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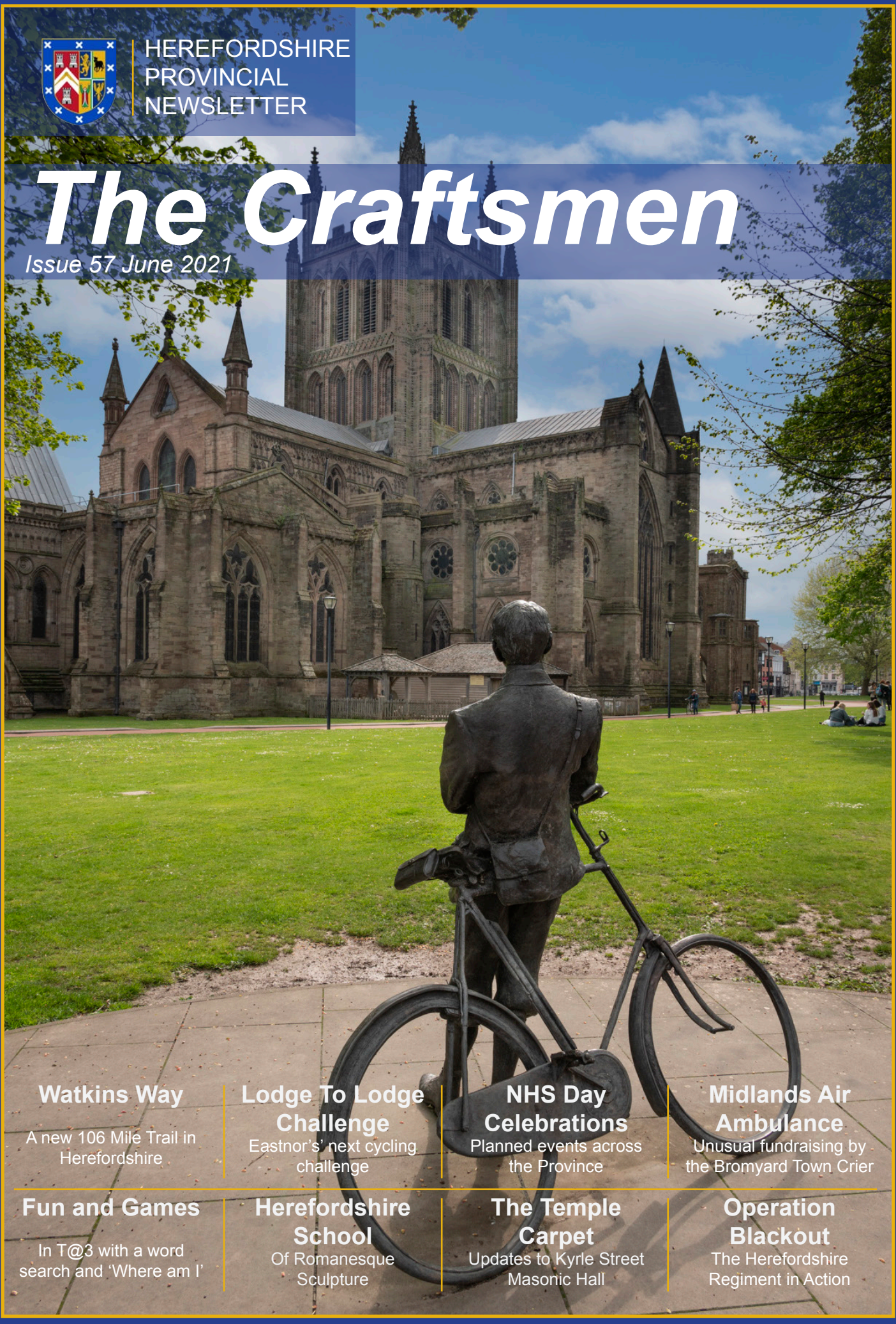

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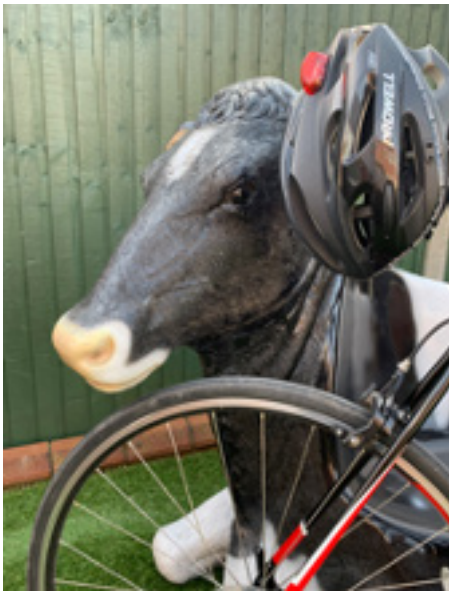
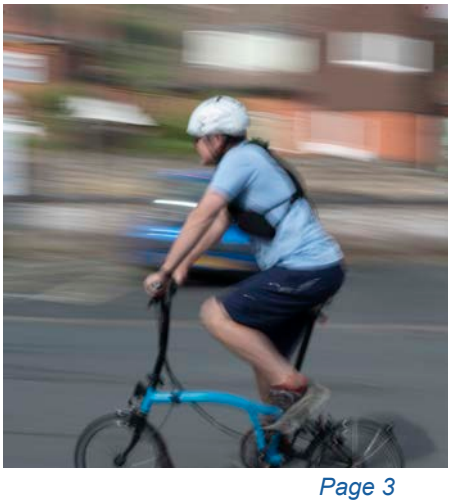


In 2019 for the Coast to Coast Challenge there were four of us. In the spirit of inclusivity this year there are six (and we're staying in Herefordshire).

The team from Eastnor Lodge will be WM Stuart Jones, W.Bro Charlie Heritage, W.Bro Andy Kennedy, Bro Paul Finlay, Bro Chris Heritage and yours truly, Bro Nick Humphrey.

