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**This edition of the Bristol Standard is dedicated to the **TERCENTENARY YEAR**, and the following is the actual minute of the address by our Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro Alan J Vaughan on the 13th May 2017.**

Reference was made to the fact that this year was such an important year in Masonry with the Province organising several events to mark this our Tercentenary Year.

He also noted that during the first five months of the memorable year, many of our lodges had already embraced the occasion by organising several celebration events and he hoped that during the remainder of the year all lodges would contribute to the celebration by either organising events for their own lodge or by supporting the events organised by the Province.

Events organised by Lodges, which have already taken place – have all been well supported and enjoyed by all who attended.

*Peace Lodge - Ladies Night at Marriot City Centre: Cabot Lodge - Celebration Dinner at City College: Brunel Lodge - Ladies Event in Park Street: Redcliffe Lodge - Tercentenary Night in Park Street: Dolphin Lodge - Curry Lunch in Park Street: Baily Lodge - Ladies Night in Park Street: Royal Sussex Lodge - Tercentenary White Table Dinner in Park Street*



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# TERCENTENARY REPORTS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS



## Promotions for 2017



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**This edition of the Bristol Standard has been redesigned from the old format by way of a change, and my hope is that all are in favour.**

As you are all aware we are in the course of celebrating the three hundred anniversary of Freemasonry, and it was felt appropriate that the September Edition No 27 place a particular emphasis on all that is and has happened this year.

As this is only my second attempt I am sure that I will not have pleased everybody, and if any article has been omitted, please accept my sincere apologies, and let me know, so that it can be included in the next edition which will be in February 2018.

Thank you to all those who have helped along the way.

**Keith Irwin**



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## Blue plaques in Bristol



**T**he summer of 2017 has seen many events to celebrate the 300 year anniversary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge of England. The Province of Bristol has embraced the UGLE suggestion of Communication, Commemoration and Celebration. With this in mind 4 Blue plaques have been put in place in Bristol to celebrate the early history of Freemasonry in the City. In the early years Freemasons met extensively in Pubs. Sadly a majority of those pubs no longer exist. However, 4 still exist as hostelries from the 18th Century and these were selected to have official Bristol Civic Society Blue Plaques.

On Saturday 17th June 2017 The Provincial Grand Master of Bristol Alan Vaughan invited The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Councillor Lesley Alexander to unveil a Blue Plaque at the Rummer Tavern in All Saints Lane. The plaque commemorated the inaugural meeting of the Rummer Lodge on the 12th November 1735. Storm Force 10 the Masonic Sea Shanty group performed to the delight of the brethren and to the sizable crowd that had gathered for the performance. Brother Brett Hirt owner and Licensee of the Rummer Tavern provided wonderful food included steak Tartare.

The brethren from the Beaufort Lodge were out in numbers on Saturday 1st July to celebrate the unveiling of a Blue Plaque at the Shakespeare, Prince Street. 101 year old Beaufort member Reg Buston along with the Lord Mayor pulled the cord to unveil the plaque to commemorate the Beaufort Lodge who first met in the pub on 5th October 1784. Alan Vaughan thanked the Lord Mayor and Reg Buston for attending the event and said, "Freemasons have a long and distinguished history in the City and it is appropriate that our part in the community is recorded in this way"

On Saturday 8th July the venue was the George Inn at Shirehampton. Although the George Inn as it is today was built in the 1920s the original George Inn on the same site hosted the Masonic Lodge of Jehosaphat which first met in June 1791 and met there monthly until 1794. The Lord Mayor accompanied by The Provincial Grand Junior Warden Stuart MacKendrick and The Provincial Grand Librarian Gary Williams unveiled the plaque. A large crowd of Bristol Freemasons and enthusiastic locals and pub regulars witness the event. The Plaque celebrated the Lodge of Jehosaphat that first met at the then newly built original George Inn on the 24th June 1791. Stuart Mackendrick said "226 years ago

Bristol Freemasons first met here. We have a long association with the community in Shirehampton and I welcome you all here today". The Lord Mayor said "I am delighted to unveil this Plaque" and went onto thank everyone for "such a warm welcome". The Lord Mayor joked, "Once these unveilings come to an end I'm not sure what I'll do with myself on Saturday afternoons".

On the 15th July 2017 The Lord Mayor arrived at the Lamplighters to a performance of traditional English dance by The Bristol Morris Men. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bristol Joe Davis welcomed the Lord Mayor to The Lamplighters. On unveiling the Plaque the Lord Mayor Lesley Alexander said, "I am proud to be asked to unveil this plaque". Joe Davis thanked the large crowd for attending and said "I would encourage you all to read the history of the Lamplighters on the Pub's website. It has a remarkable and fascinating past and Bristol Freemasons are proud to be part of that history and that our association with this pub is celebrated in this lasting way".

**Gary Williams**

Provincial Grand Librarian and Archivist



South West - Route 2

Ashton Gate Stadium (Bristol) to  
Haynes International Motor Museum



Crowds gathered on a lovely summer's morning at Ashton Gate Stadium home of Bristol City FC and Bristol Rugby to await the arrival of a wonderful selection of classic cars. This was the departure point of the South West Route 2 run to the world famous Haynes Motor Museum in Somerset. A giant electronic screen on the side of the stadium welcomed all the crews as they entered the car park.

After light refreshments the first cars were ready to leave. The Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, Alan Vaughan, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Jonathan Davis presented the "travelling gavel" to John Slade, driving a beautiful 1967 E-Type Jaguar. The Union Jack was raised and then at thirty second intervals the other 23 cars began their scenic journey. They passed



through Cheddar Gorge, Wookey Hole and the Somerset Lowlands.



Morgans, a Sunbeam Tiger, an Aston Martin, a Triumph Stag, a Royal Sceptre, a Bentley and a Mini Cooper to name but a few were cheered by the spectators as they left.

The Province of Bristol was extremely pleased to be involved with this event and supporting The Classic 300. We also thank Phil Cottrell, a member of the 300 committee for travelling from Berkshire to set up the flags and banners. From there he went to Haynes Motor Museum to



welcome John Slade and retrieve the gavel for the next event. Thanks also to Ashton Gate for their help, assistance and use of their facilities.

We wish the remaining "Runs" well and hope they have such a good turnout of classics and brilliant weather as we had.

Most of all, we thank the classic car owners for being part of the day.

**Chris Cook**




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# Tercentenary Trophy



## TERCENTENARY



**Played at Long Ashton  
Golf Club, Bristol  
On Friday 21st July 2017**



15 Teams from the provinces of Bristol, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Somerset, and Oxfordshire duly arrived at Long Ashton Golf Club on the morning of Friday 21st July 2017 to compete to be crowned the first winners of the Tercentenary Golf Trophy.

All the players were welcomed by the organiser and enjoyed the hospitality of the club with a coffee and a bacon roll.

Although the weather forecast had predicted rain all day, by the time the first Bristol team teed off, the weather was dry with a slight breeze and it looked like we might all enjoy a rain free round.



However, this was not the case as by the time the Oxfordshire team started the rain had started and this carried on throughout their round.

The first teams out did manage to play most of the front nine holes before the rain arrived.

However, the covered "Half Way House" offering drink and chocolate



biscuits was a welcome relief from the rain as each team completed the 10th hole.

One of the biggest problems



was not the fact that players were getting cold and wet with gloves slipping from the clubs but several teams had issues with their scorecards becoming wet and obliterating the scores as they were written down – some teams transferred their scores to the "official club scorecard", but this made no difference as the wet seemed to penetrate everywhere.

As teams completed their rounds it was obvious that the rain was

taking its toll on the scoring. The first teams out seemed to have the better of the weather and had posted the best team scores until the very end, when the Oxfordshire team emerged from the 18th green – more like a scene from Finding Nemo than a golf competition.

The sanctuary of the changing rooms and hot showers was a welcome relief to all players. The chance to partake in a drink followed by a superb 2 course buffet was for many the highlight of the day.

However, this was a team golf competition and winners there must be!

Oxfordshire took the honour of being crowned the first winners of the Tercentenary Cup, with Bristol 1 as runners up and Bristol 4 in third place.

Despite the weather, everyone enjoyed the event and hopefully this will be a competition that will be organised again next year.



As there was over a two-hour gap between the first team completing their round and the last, it was not possible to have a presentation of the prizes – this will take place later in the year at a special event to be held in Park Street Bristol.

Details will be sent out before the end of August.



