



# Wiltshire Masonic News

The newsletter for Wiltshire Freemasons

May 2017

Wiltshire Freemasonry

## Inside the Freemasons - Sky1 and honouring heroes.

I am sure many of you will have started watching 'Inside the Freemasons' a five part documentary being shown on Sky1. Some members have already commented on the programme and the general consensus suggests approval for the way in which the producers have portrayed Freemasonry. If you wish to comment of the programme please do let our Communications Officer have your observations.

On the 25th April The PrGM was privileged to be present with Master of Gooch Lodge No.1295 Bro Bruce Broughton-Johnson and Bro John Sturgeon IPM at the unveiling by the MW Grand Master HRH the Duke of Kent of the tribute to the 64 Freemasons awarded the Victoria Cross. Included in this list of heroes was the late Bro William Gosling VC who was initiated in Gooch Lodge on 19th January 1944. Interestingly Bro Bert Fluck father of screen star Diana Dors took part in the ceremony.



Philip Bullock is looking forward to welcoming newer Brethren and their wives/partners to the very special reception which will be held at Warminster Masonic Hall this coming Saturday 6th May. The reception will start at 7.00pm and for the very low price of £5 per head a light buffet will be provided. I hope as many as possible will take this opportunity to join us at Warminster where the theme will be discovering 'what goes on behind closed doors.'

W. Bro Francis Langley PAGDC

The PrGM was saddened to hear the news that W Bro Francis Langley PAGDC passed away on Sunday 30th April. Francis was a member of Gooch Lodge and George Duke of Kent Lodge he was also a past Deputy Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch.

## If you go down to the woods today - you are in for a big surprise!

**Family Garden Party & Teddy Bear's Picnic**

In aid of  
Teddies for Loving Care & The Supported Living Bungalow Alderbury

Bring a Bear and get in FREE

If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a big surprise.  
If you go down to the woods today you'd better go in disguise.  
For every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain, because today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

**THE GRANGE**  
**GATERS LANE**  
**WINTERBOURNE DAUNTSEY**  
**SP4 6ER**

**Sunday 16 July 2017**  
**1.30pm to 5.30pm**

- Free parking (into Gaters Lane off the Parkway)
- Toilets on site
- Licensed Bar
- Bouncy Castle
- Ice Cream
- Party Games
- Cream Teas
- Duck Race
- Falconry Flying Display (Provided by Hawkeye Falconry UK)
- Hunt the Teddy

Admission Adults £3.00 Children £2.00  
Boys and Girls who bring their favourite bear get in FREE  
For further details contact Phil Still on 01722 337880

A Teddy Bears picnic 'with a difference' is being held on Sunday 16th July. Organised by party planner extraordinaire Phil Still, the event promises to be a highlight of the summer.

From a Falconry Flying Display to a bouncy castle this family garden party promises to have it all - fun for all the family including cream teas, ice cream and a licensed bar (for the older teddies)

Join in the great 'teddy hunt' and 'duck race' or just put your feet up and relax in the beautiful grounds of The Grange.

The Grange offers plentiful free parking and onsite facilities. Gates will open at 1.30pm To discover more about this event contact Phil Still 01722 337880 or [phil.still@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.still@btinternet.com)

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## Ian Priest names local charities who will share £50,000.

Ian Priest Provincial Grand Charity Steward has revealed the names of the four charities which will benefit from the Community Awards 2017, they are SMASH, the Bobby Van Trust, the John McNeill Opportunity Centre and the Hope Nature Trust.

A sum of £3 million has been committed to support 300 local and regional charities, and Wiltshire has been allocated four grants.

Each of the four charities will compete for a share of £50,000 made up of individual awards for £25,000, £15,000, £6,000 or £4,000. Provincial Charity Steward Ian Priest will be providing more detail in the next edition of **Wiltshire Masonic News** and the Summer edition of *Across the Plain*.

The four charities to benefit from this generous initiative will now be hoping that Freemasons and members of the general public will cast their precious vote in their favour.

If you want to know more about the work of the MCF please speak to your Lodge Charity Steward.



**Vote for your favourite local charities**



**"GALA" JAMES LAST TRIBUTE CONCERT**  
 FEATURING  
**THE MIKE SMITH BIG SWING BAND & SINGERS**  
 WITH GUEST PERFORMERS  
**ELEKTRA VIOLIN DUO**

*An evening of full on high octane music in typical James Last style! Songs and music that topped the charts over decades.*

**THE NEEDLE COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE**  
**SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2017**  
 7.30 PM  
 TICKETS : £25 (SENIORS £23)  
 Contact the Box Office, Needle Community & Arts Centre, Town Hall High Street Chippenham SN15 3ER, Tel 01249 446699  
 or Jim & Judy Speed - 102 Forest Road Melksham SN12 7AE, Tel 01225 708121

Organised & Presented by  
 Wiltshire Freemasons

This concert is raising funds for  
**Julia's House Children's Hospice**  
 Opening in Devizes in Spring 2017 and providing palliative care either at the hospice or at home, by a team of specialists throughout the county.

