



## We are fast approaching Christmas...



John Reid

And for many of our members it is a time of intense activity as they finalise the arrangements for what has become the most popular event of the Wiltshire Masonic year; I am referring of course to Carols at Christmas, held in the incredible surroundings of the chapel at Marlborough College. Joining us will be the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire Dame Sara Troughton, and the High Sheriff of Wiltshire Mr Martin Nye.

In 2023 we took the decision to move the Provincial church service from Calne to Marlborough, at the same time we decided to embrace the Christmas theme and create a family friendly environment - it appears to work and I am delighted at the support our Members have given to the event. My wish is that Carols at Christmas provides the ideal start to your Christmas festivities.

This year promises to be as well attended as prior years and I am reliably informed that over 500 members, family, and friends of members have booked a seat. Rev'd Dr John Railton, and Rev'd Sandy Railton will lead the service of carols and readings, and soloist Kitty Pearson will once again open proceedings by singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City.

Carols at Christmas is on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm. The venue is Marlborough College Chapel and free onsite parking is available. This year, I am told we will be 'competing' with national radio star Aled Jones who will be presenting 'The Snowman' in the nearby Memorial Hall - just in case you're tempted let me assure you that mince pies and mulled wine will be served only at our event. You can still book your place at this event using this link <https://tinyurl.com/Carols-at-Christmas2025>

It hardly seems four weeks ago that I presided at Provincial Grand Lodge, how time really does fly. It would be remiss of me not to thank each and everyone of you that took time out of your busy lives to join the provincial team at Trowbridge. I am aware that for some of our members attending a daytime meeting is very difficult, while for a few the meeting holds little attraction, however, over 250 members and guests contributed to a wonderful day and a splendid occasion. Once again I offer my heartiest congratulations to the Brethren that received a Provincial promotion or first appointment.

As many Members will know, 2025 is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire and the appointment of the first Provincial Grand Master. I was pleased to host a celebratory dinner at Bowood Golf and Country Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, and I'm pleased to say it was a wonderful occasion. I'm not sure what the team is planning for 2026 but when the date is announced I do recommend you book a place and avoid the disappointment of missing out.

The new Wiltshire Masonic Reference Book is available from your Lodge Secretary, and Chapter Scribe. For the very first time it is also available on-line through a link on the Provincial website or by clicking on this link <https://tinyurl.com/PGLWiltreferencebookok> To comply with various items of legislation, personal information including contact details and email addresses have been removed, and a password is required to access the Reference Book. A recent survey of over one hundred members showed that a significant number considered an online version of the Reference Book to be a welcome addition to the communication profile of the Province.

Finally, I make no apology for once again encouraging you to sign up to the Wiltshire Member's WhatsApp as yet another way to get to know what's happening in your Province with upto date messaging and alerts.



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## The newsletter for all Wiltshire Freemasons



NOVEMBER 2025

### Meeting Calendar for November...

October's meeting calendar is brought to you by Paul Robinson with the help of the Secretaries and Scribes who provide the information on 'what is going on' in the Lodge or Chapter.