# TERCENTENARY Birth of John the Baptist

Freemasonry 300th

**T**hree hundred years is a long time. Three hundred years ago, those of you sitting in front of me could not have done that. The old nave of our abbey church was demolished in 1540, and houses stood where you sit, until 1875. The cathedral ended just behind the pulpit. Bristol was very different in 1717. Your hall, and indeed St George's Road, did not exist; Park Street was meadow with a few orchards. But, in 1717, things were changing fast. Bristol was entering into its pomp, second city of the country, the population doubled between 1700 and 1750. It was, of course, wealth built upon the abomination of the slave trade, sugar refining, brass for export, pottery, glass. The dock was full of masts; Queen's Square was being built. It was so very different and yet strangely familiar. The Scots nationalists had just lost a major campaign, we were negotiating deals with Europe, the government (under Viscount Stanhope) was fragile and everyone was anxious about the Germans (because we had just acquired a German King).

I must leave it to you, I think, to try to get the measure of what you have given us in three hundred years. I am not unfamiliar with freemasonry. I grew up with it. In my house it was called 'the craft' and my father and his father were very active. I remember my father giving hours to Grand Lodge Charities, I remember him practising ritual behind a closed door. I remember the friendships that mattered to him. Above all, I remember that for my grandfather, and for my father, there was, in freemasonry, a deep commitment to the things that endure, to things like morality and loyalty. When my father died, I found he had kept copies of the speeches his father

had given sixty years ago in lodges in East Lancs.; they were deeply moral, insistent on virtue in a way that no priest would be insistent now.

I know that you have become open in a way that was unimaginable even twenty years ago and we all welcome that. Even so, you have a story that many of us still do not know well. So I will come back to your anniversary in a minute and tell you one of our stories that I know better. You are, by chance, here on the feast of John the Baptist. You have heard a reading about John the Baptist. It began,

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing

Note that, John the Baptist is in prison. When we go back to the bible we often go looking for stories about people, what did they do? What did they say? We can forget the big picture, the history, the politics, the violence. We begin this evening when Palestine is occupied by Romans; occupied by the most terrifying army in the world. Jews hated the Romans, Romans despised the Jews and their barren little country with its poisonous salt sea. We are teetering on the edge of a brutal war and a pro-Roman king, Herod, is thrashing about desperate for power and popularity. John the Baptist is not just in prison he is in fear of his life; he is about to be hacked to death.

From prison, John who has been preaching about the one who is to come after him, sends a message to Jesus and asks, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" He has met Jesus, remember. He has baptised Jesus in the Jordan, but even so, he is not sure, he doesn't know if Jesus really is the Messiah. Why not? Well, because John Baptist was looking for something different. He knew what he should expect. He had told othersexactly what to expect. John the Baptist lived inside a story he thought he understood. He was

waiting for a Messiah who would drive the Romans out. He looked for victory, cheering crowds the downfall of pagan nations,

And he got Jesus instead. He sent a question. Is it really you? Back came the answer:

the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.

Jesus tells him a different story, promises a different future. Healing and hope, not victory and violence.

John wanted us to defeat our enemies, Jesus wanted us to save the downtrodden. It is just that choice that faces us now. We are surrounded by a clamour to see enemies all around, to think it is us, or them. We are invited to divide so that we can rule. In three hundred years your Lodges have been places of fellowship, places where you have learnt to trust one another. Increasingly, I think, those same Lodges have become places of friendship looking to a wider community. You have always understood the need to care for the vulnerable and weak, you have also, perhaps, seen that charity as something that starts at home. Now you look wider.

We need to learn from your commitment to the poor and needy, you need to join us in the wider enterprise that will stitch this and other cities together, at a time when so many people telling us that it cannot be done. Your past is extraordinary; but the old story can be a constraint. That is what John the Baptist found. Your future can be extraordinary too and it lies, for you and for all of us, in the challenge of insisting in the teeth of the tyrants and terrorists, that what we share is more important than what divides us and that the real test of our humanity is in our common commitment to the poor.



# Report of the Evensong and Dinner to celebrate the Tercentenary



Dean of Bristol, the Very Revd Dr David Hoyle, delivered an address to the congregation of more than a hundred Masons and their families, praising the work of the Masons in supporting the community through their charitable work.

**U**nlike many Masonic Provinces, Bristol does not hold an annual service at the Cathedral. However, this year to mark the special event of 300 years of Masonry, it was agreed with the Dean that Bristol Masons could attend a Choral Evensong at Bristol Cathedral to celebrate the 300 years of fraternity and service to the community. The event was honoured with the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Bristol, Peaches Golding, the High Sheriff of Bristol, Anthony Brown, and the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of Bristol, Lesley Alexander. In addition, the PGM and DPGM for Monmouthshire, together with a number of their brethren, very happily supported the Province.



The Evensong was delightful, with the choir performing the large majority of the musical pieces. The



Narrowly escaping a summer shower, the ensemble returned to the Hall for drinks and Chris Williams took the City Officials on an informative and comprehensive guided tour of the building, which



the guests thoroughly enjoyed and provoked a great number of questions and discussion. Dinner was then served, one of Freddie's excellent summer salads, at the conclusion of which, the PGM gave an informing address commenting on the 300 years of masonry and the role the Province had played in supporting local charities.

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As a new event, this excellent occasion marks the start of a strengthening of the Province's role within the community and the creation of links with the City's institutions and offices.



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Province of Bristol



Tyntesfield House, Sunday 18th June

**T**yntesfield House was the location for our ongoing tercentenary celebrations on Sunday 18th June. Owned by the National Trust and situated near Wraxall and just a stone's throw from Bristol it was a fitting venue for our Classic Car Show.



One hundred classic vehicles were on display around their magnificent grounds, including in front of the Victorian Gothic styled house. It was home to Sir George Gibb also known as Lord Wraxall, former Provincial Grand Master of Bristol.



The Province of Bristol and the Bristol Masonic Classic Car Club (BMCCC) were joined on the day by the Provinces of Gloucestershire, Monmouthshire and Somerset. On show were a superb array of classics, ranging from, a 1914 Model



T Ford to a modern (red) Ferrari 458 Spider. A good selection of motorbikes were also on view. The weather was just splendid for the convertibles, tops down and a perfect opportunity for picnics on the lawn.

Just over 3,000 people visited Tyntesfield on the day, giving The Dunkerleys (who were manning our 'What's It All About' stand) the opportunity to speak to the general public and promote Freemasonry.

Alan Vaughan (Provincial Grand Master), Jonathan Davis (Deputy Provincial Grand Master) and Chris Williams (Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master) had a delightful time visiting various groups of car owners around the estate, savouring various drinks and delicious nibbles that were on offer.



The Children's Hospice South West was our chosen charity for this event and we thank all participating crews for their generous donations. We reached our target of £1,000.

Many thanks to Chris Evans (Monmouthshire) and John Slade (Gloucestershire) for encouraging their friends and contacts to bring over 50 vehicles to Tyntesfield. We are especially grateful to the National Trust staff, Hugh Harris, Rich Elliott and Molly for allowing us to show our vehicles. Their cooperation, assistance and expertise enabled this event to run very smoothly, more so as it was Father's Day.

In the late afternoon as the cars departed it was agreed by all that it had been a fabulous day in a wonderful location.... most enjoyable!

Until next time!!

**Chris Cook**





## W Bro Bryan Meek PPrGChaplain

**B**ryan was born in 1931 in Gloucester, the son of a Police Constable and his father finally settled in Longwell Green. He was educated at Kingswood Grammar School and after leaving school took up an 3 year training course at Merchants Ventures College specialising in Radio technology. He did his National Service in the RAF spending considerable time at Cranwell on Radio Transmitting and Receiving courses and then on to the new technology of Television where Bryan saw a considerable future. He then moved to RAF base at West Stafford which involved considerable maintenance of equipment. It was here that he also played the cornet in the West Stafford RAF band.

On Completion of his National Service he took a job at A F Marriots in Gloucester Road, then moved to Cranbrook Radio. It was here that he met Frank Davis who was member of St Katharine Lodge. Also working there was John Davis and it was through him that he joined St Katharine Lodge. He became the Manager of the Union Street Shop which specialised in selling and renting TV's and electrical goods. It was working here that Bryan saw a huge potential for rental and purchased TV's.

Through a colleague he 'decided to go it alone' and acquired a shop in Brislington selling TV's and other electrical goods. It also involved demonstrating the product which involved many evenings. Because the acquisition of TV's by rental of direct purchase was a growth industry he joined a dealer group whereby one bought 12 TV sets and got one free. He also acquired another shop in the Straits in Fishponds because the TV business was so successful. It was also the time when one could get a TV repaired and again this proved

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a highly lucrative aspect of his business. He finally retired from the business aged 49. In his spare time his great love was ballroom dancing which he did with his late wife Mavis.

After retirement he then helped his son in business selling furniture. It also gave him and his late wife Mavis the opportunity to do extensive world travel.

He was initiated into St Katharine Lodge on 7th March 1967 being raised on 7th November the same year. He was Worshipful Master in 1983, appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 1992 and PPrGdChaplain in 1999. He was exalted into the Chapter of Charity on 7th October 1973 and became its First Principal in 1989 with a Provincial Chapter rank of PPrReg.

