



Wiltshire Masonic News

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Happy St David's Day to our Welsh Brethren



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How ever would we manage without.....



The telephone which was patented one hundred thirty-seven years ago on 7 March 1882 by the Scottish born American inventor Alexander Graham Bell who beat his fellow inventor Elisha Gray in registering the patent by only a few hours. Bell was only 29 years old at the time, which certainly got me thinking, what meaningful contribution had I made to society before the age of 30? Sadly, I couldn't think of anything remotely close to what Graham Bell achieved. However, like many Brethren of a certain age group I am able to relate to The Beatles and the fact that it was 50 years ago this year that the Fab Four brought down the curtain on a career that had arguably changed music forever. Each of The Beatles (even Pete Best) was under the age of 30 when the break up was announced. Much of The Beatles music was produced by Sir George Martin who for many years lived in Coleshill just outside the town of Highworth which is 'home' to the Province's most northerly Lodge.

Thinking of how under 30's have made their impact on the world reinforces my view that for Freemasonry to thrive it needs to look to a younger generation to carry the torch, to promote the Order and to secure its future. I am particularly delighted that many Lodges have recognised this and are taking positive steps to welcome younger men into their midst, and equally importantly, to encourage their new and younger members to an active participation in the Lodge at a pace which accords with the new Brother's work and family life..

I have been incredibly impressed with the two *Finding Your Feet* sessions which took place in Swindon and Salisbury. From the many questions asked and the comments made it's very clear that many Brethren want to know more about Freemasonry and the 'ways' of their Lodge in particular. Steve Lee has advised me that the next event will be held on **Saturday 16th March** in Swindon and will be held under the title *Take a short step....* This event will focus on how making a daily advancement can be achieved in a measured manner.

In the middle of February I attended the first of the new Mentors events in Devizes. The role of the Lodge Mentor is key to the happiness and welfare of new members, it really is much more than just making sure someone accompanies an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Freemason when they have to leave the Lodge during a ceremony. I was joined by David Davies and Simon Leighfield who agreed that the morning's activity was a resounding success with many superb contributions from the Brethren attending. My thanks to David Little for organising, what I am sure will be the first of many such events in support of the Lodge Mentor.

The Provincial Communication team is now finalising a schedule of the events they will be attending with the Provincial Display Trailer in 2019. They are always looking for drivers who would be prepared to tow the display trailer to locations within the Province. Experienced 'towers' are especially welcome, but don't worry if you have never towed before as the team will teach you at their Cricklade training school. If you would like to join the register of helpers contact Gordon Lindsay by email lindsay.ge1947@gmail.com I am pleased to hear that the team will be attending the Trowbridge Armed Forces Weekend and have registered an interest in supporting the National Armed Forces event which this year is being held in Salisbury. Further details will be included in future editions of the Monthly Newsletter and the Summer edition of *Across the Plain*.

During the month of March envelopes will be landing on doormats throughout the Province offering Brethren a Provincial appointment or promotion. I congratulate every Brother who has been received an appointment or promotion and look forward to Investing you in Salisbury on Thursday 3rd October.



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Taking The Next Step.....

David Davies will be joining Steve Lee and his team in Swindon when the theme of the learning and development session will be [Taking The Next Step](#). The aim of the morning session will be to provide a grounding for Brethren who have or may wish to progress within the Lodge, especially those approaching one of the most important offices, that of Deacon. The role undertaken by the Deacons is characterised by what is generally referred to as 'floor work' and the way in which the work is performed adds greatly to the ceremony. What greater honour can there be than to guide the Initiate, escort the Fellow Craft and support the new made Master Mason. But for some this can be a daunting and 'scary' experience - [Taking The Next Step](#) will help dispel any fears you may have as the team guide you through the seeming complexities of the ceremonial. The Swindon event takes place on Saturday 16th March 2019 at 10.30am in Swindon Masonic Centre. Book your place today.

"Once the feet are put right, all the rest of him will follow."

Are you a budding poet?

I was thrilled to receive a note from Roger McBride of Downton Lodge No.9064 following the Initiation of Bro Steve Cawthorne on January 7th. Steve's recollection of his special evening are in the following words.