#### WILTSHIRE LODGE AND CHAPTER MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Date	Lodge/Chapter Name	No.	Ceremony	Location
1	Forget-Me-Not Lodge	L9035	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Ludgershall
3	Broade Forde Lodge	L8547	Installation	Bradford-On-Avon
3	Downton Lodge	L9064	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Lecture	Downton
4	Lodge of Loyalty	L1533	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Marlborough
4	Stonehenge Chapter	C6114	Exaltation	Salisbury
5	Longleat Lodge	L1478	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Demo	Warminster
5	Lodge of Remembrance	L4037	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Swindon
5	Sarum Lodge	L5137	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Salisbury
5	Vale of Avon Lodge	L8432	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Chippenham
6	Clarendon Lodge	L5908	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Trowbridge
6	Lodge of Brothers in Arms	L9540	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree *1	Salisbury
7	Calley Lodge	L7525	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Swindon
10	Lodge of Concord	L632	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Trowbridge
10	Harry C Preater Lodge	L8204	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Swindon
11	Lansdowne Lodge of Unity	L626	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Chippenham
11	Chapter of Agriculture	C9090	Installation	Corsham
12	Lodge of Friendship and Unity	L1271	Installation	Bradford-On-Avon
12	Stonehenge Lodge	L6114	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Salisbury
13	Lodge Elias de Derham	L586	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Demo	Salisbury
14	Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation	L355	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Swindon
14	Chapter of Harmony	C663	Installation	Devizes
17	Chaloner Lodge	L2644	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Melksham
17	The City Lodge	L5955	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Salisbury
18	White Horse Lodge	L2227	Lecture	Westbury
18	St Aldhelm Lodge	L2888	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Chippenham
19	Gooch Lodge	L1295	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Demo	Swindon
19	The Border Lodge	L3129	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Ludgershall
19	Vastern Lodge	8977	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Calne
19	Lodge of Innocence and Morality	9587	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	East Knoyle
19	Chapter Elias de Derham	C586	Installation	Salisbury
19	Chapter of Friendship and Unity	C1271	Business Meeting	Bradford-On-Avon
20	Corsham Lodge	L6616	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Corsham
20	Fiat Lux Lodge	L9773	White table	Devizes
20	Gooch Chapter	C1295	Lectures	Swindon
21	Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity	L663	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Devizes
21	Highworth Lodge	L9009	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Swindon
24	Lodge of Good Fellowship	L8388	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Marlborough
24	Lansdowne Chapter of Unity	C626	Installing Officers	Chippenham
24	Chapter of Concord	C632	Exaltation *1	Trowbridge
25	Pleydell Lodge	L4687	Installation	Swindon
25	St Edmund Lodge	L4714	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Calne
26	Radnor Lodge	L4451	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Salisbury
26	Moonraker Lodge	L8747	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	Devizes
26	George Duke of Kent Lodge	L8788	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Swindon
27	New Temple Lodge	L8435	3 <sup>rd</sup> degree	Swindon
27	Thynne Chapter	C1478	Exaltation	Warminster
28	Lodge of Agriculture	L9090	2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Corsham

\*1 = Double Ceremony

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### Keep in touch...

WhatsApp offers a range of benefits that make it a popular choice for personal communication. One of its primary advantages is its ease of use and accessibility, allowing users to send messages, make voice and video calls, and share multimedia content without incurring additional charges, as long as they have an internet connection. This makes it an economical option for staying connected. Additionally, WhatsApp supports group chats, which facilitate easy collaboration and social interaction among friends, family, and colleagues. The app's end-to-end encryption ensures that messages are secure and private, providing peace of mind for users concerned about their data security. Furthermore, WhatsApp's integration with various business tools allows the Province to engage with Members more effectively, providing instant push through messaging. Overall, WhatsApp's user-friendly interface, and security features make it a versatile and reliable communication platform.



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## DEACON'S WORKSHOP

Masonic Hall | Yerbury Street | Trowbridge | BA14 8DP  
SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - 10.00am until 12.00pm

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## FINDING YOUR FEET

Swindon Masonic Centre | The Planks | Swindon | SN3 1QP  
SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - 10.00am until 12.00pm

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## FINDING YOUR FEET | DEACON'S WORKSHOP

Freemasons' Hall | Crane Street | Salisbury | SP1 2QD  
SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 - 10.00am until 12.00pm

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## FINDING YOUR FEET

Masonic Hall | Yerbury Street | Trowbridge | BA14 8DP  
SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 - 10.00am until 12.00pm

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## PREPARING FOR THE CHAIR

Swindon Masonic Centre | The Planks | Swindon | SN3 1QP  
SATURDAY 21st March 2026 - 10.00am until 12.00pm

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## PREPARING FOR THE CHAIR

Masonic Hall | Yerbury Street | Trowbridge | BA14 8DP  
SATURDAY 25th April 2026 - 10.00am until 12.00pm

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