**Barry Leat.**

WM, St Katharine Lodge



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**T**he Warden's Dinner took place in Park Street on Friday 29th January 2016 and was attended by 20 Senior Wardens and 18 Junior Wardens.

This important annual event is organised to give all Wardens an insight into the issues they will face once they become Worshipful Master of their respective lodge and also an opportunity to meet the people who will be taking the chairs of their lodges and become part of their "Circle"

To emphasise its importance, the meeting was chaired by The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Christopher Williams. He was supported by the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Treasurer, Provincial Mentor and Provincial Orator - all present to address the wardens.

After the roll call of lodges, the wardens sat down to a very enjoyable meal produced by Fredy Eyermann and a glass of two of wine.

At the completion of the meal the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, outlined the responsibilities which faced all lodges and the expectations which were incumbent on each of the wardens once they took their place as master. To aid all prospective Masters, each received a small booklet entitled "Preparing for the Chair". Small it may have been, but it contained many useful pieces of information to help all candidates with the transition into their respective chairs. He urged all Wardens to

read this booklet and to ask any questions that they might have.

Each of the Principal Officers introduced themselves and gave a short talk on different aspects of being a Worshipful Master in Bristol; the roles that they had and the support that they could give. Although brethren are encouraged to visit lodges outside Bristol, there was a special emphasis placed on the need to keep our Bristol ceremonies unique and not allow "Emulation Workings" to creep into our ceremonies.



There was an opportunity for wardens to ask questions after the presentation and then the Provincial Grand Master for Bristol, Alan J Vaughan, brought the evening to a conclusion by emphasising that to enjoy their year, ALL worshipful masters had to put in the hard work to make it a success.

However, he also emphasised that no-one should feel alone or unable to ask for support from the senior members of their own lodges or the Provincial Team, if they were finding things difficult.

He then wished all of the wardens a successful year in their respective chairs.

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hoped to generate funds to support the Province of Bristol.

As a result of that meeting, the Bristol Patrons Club was formed. On the 29th November 1990, 12 members dined at the first luncheon.

On the 30th March 2017, at the Club Annual General Meeting, for their loyal and unbroken service to the Club as Treasurer and Secretary, John Dwyer and Colin Lowther were elected honorary members.

The Bristol Patrons Club continues to meet on the last Thursday in January, March, September and November. It had been agreed in the early days that membership of the club should be restricted to 33 subscribing members from within the Province of Bristol and that has remained so to this day.

## Bristol Patrons Club honours two long serving members.

**T**owards the end of 1989, Chris Williams and Cliff Ollis met with a view to drawing together several like-minded brethren to form a luncheon club. Having recruited John Dwyer as a Treasurer and Colin

Lowther as a Secretary, they formed a steering committee. The original idea was to meet on a regular basis to promote Masonry, enjoy good food, good wine, pleasant company and to be ever mindful of the needs of others. At the same time it was

## Burnett Lodge No. 6789

**Presentation to W.Brother David Phillips  
2nd March 2017**

**B**efore presenting W. Brother David Phillips with a Certificate to celebrate his 50 years as a member of the Craft and Burnett Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Brother Alan John Vaughan drew David's attention to many milestones in his personal life. His 40 years in the building trade with Sir Robert McAlpine. His love of Cricket and over 40 years as a member of Stapleton Cricket Club. David is now an Honorary Life Member at Stapleton. The joy he derives from cruising in so many parts of the world including the time he was marooned in the Suez Canal.

Moving on to his Masonic activities. Although not proposed into Masonry by his father, David's father was Worshipful Master when he was initiated, passed and

raised. His progress through the various offices in Burnett

Lodge, serving twice as Worshipful Master and his stirring work as Lodge Secretary for 19 years. His membership of the Royal Arch and other Orders and Degrees in Masonry.

When presenting David with his certificate, the Provincial Grand Master also presented him with a copy of the Summons issued in January 1967 showing details of the Candidate for that evening.

Immediately following the presentation, W.Brother Gerry Goss rose and, on behalf of the members of Burnett Lodge, presented David with a pair of Bristol Blue, Red wine



goblets, suitably engraved with the Burnett Logo and details of David's service as Lodge Secretary.

David replied, thanking the Provincial Grand Master for the certificate and copy of the Summons and the Brethren for the goblets. He also confirmed that in accordance with instructions received from his father, on the night of his initiation, he did, as requested, write that word.



# LODGES

**A**pril 29th 2017 was a very good day in the Province of Bristol. In front of a packed Lodge room of 130 Masons, all proudly wearing aprons trimmed in a range of hues from light to darkest blue; we were privileged to witness an ancient and beautiful ceremony. It was to mark the occasion of the consecration of the newest lodge in the Province of Bristol; Scoutcraft Lodge No. 9936.

Expertly and eloquently delivered by the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Alan John Vaughan with the unwavering and dedicated support of his wonderful officers.

During the consecration ceremony itself, as the Founder Members were called upon to play their part, the emotion of pride and joy was evident for all to see.



The Worshipful Master with the Consecrating and Installing Officers respectively. (R.W.Bro Alan John Vaughan, W.Bro Peter Wills, V.W.Bro Christopher Williams)



## A new Lodge is born...



The Founder members of the Scoutcraft Lodge No. 9936

Worshipful Brother George Hart, Provincial Grand Chaplain for the Province of Bristol, gave a short address at the appropriate time; touching on the parallels of Scouting, the Boys Brigade and Freemasonry, echoing that very subject of the superlative Prestonian Lecture of 2012.

Following the ceremony of consecration, the PGM gave way for the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother Christopher Williams, Past Grand Sword Bearer of the United Grand Lodge of England to install the very first Worshipful Master of the Scoutcraft Lodge.

As Worshipful Brother Peter Wills, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, duly made his obligation all eyes were fixed upon him.

Before being seated, the WM leaned in to accept his collar, this was then followed by the DPGM also placing a neckerchief over his head, resplendent in the colours of the province.

Right before seating, with one final flourish, the WM displayed a Campaign Hat of the style worn by Lord Baden-Powell himself.

As the WM then proceeding to invest his officers for the following year, they too were in turn presented with a suitable neckerchief.



The Worshipful Master with his Wardens  
(L to R: W.Bro Kash Dewani, W.Bro Pete Wills, W.Bro Jonathon Hayes)

The Lodge now being properly officered by the members of the Scoutcraft Lodge, before the WM gave the command to close the lodge, a number of proposals came forth for candidates and joining members from around the newly formed Lodge.

All business being concluded, the Lodge was duly closed and distinguished guests from Provinces all across the country proceeded to the splendid dining room, awaiting the first after meeting of what we are all sure will be many to come.

# Powell Lodge visit Grande Loge Nationale Francaise, Paris



**A**s part of the Tercentenary celebrations, eight members of Powell Lodge and one member of Brunel Lodge descended on the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise Freemason's Hall, Paris on the 25th of April for the purpose of attending an Emulation Celebration event organised by Venerable Maitre Philippe Pannetier, the Worshipful Master of Tara Lodge, number 1541, in the Province d'Ille de France who meet in Versailles on the outskirts of Paris.

This was the result of a relationship which has been building up between the Powell and Tara Lodges, over the last two years with reciprocal Fraternal visits.

The evening started off with a very interesting guided tour of the GLNF building and museum, which, amongst a host of other artefacts, contained a large collection of 18th and 19th century Masonic aprons. The building itself was purpose built some twenty years ago and the Grand Temple itself is very modern, full of stainless steel, with a tiled floor, very stylish pedestals etc., with electrically lit symbols and the banners of all the Lodges that meet there arrayed around the walls. All very impressive! As some wives and family members had joined us on this trip they were also invited and we all had an informative and enjoyable time. The ladies then went off to a locally recommended restaurant for a typically French meal and we headed off for the meeting.

The celebration was attended by the Grande Maitre Provincial TRF Denis Martial, various Grande Loge officials, and numerous visitors from other French Lodges, the Gradation Lodge, number 6863 of Metropolitan District of London and, of course, us. It started off with an Initiation ceremony, conducted by Tara Lodge members, which, despite it being all in French and our linguistic ability negligible, was surprisingly easy to follow.

The second part was a twinning ceremony between the Tara and Gradation Lodges. This largely consisted of oaths of eternal friendship and amity and also the exchange of copies of the Charter Warrants of the two Lodges. This was again easy to follow, quite moving and of great interest to us as we had never seen anything quite like this before.



The Lodge was then closed and we all headed off for the after meeting at "La Cayenne" which is the Freemason's hall restaurant. During the evening, Powell Lodge's Worshipful Master, John Markley, presented a Bristol Blue glass goblet

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engraved to the Grand Master of France, T R F Jean-Pierre Servat, to commemorate Powell Lodges Visit.

Some hours and many interminable speeches later, not to mention a very good dinner, we all staggered out, sometime after midnight, and miraculously found our hotel having all had a very good evening!

