent of the involvement of freemasons and their families in Armistice Day services, perhaps with a few pictures. If so, please contact me ahead of the event.*

*The Editor*



*The standards being carried to the Service.  
Inset: The 18 pound gun and its crew.*

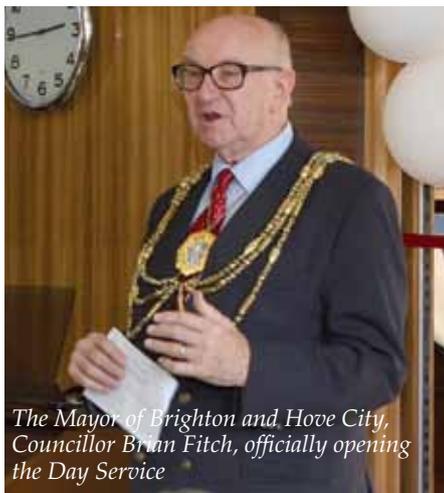
# New Day Care Service

## Barford Court, Hove



*The packed room awaiting the opening ceremony*

**T**he 20th October marked the official opening of a new day service at RMBI care home Barford Court in Hove. The new service was officially opened by the Right Worshipful Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Cllr Brian Fitch, and the Lady Mayoress before an audience of 50 people. The opening was filmed by a local television service and shown on Channel 8, the news channel for Brighton and Hove. Attendees included representatives from local health care organisations, Ken Thomas, Provincial Grand Master, John Hornblow, Provincial Grand Almoner, RMBI staff including Debra Keeling, Deputy Director of Care, and members of the Association of Friends.



*The Mayor of Brighton and Hove City, Councillor Brian Fitch, officially opening the Day Service*

The day service operates from the ground floor rooms that face onto the lawn where many of the events that the Association of Friends organises are held and is therefore well known

to many of you. The rooms have been restructured to provide space for a variety of activities, including Home Manager Michele Belch's former office which is now a games room complete with a pool and football table. The Association of Friends



*Staff ready to welcome visitors to the arts and crafts room*

committee meetings have also been relocated to a room on the first floor. Events organised by the Association of Friends will not be affected by the new service because the RMBI has kindly agreed to suspend the day service when events are being held.

In addition, the Masonic Samaritan Fund is currently offering a grant to Freemasons and widows who are living alone to receive two sessions a week for up to 12 months. Please ask your Lodge Almoner, visiting Brother, the Advice and Support Team or Barford Court for more

information and to request a grant application form. The RMBI's press release issued by Debra Keeling describes the benefits of the new service and explains how the service can be booked.

"RMBI care home Barford Court in Hove has launched its first Day Service. The service offers high quality, personalised support for older people who enjoy the independence of living in their own home, but who could benefit from company and assistance during the day.

The new Day Service provides an attractive and friendly environment where older people can meet new people and form friendships. A wide variety of individual and group activities are offered to boost confidence and help maintain everyday skills.

The service is designed to be relevant, appropriate and meaningful to people who are not yet ready for full-time residential care. The day service

is open seven days a week and can support up to 20 people a day, with the option for people to attend morning, afternoon or all-day sessions. By offering such flexibility, families get a break from the responsibility of caring and supporting an older relative at home. Referrals to the day service can be made by individuals, families, carers and health professionals.

The service offers a range of activities, from yoga and tai chi to cooking and computer skills, all of which are designed to appeal to people with very different needs and interests.

The day service is staffed by its own team, separate to staff working in the main Home. All members of the team have received intensive training so that they can support people with diverse needs, including those who have dementia."

At the opening Debra Keeling, Deputy Director of Care at RMBI, said: "We are delighted to launch our new day service at Barford Court. The service will allow the Home to offer meaningful and flexible support to older people from the local community. Following detailed induction programmes, our staff are



*The ever-exuberant Prov Grand Almoner enjoying the moment with staff*

equipped to provide an enhanced level of support for older people, whilst ensuring we continue our practice of taking individual needs into account."

Barford Court welcomes you to visit the day service to see what is on offer and to take a tour from one of their friendly members of staff. The day service is offering a free four-hour taster session to all new visitors.

For more information about the day service and to book a free session, please contact them on 01273 777736 or email [barfordday@rmbi.org.uk](mailto:barfordday@rmbi.org.uk).

The Chairman of the Association of Friends of Barford Court invites members of the Association and any other interested brethren to attend its AGM which is to be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 8th April at Barford Court.

Separately, there is an opportunity for volunteers to assist members of the Association in the running of the Barford Court shop, which opens every Thursday for the convenience of the residents.

If you wish to attend the AGM or assist in the shop please contact Kevan Adsetts on 07734 683249 or at [kevan.adsetts@btinternet.com](mailto:kevan.adsetts@btinternet.com) "



*The Games room, showing the snooker table and table football equipment*

## Captain taken for a ride Eastbourne Ladies on the loose again!

**I**t was a change of venue for the Eastbourne Widows this summer that was to see them at the Royal Golf Club, a change from Deans Place. The views over Eastbourne were beautiful; the late July day was hot and sunny. This, combined with a bountiful tea, made for an excellent afternoon.