Freemasons from three Wiltshire Lodges will be hosting a fraternal visit by members and their ladies of Zur alten Linde Lodge from Dortmund in Germany.

The weekend event visit will be taking place in Chippenham with the main event being held on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Stephen Bridge will be starting the proceedings at the Masonic Hall, Chippenham with a short talk on the history of Freemasonry over 300 years. To round off the occasion a "Gala James Last Tribute Concert" featuring the Mike Smith Big Swing Band and his singers is being staged in the recently refurbished Needle Hall. The concert will be raising funds for Julia's House Children's Hospice opening soon in Devizes.

For further information or tickets please contact Jim Speed 01225 708121 or email [jimandjudyspeed@talktalk.net](mailto:jimandjudyspeed@talktalk.net)



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## Did you see 'Inside The Freemasons' ?



Sky Television have now screened the first two of five one hour programmes on Freemasonry with episode three to be shown on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 8.00pm.

Produced by Emporium Productions which was set up in 2015 by award-winning Executive Producer, Emma Read and leading UK independent television production company, Hat Trick, each of the five one hour programmes will explore what lies behind the familiar concept of Freemasons, and ask - What has motivated generations of men to join its ranks? What does the symbolism mean? How does public perception differ to reality? and What does Freemasonry have to offer men and society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

If you saw either of the programmes please let us know what you think; your comments may be made available to the Communications team at UGLE (strictly anonymously).

## Isle of Man Post Office celebrates 300 years of English Freemasonry

Keen philatelist Martin Brown advises the Isle of Man Post Office is marking the tercentenary of English Freemasonry's first Grand Lodge with a set of six amazing stamps. The stamps are filled with symbols and references including a hidden logo only visible under UV light, a number of GPS references to places important to Freemasonry, and a subtle ribbon honouring the 50th year of office of the current Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent.



## Chippenham caterers to prepare Festival Lunch at Trowbridge

Your Lodge Secretary should have notified you of the end of festival Lunch which is being held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. The lunch, prepared by Chippenham Lodge caterers, will begin at 1.00pm with pre-lunch drinks from 12 noon and we have been advised we will be joined by Jonathan Spence DGM and Brigadier Willie Shackell GSec and Past President of the Masonic Samaritan Fund. You can book for this event online via the front page of the Provincial website or contact Ian Dunbar [pewsham1@sky.com](mailto:pewsham1@sky.com)

## If golf is your sport then this may well be for you

Bro. Alan Blake (Moonraker Lodge) is Captain of North Wilts Golf Club, and will be holding a Charity Day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 when he will be supporting The Loganberry Trust and Wiltshire Air Ambulance, both being well known charities in the Masonic fraternity, All money raised will be split between the two charities at the end of his term of office in November.

Bro Alan Blake's e mail is [alanblake@hotmail.com](mailto:alanblake@hotmail.com) and his telephone number is 01249 817159





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Provincial Grand Master Philip Bullock invites you and your wife/partner to join him at 7.00pm on Saturday 6th May at Warminster Masonic Hall for a very special reception. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with members of the Provincial team in a very informal atmosphere; where you and your wife/partner can discover 'what goes on behind closed doors' It's easy to book online or directly with Phil Still. [phil.still@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.still@btinternet.com)

### Lodge Installation meetings in May and June 2017

Tuesday	May	2	Loyalty	1533	Marlborough
Monday	May	8	Downton	9064	Downton
Thursday	May	11	Elias de Derham	586	Salisbury
Monday	May	15	Harry C Preater	8204	Swindon
Saturday	May	20	Wyvern	8620	Warminster
Tuesday	May	23	St Edmund	4714	Calne
Thursday	May	25	Corsham	6616	Corsham
Saturday	June	3	Forget Me Not	9035	Ludgershall
Monday	June	19	Rectitude	335	Corsham

### Cathedral Service - you can book a place on-line.

Book a seat for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. You can now book online via the Provincial website [www.pglwilts.org.uk](http://www.pglwilts.org.uk) or with W Bro Phil Still [phil.still@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.still@btinternet.com)

### Diane Clements to visit Corsham in May 2017.



Diane Clements - Director of the Museum and Library at Freemasons' Hall, London will be presenting the 2017 Rectitude Essay entitled Brethren Beyond the Seas which will be about the contribution to English freemasonry before, during and after the 1914-1918 war made by overseas grand lodges and their members. Diane is an accomplished speaker with an encyclopedic knowledge of Masonic history. During her tenure as Director of the Museum and Library at Freemasons' Hall the museum has featured as one of London's most visited venues.

This will be the only opportunity to meet and hear Diane in Wiltshire as she will be retiring at the end of the year. To book a place please contact the Lodge secretary by email [335@pglwilts.org.uk](mailto:335@pglwilts.org.uk)

### Wiltshire Summer Lodge - present a special double first.

The Brethren of Wiltshire Summer Lodge invite you to join them at Andover Masonic Hall on Friday 2 June 2017 when they will be initiating a father and son in a special double first. Contact the secretary Dudley Tucker 01493 730927 or [dudley.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:dudley.tucker@btinternet.com) for further information.