The following evening, those of us who had stayed on, went on a dinner cruise on the Seine with Philippe and Patrick Lescouet, The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and all our wives. This is a magical experience especially after dark when everything, including the Eiffel Tower, is lit up. The food, wine and entertainment were, as usual, excellent.

This brought to a close a very memorable visit and one which we firmly believe has cemented our relationship with our French Brethren and we look forward to continuing Fraternal visits far into the future.

**John Markley**  
IPM Powell Lodge



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### W Bro David Kingscott



W Bro David Kingscott who has been a member of Baily Lodge No 5239, having been initiated into the lodge on 22/02/1977 being presented with his certificate on becoming an Honorary Member of Baily Lodge No 5239 after many years of distinguished service at the Lodge meeting on 25th April 2017 by the Worshipful Master W Bro Peter Rosser.

### CABOT CUP - 2017

Played at Bristol & Clifton Golf Club.

Thursday 13th July 2017.

**T**his year the Cabot Cup was organised by last year's winner WBro Leslie Meaton at his home club Bristol & Clifton GC, Failand. The weather was hot and the course was even hotter as the golf balls had difficulties staying on the greens (for some)

There were fourteen competitors including new comer Bro Drew Huskisson a fellowcraft from Bailey Lodge.

The competition involved a Singles Stableford for the Cabot Cup played off full handicap and a 3BBB Bowmaker plus a longest drive on the third hole and nearest the pin in two on the 10th Hole.



## £22,920 in Charity donations from the 94 Circle

1995	Inaugural Meeting			
1996	Manor House Fund	150.00	St Peter's Hospice	3,050.00
	BMCT	150.00	BMCT	3,000.00
1997	BRACE	400.00	Bristol Haematology	2,550.00
	BMCT	400.00	GW Air Ambulance	2,420.00
1998	Kinsbury Church	200.00	Diabetes UK	1,500.00
	Bristol OncologyUnit	200.00	Bristol Women's Refuge	1,250.00
	BMCT	200.00	Make a Wish	1,200.00
1999	SCARF	300.00	Spotlight Appeal	1,150.00
	St Peter's Hospice	300.00	Bosom Buddies	1,000.00
	BMCT	600.00	Anacholaptic Research	800.00
2000	Bristol Open Scanner	275.00	Cancer Research UK	800.00
	Unit	275.00	Bristol Oncology Unit	700.00
	Jack & Jill Appeal	550.00	MacMillan Nurses	700.00
2001	Bristol Oncology Unit	500.00	Bristol Animal Welfare	650.00
	BMCT	500.00	RNLI	650.00
2002	Salvation Army	600.00	Salvation Army	600.00
	BMCT	600.00	BRACE	400.00
2003	Maxine Marsh	200.00	NSPCC	300.00
	NSPCC	300.00	SCARF	300.00
	Anacholaptic Research	800.00	Bristol Open Scanner	275.00
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	The Leap Fund	150.00	Jack & Jill Appeal	275.00
	Bristol Haematology	1,000.00	Kinsbury Church	200.00
2005	Bristol Haematology	1,550.00	Maxine Marsh	200.00
2006	Diabetes UK	1,500.00	Manor House Fund	150.00
2007	St Peter's Hospice	1,150.00	The Leap Fund	150.00
2008	Bristol Women's Refuge	1,250.00		
2009	Cancer Research UK	800.00		
2010	Spotlight Appeal	1,150.00		
2011	Bosom Buddies	1,000.00		
2012	Bristol Animal Welfare	650.00	RNLI	650.00
2013	Make a Wish	1,200.00		
2014	GW Air Ambulance	1,720.00		
2015	MacMillan Nurses	700.00	GW Air Ambulance	700.00
2016	St Peter's Hospice	1,600.00		



WBro Leslie Meaton presenting Cabot Cup to WBro Mike Biggs

The Winner of the Cabot Cup with an excellent score of 34 Pts and playing on his home course was WBro Michael Biggs. In second place on a count back of the last three holes was WBro Ron Brunton with 32 Pts followed in third place WBro John Cross with 32Pts and WBro John Allen in fourth place also with 32Pts.

The winning Bowmaker Team with a magnificent 80Pts was Bro Ben Bracey (home grown B&C Member), Bro Drew Huskisson and WBro Tony Flintoff.

Longest Drive was won by WBro John Allen (the only person to keep the ball on the fairway) but nobody managed to keep a ball on the 10th Green so no nearest the pin winner.

Enjoyable days golf albeit the organiser was in his usual stressed out state. At least next year WBro Mike Biggs can take on the challenge especially as he has agreed to make an enlarged base on which he can add his name to the Trophy.

**Les Meaton**

16 August 2017

## MCF Community Awards – Tercentenary Fund: Results

Dear Provincial Grand Master

I am delighted to report that the total number of votes cast during the seven week voting period was in excess of 177,000 which surpassed all expectations. Furthermore, 87% of all votes cast were from non-Masons which will have undoubtedly helped raise the profile of the new charity and Freemasonry, as well as highlighting the 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The results have been scrutinised by the Charity Grants committee and the number of votes cast in Bristol was 1881. I would like to thank you for promoting the vote within your Province and encouraging your selected charities to do likewise amongst their supporters. The outcome of the vote is as follows:

- ♥ **Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled will receive £25,000**
- ♥ **Bristol Underprivileged Childrens Charity will receive £15,000**
- ♥ **Bristol Playbus Project will receive £6,000**
- ♥ **Bristol District Tranquilliser Project will receive £4,000**

I am writing to you in advance to give you an opportunity to review the results and let us know if you

have any questions or concerns. **I ask that you do not share this information with anyone beyond your Provincial Executive and MCF Members until the results have been announced formally on the 5th September.** On this date, we will inform all the charities of their grant and explain that grant payments will be made directly to charities via bank transfer once they have agreed to the terms and conditions of our grant offer.

The Chairman and I are very keen that a presentation event is arranged with every charity so that the Masonic community can build on the excellent publicity generated so far. I appreciate you may not have the time to attend all such events yourself in which case the attendance of one or both of your Provincial MCF Members in your place is requested.

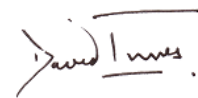
Guy Roberts, Press Officer, will be in touch with your Provincial Communications Officer to offer support regarding Community Award presentation events and subsequent media coverage in Bristol. At this time, a useful promotion pack including

professionally printed certificates, promotional props, a glass award for the charities receiving £25,000, and a template press release, will be provided. If you have a presentation event planned imminently, please contact Guy on 020 3146 3311 as soon as possible to coordinate receipt of your promotional pack.

Thank you once again for supporting the Community Awards and for all of your hard work promoting the vote. With 89% of online votes for Bristol coming from the non-Masonic community, I hope you will agree with me that this exercise has been very successful at raising the profile of the generous support Freemasons across England and Wales provide to local charities in their communities.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about the outcome of the vote, please contact Samantha MacAllister on 020 3146 3309 or [smacallister@mcf.org.uk](mailto:smacallister@mcf.org.uk).

Yours sincerely



**David Innes**

**Chief Executive Masonic  
Charitable Foundation**

CC: Provincial Grand Secretary,  
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**T**he MSF has been generously donating funds to charities within our Province. The first donation was £5000 to ME Action Charity based in Keynsham. They received us warmly and showed us all the great works they do in trying to help sufferers of ME and their carers. This disease has a terrible impact on people's lives as it can often render them immobile for days.

The next donation was of £5000 to The Wheels Project based in Brislington. Their aim is to help disadvantaged children through team work by working on karts and cars to not fall through the cracks of society.

There was also a donation of £38,000 to St.Werburghs Farm to help with their outreach programmes. Our PDPGM Chris Williams is a natural at feeding the goat.

The MSF also donated £50,000 to the GWAirAmbulance. Please note the MSF logo on the tail of the helicopter.

The last large donation was £50,000 to The Lord Taverners Charity for WICKETZ cricket for children at primary school in disadvantaged



areas like Knowle West. The PGM Alan Vaughan is wearing his MCC tie.

Lastly over the summer from 12 June to 31 July voting starts for the four charities : Bristol Underprivileged Childrens Charity, Bristol Playbus Project, Bristol & District Tranquilser Project, Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled, for a share in the £50,000 being donated to our Province.

The BMBI also donated £2000 to The Pride of Bristol in Bristol Docks. Peter Flock presented the cheque to Stan Hammond. This presentation and some of the above also made it into the press!



I would like to thank everyone for their support in visiting these charities including Bob White, Chris Cook and Kash Dewani.