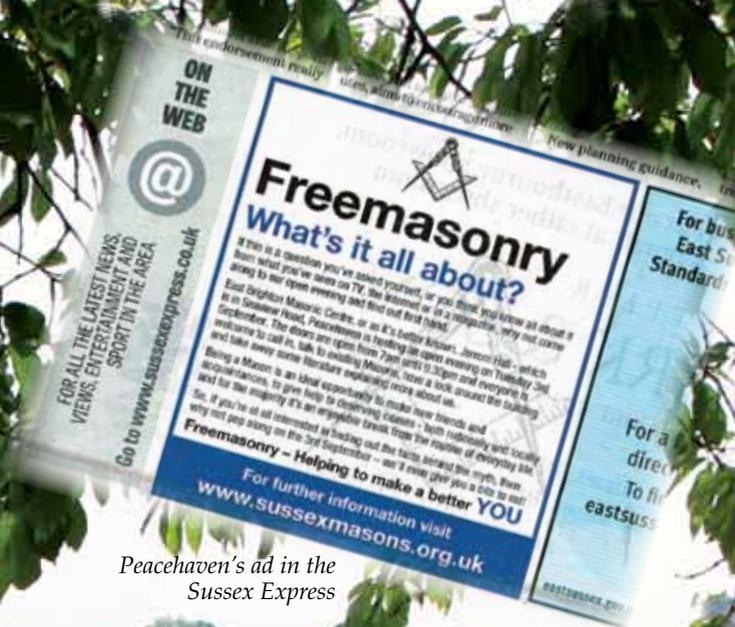
Anyone who has been to the Club will know that it is built on many levels, the restaurant being on the upper level. This makes for a difficult access for those ladies with mobility problems, despite a slope for ease of access at the side of the building. With this in mind the Club Captain, Eric Huke, was commandeered by Jacquie Sparks to ferry the less mobile widows to the restaurant in a golf buggy. There is no evidence to suggest that one or two hurried back down the steps to cadge another ride.

Jonathan Payne thanked the ladies for attending and gave details of the next get together, of an outing in November and, of course, the Christmas lunch. He also passed out Broken Column brooches to those

without one. Maureen Baker gave her usual thanks on behalf of the 70 Widows present, before some of the Ladies once again had ride back to the car park with Club Captain Eric in his buggy. *Ray Sparks*



*Eric Huke, the Club Captain, taxiing a guest to the restaurant*



Peacehaven's ad in the Sussex Express

## Getting the word out Each in their own way

**W**hen a candidate joins the Craft, because of Freemasonry's very ethos it cannot be for the kudos so, when recognition comes, it is gratifying and the more so when thanks come from a child. This came at the recent Ardingly Show when two young girls accompanied by their mother walked into our marquee and thanked the brethren for the teddy bear that one of them had received whilst in hospital. Proof that an idea pioneered by Freemasonry not only works but shows brethren in the caring, charitable light to which they swore allegiance. In this case, and so as not to cause any undue sibling rivalry, her sister was presented with a teddy too. This year's show was the best one yet with none of

the problems of recent years; in 2012 the marquee was all but destroyed by extremely high winds and, in 2013, there was torrential rain. Last year, apart from a brief downpour on one day, the weather was good. The PGM, Ken Thomas, kindly came to the stand on the Friday to see Peter Martin and the team. Peter has been the coordinator for stand for five years and now maintains and supplies display boards to lodges and Masonic centres on request. The same day Jim Barnes representing the Province of Surrey also attended. This is an example of the new initiative of mutual visiting and fraternal support between the two Provinces, especially where the stands are set up close to the common "border".

Each year Uckfield holds a Festival in mid July. It lasts a whole week, starts on a Friday and runs through to the following Sunday week. The Big Event is on the first Saturday with a carnival that ends at what, for the day, is the Uckfield Show Ground behind the High Street. The Show Ground itself is packed with various stalls and side-shows, and benefits from live music broadcast across the Ground. This year, and for the first time, members of Uckfield lodges decided to participate by having a stand on the Show Ground. Those manning the 12-panel stand included John Hughes of Claitune Lodge and John Lindley of Loxfield Lodge supported by Peter Martin and Provincial Communications Officer, Colin Dann. Additionally, on the



*The portable display at Uckfield and an early signing? Like the orange gazebo?"*

Friday and Saturday of the following week, the lodges held open days in the Uckfield Masonic Centre, just a few minutes walk from the Show Ground. Leaflets were distributed at the Show Ground publicising the open days handed to passers-by and inviting them to attend one or other them. They were complemented on the day by professionally produced signs advertising and directing people to the Centre. Once there they were able to view the entire Provincial display of boards as well as the portable display shown at the Show Ground, to visit the lodge room on the upper floor and to enjoy a buffet lunch.

Southwick Community Association organises two events a year designed to allow the various clubs, drama groups and others that meet there to raise money and increase their profiles. Last November Southwick Lodge set up a stand for the 2013 Christmas Fair featuring a special poster designed with the

considerable assistance of the UGLE Director of Communications. The new poster featured on a specially designed portable arrangement of 12 boards put together by Peter Martin. This portable display can be easily customised and has now been shown at several venues, either by itself as at the Uckfield Festival or as a part of the main display as at Uckfield Open Day and the 2014 South of England Show.