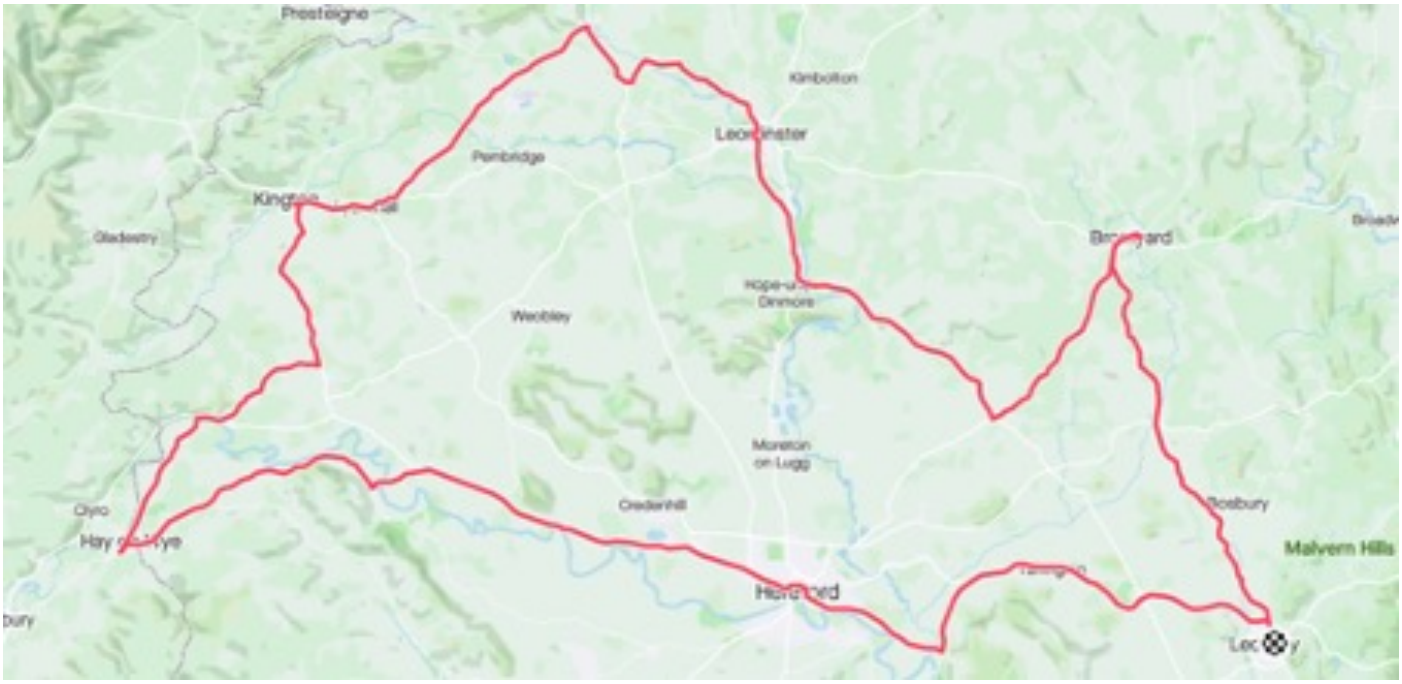
Training is going… we'll let you know how well after we've finished!

Suffice to say Charlie and Chris have been out on the tandem. We've got no performance figures but on the plus side we didn't get a call to go and pick them up from the hospital so that's a definite plus! Andy's running everywhere and occasionally he remembers to take the Brompton out. Apparently he's swapped it for one with six gears (what could possibly go wrong?). Paul's regularly out on his mountain bike. Unfortunately he keeps deviating to the Forest of Dean. We keep on telling him that's in Gloucestershire and we'll be riding on tarmac! Evidently a map will be required! Stuart and I have tried one of the proposed routes to Bromyard. Although there are quite a few downhill runs they all are followed by uphill ones. That was something we learnt from C2C but sometimes you have to be reminded of the obvious. The really good news is that on the route from Fromes Hill to Bromyard we only saw two cars!



Meet The Team

L to R - WM Stuart Jones, Bro Nick Humphrey, W.Bro Charlie Heritage and Bro Chris Heritage on the tandem, Bro Paul Finlay and W.Bro Andy Kennedy



The 2021 Route (which may be subject to change when we work out where the hills are). We will have a tracking facility so that you can see where we are on the route and it would be great to see you when we get to each of the Masonic Halls.

Tuesday 8th June – At 9am we will set out from Eastnor Lodge at The Feathers Hotel, High Street, Ledbury. Our route will take us to the Masonic Halls at Bromyard, Leominster, and Kington before finishing the day at Hay on Wye.

Wednesday 9th June – After a well earned rest we'll leave Hay on Wye en route to visit Lodges at Hereford and Ross on Wye before returning to Ledbury for tea, biscuits and paracetamol.

We will be raising money that will be split equally across three local Ledbury Charities to help our community:

Ledbury Food Bank - Providing food and support to families in need from Ledbury and the surrounding area.

Community in Action Group - Working to improve the lives of the elderly, disabled and other vulnerable people living in and around Ledbury, providing transport services for everyday living & healthcare needs

Deer Park Play Area Group - Working to replace a local children's playground with new and safe equipment.

We thank you in anticipation of your support for these worthy causes and remember, if a UK taxpayer, to tick the gift aid box so we can increase our totals to give to the charities. You can make a donation via easyfundraising here.

Competition in aid of Teddies for Loving Care

With the kind permission of W.Bro Gerald Sclater, @geraldsclater we are running a small competition.

£2 per entry in aid of Teddies for Loving Care.

This month's cartoon.

Can you think of a suitable quote from the DC to the ADC?