**Tim Brunton**

Provincial Charity Steward



# Beyond Freemasonry: Supporting the Community



**Our grants to charities are making a difference to thousands of people in communities across England and Wales**

**Since the beginning of the year, we have awarded over £1.6 million to 68 charities in England and Wales.**

## Worthing Churches Homeless Projects receive £10,000



A Worthing charity that aims to end rough sleeping in the area has received a grant of £10,000. The Worthing Churches Homeless Projects (WCHP) works with homeless or insecurely housed people to help them get back on their feet and live independently.

The Masonic grant will help fund an Outreach Project Worker who will support clients with basic living skills such as setting up housing benefit claims, dealing with utility bills, food shopping and cleaning.

Of the 47 vulnerable clients that the Outreach Worker has worked with

in the last year, 95 per cent have sustained their tenancies.

Sue Stevens, PR & Fundraising Manager for Worthing Churches Homeless Projects said: "We are very grateful to Sussex Freemasons for their generous grant. Without donations like this we wouldn't be able to continue. Last year we helped 1,100 people find a home or stay in the one they have. I'm afraid this year will be no less busy."

Local Sussex Freemason, Bob Ison said: "We are very pleased to be able to support the Worthing Churches Homeless Project, which does really excellent work helping some of the most vulnerable people in our community get off the streets and keep a roof over their heads."

## Helping to reduce unemployment



Groundwork London has received £30,000 to train unemployed people in repairing domestic appliances to be sold by charities.

The charity's REWORK project restores furniture and white goods at one of the UK's best-equipped domestic appliance repair workshops. Through the project, items that would be sent to landfill are returned to full working order and given a new lease of life.

The workshop, based at the Smugglers Way waste transfer station in Wandsworth, employs people who have been on long-term job seekers allowance

## MSF FESTIVAL

and trains them in electrical engineering and maintenance.

Last year, the project's 29 paid trainees refurbished and sold over 4,500 domestic appliances and 2,700 items of furniture. The repaired items are then provided for resale through charity shops in London and across the country.

London Freemason, David Lawrence, visited the project to see the apprentices in action:

"We're very pleased to be able to support this excellent scheme which provides practical training for long-term unemployed people, helps the environment and provides a cheap source of refurbished appliance for charities to sell."

Ben Coles, director at Groundwork London, said: "We're very grateful to London Freemasons for their generous grant which will help us continue giving people the skills to find jobs in the capital's growing retrofit sector. The project is a great example of Groundwork London tackling unemployment while protecting the environment."

## Helping to reduce social exclusion



Bendrigg Trust, a charity that organises inclusive outdoor activities for disabled and disadvantaged people, received a grant of £40,000 to help make their centre more wheelchair accessible.



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This grant will allow the charity to install a series of hoists in the bedrooms, bathrooms, games room and lounge in its new accommodation block so that the facility will become fully accessible to people in wheelchairs.

The Trust provides exciting outdoor activities to disadvantaged and disabled people, including canoeing, caving, climbing, archery, zip-lining and abseiling. These activities aim to boost confidence and encourage people to reach their potential.

The new hoists, which will be fitted to six additional bedrooms, will allow more than 100 extra wheelchair-users to visit the Trust every year. Until now, only two bedrooms had hoists, meaning many wheelchair users who applied to visit were turned away.

Nick Liley, Principal of the Bendrigg Trust said: "Thanks to this generous grant from the Freemasons, we will be able to support more people with profound and severe disabilities

to access these transformational opportunities. This includes many more wheelchair-users meaning Bendrigg is truly inclusive."

Keith Beaumont, a Freemason local to the Bendrigg Trust which is based in Cumberland and Westmorland, said: "We are very pleased to be able to help make sure that people in wheelchairs are able to fully access all the exciting activities that the Bendrigg Trust provides. It's a wonderful place and should be open to everyone."

## Keeping Air Ambulances flying



A total of 22 Air ambulance and rescue services across England and Wales have recently received grants totaling £192,000. Since funding for these services began in 2006, over £2.2 million has been donated. These life saving services rely entirely on charitable grants and donations and it is a cause close to the hearts of many Freemasons.

Freemasons in Bristol, Gloucestershire and Somerset have recently been recognized for their long standing support for their local air ambulance charity and the Masonic Square and Compass has been added to the Great Western Air Ambulance.

Chief Executive John Christensen said: "We have been blown away by the generosity of the Freemasons, and wanted to do something to recognise the huge contribution they have made to our charity. It seemed fitting to have their logo placed on our helicopter, as this will be visible wherever we go across the six counties we cover. I was delighted to be able to meet representatives from the

three provinces to thank them in person, and tell them more about how their support has made a big difference to us."

## MCF Community Awards – Tercentenary Fund



To celebrate the 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, Freemasons have nominated 300 local charities across England and Wales to receive a grant from the Foundation. Every charity that has been nominated will have a chance of being awarded a grant of up to £25,000 and we need your vote to help us decide how much they get.

Voting will take place on the MCF website from 12th June to 31st July when you'll be able to find out about the charities and projects in your area and help them to get the largest grant available by voting for them!

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# Bristol Masonic Golf Society

## BMGS

### The Don Foster Shield

Played at Saltford Golf Club

Thursday 15th June 2017

24 players arrived at Saltford Golf Club on Thursday 15th June in anticipation of a great game of golf on a superb course – and they were not disappointed! The sun shone, but this was tempered somewhat by a strong breeze blowing across the course from the South West.

The players had been arranged into 6 groups of 4, all with similar handicaps for this Individual stableford competition for the Don Foster Shield.

It was good to see some players who we have not seen for some time playing in this competition and some relations and friends of existing members turning out to support us.

As the first group set off on the long par 5, 1st hole, it was obvious that, with the wind blowing, conditions would be difficult – especially for those who do not play regularly.

The first three players hitting good straight drives – Nathan Littleboy, making his return to Bristol Masonic Golf Society fixtures for over 2 years stood on the tee. Anticipation rose as he addressed his ball



**The picture above is a spot the ball competition. If you think that you know where the ball landed, then mark the spot with a X and send your entries to me to win a fabulous prize. Members of his group are not eligible to enter!!!!**

**Sorry Nathan – couldn't resist the chance to have a bit of a dig!!!**

As the day progressed, for some, the wind was influencing their play, but the course was in superb condition with the greens being slick and tricky to putt on. The fairways were well cut, but if you hit a misplaced drive, then you were in trouble as the grass in the rough was high and dense.

With the clear skies, the views around the course were stunning – some spent more time admiring the views than admiring their play

There were three prizes up for grabs on the day.

A two's competition for anyone who managed a two on any of the par 3's.

A nearest the pin in two on the 7th and 15th holes.



The 15th, although a relatively short hole, was in fact a very difficult hole with the strong wind blowing from the left whilst trying to land your drive on a left to right sloping fairway.



Tony Griffiths can be seen here praying for inspiration before driving off on the 15th



The par 3 signature 17th hole was a delight to play. Not too long but a steep drop – water to the front left and a stream running all along the left side to the front of the green. A few golf balls were lost here during the afternoon.

After some further praying, Tony did manage to land his ball on the green but missed a relatively short putt for his birdie 2!

In the bar afterwards, the scores were totalled and the winners announced:

**In 1st Place and Don Foster Shield winner was Colin Rogers with a score of 38 points.**

**2nd was Tony Griffiths with 36 points.**

**3rd was Mike Biggs with 35 points. The two's competition was shared by Adrian Timms and Brian Bush.**

**Nearest the pin on 7th was won by Tony Whitmarsh.**

**Nearest the pin on 15th was won by Arthur Grannan**

**There was an additional prize for nearest the pin on the par 3, 11th – the reason for this was that the first group out thought that the 7th hole was too difficult (they didn't get there in 2 shots), so they took the marker with them and decided that they would use the Par 3, 11th as the competition hole!!!!**

Adrian thanked everyone for making this competition such a success. He thanked the management of the club for the condition of the course and the caterers for such an enjoyable meal.



## BMGS v Somerset

At Burnham and Berrow  
Golf Club

Thursday 10th August 2017



Having been now some five years since Bristol last had their hands on this trophy, the members of the 20 of the BMGS were keen to make amends and return it to its rightful place in the trophy cabinet in Park Street.

Having previously played this fixture at Burnham two year ago when the weather was sunny and warm; all the players were relieved that the game had not been played the day previous, and that the skies were once again clear with the sun shining brightly.

As is the custom in these fixtures, our PGM, Alan J Vaughan, led off accompanied by Paul Moody. There opponents being the Past PGM for Somerset David Jenkins, who had arranged for this fixture to be played at his home club.

As all four drove off on the difficult 1st hole, with the breeze slightly in their faces, there was great anticipation amongst the team that the day would bring a win.

Each of the ten teams stepped up onto the 1st tee to begin their matches playing against evenly matched opponents and ventured forth onto the beautiful, but very difficult Burnham and Berrow golf course.



As the games progressed, it looked like the early teams were up in all their games, but like the Ryder Cup, fortunes ebbed and flowed and the lead in most games changes hands on a couple of occasions.



