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## Learn from the past.....



It was President Theodore Roosevelt who said "I believe that the more you know about the past, the better you are prepared for the future." It is for this reason we are constantly reminded to learn from history in order that we do not repeat its mistakes.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, the Allies launched the greatest amphibious invasion in history. Code named 'Overlord' but best known today as 'D-Day', the operation saw Allied forces in huge numbers landing on the beaches of Normandy in German occupied France. By midnight on 6 June, 132,000 Allied forces had landed in France, while more than 2 million in total were eventually shipped there. The operation was ultimately deemed successful and marked the beginning of the liberation of western Europe from Nazi control. However it came at great human cost; around 10,500 Allied troops are estimated to have been killed, wounded or reported missing. This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an event described so eloquently by Winston Churchill as "... undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult operation that has ever occurred."

I was pleased to attend the **Freemasonry...what's it all about** event held in Salisbury. David Henery and his team met over 30 people who were interested in discovering what goes on behind the doors of Freemasons' Hall in Crane Street. Judging by the comments I heard, I am sure they went away fully informed. Events such as this do require a great deal of planning and commitment and they can be so rewarding; not only in terms of recruitment but also in creating awareness and promoting a positive image of Freemasonry.

Talking of promoting Freemasonry, the Provincial Display Trailer visited Salisbury Charter Market for a second time this year on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. I was hugely impressed by the support given to the Communication Team by local Lodge Brethren and Charlotte Salt - a particular thank you to Terry West and Malcolm Rainbow for towing the unit to and from its base in Cricklade. If you can tow and would like to assist the team please do contact Gordon Lindsay - who is always looking to add names to his register.

The Display Unit will be at Swindon's Old Town Festival on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June (located in the Avenue of the main entrance to the Lawns) and any Swindon Freemasons who can spare an hour to help in manning the stand will be very welcome. Your points of contact are Gordon Lindsay and Paul Sharp.

The Wiltshire Provincial Twitter page is followed by over 3,800 people and I congratulate Vastern Lodge No.8977 and Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity No.663 on becoming the latest contributors to the Twitter sphere. It is my hope that as many Lodges as possible will embrace the use of Twitter as a means of engaging with members, friends and indeed other Lodges. We know that enquiries made through Twitter include non Masons asking for more information, Masons seeking information on Lodge meetings, particularly from those making a trip to Wiltshire, and Masons moving to the area looking for a Masonic home. The Communications Team welcome enquiries from Lodges wishing to develop a Twitter or Facebook page. It's easy to do and can bring benefits to your Lodge. There are some straightforward UGLE/Provincial guidelines to follow and these are available from the Communications Team.

I look forward to welcoming a number of charities to our special Presentation Evenings being held in Calne on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** and Salisbury on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July**. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know what your money is spent on and the work of the charities. Please do make a diary note to attend.



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Mrs Marie Dewey who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

One of the most pleasant tasks a Lodge Almoner is called on to undertake is to visit a member of the Wiltshire Masonic family to celebrate a special occasion, and there really can't be a more special event than a 'significant birthday'. And so it was that John Burgess visited Marie Dewey who was 100 years old on the 7th May. Marie is the widow of Fred Dewey, who was a well known builder and funeral director in Pewsey and much respected member of Lodge of Good Fellowship No. 8388 which meets in Marlborough.

Amazingly, Marie relinquished her driving licence only five years when aged 95 - because she felt that her reactions were not as they should be following a fall.

It will come as no surprise to read that Marie has many memories, particularly of her childhood when she delivered milk for her father. Marie also worked with her husband in the family business.

To celebrate her big day Marie was the guest of honour at a get together with family members and friends organised by her son Richard his wife Sally which was held at The Royal Oak in Wootten Rivers.

## Ladies who lunch.....

Members of the Salisbury and South Wilts Masonic Widows Association enjoyed a day out when they visited East Knoyle Church followed by lunch at the nearby Fox and Hounds Pub.

Mrs Joan Claydon gave a short history of the village, it being the birthplace of Christopher Wren and the home of Jane Seymour wife of Henry VIII

A very special moment for the ladies was being able to view the Lodge Room in the adjoining Village Hall, just as it would be for a regular meeting.



Joan Dowden-Smith and members of the Salisbury and South Wilts Masonic Widows Association enjoy their visit to East Knoyle

The ladies of the Wiltshire Masonic Widows Association offer a warm welcome to all Masonic widows





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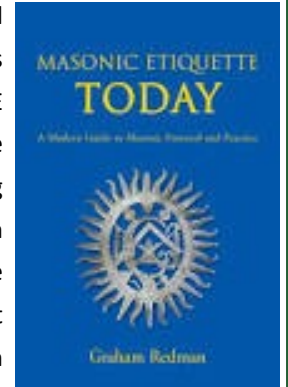


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## I'm visiting from abroad.....