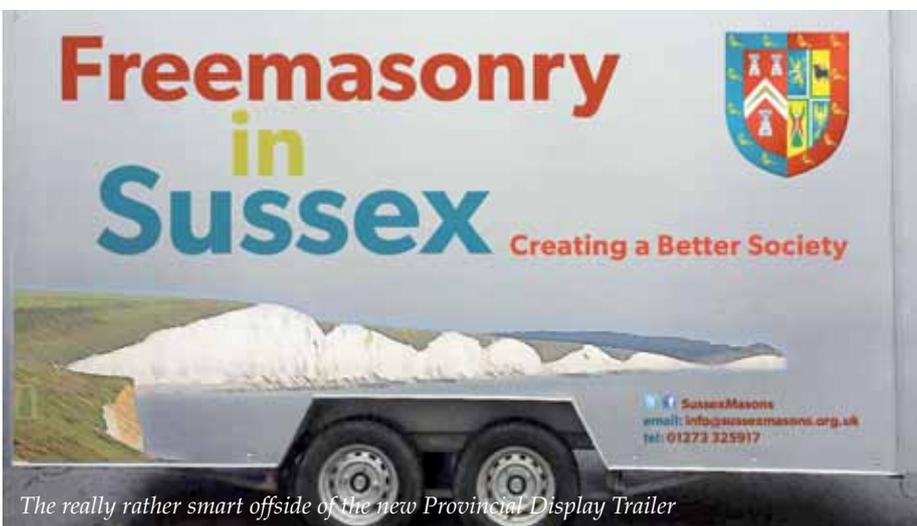
Things have come a long way since Jonathan Mead ran one of the first open days some twenty years ago at the Eastbourne Temple. The then Mayor of Eastbourne, the late Maurice Skelton, had decided to 'Open' Eastbourne and Jonathan grasped the opportunity to show freemasonry in its true light. So, armed with a large amount of Marler Haley display boards donated by yours truly, he set up a display at the Temple in South Street. From those days to the present when, what is believed to be for the first time in Sussex, an ad appeared

in the Sussex Express on the 30th August inviting the public to visit Peacehaven Lodge at the East Sussex Masonic Centre (Jerome Hall) on 3rd September 2013 where they could find out about Freemasonry.

Then, in early 2014, Daren McCarthy of Lodge of the White Rock 7891 came up with the idea of putting a Masonic float into the Hastings Old Town Carnival. The idea was very well received by Provincial Grand Lodge and included an offer to use any of the display boards from the South of England Show. Daren presented the idea at a GPC to see if he could get a few volunteers to form a committee and spread the word to the other lodges at the St Leonards Masonic Centre. He succeeded. With the help of Martin Morgan and his carpentry skills, a friend of Steve Camoccio, Peter Mitchell and the owner of Ninfield Automotives (who lent a trailer and helped on the day), banners and bunting and more volunteers, what else could they do? Armed with a few hundred TLC teddies for the children and copies of the new DVD and a little Masonic information for the Dads, they took to the parade. All in all, they presented a good and positive reflection on freemasonry, and were even awarded 'Highly Commended' by the judges.

**NEWS FLASH:** You will probably know that Provincial Grand Lodge has purchased an exhibition trailer, not least because lodges and chapters are donating to the Provincial "Trailer Fund"! When fitted out and with new signage, the trailer will make it vastly easier put our message across to the public. The picture shows the off side of the trailer. Similar images will appear on both near side doors and across the back. The excellent artwork was designed by Bro Andy Salmon of Derwent Lodge. The picture shows the trailer in its original state with the artwork "photo-shopped" on it. The same artwork will be printed full-size on thin transparent plastic and applied to the trailer. The completed trailer will be powered by a low noise generator, a TV screen with a DVD player, a "tug" to assist in manoeuvring it into tight spaces, plus various display material and stands.

*Ray Sparks,  
Sub-Editor, Social Freemasonry*



*The really rather smart offside of the new Provincial Display Trailer*

# An Open Day in Eastbourne

## Held by Royal Connaught Lodge

**T**he Royal Connaught Lodge No 2676 held a Sunday Lunch for the ladies of the Lodge at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre on 20th July 2014. The event was organised by the Lodge's Social Secretary, Bro Ted Yates, and included a tour of the temple followed by a satisfying two course meal. One of those in attendance was VW Bro Joe Wilkins who had been the officiating officer for the dedication of a new (actually quite old and distinctive) bible and the new working tools. As a result Joe had been elected an honorary member of the lodge and in this capacity he attended with his wife, his daughter and his son-in-law (who took the photographs). 22 ladies attended with their respective partners on a very warm day, and all were most appreciative of the bar and of the air-conditioned dining room afterwards!

The tour of the temple and connecting rooms was designed to allow the ladies to view the lodge room and so gain a better understanding of the way that a Freemason's lodge operates, and perhaps also to gain an insight into what it is to be a Freemason. Following an introduction to the basic concepts of the Craft and Royal Arch masonry, plus many of its offshoots, Bro Jonathan Payne, the delegated guide

for the visit took the group through the heavy spy-holed door into the Craft Lodge room specially set up for their visit. At this point the group had increased from all of the ladies present to include most of the male diners as well. A brief description of the various roles and positions of officers, including the role of the Master and his Wardens, followed. Jonathan then gave an explanation of the purpose of some of the items within a lodge room; these included the Pillars, the chequered pavement, the explanation of which was supported by Joe with the use of wands. The allegories that lie within Freemasonry and the developing of a truly masonic way of life for each and every member were all touched upon. The presentation was very light hearted, but factual and

explanatory, encouraging as much audience participation as possible.

Following the tour the group enjoyed a fine meal in the dining room. Jonathan reported that the ladies seemed to have really enjoyed the experience, which gave them an insight into what happens when their partners disappear to yet another lodge meeting.