Then send your entry to;

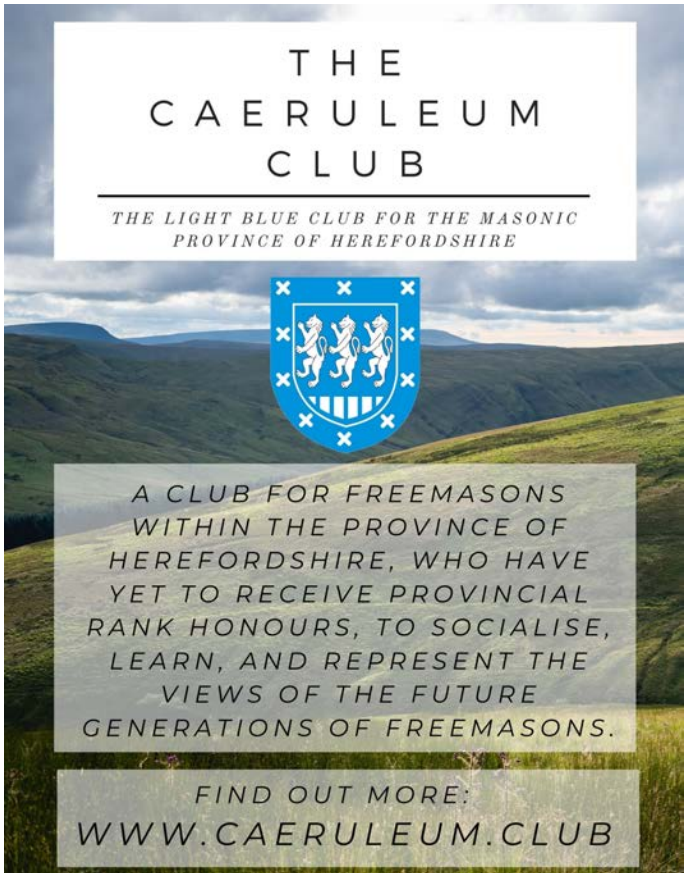
pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk

Who will then forward you the bank details for your donation.

The winning entry will be published next month and will win a special treat to have with your afternoon tea courtesy of Mrs Wendy Sabel.

Masonic Charitable Foundation

Want to know what support the MCF offers Freemasons and their families? Click here or on the image below for a list of the support on offer.

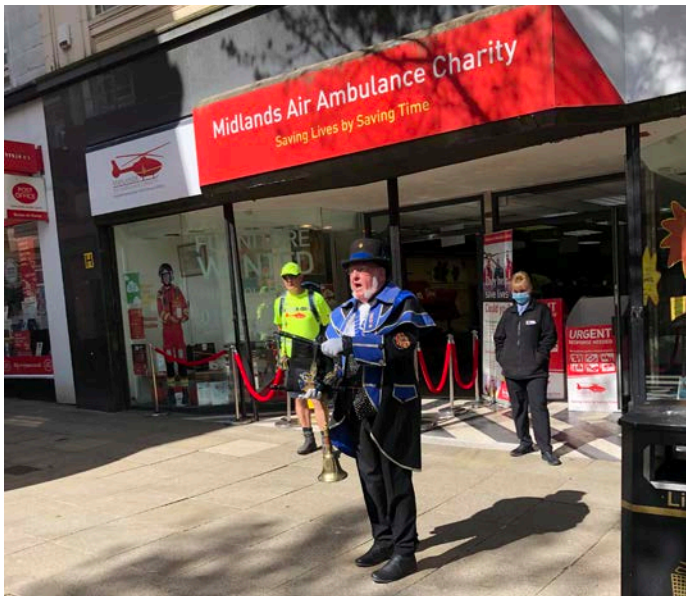


In Action Across the Province

Continuing to give back to our community during lockdown

MIDLANDS AIR AMBULANCE & MASONRY

The last 15 months or so have had a significant adverse effect on all charitable causes. Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (M.A.A.C.) was not alone in facing this financial dilemma. With a cost of some £150 per minute for a helicopter call-out and around 4,400 missions a year some drastic fundraising was needed to keep this vital service functioning. This brought Herefordshire Provincial Freemasonry into the picture. A raffle with a top prize of £3,000 was organised by M.A.A.C. and this was circulated through our Provincial network. The tickets were recently drawn with the result that over £111,000 was raised.



That was a M.A.A.C. H.Q. organised event but down at "grass roots" level one lone M.A.A.C. volunteer wanted to raise a few bob as M.A.A.C. had come to his aid after a motorcycling accident. Mike Devney, a retired police officer, decided to walk to all three helicopter bases, namely Tattenhill, Cosford and Strensham, via a number of M.A.A.C. retail shops, Head Office and Hagley Hall. Incidentally it was at Hagley Hall 30 years ago this year that saw the launch of the Midlands Air Ambulance service, aimed at covering Staffordshire, Shropshire, West Midlands, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. The walk that Chris completed over six days covered over 150 miles in rather damp weather, but skin is waterproof so he just kept going.

Being the official Town Crier for M.A.A.C, I "helped" Chris on his way, sending him off from various starting points by giving a good, loud bellow to the townsfolk of Walsall, Wellington and Newcastle-under-Lyme. In Newcastle one shopper pressed £10 into Chris's hand whilst a young child crossed his palm with 73p. After his epic journey Chris tallied the result of his efforts, it totalled over £4,000.

As a Mason I would like to thank, on behalf of M.A.A.C. all Brethren in our Province for their support and to Provincial Grand Lodge for circulating details of these events. Thank you one and all.

Going off at a tangent I have a personal proclamation to make that, at the age of 76 years and having been betrothed for 16 years Jan and I eventually tied the knot on Wednesday the 16th May, if you remember that was the day the sun shone!!

S & F

Bro. Peder Nielsen. St. Peters Lodge 7368

Bromyard Town Crier.
Champion Crier of Europe.
A.H.G.T.C. Champion.
Heart of England Champion.
Wessex Champion.
Welsh Open Champion.