It doesn't happen all that often, but when it does, just how should the Lodge respond when a visitor from a recognised Constitution arrives and you discover he is proposing to wear his own Grand Lodge regalia? Thankfully the advice from UGLE is manifestly clear. A visitor from a recognised Constitution wears his appropriate regalia under the Grand Lodge from which he comes, and if he arrives without having taken the precaution of packing his regalia he may legitimately be lent an English Master Mason's or Installed Master's apron to wear instead. Sometimes the standard regalia of senior Brethren from other Constitutions may be the equivalent of English full dress regalia and therefore include a chain. This they may wear with perfect propriety in an English Lodge. Of course it is incumbent on the Junior Warden of the Lodge to examine and prove any visitor (not introduced by a member of the Lodge) lest by neglect any unqualified person gain admittance to our assemblies.



Available from Lewis Masonic

A Brother, however, from a recognised Constitution who becomes a joining member of an English Lodge is bound by the provisions of the Book of Constitutions - a copy of which **MUST** be presented to him on his election Rule 163(h) applies - those on regalia not being excepted. He may therefore no longer wear any of his foreign regalia, including jewels. He **must** wear a Craft Master Mason's apron (EC), unless he is an Installed Master, in which case he entitled to 'levels' instead of rosettes, but however senior he may be in his Mother Grand Lodge, he may only wear light blue, unless and until he receives a higher rank under this Constitution; nor, until he has served a full year in the Chair of an English Lodge, may he wear a Past Master's collar.

**What salutes must you give to a Brother visiting from another recognised constitution ?**  
Surprisingly, the answer is none - but as a courtesy you may salute him according to his rank, but only after all Brethren from the English Constitution have been saluted.

## A reel fisherman's tale.....



Lee a pupil at Uplands School admires his 'catch' as it is held by Luke, one of the many anglers who volunteer to fish for a day for Wiltshire Freemasons

We are regularly reminded that as Freemasons we "have but one aim in view, to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness" and if there is one group which appears to exemplify those two traits it is the anglers who get together twice a year to spend a few hours fishing with young people from Uplands School in Swindon. And so it was that Ian and Elaine Lever and friends welcomed the youngsters to Walters Lake at South Cerney (by kind permission of Stephen Hobden)

The weather was just perfect and after the obligatory safety briefing (and bacon rolls) the fishing began in earnest. On the first cast Luke and Lee reeled in a whopper 8lb Carp - Lee was absolutely delighted - as was avid match angler Luke.

The Provincial Grand Chapter donated £500 to the Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity - We're sure they will agree it was gratefully received and faithfully applied. Assistant Provincial Grand Master Simon Leighfield was on hand to congratulate the youngsters and to present them with their certificates.



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## Installation and other meetings

Saturday	June	1	Forget me Not	9035	Ludgershall
Wednesday	June	12	Q.C Meeting	UGLE	London
Monday	June	17	Rectitude	335	Corsham
Friday	July	5	Summer Lodge	9548	Swindon

## Out and about with the display team

Sunday	June	9	Old Town Festival		Swindon
Saturday	June	15	Carnival		Amesbury
Friday	June	28	Carnival		Calne

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Join us  
in  
Swindon  
Sunday  
9th June  
:  
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**OLD TOWN FESTIVAL**  
Sunday 9th June to Saturday 15th June  
Meet the Disney Princesses  
Funfair + Bouncy Castle  
Live Music Funfair Stalls Dog Show Food + Drink

Wiltshire Freemasons will be joining in the fun of Swindon's Old Town Festival Parade on **Sunday 9th June**. (See invitation on this page)  
The Festival s on for a whole week, you can enjoy various heritage events at Christ Church and at the Swindon Museum and Art Gallery before finishing the week at the Town Garden Bowl for an evening of local pop and rock bands. Even better all events are free!

## Are you ready to complete your journey in pure Antient Masonry ?



Step 1. Entered Apprentice Step 2. Fellowcraft Step 3. Master Mason Step 4. Companion



Did you know? If the Tyler in your Lodge is elected he is elected by the members and a show of hands is all that is required. Whereas the BoC requires the treasurer to be elected by ballot unless there is only one candidate, in which case the Master can declare him elected.

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