The Royal Connaught Lodge is fortunate in being relatively strong in number with a steady intake of initiates and joining members. It has an active social side, with wives and partners very much involved. Jonathan made a good point when he said "[There is] no mystery and no secrets save those we have vowed in our obligations. An openness and a willingness to talk about what we do in and out of the lodge for the benefit of masons and non-masons alike. Might it be the fact that we hold such events that the lodge is doing so well?"

*Ray Sparks*



*At lunch with Joe*



*In the Lodge Room*

# Adur extends a welcome

## Barfordians back to the square



*From left to right, Michael Playford, John Hughes, Bernard White, Rex Charman, Derick Keates and Noel Anderson.*

**R**ex Charman serves on the committee of the Association of the Friends of Barford Court and is dedicated to assisting Masonic Brethren who reside there to attend Masonic meetings if they so wish. The Friends provide assistance on a one to one basis to ensure that the resident enjoy their visits to lodges and to the Festive boards. Other trips are also arranged for residents including the golf club and outings to garden centres, shopping centres, etc.

Rex is assisted in organising the trips by Noel Anderson. It can take up to two months to organise a meeting for residents because Rex and Noel have to arrange meetings convenient to the host lodge and at centre which is wheelchair friendly. Rex makes the point that the Charmandean is

ideal, as it means that they are able to take more wheelchairs. They try to arrange four meetings every year, including one with a White Table so that carers can help at the Festive Boards.

This trip was to the Sussex Masonic Centre in Brighton to visit Adur Lodge. Rex is a Past Master of the Lodge, as indeed is his son. The Lodge had a candidate for initiation and, with the then DepProvGM Grahame Carr celebrating fifty years in Freemasonry, a Provincial Team also attended, making it doubly special. Rex sought the help of two Adur brethren, Bros Darren Baker and Jason Charman, and with Noel Anderson as the mini bus driver they were able to take Bros Michael Playford, Derick Keates and Bernard White to the meeting.

The Worshipful Master, John Hughes, was pleased to welcome our Barfordians into the Lodge to enjoy the meeting and the festive board afterwards. Rex reports that they were made most welcome, had a wonderful time and arrived back at Barford Court just before 11.00pm. It is planned to take Derick, who is now 90 years old, to attend his Mother Lodge, Past and Present No. 2665, on the 18th February to renew friendship long made. Then on 25th Bernard is looking forward to attending Adur Lodge's installation meeting. Bro Rex is to be congratulated on his commitment to get residents out to attend lodge meetings and maintain a continuing sense of belonging to Freemasonry.

*Jim Grant,  
Lodge and Members editor*

## Two join Aviation and Combined Services each will benefit the Lodge



From the left, Maurice Adams, John Wight, John Bell, Chris Halls and Barry Halls

**O**n the 14th October 2014, the members of Aviation and Combined Services Lodge No. 8504 and Bro Maurice Adams, APGM, had the great pleasure of welcoming into the Lodge and into the Province of Sussex, Bro John Bell as an honorary member and Bro Barry Halls as an initiate.

Bro Adams gave a succinct and very informative history of John's career. He had joined the famous 617 Dam Busters squadron as a navigator/

bomb aimer after the famous raid and flew some 50 missions, including missions on the Turpiz and the D Day raids. He reached the rank of Wing Commander and has been awarded both the MBE and the DFC.

Bro Bell, who is 92 years old, had visited the Lodge on several occasions, inevitably resulting in an invitation to join! With his service to our country and to aviation, and with the Lodge connections to the Services (hence its name), two long-

serving PMs, Mick Senior and David Moss, proposed and seconded a motion that he become an Honorary member, which was passed by the members present. In addition to his service career John holds Provincial Grand Rank in two Provinces, PPrSGD in Surrey and PPrJGW in Northants & Hunts, but was not a member of a Sussex Lodge.

Also that evening Bro Barry Halls, a Lewis and who is pictured with his father Chris, was initiated into Freemasonry by his seconder, Bro David Moss. Bro Chris then presented the working tools to his son.

It was a delightful, significant and rarely seen coincidence of memberships. On the one hand a life full of diverse experience that few can hope to emulate, and on the other a young man just starting out on his adventure. It was a most enjoyable meeting that will surely make for enrichment from and for each and, indeed, the Lodge.

*Bro Alan King, Secretary*

## Bro Sheppard goes for Gold With 50 years in the Craft

**B**exhill Lodge holds six meetings a year on the first Tuesdays of its chosen months. On 2nd April last it was attended by the ProvJGW, W Bro Mike Conn. He had accepted an invitation to congratulate one of its members, W Bro David Sheppard, on his having completed 50 years in the Craft, and to present to him with his well-earned Golden Jubilee certificate. Bro Conn spoke of Bro David's masonic journey and touched on his career in the process.

Bro David was initiated into Anselm Lodge No.7685 at the Harrow District Masonic Centre in 1964 and became a founder of Kenelm Lodge No.8255 in 1968, both lodges being under the



*A delighted David being presented with a 50th year Certificate by Mike Conn, the moment captured by his wife, Angela.*

Province of Middlesex. David was promoted to PPrGAlmr in 1998. At the turn of the century (no, 21st century!) he joined Bexhill Lodge No.4898, having retired to the South Coast after a long career in local government in London. Sadly Anselm Lodge surrendered its warrant around 10 years later, but by then David was well settled into Bexhill Lodge where he has occupied a number of offices, including those of Almoner and Treasurer. In 2006 David was appointed PPrSGD by the Province of Sussex, confirming his value to his new province, just as his old one had.