Social Medi@ And Online Round-up

A round up of some key online accounts during May 2021

Twitter Highlights

PGM for Herefordshire
@DGLBMason

Our Provincial Grand Master congratulated those Brethren and Companions who had received appointments and promotions including W.Bro Don Preddy who was appointed PAGDC.

The PGM also tweeted: “Lovely to meet up with W.Bro Desmond Potter this afternoon and present him with his overdue 60th Anniversary Certificate. He was initiated into Loyal Hay Lodge No 2382 in @PGLHerefords in 1960.”

Herefordshire Freemasons
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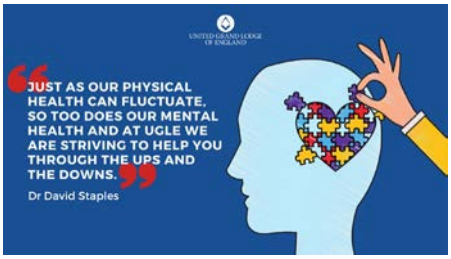
The Provincial Twitter feed mentioned the NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day on 5th July.

Also the forthcoming #LodgetoLodge challenge. 8th June Ledbury Freemasons will set out on a 100 mile route around Herefordshire. Raising money for 3 local Charities If you would like to show your support by just giving £1 or more if you can please go to their Just Giving page.

The Grand Secretary
@UGLE_DrDStaples

Dr David Staples our CEO was quoted in the press following the release of the UGLE Annual Report. There were a number of newspaper and television interviews. Click on the image below to see the Annual Report

The Grand Secretary Dr David Staples also participated in #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek.



Dr David Staples also re-tweeted the UGLE Post on leading the way for the inaugural celebration of NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day on 5th July 2021.

The inaugural celebration of NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day is set to take place on 5th July 2021, with #Freemasons leading the event.

@UGLE_GrandLodge

UGLE ran a campaign during May to highlight mental heal awareness week #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek.

They also covered the press coverage from the release of the first ever UGLE Annual Report. Find out more about what they both had to say here

Freemasonry Today Online

There was coverage in Freemasonry Today for the one year anniversary of ***The Craftsmen*** newsletter with an online article here

The picture shows 6 covers of ***The Craftsmen*** newsletter for the Ross Masonic Club.

Would I know the answer?

Did I know the answer?

By W.Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC Group Leader Information and Guidance Group

Last time I asked: What does your Badge and Banner say about your Lodge?

I am particularly fortunate to be able to research the introduction and reasoning behind the badge and banner for Ariconium Lodge No.8868 since the records and minutes exist and are quite extensive. Most of this is due to advice given by RW.Bro. Shotton Blench, PPrGM, who was PGSecretary at the consecration of the Lodge. His advice to secretaries was that they should ensure that the minutes contained all initiatives and developments of a lodge so that future generations could benefit from the knowledge and history. The Lodge came into being in 1979 when there were 909 Craft members in Herefordshire, and Vitruvian Lodge had 105 members.

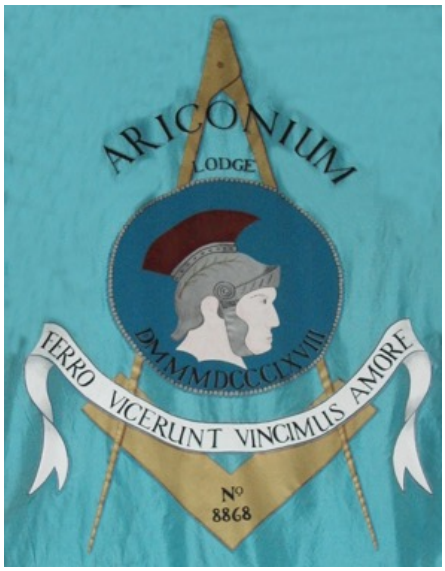
In seeking a name for the proposed new Lodge it seemed appropriate that the name of the mother Lodge Vitruvian with its Roman connection should be taken into account and a most suitable name came readily to mind. During the Roman period a great deal of iron smelting took place over a large area south of Ross and the Roman town Ariconium (now Weston-under-Penyard), was the centre of this industry. The name Ariconium therefore seemed to be particularly apt for the new lodge. The Roman connection, the fact that it would mark the lodge's location and there being no other lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England with this name, it appealed greatly to the Founder and it was readily adopted. The consecration took place in Hereford on 24th.March 1979.

The badge was developed before consecration and was designed by W. Bro Bunny Platford and produced in plastics by W.Bro. Jack Harris. This was developed into enamel by W.Bro. Elfed Bevan and latterly by me.

The Banner was produced later as a result of being the Host lodge for the Province in 1991. Since we had no banner W.Bro C Griffiths organised its

production by a local lady. It was based on the badge but confusion in spelling led to minor changes, finally resolved as;

"Ferro Vicerunt Vincimus Amore"
"They work in iron, we work in Love".



Thus the badge began to appear on the summons in 1981; The Banner was first aired in 1991!

