



“A true friend listens compassionately and creatively to the hidden silences”

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How are you doing, how are you really doing?

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I'm sure many of us will have spent many an hour reading to our children, and grandchildren, the quite lovely stories of A.A. Milne's cuddly character Winnie the Pooh. I feel sure that as we ventured through the hundred acre wood our thoughts were concentrated on how we could hoot like an owl, bray like Eeyore, or oink like Piglet, and not whether the characters had underlying mental ill health conditions. However, it would seem that a team of eminent paediatricians used the characters in his book to illustrate various mental ill being issues and published their findings in a journal titled - *Pathology in the Hundred Acre Wood: a neurodevelopmental perspective on A.A. Milne*. Pooh himself was a bear who simply couldn't control his eating, he just loved his food and any excuse saw him with his paw in the honey jar; whereas Pooh's confidante and closest friend, Piglet, suffered from an acute case of a Generalized Anxiety Disorder. The paediatricians citing his "poor, anxious, blushing, flustered" self, as evidence that Piglet also had self-esteem issues.

In a recent presentation from the Provincial Orator we were reminded that story telling is one of the oldest methods we have of communicating ideas and points of view; and that symbols and images predate modern emojis. Perhaps we all need to take a fresh look at Pooh and his friends and consider the lessons to be learned from these 'symbols'. One of the most important lessons is surely the value of having good friends who listen compassionately and creatively to the hidden silences, the thoughts that remain unshared, and the words that just can't be spoken.

I was very fortunate to be invited to City Hall in Salisbury to receive the first of the two Covid vaccinations jabs. The vaccination programme is without doubt one of the most challenging logistics exercises undertaken by the NHS. I am particularly delighted to confirm that Wiltshire Freemasons are playing an important part in the process by assisting in directing members of the public to the vaccination centre, and to the appropriate station in City Hall where personal details are confirmed before the vaccination is administered.

It's amazing to read that over fifteen million people in the UK have received their first vaccination, and a considerable number have been exceptionally fortunate to have received their second does of the vaccine. I have no doubt whatsoever that the success of the vaccination programme will determine just how quickly we can emerge from the nightmare of lockdown, the suspension of Masonic activity and a welcome return to 'normal life'.

This edition of **In touch>On line** pays tribute to two stalwarts of Wiltshire Freemasonry, Bros Ian Burns and Roly Cantello. It's more than a milestone to complete 50 years, and 70 years as a Freemason and congratulations hardly seems good enough, but in these restricted days that's all we can do for now. I want to assure Ian and Roly that as soon as we are able to, we will celebrate their achievement in a manner truly befitting the occasion.

I'm also delighted to see the Provincial Treasurer Chris Robbins features as this month's Proud to be a Wiltshire Freemason. If you're proud to be a Wiltshire Freemason just send a good quality picture to pcowiltshire@gmail.com



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We simply cannot stand still....

There is no benefit in being the same, the same as everyone else. We must grow beyond our pre-set limits, and beyond the limits that others have set for us. After all we are meant to be constantly changing. Sometimes the changes are subtle, whereas at other times they are more dramatic. When five years ago we published the first Provincial newsletter we chose the 'safe' option by using a recognisable and acceptable colour scheme, a clear type face and a reasonable font size.

In May 2020 we decided to change the title to something which had a 'sharper' feel to it and so we introduced In **touch>On line**. The banner was bold, and at first it was okay, but you told us it wasn't right, it was too harsh, too dark. So we listened and for 2021 we've made another big change. We know that you like the new look website so we have continued that colour theme and this month In **touch>On line** gets a subtle makeover.

The big Ride....

Andrew Botha and thirty bikes from the Widow's Sons Chapters in Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight are planning a BIG RIDE to raise funds in support of three wonderful charities.

The motorcycle ride is planned to take place on 19th to the 22nd August this year, and will see the 'bikers' start from Amesbury travelling to Wales and then up to John O' Groats and back to Amesbury, a total distance of 1794 miles in four days. Now that really is a BIG RIDE.