The picture of David was taken by his wife, Angela. Needless to say that was after the meeting had closed!

# Bro Victor Edwards' Diamond Jubilee

## At the penultimate meeting of In Deo Fidemus

**T**he 22nd April 2013 was a significant date for W Bro Vic Edwards. On that day and in the meeting of In Deo Fidemus Lodge, he was presented with a certificate by the PGM, then a young man, to mark his 60 years in Freemasonry.

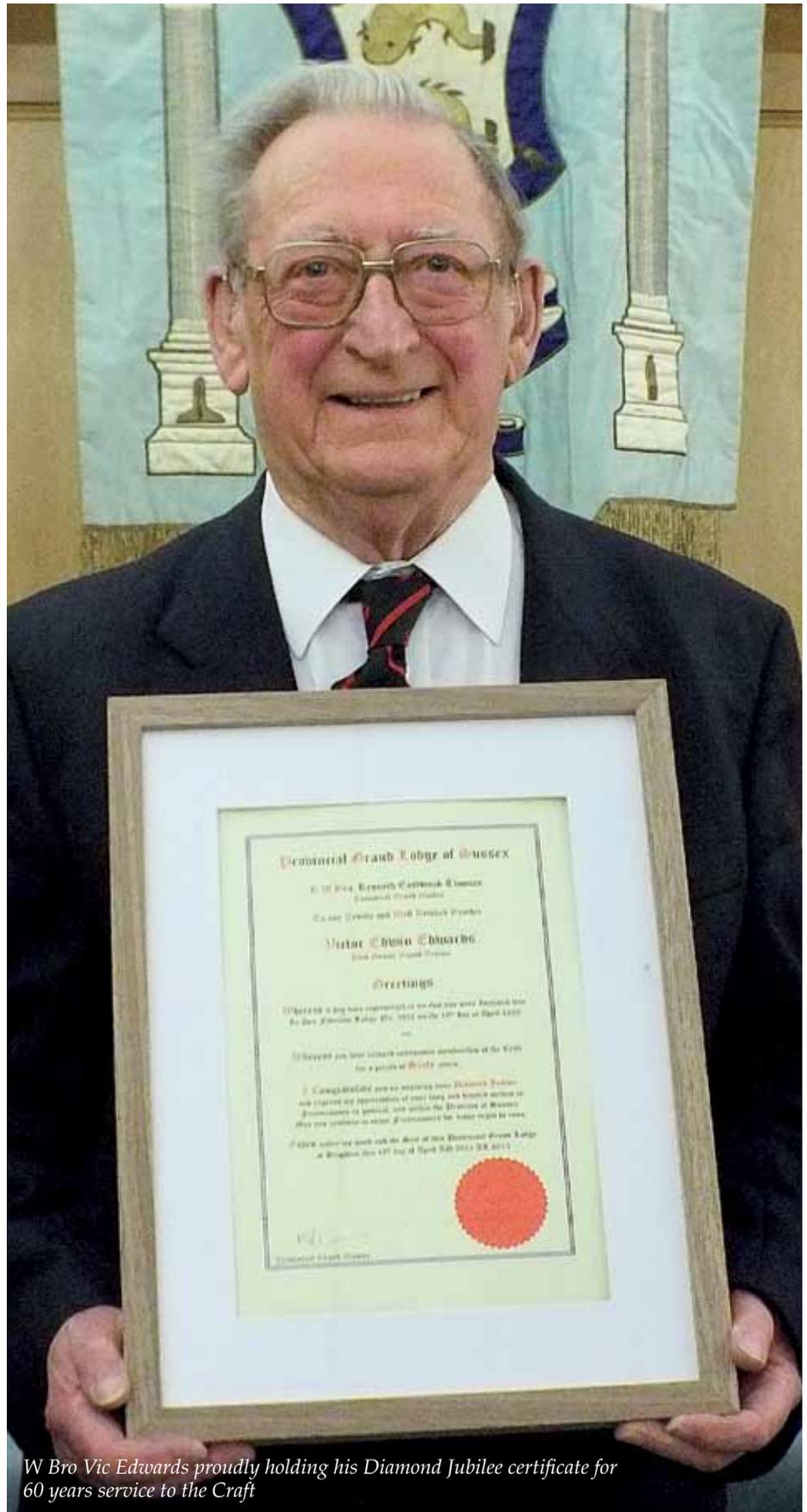
After an explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board by Lodge members, Vic took the Chair and conducted a rehearsal of the ceremony of passing in an exemplary manner, with the then Master of Knights of the Road Lodge, W. Bro. Mike Beningfield, acting as candidate. W. Bro Anthony Brown completed the evening with an excellent explanation of the Second Degree Tracing Board.

Vic was initiated into In Deo Fidemus by Bro. George Turner who, in 1979, became the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. At Vic's initiation on the 18th April 1953, the Charge After Initiation and the explanation of the Tracing Board were given by teachers of Varndean School, In Deo Fidemus being the lodge of the then Varndean Boys School and Vic being an "old boy".