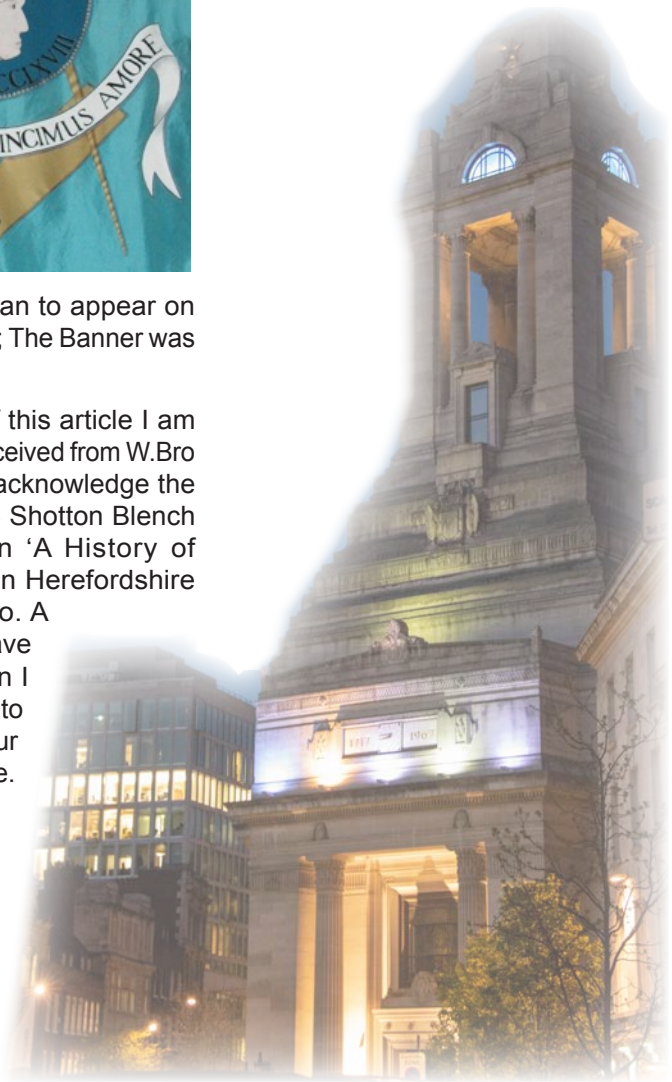
In the preparation of this article I am grateful for the help received from W.Bro Geraint Bevan, and acknowledge the work of RW.Bro. A C Shotton Blench and the publication 'A History of Craft Freemasonry in Herefordshire 1727-2000 by W.Bro. A D Williams. If you have not seen a copy then I suggest you enquire to get details for all of our Lodges in the Province.

For next time, let me pose this question:

What is the link of Craft with Holy Royal Arch Chapter?

You can always check your thoughts by visiting 'Solomon' of course!

If you have not visited the 'Solomon' site lately, you should. There are now Videos, Podcasts and Webinars available for more in depth explanations. Useful for future meetings when no candidate is available.



The Temple Carpet
The Masonic Hall Hereford

By W.Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor PProvSuptofWorks

At first sight the old carpet in the Temple looked to be in good condition, but over the many years of Masonic ceremonies, the original joins were failing, creating trip hazards and showing the frayed edges, and the whole carpet had shrunk.

The actual date it was originally laid has been hard to ascertain, but what lay below was quite a shock. The underlay, on being removed, consisted of two layers one of which had crumbled to dust and created lots of dust and mess.

As you all know, when perambulating around the Temple many creaks would be heard. The Board of Management (BOM) felt that the wooden floor beneath the carpet needed to be inspected. This obviously required the old carpet to be lifted, so the Board decided to replace the carpet.

Many hours of debate followed over samples of different styles and hues of red swatches. Estimates were taken and finally a decision made.

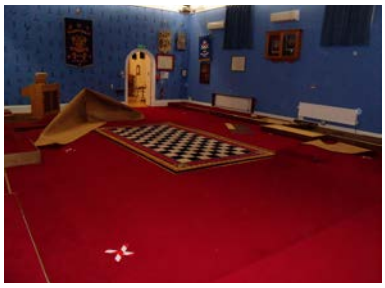
Once the old carpet and underlay had been lifted the wooden floor was inspected and found to be in good and more importantly safe condition. To be sure the floor remained in a safe condition it was decided to lay four-millimetre plywood before Cloud 9 underlay and finally the new red carpet.

There are still some familiar creaks, which we feel reflects age and style of our lovely Masonic lodge but now we know all is safe.

The whole process was instigated by the then Chairman W.Bro. Roy Davies before his sad departure to the Grand Lodge above and the BOM felt it would be a fitting tribute to Roy and his many years' service to the BOM to complete the task he was so keen to carry out.

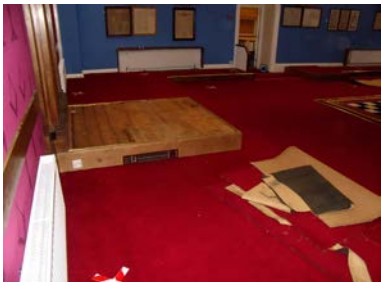
We are all very pleased with the end result, and we hope you feel the same way.

To improve the comfort of users of the Temple, we have added some radiators, closed areas which gave draughts, and allowed heat loss. The hearing aid loop has been fully updated, so to members who have that facility on their hearing aids, remember to use the T position to fully enjoy the ceremonies.



Out with the old

The WM Pedestal



Removing the WM Pedestal

Monday 10th May

Wednesday 12th May

Thursday Morning

Celebrating NHS Day Around The Province

Events Planned Across The Province for 5th July

What are the celebrations about?

5th July 1948 was an historic moment in our country's history. It was the day our pioneering National Health Service (NHS) was born, bringing free healthcare to everyone. We have treasured it ever since, but never more so since March 2020 when the Coronavirus pandemic gripped the UK and utterly changed all our lives.

Now we have the chance to show our gratitude to all NHS and front line staff with an annual day of thanks and remembrance of those who lost their lives because of this dreadful virus.

The first NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day takes place on Monday, 5th July 2021 with a series of events involving every aspect of society and raising money for two excellent causes – NHS Charities Together, which supports 250 hospitals and their charitable trusts, and the National Care Association, representing 1.6 million workers caring for some of society's frailest citizens.

The Daily Express has enthusiastically agreed to be our national print partner, and many organisations have also pledged their support including The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE).

Covid restrictions allowing, the Programme for 5th July at the various Masonic Halls will be as follows.

Kyrle Street Hereford

10:00	Raise the flag (Brethren wearing collars).
10:30	Welcome visitors
10:45	PGM welcomes all present (Brethren in collars)
10:58	Last Post.
11:00	2min silence remembering NHS workers and all those who died from COVID19.
11:05	Tea/Coffee
12:00	Buffet lunch
13:00	PGM toast to the NHS,
13:30	All free to retire or remain as they wish, refreshments will be available.