If the ball stayed on the short stuff then there was always the chance of scoring, but just one slack shot and the ball could be lost forever in the maze of grassy dunes which abound at Burnham and with it the hole would have to be conceded.

As each pairing completed their round, Bristol looked to have one hand on the trophy. After six games, Bristol had won 3, lost 2 with one halved.

But as all the teams arrived in the club house it was obvious that the trophy would once again be going to Somerset - as three of the four last games were lost with only one halved.

So once again the spoils went to Somerset by 6 games to 4. Martin Hores. Somerset captain for this fixture complemented all players for the way in which the games had been played.

He thanked David Jenkins for arranging the fixture and to the kitchen staff for the wonderful meal and service given.

On presenting the trophy to the winning captain, Adrian Timms thanked the Somerset brethren for the warmth of their welcome. He also thanked the greens staff at Burnham and Berrow for the fantastic presentation of the course (The greens, in particular, were in great shape - being very fast, but true)



Adrian said that he looked forward to the game next year in Bristol and thanked Martin for looking after the trophy until it returned home again next year.

### Results to date for 2017

#### BMGS v Gloucestershire

Lost 4 to 3 - Lost the Trophy

#### BMGS v Monmouthshire Match

Drawn 3 to 3 - Retained the Trophy

#### BMGS v Cornwall Match Drawn

3 to 3 - Retained the Trophy

#### BMGS v Somerset Lost 6 to 4

(See Write up)

**Our next, and last fixture will be against Wiltshire MGS at Kendleshire on Wednesday 20th September 2017 – Adrian is hoping for a strong team and a WIN.**

**But don't forget the Ron Brunton Trophy (Lodge Teams of 2) at Thornbury Golf Club on Friday 15th September 2017.**

**And the Past Captains Trophy (Also open to non-Masons) at Wedmore Golf Club on Monday 25th September 2017**



**And lastly:** For those who thought that they had seen Steve White in an earlier picture – you are right! He managed to play his first game for BMGS in ..... years!!!!!!

Good to see you back though Steve, especially with a win!

# A Great Honour, Privilege and Memory for the Lodge of Virtue & Industry 4701



**O**n the 14th March this year we were blessed with having the 100th Birthday of one of our widows **Mrs Gwendoline Gibbs**

For this very special occasion a large Birthday card was commissioned with great help from Richard Pepper of Funky Pigeon which was signed by all members wives and partners of Virtue & Industry, this with a Large basket of flowers was sent to Gwen at her home in Chislehurst, Kent,

Her daughter Roslyn Corney sent a lovely letter which said: Thank you all for the lovely basket of flowers and the cards from your Lodge, Mum (Gwen) was thrilled with them all. We had a wonderful time, I organised a party for the previous Saturday and we went out to Galvin on her actual 100th birthday -- top of the Hilton Park Lane. We overlooked Buckingham Palace garden and they made a great fuss of her. It is so kind of you all to remember her-- it really means so much. Thanks again Ros

Gwendoline Gibbs holds her card from the Queen in honour of her 100th birthday

I took my first cruise on the original Arcadia back in the 1950s,' recalls Gwendoline. From the outset, I loved being on ship at sea. There's something magical about crossing the world's oceans and traversing great waterways such as the Panama Canal. It's so exciting.'

Over her many years of cruising, Gwendoline has experienced six world cruises and world cruise sectors. 'The world cruises are particularly relaxing,' she says. 'You enjoy several days at sea so nothing feels rushed, and you escape the worst of the winter at home. You can see amazing places. I've been lucky to visit many islands and countries in the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean, for example, without having to take a long flight. It's lovely to sail from Southampton and escape to the heat, the sun, the tropical scenery and the balmy evenings on ship.'

Sydney is without doubt Gwendoline's favourite far-flung destination. 'The spectacular harbour, the sunshine and the happy, friendly people make it my number one city,' she confirms. Hot on Sydney's heels are Hong Kong ('exciting and different'), Japan ('a different culture with such welcoming people'), San Francisco ('such a great atmosphere and I love to ride the trams') and Singapore ('I feel at home there and love to go to Raffles').

Closer to home, Gwendoline has covered most of the great European ports of call: 'I particularly love Venice - it's so beautiful and magical - and St Petersburg is stunning too with its spectacular buildings and restaurants serving caviar and Champagne. Most recently, I've been to Tallinn, which was a lovely city. Its charming old town is easy to get around and it's a very friendly place.'

Today, Gwendoline enjoys the atmosphere and buzz of the fleet's mid-size ships. 'They're not too big to get around but they still have lots of activities. I like Oriana and Arcadia - I've been on all three Arcadias over the years - but Aurora is probably my current favourite. I like to relax and watch

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the sea on the decks at the back of the ship.'

Having celebrated her 100th birthday in March, Gwendoline is preparing for her latest adventures. In June, she'll head to the Baltic on Arcadia and she is keen to explore Canada and Alaska, two parts of the world she hasn't yet visited.

I've so many wonderful memories,' she reflects. 'Every time I get on board, it feels like coming home. Everyone is so welcoming and the service is exceptional.

My husband Ken always used to say, "This is the life" when we enjoyed many happy holidays together on board. In all my years of travel, there's no better way to relax and enjoy oneself. Being abroad and seeing the world with the comforts of home is the best type of holiday ever.

Husband Kenneth Donald Reginald Gibbs (Ken)

Born 21st February 1910 died 26th April 1997 aged 87. He joined Virtue & Industry on the 19th April 1968 aged 58. Proposed by Len Black seconded by Len Terry

Worshipful Master M J Howman, S Warden H C Searoyd, J Warden K F Downes.

On the 9th of May a second Birthday to celebrate 100 years for the second of our widows  
(Continued over...)



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W Bro Richard Blacker, Bro Simon Whitson and W Bro Andy Willment

## "IS IT A FIRST"

Is it a First, certainly was for Cabot Lodge No 3884.

The Senior Warden of Cabot Lodge Simon Whitson recently started work in Halifax, Yorkshire (could just as well be Halifax, Nova Scotia) but he was determined to attend the Cabot Lodge of Instruction to undertake his duties as Worshipful Master. Simon works as an Information Technology Engineer and so the decision to use video-telephony was not unexpected.

The LOI was properly officered but instead of Simon sitting in the Masters chair he sat on the Masters Table. This was all made possible by the wonders of FACETIME and engineered by the Lodges DC WBro Leslie Meaton thanks to the WiFi recently introduced throughout Park Street

From his hotel room in Halifax Bro Simon Whitson was able to perform an excellent ceremony with his IPM WBro Andy Willment sitting by his side in Bristol.

No excuses now for non-attendance at LOI or Rehearsals it call all take place through the wonders of video-technology with confidentially in mind.



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## Mrs Madge Bascombe

Our Almoner Morris Stuckey delivered to her address at Saville Manor Nursing Home, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, another large bunch of flowers and a copy of the card with all of our signatures,

A Hand written letter from her daughter Caroline said: Now that the dust is starting to settle after mum's 100th Birthday we are back in Norwich and conducting the grand wind down! We are old fashioned and use an old fashioned traditional camera, hence the slight delay in sending you a couple of pictures, we hope that these will be appropriate for you,

Thank you so much – you and all the Lodge members for your good wishes and kindness which Mum really appreciates, as do we! The magnificent card and the flowers were a real highlight; The Masonic visit on her Birthday was a lovely surprise and brilliantly timed to follow her hairdressing appointment!

A big thank you once again to you and the Masons for your kindness and thoughtfulness with kindest regards Caroline & Chris Bascombe,

Husband Norman Geoffrey Bascombe (Geoff) born 25th November 1913 Died 15th May 1994 aged 81

Joined V & I on the 17th March 1950 aged 37 proposed by W Bro Goodenough Seconded by W Bro C H Britton

The Lodge was then having meetings at the Hawthorns Hotel, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol.

Worshipful Master F S B Burt, Senior Warden S Steadman Junior Warden V A Vaughan

Became Worshipful Master & was Installed into the Chair March 1967 by Ivern Downes,



# 50 Years in Masonry

Worshipful Brother Illtyd Donald Foster.P.Pr., J.G.W.

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**W**orshipful Brother Illtyd Donald Foster an Honorary Member of The Francis Rawdon Lodge 6726, now residing at Sittingbourne, Kent, was due to receive his 50 yrs in Masonry certificate from the Provincial Grand Master. RtWor. Bro Alan Vaughan at the regular Lodge Meeting on the 16th January 2017. However due to the illness of his wife he was unable to be present.

Wor. Bro Don as he is known was initiated into the Francis Rawdon Lodge on the 16th January 1967. He was Worshipful Master in 1977 and

again in 2002. He also served the Lodge as Director of Ceremonies and was always willing to encourage members in the ritual.