The presentation of Vic's Diamond Jubilee was well supported by many of Vic's masonic friends, including members of the past executive. At the Festive Board his masonic career was mentioned. Vic came close to emulating Bro Turner's achievement when, in 1994, Vic was appointed an APM. He had been awarded Grand Rank in 1982 and, after two promotions, to Past Senior Grand Deacon in 1995. In the Royal Arch he was appointed PPrGSN and was awarded Grand Rank in 1984, before being promoted to PGStB in 1993.

It was an extremely happy and convivial evening and included the singing of the school song. However, it was also tinged with sadness for the following month the Lodge had to surrender its warrant. Despite this Vic is continuing his Freemasonry and will undoubtedly be seen around the Province for many years to come.

*The Editor tenders his apologies to Bro Vic for the lateness of this recognition, but it took somewhat longer than expected receive the copy. Must do better!*



*W Bro Vic Edwards proudly holding his Diamond Jubilee certificate for 60 years service to the Craft*

# Ockenden Chapter celebrates its 75th making it a family affair

**O**n Wednesday 17th September 2014 at the Normandy Centre in Horsham, Ockenden Chapter celebrated its 75th year by hosting a festival of mid-Sussex chapters, including representatives of March & Darnley, William de Warenne, Midhurst, Greenstede, Sinai, Sackville and Richard Collyer Chapters.

The Chapter having been opened, E Comp Peter Lang, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, escorted E Comp Richard Wigmore, Deputy Grand Superintendent and E Comps Robert Martin and Peter B Ixer, Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals respectively, into the Chapter, together with twelve members of the Provincial team. All were cordially welcomed by E Comp Peter Knoakes and his fellow Principals, E Comps Wallace and Roberts.

The major work of the evening for the members of the chapters was the exaltation of Bro Mark Scott. The First Principal therefore proceeded to invite members of the other chapters to take office, all of whom were

present or past First Principals; Peter Lewis of March & Darnley Chapter occupied the Second Principal's chair, Paul Gosling of William de Warenne Chapter the Third Principal's chair and Norman Perry of March & Darnley Chapter was Scribe N. Ted Symonds of Midhurst Chapter and Eric Saunders of Greenstede Chapter were First and Second Assistant Sojourners, respectively, whilst the other offices were taken members of Ockenden Chapter who continued in their appointed offices.

Bro. Mark Scott was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The signs were explained to him by Peter Ixer and demonstrated by Peter Lang.

The Historical Lecture was delivered by Paul Gosling, Derek Harrington of Sinai Chapter, Richard Powell of William de Warenne Chapter and Brian Hunter of Sinai Chapter.

The Symbolical Lecture was delivered by Peter Lewis, John Curlewis of March & Darnley Chapter, John Backshall of Midhurst Chapter, Eric Saunders of Greenstede Chapter and Bill Brown of Sackville Chapter.

The Mystical Lecture was delivered by Richard Beckwith of Richard Collyer Chapter, Fred Reynolds of William de Warenne Chapter and Chris Farrow of Ockenden Chapter.

With Comp Scott now well and truly exalted, he was able to experience the dedication of Ockenden Chapter's new banner performed by members of the Provincial Team. The First Principal invited the Provincial Principals to take the Chairs of H and J, and Deputy Grand Superintendent the Z chair, from which he addressed the Companions. The banner was processed into the Chapter, positioned and unveiled. Peter Ixer delivered an Oration that related the origins of the banner and its design in great detail. The banner was then processed around the Chapter to the singing of "O God our Help in Ages Past".

Afterwards the 55 members and guests dined in fraternal harmony and concord at the Festive Board, rounding off the evening in customary good fellowship.

*The Editor is grateful to E. Comps Chris Farrow for his assistance in producing this article and Nicholas Broadway for the photographs.*



*A nice group picture of the principal participants featuring, from left to right, Peter Lang (standing), Robert Martin, Comp Wallace, Richard Wigmore, Peter Knoakes, Peter Ixer, Comp Roberts and Chris Farrow (standing), whilst Comp Scott was in the bar recovering from his overwhelming experience!"*



## Bert Farlow celebrates his 50th and becomes First Principal of Temple Chapter

**E** Comp Bert Farlow celebrated 50 years in Royal Arch Masonry on Saturday, 6th September 2014 at a meeting of Temple Chapter in the Sussex Masonic Centre, Brighton, by agreeing to be inducted into the chair of First Principal.

E. Comp. Kenneth E. Thomas, the ME Grand Superintendent, delivered a personal and heart felt presentation to Bert on his 50 years of service to the Royal Arch. The presentation was witnessed by members of Temple Chapter, its guests and visitors, with further recognition coming from the Dep Grand Supt, E. Comp. Richard Wigmore, PGSwdB, and the Third Provincial Grand Principal, E. Comp. Peter Ixer, PGStB. The presentation of Bert's Golden Jubilee certificate had been planned for the preceding April, but his wife Doreen was unwell at that time.

Bert was born in Eccles, Lancashire and in 1947 joined the Royal Marines as a Band Boy playing cornet and horn at the age of 15. At 18 he became

a Royal Marine Musician specializing on the French horn, serving on HMS Implacable and HMS Terror, a shore base in Singapore.

He has taken part in many state occasions and Lord Mayors' Shows over the years and, by hard work, was promoted to Band Master, becoming a Licentiate of the Royal School of Music (LRAM). He qualified as a Director of Music after promotion to Lieutenant followed by Captain in 1965, the Director of Music Course having lasted one year.

