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June 2020

Proud to be a Wiltshire Freemason....

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Wiltshire Freemasons have featured in newspaper articles, on BBC Wiltshire Radio, and in the online version of Freemasonry Today; and while individual members may well have been slightly embarrassed at having their names and pictures published, I am very proud of their achievements. For Paul Moffatt the Charity Steward of Gooch Lodge No.1295, and John Deane the Secretary of Corsham Lodge No. 6616 the prospect of being interviewed on BBC Wiltshire Radio must have seemed daunting, and yet with a little coaching from the Province's Communication Team, they really did excel in explaining how Wiltshire Freemasons are 'Making A Difference' during the current Covid -19 crisis.

One thing I am sure of, is that Paul and John would be the first to acknowledge the incredible assistance they have received from members of their Lodge.

I am also aware that Brethren from Lansdowne Lodge of Unity No.626, Vale of Avon Lodge No.8432, St Aldhelm Lodge No.2888 and Lodge of Concord No.632 have been very active in distributing face visors (PPE) and morale boosting 'goodies' to Care Homes and surgeries in and around the Province. Freemasons in Wiltshire have delivered over 4,500 pieces of Wiltshire made PPE in the past twelve weeks. I extend my thanks to each and every member for their incredible commitment. In the newsletter which was published at the beginning of the month, Simon Leighfield APRGM quoted the words of the Pro Grand Master, who said "What comes over loud and clear is that our Brethren are doing all this work because they WANT to do it." I can think of no better reason.

The Government has relaxed some of the restrictions imposed at the start of the Covid-19 crisis; unfortunately they are not sufficient to allow Grand Lodge to lift the suspension of Masonic activity. I am aware that when the Government makes a decision to permit larger gatherings of non related individuals, Grand Lodge will issue further advice on when and how we can meet. I know that many of you wish an end to this situation; but I also know that you would not wish any decision to compromise your safety and that of your family and friends. The watchword remains 'Be Patient'.

I am also aware that many of you will be wondering whether or not the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will take place in October; regrettably I can now confirm that due to the uncertainty of the situation we have had to take the decision to cancel this meeting (see notice on page4). However, I can confirm that the Communication Team is working on a plan to hold a special ZOOM meeting to which all active Provincial Officers, and those Brethren receiving a Provincial Promotion or a first appointment will be invited. Watch this space for further details.

While writing about Provincial and Masonic Promotions, I'm sure everyone will join me in offering hearty congratulations to Steve Lee who on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month will be 'virtually' Invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Wiltshire. I look forward to the opportunity of introducing and welcoming Steve in his new office at future meetings of the Craft.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who has followed the guidance from the Government and the scientific community to practise physical distancing, as the restrictions are relaxed please do remember the message from the Government remains - **Stay Alert, Control The Virus, Save Lives.**

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## Prestonian Lecture via Zoom....

The Master and Brethren of Methuen Lodge No.8692 traditionally host the only Wiltshire presentation of the Prestonian Lecture, and this year they will continue to do just that, albeit via the wonder of ZOOM technology. The Lodge invites you to join them to hear W Bro George Boys-Stones deliver the 2020 Prestonian Lecture - entitled **A System of Morality - Aristotle and the making of the ritual.**

This is a unique opportunity to virtually attend the 2020 Prestonian Lecture, with W Bro George Boys-Stones delivering his presentation from Toronto, Canada.

Wherever you are located in the Province, Zoom conferencing offers you the opportunity to be at home, sit in your favourite chair, with a cup of tea (or something alcoholic), relax and enjoy the lecture.

**The presentation will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July and will commence at 7.00pm (promptly).**

At the end of the lecture W Bro George Boys-Stones will be delighted to answer any questions.

**To register and secure your personal invitation to hear the 2020 Prestonian Lecture simply email**

**pcowiltshire@gmail.com**

METHUEN LODGE NO.8692

THE 2020 PRESTONIAN LECTURE

W.Bro George Boys-Stones PAGDC

A System of Morality  
*Aristotle and the making of the ritual*

7.00pm Sunday 12th July  
Zoom webinar followed by an interactive session  
E.mail: [pcowiltshire@gmail.com](mailto:pcowiltshire@gmail.com)  
PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE TO HEAR THIS PRESENTATION

"Smart people learn from everything and everyone"

## The Peter Winton Trophy...

Is your Lodge doing something 'special' this year to support or help those affected by the Covid 19 virus? Doing something which promotes Freemasonry in the local community, and which makes your Lodge a contender for **The Peter Winton Trophy**. Nomination Forms are available online, visit [www.pglwilts.org.uk](http://www.pglwilts.org.uk) and click on The Peter Winton Trophy image.

THE PETER WINTON TROPHY

Contact: [info@pglwilts.org.uk](mailto:info@pglwilts.org.uk) Nomination Form on-line

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### Solomon introduced by John....

John has joined the UGLE Communication Team and has been given the job of promoting **SOLOMON** the online learning programme. John is already a social media star and is featured on our Facebook page; Twitter site, and on the Provincial website. Of course John isn't real (so no salary cost) he is the creation of Rosa from the UGLE Communication Team, and he really is very good at getting the message across. You can see what John has to say by visiting the Provincial web page [www.pglwilts.org.uk](http://www.pglwilts.org.uk)



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### Learning and Development Team are hard at work....

You may think that as there are no Masonic meetings, and the physical distancing guidelines require a two metre space to be maintained between people, the work of the Learning and Development Team has come to a stop. If you think that, let me assure you that you would be wrong, The team is actively planning for the post Coivid-19 future, while at the same time offering Lodges and individuals the opportunity to experience one to one tuition via Skype, WhatsApp and Zoom.

As part of the assistance being offered to Brethren, the Communication Team and Gary Dolphin have prepared a number of presentations to help with learning (and understanding) the Working Tools of each of the three degrees; an explanation of the Three Great, though Emblematical Lights, and the Columns which stand at the right of pedestals of the Master, and his two Wardens.

If you are missing your Freemasonry, why not take the opportunity to talk with the Learning and Development Team. They are on hand to help - just ASK.



## STEPPING UP



Sometimes in life you need a little extra help to achieve your goal.

The Learning & Development Team is on hand to provide one to one assistance for a Brother who is Stepping Up to the Chair of his Lodge.

Using WhatsApp, Skype or Zoom, we can help you every step of the way.

Steve Lee | [info@pglwilts.org.uk](mailto:info@pglwilts.org.uk)

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Chippenham out and about...

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## Provincial Grand Lodge AGM...cancelled

Due to the Covid - 19 crisis, the AGM of Provincial Grand Lodge will not take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October as originally planned. Watch out for an announcement as to what we are going to do.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE

**It's cancelled for 2020**

Sadly we won't be meeting in Salisbury on Thursday 1st October

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