Thoughts

*Once upon a life time, not so very long ago.
Amongst the rock hard places where the grasses rarely grow.
Misguided, stumbling blindly the way was lost to me.
When from this cloak of darkness at last the skies broke free.
With light now revealing the path that I should trace.
Heading on sure footed in the warmth of its embrace.*

*The hardship of the journey now washed away from me.
Bourne upon bright waters which tumble to the sea.
Cushioned by green pastures, with bird song in my heart.
Will stay and rest a while here until its time to part.
So let the stars enfold me in the comfort of their dreams.
To see the journey's ending, not so very far it seems!*

STOP PRESS

In a past edition of the Newsletter the issue of proposing and balloting for Initiates was referred to. To eliminate any potential for misunderstanding the process to be followed is as follows:-
"... a candidate for initiation may be proposed and seconded at a regular meeting only, and he must be balloted for at the next regular meeting." BoC Rule 159

IT'S TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Swindon Masonic Centre
Saturday 16th March
10.30am





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SPAM - it's so annoying.....

And I'm not talking about that staple of the humble sandwich or the unctuous, albeit fatty fritter. No - I'm referring to the bane of many a secretary, the ingress of unsolicited emails.

So, what is SPAM, how do 'spammers' get my email address and how can I stop them?

Simply put, SPAM is unsolicited and almost invariably unwanted email correspondence, generally of a commercial nature but sometimes of a distinctly unpleasant hue. Spammers and cyber criminals trawl the web for the @ sign. They also use sophisticated tools to scan the web and harvest email addresses. They make good guesses - lots of them; they trick your friends into sharing your address and they buy lists. It is a very lucrative business divided between legitimate and criminal interest groups.

You can stop spam (not all that easy and some would say not totally effective) via your email settings. You can also direct SPAM to a specific folder to permanently delete and dispose of it.

But so is not being able to get through.....

Many Brethren have contacted the Communication Team to report 'issues' with their @gmail email. It would appear that Google is taking a very strict line with regard to SPAM (see above) and in an attempt to protect its customers they have instituted some new tough protocols. Unfortunately, their zeal to protect has resulted in an inability for some legitimate message senders to communicate other than through a @gmail account.

The Provincial Communication team has set up a new @gmail account just for the purpose of communicating with @gmail account holders. If you have an @gmail.com account there may be a delay in you receiving emails from the team, but rest assured we will do all we can to minimise any delay. If you experience any problems in sending or receiving emails via your @gmail account, please email pcowiltshire@gmail.com



Lodge of Remembrance No. 4037

At
The Masonic Centre, The Planks, Swindon. SN3 1QP

Jazz & Canapes

Saturday 23rd March 2019
From 7.00pm

Music by
The Stable Yard Jazz Band

Dress Code - Black Tie / 1920's Gatsby Style

Dr David J Reed
Email: reeds@reedsear.co.uk
Telephone 01793 692815

Provincial Appointments

The Provincial Grand Master has announced the appointment of WBro Lance Andrews AFM as Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and WBro Richard Wright as Provincial Junior Grand Warden for 2019/20.



Richard Wright



Lance Andrews

The Provincial Grand Master has also announced that upon the retirement in October 2019 of WBro Richard Hancock and WBro John King, WBro Michael Barratt will be appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain, and WBro Gary Dolphin will be appointed Provincial Grand Almoner.



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Installation Meetings and other important dates

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Monday	Mar	4	Executive Mtg	Prov	Devizes
Wednesday	Mar	13	Quarterly Comm	UGLE	London
Friday	Mar	15	Fidelity	663	Devizes
Monday	Mar	18	Chaloner	2644	Melksham
Monday	Mar	18	City	5955	Salisbury
Wednesday	Mar	20	Gooch	1295	Swindon
Thursday	Mar	21	Fiat Lux	9773	Devizes
Tuesday	Apr	2	Methuen	8692	Swindon
Thursday	Apr	4	Clarendon	5908	Trowbridge
Wednesday	Apr	24	Craft Investiture	UGLE	London

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Have you a friend in the

ROYAL NAVY

Wiltshire Freemasons are recruiting now

Sign up today.....

Have you a friend in the

REGULAR ARMY

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Sign up today.....

Have you a friend in the

ROYAL AIR FORCE

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Wiltshire Freemasons.....

Invite you to ask them

Be one of us.....



The Annual **Rectitude Essay**
Masonic Responsibility
given by
Dr David West

Monday 20th May
Lodge Tyles at
4.15pm

Masonic Hall
Bath Road
Pickwick
Nr Corsham
SN13 OHX

To reserve a place
335@pglwilts.org.uk

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