Bert was Initiated into Globe and Laurel Lodge in 1961 and Exalted into the Granville Chapter 1096, on the 3rd February 1964 and joined Temple Chapter 4962 on the 4th May 1991. Both Globe and Laurel and Granville hold their meetings in Deal, which, curiously enough, is where the Royal Marines' School of Music was headquartered until 1996. He was First Principal of Temple Chapter in 1993 and, as we have already heard, is again now having

been inducted into that chair during the evening. Within the Province Bert has progressed well, finishing as Past ProvGSE 2002-07

Bert retired from the Royal Marines in 1982 and took the post of Superintendent Registrar for Marriage in Plymouth where he and Doreen were living at the time, subsequently moving to Hove in the same office and retiring in 1999.

Bert also holds high-rank in several other degrees including Mark, RAM, Rose Croix, Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters and, of course, and is a Past ProvGSec and Past APGM in the Craft.

Perhaps more importantly he is, as E Comp Thomas intimated, a very, very nice man who has earned the respect of those who know him, and there are a lot of us, for what he has done and the way he does it, cheerfully, self-effacingly and with a genuine concern for others.

*Andy Sturton*

*Photo: Ken and Bert on the left, Richard and Peter on the right, after the presentation.*

# E Comp Carl Haydon

## The jewel that spans 50 years



*Comps. Ken Thomas and Carl Haydon on the left, and Paul Russell and David Burditt on the right*

**A**t Regency Chapter's convocation of the 14th March last, E Comp Carl Haydon, PAGSoj and a past Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, was congratulated on achieving 50 years in the Royal Arch, having completed 50 years in Craft masonry in 2012.

Earlier that evening the MEZ of Regency Chapter, E Comp David Burditt, and his officers had exalted Brother Paul Russell, a Master Mason of the Arthur Jolly Lodge No. 8102, during which he was invested with the distinguishing badge of a RA mason, his RA breast jewel.

In presenting Carl with his Golden Jubilee Certificate, E Comp Ken Thomas, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, spoke warmly of Carl's long and distinguished service to Sussex Royal Arch Masonry. During that informative and interesting presentation, E Comp Thomas drew to the companions attention the fact that Comp Paul's jewel was the very same jewel Carl had received when invested 50 years (and 8 days) previously! That this was possible says much about Carl as a person, not least that he still had it and valued it, and about the regard in which Carl holds Paul to give it to him.

Carl was exalted into Regency Chapter on the 6th March 1964 and later joined Sussex First Principals Chapter 3672 in April 1974. He passed through the First Principal's chair of Regency Chapter in 1973 and that of Sussex First Principals 1996. In his RA career he was also ProvGDC from 1988 to 1991. Carl is now in his 92nd year.

*Nicholas Broadway*

## Welcome to Chapter

*The following Brethren were exalted into Sussex Chapters between March 2014 and September 2014*

		Chapter Number			
Comp	Leslie Vickery	C311	Comp	George Santos	C4064
Comp	James Childs	C311	Comp	James Walsh	C4104
Comp	Jonathan Hiles	C732	Comp	Murray Hayes	C4104
Comp	James Wratten	C811	Comp	Robert Rawat	C4150
Comp	Kenneth Rawlings	C916	Comp	Peter Sellings	C4419
Comp	Russell Channon	C1110	Comp	Shaun Carter	C4419
Comp	Mark Scott	C1465	Comp	Peter Frost	C4905
Comp	Lee Burke	C1619	Comp	David Lindfield	C4905
Comp	Paul Rowland	C1797	Comp	Charles Sheldrake	C4961
Comp	Andrew Mann	C1842	Comp	Graham Turner	C4962
Comp	Steven Ransom	C2187	Comp	David Greenfield	C5240
Comp	Clinton Sturm	C2434	Comp	Graham Watson	C5413
Comp	Peter Brooks	C2450	Comp	Robert Bohanon	C6349
Comp	Robin Cross	C2591	Comp	Paul Russell	C6349
Comp	Alec Curryer	C2676	Comp	Adam Masters	C7461
Comp	Stephen Torode	C2692	Comp	Neil Bushell	C7875
Comp	David Evans	C3164	Comp	Jonathan Hunter	C7995
Comp	June Bitong	C4064	Comp	David Boyall	C8863

## Congratulations

*The following Companions have had Certificates issued for their long service to Chapter from March 2014 to September 2014*

### 50 Years

E Comp John Haydon 6/3/14  
C6349 Regency

### 40 Years

E Comp John Bird 18/3/14  
C56 Mount Moriah  
E Comp Michael Sims 19/3/14  
C8104 Handcross  
E Comp Robert Allen 22/3/14  
C4064 Temperance  
E Comp Guy Welfare Deceased 28/3/14  
C341 Wellington  
E Comp Joseph Swainston 22/5/14  
C1465 Ockenden  
E Comp Douglas Harris 5/6/14  
C4419 Andredesweald  
E Comp Bryan Liddy 16/9/14  
C56 Mount Moriah  
E Comp Michael Wales 18/9/14  
C1797 South Down  
E Comp John Ball 26/9/14  
C341 Wellington

## Personal Reflections on my father, Basil



**I** hope that you will forgive a very personal note to this Reflection, for on 27 August 2014 my father, W Bro Basil Terry, passed to the Grand Lodge Above. He was 94.