Loyal Hay Lodge Hay on Wye Masonic Hall

10:00	Raise the flag (Brethren wearing collars).
11:00	2min silence remembering NHS workers and all those who died from COVID19.
13:00	Toast to the NHS

St Peter's Lodge Bromyard Masonic Hall

09:30	Brethren assemble at Masonic Hall. (Masonic Dress, just collars)
09:45	Brethren process up Broad St to Council Office Gardens (Guests asked to join us in the street or at Council Gardens)
10:00	Raise the flag (Brethren wearing collars).
10:58	Last Post.
11:00	2min silence remembering NHS workers and all those who died from COVID19.
11:15	Brethren & Guests process back down the street to the Masonic Hall
11:30	Refreshments
13:00	Toast to the NHS

Royal Edward Lodge Leominster

10:00	Raise the flag (Brethren wearing collars).
10:45	WM welcomes all present (Brethren in collars)
11:00	2min silence remembering NHS workers and all those who died from COVID19.
13:00	Toast to the NHS

Arrow Lodge Kington

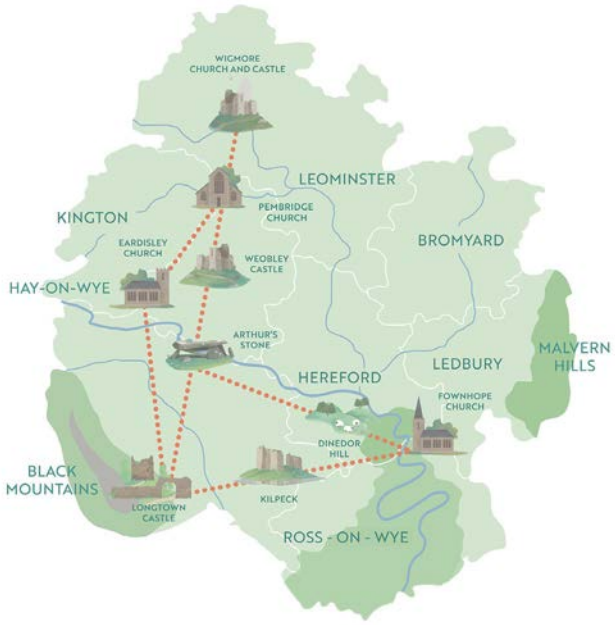
10:00	Raise the flag (Brethren wearing collars).
10:58	Last Post.
11:00	2min silence remembering NHS workers and all those who died from COVID19.
13:00	Toast to the NHS

Members are encouraged to fly flags from their houses, much like VE Day last year. Individuals can purchase flags from the following national website here.

Any questions re the event should initially be directed to W.Bro Chris Burrow ProvGDC

Alfred Watkins

The Man Behind The Discovery of Ley Lines



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Two extracts from Alfred Watkins' book - THE OLD STRAIGHT TRACK. ITS MOUNDS, BEACONS, MOATS, SITES, AND MARK STONES

1. The deacons and directors of ceremonies of Freemasons carry a wand of office, and in the annals of the old Scotch lodges are found details of the use of a sighting rod under the direction of the Master Mason when the alignment of a church was fixed by sunrise on a specified day.

2. Freemasonry affords a most striking link between ley sighting methods and orientation of buildings; for their lodges were formerly oriented, and annals of some of the Scotch lodges (says Mr. W. Johnson in " Byways ") describe the exact procedure followed for the alignment of churches.

" The site of the altar having been decided upon, a pole was thrust into the ground, and a day appointed for the building to be commenced. On the evening previous, the Patrons, Ecclesiastics, and Masons assembled, and spent the night in devotional exercises; one being placed to watch the rising of the sun, gave notice when his rays appeared above the horizon. When fully in view, the Master Mason sent out a man with a rod, which he ranged in line between the altar and the sun, and thus fixed the line of orientation.

Alfred Watkins was born in Hereford on 27th January 1855 in the Imperial Inn on Widemarsh Street. His father was a Victorian entrepreneur who had several businesses including a flour mill, hotel and brewery. Alfred travelled across Herefordshire as an out-rider, taking orders for the family business. This led him to know the surrounding Herefordshire countryside intimately.

While he was out riding his horse near the hamlet of Blackwardine in 1921, he was looking out over the Herefordshire countryside when he had an astonishing revelation which he later described as being like a "flood of ancestral memory". He realised that a network of lines stood out like "glowing wires all over the surface of the county". He noted that these grid-like markings ran in perfectly straight paths, crisscrossing at certain locations which he called "terminal points". These usually coincided with sites such as beacons, mounds, holy wells, churches and ruins. This discovery inspired him to write his ideas down and create a theory which captured the imagination of a nation and later became the subject of much debate.

Watkins called these tracks "leys" or "ley lines" after noticing that the Anglo-Saxon word "ley", which meant "a clearing in the woods", was incorporated into many village names around Herefordshire, such as Weobley and Leysters. He drew up a list of values between ¼ and 1 point, five points or more being required as evidence of a ley.

As imagined by Watkins, prehistoric man used the ley lines' terminal points as beacons, or vantage points that could be used to scope out the landscape or send signals to faraway places. The Brecon Beacons National Park in Wales is so named because many of the mountain summits in the park were once used to send fire signals to nearby settlements.

Early Christian missionaries had set up holy or sacred places on top of sites that might have been used for pagan worship, for graves of martyrs and as holy wells. Watkins believed that these places often fell into alignment with beacons, man-made mounds and castles, making them another form of terminal point.

Watkins ley-line theory came at a time when rambling and hiking was undergoing a revival in Britain and a desire to get back to nature was trending across Europe. Thus, his book 'The Old Straight Track' was warmly received during the years following its initial publication.