Don was the link man in the organisation of the Fraternal visits between the Francis Rawdon Lodge and the Pen-y-Bont lodge in South Wales. He obtained the Provincial Grand Rank of Standard Bearer in 1986, Registrar in 1998 and Junior Grand Warden in 2008.

Don was a keen Golfer and past Secretary and Treasurer of the Province of Bristol Masonic Golfing Society. He promoted an annual

tournament for the "Don Foster Shield" which runs to the current time.

Don and his wife moved to live in Sittingbourne in late 2007. He is now aged 90 and in failing health and can no longer attend Masonic Meetings. In order to receive his long service certificate his son Adrian drove Don and his wife Joan to Bristol on Thursday 27th April 2017 for a lunch time informal presentation at the Holiday Inn, Hambrook in the company of Senior Past Masters of the Lodge and wives.

The Senior Past Master of the Lodge Wor. Bro Tony Williams, P.Pr., J.G.W. in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master who had tendered apologies, presented Don with his framed certificate, lapel badge, and an engraved glass tumbler which had been commissioned by the Lodge.

**Wor. Bro E R J Biddulph.**  
**P.Pr., J.G.W.**  
Lodge Almoner

## Second Adapted Vehicle donated to St Peter's Hospice by local Masons

**S**t Peter's Hospice is celebrating the purchase of a second patient transport vehicle, thanks to a grant from the Bristol Masonic Benevolent Institution. The £19,595 grant has paid for a second VW Caddy van, which is specially adapted to transport patients in a wheelchair, as well as patients with limited mobility, to and from the Hospice.

This is the second VW Caddy van that the BMBI have donated to St Peter's, and in the three years since the first van was bought, it has made thousands of journeys.

Trust Fundraiser Sarah Pryer said: "We're delighted that the BMBI have chosen to support us again,



and we know the new van will make a huge difference to our patients. The first vehicle has been an amazing success, having driven 10,000 miles and transported 476 patients in the last 12 months alone. As the only adult Hospice in our area, our services are invaluable to our patients and having these two vehicles means we can help even more people."

Mr Alan Vaughan, The Provincial Grand Master of the Bristol Province

added:- "The Free Masons of Bristol constantly raise funds to support local charities and it is a pleasure on this instance to assist St Peter's Hospice and make a difference"

The vans are driven by volunteers, and are used Monday to Friday, every week of the year. Half of the journeys made are to St Peter's Day Hospice, which patients attend once a week. For many of them, their symptoms mean they can rarely leave the house so spending time at Day Hospice is a really welcome opportunity.



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The vehicles are also used for patients who are being looked after on the Inpatient Unit. Lots of these journeys involve taking patients to out-patient appointments, including to Southmead Hospital, the BRI, and the Oncology Centre. Before the vans, St Peter's relied on the ambulance service which operates in 2 hour slots. This often meant that a 15 minute scan could involve a 4.5-5 hour trip, with patients potentially waiting 2 hours

either side of the appointment. Now, the same journey could take as little as 1 and ¼ hours. This makes an enormous difference to patients who are very unwell.

The purchase of the new vehicle means that St Peter's can now have one van for both Day Hospice and in the Inpatient Unit, meaning even more patients can take advantage of the service.

St Peter's Hospice is a Bristol charity caring for adults with life-limiting illnesses. We aim to improve the

quality of their living and dying while extending care and support to their families and loved ones.

All of our care is provided free of charge, but it costs us around £19,000 a day to provide that care. For most of this money we rely on gifts in wills, donations, fundraising and our shops.

[www.stpetershospice.org](http://www.stpetershospice.org)

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## Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality No 187 Visit to Royal Sussex Lodge at Burton on Trent

On 20th March 2017



Bath No 53: Bristol No 187:  
Portsmouth No 342: Burton-on-Trent  
No 353: Jamaica No 354: Swindon No  
355: Nottingham No 402: St Helier,  
Jersey No 491: Hong Kong No 501:

All but Lodge No's 354 and 402 were represented at the meeting in Burton-on-Trent, and all paraded in with their respective banners (as shown in the attached photographs).

The Lodge furniture is particularly interesting, in that it was made by and 'appropriated' from French prisoners of war from the Napoleonic War, and were repatriated about the time the Lodge was formed in 1817.

Of particular note is the Master's chair with its distinctive canopy.

The RSL's meet at fairly regular intervals, the next being the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of our own Royal Sussex Lodge of



Hospitality No 187 in 2019, when the lodges will again gather for a Gala Celebration Dinner in Park Street Bristol.

**W Bro Paul Hankinson PPJGW**

**W** Bro Paul Hankinson PPJGW accompanied by W Bro David Brake paid a fraternal visit to the Royal Sussex Lodge in Burton-on-Trent on the occasion of their 200th Anniversary.

There are several lodges around the world dedicated to the Duke Of Sussex, Grand Master from 1813 to 1843; these being as follows:-



# Hamilton Derwent-Scott OTHER STORIES



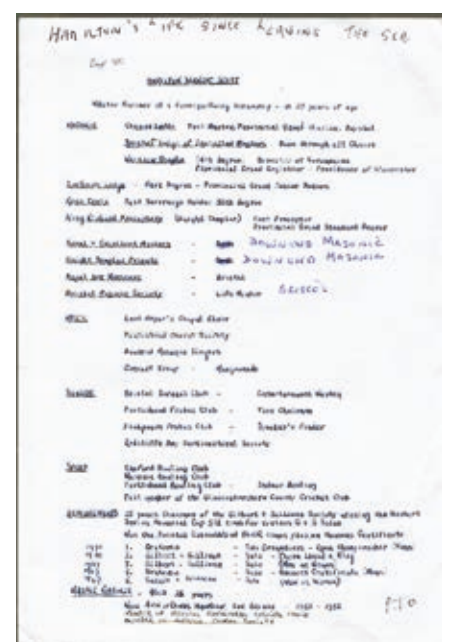
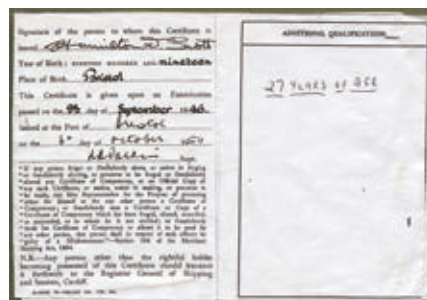
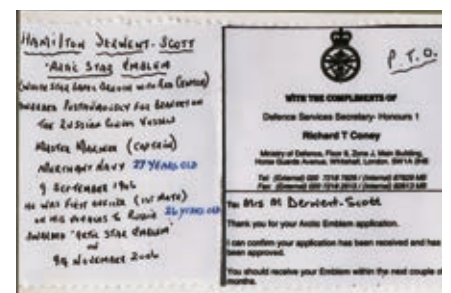
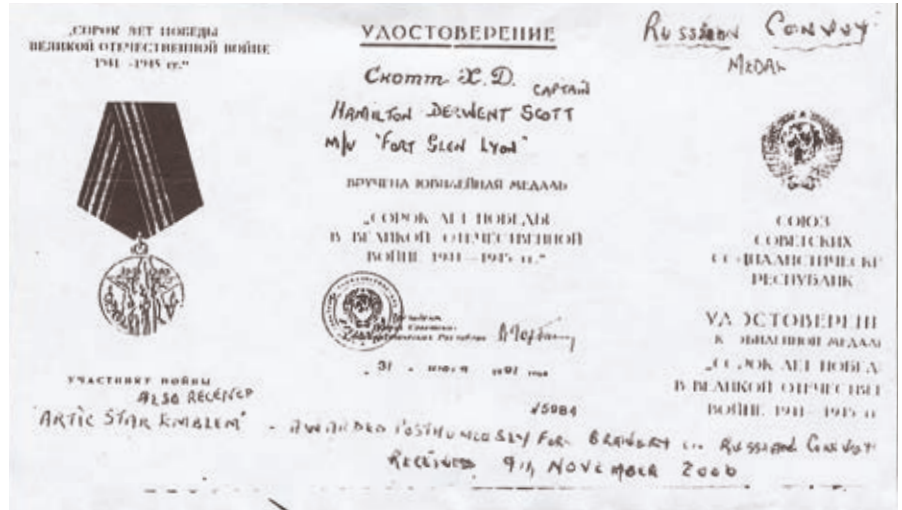
I am writing this article as the proud widow of the above named who was Grand Provincial Chaplain of 'Canynges Lodge' until he died during the Second World War and received two Russian Medals for his bravery.

He was aged 27 years when he passed out as a 'Master Mariner' (Captain in the Merchant Navy), and served as Chief Officer (Mate) on the Russian Convoy vessels in 1940 (Photocopy attached).

I am interested to find out how W Bro Louis Bloom received the newly created 'Arctic Star', as my husband received the 'Atlantic Star' and the 'Atlantic Emblem' but had never heard of the third medal.