Basil was born into poverty in the East End of London. Characteristically, he made light of this, but the occasional comments he made about the domestic violence his grandmother endured at the hands of his drunken grandfather, and his childhood memories of wondering if there would be enough money to pay the rent show that it was real and significant. Basil was bright, and was a "scholarship boy" to Dame Alice Owen's School. Life for such boys was not easy, and he recounted how he and his older brother were given elocution lessons by their sister to lose all trace of their East End accents. Basil's did sometimes return, when he was angry, tired or (very occasionally) slightly inebriated – not, on reflection, a word he would have used!

Basil went through the war without hearing or seeing a shot fired in anger – remarkable, given that he was in the Middle East for much of the time. He went in a Private, and came out a Major. He was offered a Lieutenant Colonelcy to keep him in the Army after the War, but couldn't wait to return to civilian life – he had met my mother! A career in finance beckoned, and Basil rose "through the ranks" in the Insurance world and then, in an unexpected move, took on the arcane world of Classical Concert Artists' tax affairs. He loved Tax problems!

Basil was initiated into Old Owen's Lodge No. 4440 in 1961, following encouragement from my grandfather, who was also on the square. He took the moral imperatives of Freemasonry very seriously, which led him to take positions within the Lodge that were sometimes unpopular. When I was initiated in 1993, he was quietly delighted, and I discovered a whole new aspect to Worshipful Dad! He came to see me installed in the Chair of King Solomon a few years later,

and such was his demeanour that someone commented how pleasant it must be for me to have my older brother present for this occasion! Basil joined Sompting Lodge No. 8450 on his move to Worthing. My gratitude goes to them, and to W Bros John Phillips, Glyn Goddard and Colin Lee, who found him such a good masonic home.

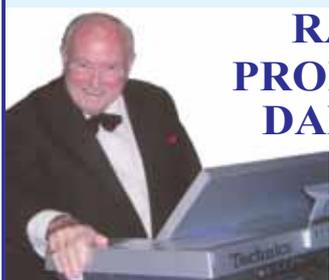
In fine, I will remember my father as a man of unshakeable integrity, of caustic wit, with a passion for justice and fair dealing. He was immensely generous, and counted himself lucky that life had given him the opportunity to share his good fortune with others. He was an ornament to the Craft for 53 years, and he is a continuing inspiration and example to me.

But I do hope that the Grand Lodge Above uses Taylor's from time to time – he could never get used to Sussex Working!

*Stephen Terry PAGChap, Prov.GChap  
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*Above: W Bro Basil Terry receives his 50 year certificate from his son Stephen in May 2011  
Below: W Bro Basil Terry with his 50 year certificate from Stephen. Vic Heal and Brian Lewis provide the honour guard*





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16-Mar-15	Mon	Province of Sussex - Royal Arch Annual Convocation	Charmandean Centre, Worthing
17-Mar-15	Tues	50 Year Certificate for Anthony Walker	L7588 Causeway, Horsham
23-Mar-15	Mon	Province of Buckinghamshire - RA Annual Convocation	Sindlesham, Berkshire
23-Mar-15	Mon	Provincial Charities & General Purposes Committee Mtgs	Brighton - 2.45pm & 3.30pm respectively
26-Mar-15	Thurs	Province of Essex - Craft AGM	60 Great Queen Street, London
2-Apr-15	Thurs	Metropolitan Grand Chapter - RA Annual Convocation	60 Great Queen Street, London
8-Apr-15	Wed	40 Year Certificate for Michael David Wales	C311 South Saxon, Lewes
17-Apr-15	Fri	Province of East Kent - Craft AGM	Margate, Kent
26-Apr-15	Sun	Blind Veterans UK Masonic Group Lunch	Greenways, Ovingdean BN2 7BS
29-Apr-15	Wed	Grand Lodge Investiture	60 Great Queen Street, London
30-Apr-15	Thurs	Supreme Grand Chapter Investiture	60 Great Queen Street, London
2-May-15	Sat	Province of Glos & Herefordshire - RA Annual Convo	Cheltenham, Glos
5-May-15	Tues	Province of West Kent - Craft AGM	60 Great Queen Street, London
9-May-15	Sat	Province of Wiltshire - RA Annual Convocation	Melksham, Wiltshire
12-May-15	Tues	Province of Middlesex - Craft AGM	60 Great Queen Street, London
14-May-15	Thurs	Sussex Masonic Charities - Trustees' Meeting	25 Queen Road, Brighton
19-May-15	Tues	50th Anniversary Celebrations	C7875 Old Steine, Brighton
21-May-15	Thurs	Province of East Kent - RA Annual Convocation	Winter Gardens, Margate, Kent
27-May-15	Wed	Province of Surrey - RA Annual Convocation	60 Great Queen Street, London
31-May-15	Sun	Annual Church Service	Chichester
1-Jun-15	Mon	Province of Sussex - Craft AGM	Charmandean Centre, Worthing
4-Jun-15	Thurs	Province of Berkshire - RA Annual Convocation	Mole Road, Sindlesham
13-Jun-15	Sat	Province of Hampshire & IOW - RA Annual Convocation	Guildhall, Portsmouth
17-Jun-15	Wed	Province of Middlesex - RA Annual Convocation	Cranford, Middlesex
24-Jun-15	Wed	Province of Surrey - Craft AGM	60 Great Queen Street, London
25-Jun-15	Thurs	Province of Northamptonshire&Hunts - RA Annual Conv	Refer to Northants website
27-Jun-15	Sat	Province of Dorset - RA Annual Convocation	Canford Magnor, Dorset

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