



Cease labour and go to refreshment.



Many of our Lodges and Chapters have now ceased labour and the Brethren and Companions have gone to refreshment. As a result of which I am sure many of you will either be planning a holiday or enjoying a break away from work during the next two months. Indeed I am slightly envious of those members who are enjoying cruising in the Mediterranean, caravanning in Devon, enjoying the sights and sounds of France, visiting down under or just making the odd foray to Weston-Super-Mare, Weymouth and other local tourist spots. Whatever and wherever you choose to go I wish you well and trust you have a well-deserved rest. For isn't that the real purpose of a break from the normal routine of work; to rest and recuperate. I am convinced that when we take time away from the stresses of work and daily life, it can improve our physical and mental health, motivation, relationships, performance and perspective on life. In short, a holiday can help you feel refreshed and more prepared to handle whatever comes when you return.

However, for a number of Provincial officers their work is never ever quite complete (not that they ever complain) as they keep the wheels of the Province gently turning, answering correspondence, preparing for future events and responding to membership enquiries. Their work is often unmentioned, but it is never ever taken for granted and for what they do, I am most grateful.

Lodge secretaries and treasurers are also incredibly busy. Members would be amazed at what the Lodge officers are required to do in order that the Lodge remains on the right side of the Book of Constitutions and the requirements of Grand Lodge.

The work undertaken by the Lodge Almoner never ceases as he is the first point of contact whenever any member or widow suffers misfortune and sadly issues arise even during the holiday season.

I have a feeling you might like the Charity Steward to take a longer holiday, especially if he has been trying to persuade you to support the Wiltshire 2028 Festival. A sure fire way to divert his attention in a different direction is to sign up to a Regular Payment Plan, either to E2028 or the Lodge Relief Chest.

In September 2023, for the first time since before the Second World War, the Quarterly Communication meeting of Grand Lodge will be held outside of London. The venue could not be any better for Wiltshire Freemasons as the chosen location is The International Convention Centre, Caerleon, Nr Newport, South Wales. I am aware that a number of Wiltshire Brethren have used the online facility to register their interest in securing what I guarantee will be a 'hot ticket' event on Wednesday 13 September.

I am now able to advise that a dedicated online facility has been provided by Grand Lodge and I urge anyone who wishes to attend (even if you have already registered your interest to book your place and pay for the dinner using this link. <https://buy.stripe.com/7sl4gz0173lj4l85kA> I have asked the Assistant Provincial Secretary John Deane to send details and the QR code to the Brethren who previously have registered an interest in attending.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Sarum Lodge No.5137 for inviting the Provincial Team to conduct the Initiation of two new members of the Lodge. The whole day was quite amazing and I meant it when I said "Let's do it again sometime".



The Wiltshire 2028 Festival – Simon Leighfield.

As Chairman of the Wiltshire 2028 Festival I am delighted to thank those Lodges that have already made a significant contribution to their financial 'goal'. Funds continue to flow into our Provincial Wiltshire 2028 Festival Relief Chest No.E2028 and that money is growing at an astonishing rate of six per cent per annum. I am sure you will agree this is a great incentive for your Lodge to release the money to E2028 as soon as possible.

My friend Alan Colman tells me that he and Richard Legge, both members of The Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation No.355 are gearing up for the first of four (maybe five) cycle rides in support of the Wiltshire 2028 Festival. Their plan is to visit every Masonic meeting venue in the Province. The first cycle ride will be on Sunday 3rd September 2023 – starting at 9.00am from The Planks, Swindon, and will include visits to Highworth, Calne and Marlborough. Well-placed sources suggest that the members meeting at the locations will be providing refreshments to riders and supporters.

If you want to join Alan and Richard for any of the rides there is an online application form: <https://forms.gle/ZkfBEaDWBP6HHJqf8> And remember It's all for a good cause. If you can't make the rides, don't worry as you can donate or sponsor Alan and Richard online by clicking on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yw7ypyw4> So, give the bike a service, pump up the tyres, don the lycra, don't forget your helmet and join Alan and Richard for the ride of a lifetime.

The second week of July is when the Master of Lodge of Concord No.632, Mike Boddy, will be taking part in the fan dance race on the 8th July. Mike will be in the Brecon Beacons as a competitor in a 24km race carrying 35lbs of kit whilst trying to complete it in SAS/SBS selection time. I'm sure we all wish Mike the very best of luck. Mike is doing this to raise funds for the Wiltshire 2028 Festival and the Masonic Charitable Foundation. If you want to support Mike why not sponsor him by clicking the link and donate! <https://tinyurl.com/ax3ehb6x>

Festival Jewels - have you got yours?