W Bro Hamilton Derwent-Scott went through the chair of Canynges Lodge in 1970, he received the 33rd Degree at the Connaught Rooms in London. He also went through the chair three times at Downend 'Knights Templar, Rose Croix and Chapter, his name being on three boards at Park Street. He was also Entertainments Warden at the Bristol Savages until the time that he died, and a member of the Portishead and Fishponds Probus where he was Foudrer Member at Fishponds, regrettably he passed away just before he was being made Chairman of Portishead Probus.

I visit Bristol every March in memory of my husband, putting flowers in the Lord Mayors Chapel, where he was a member of the choir with Ron Smith and Robert Payne. I also attend both the Bristol and Downend Masonic Widows



every year, as one the Founder Members, and subsequently I have been made a Life Member of both the afore-mentioned, and God Willing hope to attend The Bristol Silver Anniversary in March 2018.

I am now 92 years old and was devastated, previously seeing Ron Payne looking a picture of health to learn that he had passed away at the Bristol Savages Friday Meeting.

I trust that you find the various certificates and pictures of my husband of interest, and would be most grateful if anyone can let me have any information with regard to the 'Russian Arctic Star' medal.

Marjorie Derwent-Scott



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## A Life Changing Experience



It's not every day a supplier emails you and isn't trying to sell you a new product or tool you don't really need. But, on 1st February, an email was forwarded to me by a supplier and it carried a very special request

Two weeks later I went along to the "Trades Day" to see what it was all about, as did hundreds of other tradesmen (I'm not kidding) from the construction industry, and cleaners, and glaziers, and landscape gardeners, and soft furnishers, etc. etc. and those with no trade at all but just wanted to help.

So, on March 28th, a volunteer army of assorted trades descended on Hartcliffe, strangers united by one objective, to create a house that would enable Ryan Pollard to come home and live with his family again, after his 5-year stay in a specialist rehabilitation care home in Gloucester, due to brain damage that had left him severely disabled.

A house that had to be completed in just nine days.

**Day 1:** as walls were stripped back to plaster, ceilings were pulled down, new cable and pipe runs were put in, internal walls came down, windows came out and cavity wall insulation was blown in! By lunchtime the house had been completely stripped out, three 40ft waste skips had been filled, and a timber-frame single storey extension across the back of the house was up and waiting for felt and battens (the only part of the build done in advance of the start date were the foundations.)

**Day 2:** as construction progressed the "paints" commandeered part of



the canteen tent, set up trestles and drop sheets and started prepping the 200+ metres of wooden skirts and architrave – so many knots to treat!

**Days 3, 4 & 5:** when not prepping or undercoating we became links in chain gangs, bucketing waste materials from garden to skip then reversing the flow to bring in new materials – tons and tons of it; and everyone was in the same boat, if you couldn't do your own work you helped out somewhere else: no question.

**Days 6, 7 & 8:** we finally started painting and decorating the rooms, even as others were still tiling, plumbing, concreting or cutting; electrics off again, this time for the wheel-chair lift to be installed, It was Casey's Court but everyone was happy – no music, no cussing and swearing – was this really a building site? Yet another "Last minute change of plan" – spindles and handrails for the stairs were replaced, and all needed full prepping and painting – thank goodness for water-based acrylic paints.

**Day 9:** where does time disappear to when you need it most? Suddenly it was 3pm, our deadline to clear out, to give the house dressers and cleaning teams they needed to have everything ship shape and Bristol fashion ready for tomorrow morning's reveal to Ryan and his family.

**Day 10:** Ryan and his Family have been shown round by Nick Knowles and have now come out to meet and thank the volunteers. No matter how tough you think you are, nothing can prepare you for the emotional wave that



overwhelms you as you realise just what has been achieved. We have made it possible for Ryan to come home!.

Nick told us at the start of the build that the production team still don't really know how a group of strangers working together, at the same time, can turn a dream into a reality in just nine days. "This won't be a DIY SOS project", we were told "it will be your project, you'll collectively own it"; and we did.

What you see on screen really does happen, there's no fakery. The "Purple Shirts" – Nick, Mark, Chris, Jules and not forgetting Billy (who could forget East End Billy?) are there to make decisions, give advice, play with the big boy's toys and keep everyone happy – especially designer Gabrielle Blackman.

With an "OK" from the Provincial Grand Master, and from the BBC DIY SOS Team, and thanks to Martin's donated Vizual Impact skills, I was able to wear polo shirts and a hi-viz vest, printed with my own "Freemasonry in the Community" logo.

Since my initiation in 1989 I have tried to practice its three grand principles; if a festival, appeal or charitable cause needs support I will give if I can and, as Lodge Charity Steward, encourage my brethren to do likewise. The monies raised are thankfully received and properly applied, and really do support, whether it's one person or a thousand. In the majority of cases we do not know exactly who has received our donations.

Everything that goes into a BIG BUILD is donated: from kitchens to screws, and all the other household



items needed for family life – even the food in the cupboards, vegetables in the fridge and all the crockery and cutlery. But being a part of the Hartcliffe Big Build has really taught me that the most precious commodity that can be donated is not a material thing that can be touched; it is Time.

Five years ago the Pollard family were devastated by Ryan's life changing brain damage and subsequent permanent paralysis. Now, thanks to the Time donated by so many willing volunteers, they can at last start to rebuild their shattered family life, with Ryan, at home, to stay.

Life, for me, will never quite be the same again – it really has been an uplifting and life changing experience in the company of life changing people and, like my parachute jump for charity 35 years ago, it has been an experience I will never forget.

Would I do it all again? ..... well, that really is another story.

**Mike Whitworth**

#### **Post script July 2017:**

*Although the BIG BUILD was completed on time, there have been many setbacks in recruiting and fully training enough care assistants to help look after Ryan's specific needs. The assistants are now in place and it is only now that, after many setbacks, sufficient care assistants have been recruited and fully trained to look after Ryan and his specific needs. Now they are in place and Ryan will start a phased return home – initially 2 days a week, then 3, and finally home for good by the end of July.*

## IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sadness that we have to announce that the following brethren have passed to the Grand Lodge above during 2017.

**Comp. David John Bishop**  
of the Chapter of Charity  
passed away 30th June 2017.

**W. Bro Ian Edwards**  
of the Baily Lodge  
passed away 25th June 2017.

**W. Bro Nick Jethwa**  
of the Dolphin Lodge  
passed away 3rd May 2017.

**W. Bro Peter J Cooper**  
of the Peace Lodge  
passed away 30th April 2017.

**W. Bro J Anthony Cox**  
of the St Augustines Lodge  
passed away 9th April 2017.

**W. Bro Dennis H Westbrook**  
of the Lodge of Harmony  
passed away 9th March 2017.

**W. Bro Roy Beech**  
of the Lodge of Unity passed  
away 20th February 2017.

**Bro John Raymond Symes**  
of the Burnett Lodge passed  
away 26th January 2017.

**W. Bro Louis Bartholomew Bloom** of the Redcliffe Lodge  
passed away 7th January 2017



## OTHER STORIES

### Gourmet 17



**O**n Saturday 21st January a new dining experience launched in Park Street. This gave 30 discerning diners the opportunity of sampling some of Fredy Eyermann's finest cooking talents.

The evening commenced with a "Bubbly and Canopes" reception in the main hall. The waitresses, dressed in white shirts with their new Gourmet 17 aprons, looked the part as they served the drinks and Canopes.

The atmosphere was convivial as the diners assembled in Dining



Room 2, with the lights being dimmed and candles glowing on each of the tables.

After a short introduction and "Grace" the first course was served:



"Ham hock and pink pepper corn terrine with grilled ciabatta and cider apple chutney."

The first course was quickly followed by a wonderful "Herb Crusted smoked fish gratin with rocket" – a wonderful mix of flavours to tantalise the pallet.



After a refreshing Lemon and Lime sorbet to clear the pallet, the main course of – "Venison Loin with wild mushroom and juniper infusion, fondant potato and roasted root vegetables," was served. Everyone agreed that this had been the star of the evening with the venison cooked to perfection.

The flavour combinations kept on coming with an "Exotic Coconut and Lime Meringue with Banana mousse and passion fruit on mango coulis." A wonderful dessert.

The selection of cheeses was served with a constant supply of rich port. And the evening was completed with coffee and assorted macaroons.



The two wines chosen for the evening – a Toro Loco Temperanillo and the Castellore Sicilian Pinot Grigio were good accompaniments for the food.



All present thanked Fredy and the waitresses for putting on such a splendid evening. Thanks, were also expressed to those who had organised the evening – Chris Cook, Graham Pegg, Bob White.

It is hoped that this will be the beginning of something new in Park Street and all those who attended are looking forward to the next Gourmet 17 evening.

**Steve Hall  
(Chatterton Lodge 5386)  
has been appointed  
to promote the Bristol  
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