This warm reception was however short-lived. Archaeologists in general do not accept Watkins' ideas on leys. They initially argued that the ancient Britons were too primitive to have devised such an arrangement. More importantly, there are so many ancient features that finding some in approximate alignment is highly likely. Watkins was sensitive to such arguments and he himself argued for caution.

After archaeologists had distanced themselves from Watkins, the ley lines theory took a backseat. Unfortunately in more recent times, his original work has been overshadowed by more outlandish theories.

For further information there is an excellent article on the BBC Travel website by Chris Griffiths here.

The Watkins Way

Celebrating Alfred Watkins' Discovery of Ley Lines

The Watkins' Way

SCENIC DRIVING & CYCLING ROUTE - 106.25 MILES

1. Woolhope Church, HR1 4QR
2. Dinedor Hill, HR2 6PD - 7.95miles
3. Kilpeck Church & Castle, HR2 9DN - 9.63 miles
4. Dore Abbey, HR2 0AA - 5.08 miles
5. Clodock Church, HR2 0PD - 5.13 miles
6. Longtown Castle, HR2 0LE - 1.17 miles
7. Michaelchurch Escley Church, HR2 0JS - 5.1 miles
8. Snodhill Castle, HR3 6BG - 6.89 miles
9. Moccas Hill Wood, HR3 6AX - 2.19 miles
10. Arthur's Stone, HR3 6AX - 0.72 miles
11. Bredwardine Church & Castle Mound, HR3 6BT - 2.11 mile
12. Eardisley Church & Castle Mound, HR3 6NL - 4.31 miles
13. Pembridge Church & Old Market House, HR6 9HH - 11.12
14. Shobdon Church & Arches, HR6 9LZ - 4.67 miles
15. Wigmore Castle & Church, HR6 9UB - 5.97 miles
16. Richards Castle Church & Castle, SY8 4ET - 6.58 miles
17. National Trust Croft Castle & Croft Ambrey Hillfort, HR6 9PW - 5.77 miles
18. Blackwardine, HR6 0NE - 10.37 miles
19. Hereford via Sutton St Nicholas - 11.8 miles

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To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Alfred Watkins' discovery of Ley Lines, Visit Herefordshire have devised a 106 mile scenic route across Herefordshire's wild and ancient landscape. The Watkins Way takes in lost castles, remote churches, early hill forts and sacred pre-historic stones.

In this edition of ***The Craftsmen*** we feature an article on Alfred Watkins and also an article on the Romanesque School of Architecture that can be found in many of the churches along the route.

Other events include exhibitions, guided walks, poetry workshops, an online writing workshop and a Ley Hunt.

Further details on the Visit Herefordshire website here where you can also download a detailed route map and guide.

If you take any pictures along the route and post them on Instagram and tag @herefordshirefreemasons and @visit_herefordshire.

The Trail begins or finishes at Watkins' house marked by a blue plaque at 5 Harley Court near the Cathedral in Hereford.

Kilpeck Church and The Herefordshire School of Romanesque Sculpture.

The counties of Herefordshire and Worcestershire are famed for a particular style of carvings produced during the 12th Century by a set of Master Masons. The 'curiously wrought stone' is extremely high quality work, bold and lively both in terms of subject matter and the skill displayed in it's execution.

The Master Masons, who possibly trained initially at Hereford Cathedral, blended Saxon, Celtic and Romanesque themes. Their work manages to combine these with a religious theme bringing together a variety of cultural sources for its religious and mystical images. These include Norman military figures, Anglo-Saxon animals and Celtic abstract patterns combined to create a unique and beautiful style.

Their distinctive Romanesque sandstone and limestone carvings can be found in several parish churches in the Province, most notably Kilpeck, but also Eardisley, Shobdon and Castle Frome in Herefordshire all of which can be visited on the Watkins Way Trail.

These images were taken at Kilpeck Church, stop number 3 on the Watkins Way trail.

Watkins Way Spot 18 - The Blackwardine Ley

By W.Bro Paul Sabel ProvGStwd - Dean Waterfield Lodge No 8089

A little more about point 18 on the Watkins Way. The very first ley line discovered was The Blackwardine Ley and a commemorative standing stone has been erected in 2014 by The Society of Ley Hunters. It was on this very spot that Watkins had his revelation about ley lines.

It is not an especially remarkable location which perhaps makes his revelation even more extraordinary.

The ley here runs from Croft Ambrey, on to Blackwardine and then to Risbury Camp to the high ground at Stretton Grandison, near Ledbury.

If you decide to visit the site as I did (OS Map Ref SO 531561) you may find it difficult to find the standing stone. That's because it's not actually at the crossroads, it's in the Woodland Garden of Remembrance. If you go into the entrance to the woodland garden look left and you will see the stone in the corner.

There is a stone plaque on the ground by the standing stone, but unfortunately it is very faded now. I think another visit may be in order to take a rubbing to see if I can decipher the words.

Your Pictures

This fantastic picture was sent in by Bro Gordon Stewart of his two Bernese Mountain dogs, Maggie and Boris, against the backdrop of Sugerloaf and Skirrid mountains.

Operation Blackout

By W.Bro Andy Taylor OBE DL of Eastnor Lodge No 751

The advance of Allied Forces eastwards after the invasion of Normandy in June 1944 had progressed and by April 1945 much of occupied western Europe had been liberated and much of western Germany occupied. From the East, Soviet Forces were at the gates of Berlin. It was clear the Third Reich under Adolf Hitler was defeated. Hitler's hope was for the West to join forces with Germany and wage war against communist Russia - this was clearly delusional. Hitler's 'strategy' was to fight for every inch of Germany and follow a scorched earth policy to make the battle too costly for the Allies to call a victory. However Hitler could not prevail against the inevitable and he committed suicide in his bunker underneath the Reichstag in Berlin on 30 April 1945.