The Wiltshire 2028 Festival Jewel has clearly captured the attention of many members of the Province, so much so that the Provincial Grand Master has commented on the number of Brethren wearing a jewel. It really is a nice jewel and if you are unaware of the qualifying process for a Festival Jewel your Charity Steward is the 'go to person' as the face of the Festival in the Lodge.



- A Brother or Companion qualifies for a Festival Jewel when they have given either £600 to the Festival or signed up for a Regular Payment Plan (RPP) that will reach £600 by December 2028 (or a combination of the two).
- Jewels are available from the Provincial Communication Officer - place your order by email to pcowiltshire@gmail.com
- Please pay £10 per jewel by bank transfer to:
 - o Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire
 - o Sort Code: 23 05 80
 - o Account: 43153161
 - o Reference: L xxxx **jewel** (the xxxx is your Lodge number).



Whence come you?

What inducement have you to leave the East and go to the West is a question to which most Freemasons will know the answer. But when the question concerns the United Grand Lodge of England it surely takes on another dimension.

For the first time in over eighty years The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge is moving out of London (the East) and moving to Newport (the West) and while I'm sure none of the Provinces along, and at the end of the M4 /M5 would have offered any inducement, it is interesting to note the words of the Pro Grand Master when delivering his address at the June Quarterly Communication Meeting.

"Brethren, you will know that the September Quarterly Communication will be held in Monmouthshire, away from London, exactly one hundred years since this first happened when the Communication in September 1923 was held in Liverpool. The Rulers and Grand Lodge really do believe in seeing if we can get things to work that are a little different to the established norms, building on an excellent base, with small incremental steps. I very much hope it will be a success, but as The Grand Master himself said, "We will not know unless we try".

I'm sure you will all agree with the sentiment expressed by HRH The Duke of Kent.

Book your place today.

You will already have received an email if you have previously registered your interest in attending the Quarterly Communication Meeting of Grand Lodge at The International Convention Centre in Newport on Wednesday 13th September 2023. However, we have been advised that extra availability has been



To access the booking form SCAN the QR code or click on the link below.

The second part of the process is to register not just an interest but a commitment to attend and this must be done through the UGLE designated partner.

For this reason it is important that attendees know what is required (beyond just attending) and the Provincial Grand Master wishes it to be made clear that all attendees are expected to dine at the event. The cost of dining is £52.50.

Therefore, before any names are put forward the Provincial Grand Master wishes to be assured that every Brother understands this condition.

If you believe this condition alters your interest in attending, please advise the Assistant Secretary by email by return.

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The newsletter for all Wiltshire Freemasons



Is your Chapter in the Spotlight?



CHAPTER ELIAS DE DERHAM No. 586

Meets on the third Wednesday in January, March, September and November



The Royal Arch
www.pglwilts.org.uk/royal-arch



Meeting at Freemason's Hall, Crane Street
Salisbury, SP1 2QD. Wiltshire



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One of the ways Comp David Clatworthy is helping individual Chapters is by championing and promoting each of the seventeen Chapters in the Province.

The June spotlight was on Chapter Elias de Derham No.586 meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Crane Street, Salisbury, SP1 2QD

To feature your Chapter please contact David by email:

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Initiation to Exaltation

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We are One Organisation.

As a part of his role as the Royal Arch Communication Officer, Comp David Clatworthy is producing some excellent images promoting The Royal Arch.

This particular image demonstrates graphically the journey of the Freemason from Initiation to Exaltation.

Q. Who can join?

A. Master Masons.

Q How soon can you join?

A. When it suits you.

Q. Where do I join?

A. There are 17 Wiltshire RA Chapters.

Q. How do I find out more about Royal Arch?

A. Talk to your Royal Arch representative.

Q. Can I contact the Royal Arch?

A. E Mail Racommswilts@outlook.com



Christmas is coming.

And this year it really will be very special family event with a festive Christmas Carol service in the beautiful surroundings of the Marlborough College Chapel. Mince pies, mulled wine and a host of well-known carols – a perfect start to Christmas. Register online: tinyurl.com/bd7nwpxy

Wiltshire Freemasons

Have You Booked?

Carols at
Christmas

Marlborough College Chapel
Sunday 17th December 3.00pm

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