The Stonecutters have set a minimum goal to raise £2,500 for **The Loganberry Trust** which is the principal charity they are supporting throughout this year. Andrew told the editor that each member of the BIG RIDE is funding their own costs and all money raised will be given to the three chosen charities.

As well as **The Loganberry Trust** members will be raising funds for the **Dan Payne Memorial** - a Charity run by Stonecutter Wiltshire Vice President Jamie's Osborn's family for children and young adults with cancer. **Doc Bike** is a Dorset Charity, which is run by a paramedic, doctor and a retired policeman.

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"doubtless it has been felt and practised by you"



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Meet the Provincial Chaplain....

Provincial Chaplain Michael Barratt is the guest speaker in the second of the Province's Meet the Officer series of Zoom online presentations. Make a date to meet him on Friday 26th February at 7.30pm by booking your seat at pcowiltshire@gmail.com

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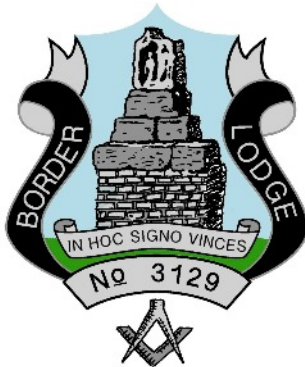
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Zoom
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Bro Michael Barratt
Provincial Chaplain

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Is your Lodge logo looking a little tired?



Then why not give it a complete makeover?
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Your logo is an important feature on social media, letterheads and the Lodge summons

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Wiltshire Freemasons, making a difference....

arts together

Wiltshire Freemasons and the Masonic Charitable Foundation got together and donated £1,000 to **Arts Together** which is a pioneering charity bringing that works to improve the health, well being and quality of life of older people in Wiltshire especially during lockdown. Through its creative

approach **Arts Together** continues to play an important role in countering loneliness and isolation among older adults. **Arts Together** groups can be found in Bradford-on-Avon, Devizes, Marlborough, Melksham, Pewsey and Trowbridge.



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Congratulations to two Chaloner Lodge veterans....

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W Bro ‘Roly’ Cantello **PAGDC**

W Bro William Roland Cantello {Roly} was the proud recipient of the Provincial Grand Master’s certificate for services to Freemasonry in general and Wiltshire in particular; having completed 50 years in the Craft.

Roly was Initiated into Chaloner Lodge No.2644 on the 20th April 1970 and served as Master of the Lodge in 1982. Roly is also an honorary member of Lodge of Concord No.632 which meets in Trowbridge.

Active Provincial appointments as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Senior Grand Warden were soon followed by the MW Grand Master appointing Roly **PAGDC**.

Philip Bullock **PrGM** said: “I’m very proud to be able to congratulate Roly on his amazing 50 years service to Freemasonry.”

W Bro Ian Burns PPrJGW

W Bro John Burns (Ian) has now completed 70 years in Freemasonry having been Initiated into Abbotsford Lodge No.937 (SC) on the 18th January 1951. Moving to Wiltshire he joined Chaloner Lodge No.2644 on the 21st November 1966 and played an integral part in the growth and well being of the Lodge. He was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1979 and 1997. In recognition of the wonderful service he gave to the Lodge, the Brethren elected him an Honorary member in 2008.

The Province first recognised Ian in 1985 with further promotion occurring in 1998. Ian was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in October 2004.

The Provincial Grand Master in paying tribute to Ian said: “It’s simply amazing to think that Ian will now join a select list of Masonic veterans, of which he will be number two, well done Ian.”





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Mayor of Warminster

Long time resident, well known business man and member of Longleat Lodge No.1478 Chris Robbins was recently elected Mayor of Warminster.

Warminster is an ancient market town situated on the southern edge of the Salisbury Plain approximately 18 miles from Bath and 21 miles from Salisbury. It's also home to two Craft Lodges and a Royal Arch Chapter.



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