Doenitz arrest

Hitler had nominated Grand Admiral Karl Döenitz as his successor. Döenitz set up his government in a German Navy Officer Cadet School at Flensberg, North Germany on the Baltic Coast. Döenitz was more realistic, and recognised that Germany was defeated and wanted to sue for peace. He wanted to negotiate a surrender 'with honour' and also to save as many German troops in the East from falling to the Russians. These terms were totally unacceptable and only an unconditional surrender to the Allies was acceptable and on 4 May Admiral Von Friedberg and General Kinzel signed the document of surrender with FM Montgomery on Lunenberg Heath. The formal surrender of all German troops took place on the 7th May and 8th May was declared as VE (Victory In Europe) Day.

The Allied Troops could at last relax - to a degree - there were still Nazi extremists intent on following Hitler's instructions. The Herefordshire Regiment had landed over the beaches of Normandy on D+6 and had fought through France, the Low Countries and Germany, ending the war on the Danish border. Soon after VE Day the Herefords moved to Flensberg.

The Allies at first were content to let Döenitz' government remain in place as they thought it could be a good instrument to help transition to peace. However it soon became clear that some members of the government still has strong Nazi sympathies and were taking an arrogant and obstructive stance; this aggrieved the Allies (especially the Russians!) and the decision was made that the Government was to be 'dissolved'.

To achieve this OP BLACKOUT was planned to arrest all of the Döenitz Government. On the morning of 23 May the 15/19 Hussars put in a cordon around the barracks and the Cheshire and Herefordshire Regiments entered the site to make the arrests. The Herefords arrested Döenitz and the Cheshires General Alfred Jodl; Admiral Hans-Georg Von Friedberg committed suicide by swallowing a cyanide tablet.

Over 800 individuals were arrested, amongst them individuals wanted for war crimes.

The Herefordshire Regiment provided guards for Doentiz, Jodl and Dr Albert Speer (Hitler's Architect) who were flown from Flensberg to the Allied Internment Camp at Bas Mondorf, Luxembourg for interrogation and to await trial. Döenitz, Jodl and Speer were all tried as war criminals. Jodl was sentenced to death and hung; Doentiz received a sentence of 10 years and Speer 20 years.

Whilst the Herefordshire Regiment were providing the guard, one enterprising soldier removed the car pennants from the Admiral's car and they are now displayed in the Regimental Museum.

The War was formally over, but its effects would last for decades.

Döenitz, Jodl and Speer under arrest

Andy Taylor OBE DL of Eastnor Lodge No 751 is also the Honorary Curator of The Herefordshire Light Infantry Museum.

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Some light-hearted treats to keep you amused. With thanks to W.Bro Paul Sabel.

Last Month's Curiosity Answer

A Meat Press!

Ideal for creating perfectly round burgers and getting a good sear on steaks and other cuts of meat.

This device was once a staple in kitchens around the country.

Close Up Challenge

Here is the answer to last month's challenge

Last month's object was an iPhone earpiece.

Where am I?

Can you identify this well know Herefordshire Landmark?

An easy one to start us off!

- I span the Wye
- I was opened in 1898 to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
- I am Grade II Listed
- I am made of iron

Where am I, or rather what am I?

Answer next month

Answers to the Word Search from 26h April.
This week's Word Search is on page 18.

Herefordshire Villages & Towns

K I N G S T H O R N E Q I Q U E B P I X L E Y P
N Y T E L T S A C S D R A H C I R H B A W B I A
C H S V M B H K T A T E R E E E Y W N O S S O R
W O W M Y O F L E O M I N S T E R H T J J G S E
B P X A L J R S T O K E P R I O R I F J B S A S
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Wormelow Whitchurch Symonds Yat St Weonards
Stretton Sugwass Stoke Prior Staunton on Arrow Richard's Castle
Pixley Peterchurch Monnington on Wye Moreton on Lugg
Much Dewchurch Lugwardine Lower Bullingham Llangrove
Llangarron Little Dewchurch Kington Kingsthorne
Hope under Dinmore Fownhope Eastnor Clehonger Bredwardine
Bodenham Ross on Wye Leominster Ledbury Hereford

This Month's Word Search

Can you find the Hereford street names below?

Streets of Hereford

P I L S D S A S J H K C N I H J K I T M C L N H
M A P D T E O N S D N A L Y E R X V Q H J L S X
Q U P X L D T D O Y S N E J X T R Q H Y I O Z K
C A C O N O O V B X T M Y W Y I C V L W I O Z O
T H K A W T A E H R G A B H J D B A T H J H R Q
Z W H W I S W G F A U X D S M Y R T G D G C M Y
K C G N D A G D W G T S A F H O M M T I T S W E
X S R Y E E N W C W H W A P D D D G U Q P E Z A
G K W T M D I X X E L C A N T I L U P E Q U P P
Y V W S A C K V L U A D N A L T R O P T Q L P Y
D B U O R Y D T P V C K S T A N H O P E E B V I
W J H M S C S W V I C O T T E R E L L G B Q V W
R W Q M H A O F K C I U T E J L L A D P Y C O Q
E V E O C V H U I T J G R A R A N I U P L E F U
B K F R Y W I T Z O W R W H I N R E G N S R V A
L E C N I C G J I R P M N C Y B L I E R V L T Y
G N W N V S H N E I V O R R X G N W O R F P K D
J E X E S W E S T A I E T U D R F H F F G B L D
N L H P L E R T P N M O C H Q Q E A O C F O J C
E S H K T L Z Q U M M D B C F T T M G C R R C P
W O D S I P B O O Y Q O T R I D Z X E A A M E B
O N Y F O Q S C E H V Q E H O F C K H G W I B J
T C C B A Y S H A M L R W H X A S P D N I L R W
S M S F T I W S W F B M E Z Q V D E P J I L E E

St Guthlac Mill Commercial Nelson Harold Green Cantilupe
High King Quay Castle Bewell Gaol Union Bath
Blue School Chandos Baysham Cotterell Mostyn Portland
Victoria Bridge Broad Church Widemarsh Edgar Stanhope
White Horse Reylands West East St Owen