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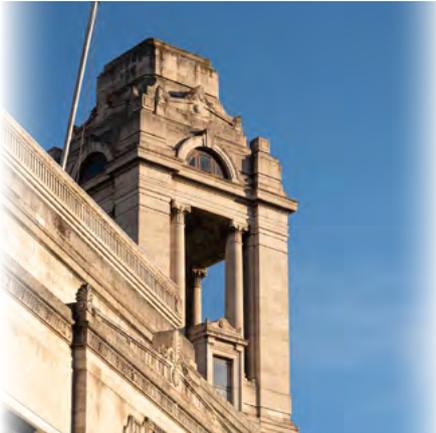


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CHARITY PRESENTATION EVENING

The Trustees of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association invite representatives of the

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7 for 7:30

Buffet, tea and coffee.

RSVP to: provgcs@herefordshiremasons.org.uk

Golfing Success

The Provincial Open at Burghill Valley Gold Course



T@3 including this month's Word Search

Answers to last month's crossword and this month's gemstones word search.

Together with the usual 'Out and About' and 'Upcoming Events'



Bringing you news from the Masonic Province of Herefordshire

Would I know the answer?

Did I know the answer?

By W Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC

I asked: Lodge Consecrating Elements?

Very few of us will have been lucky enough to be present at the Foundation and Consecration of a new Lodge, or to appreciate the connection to the jewel worn by Stewards of a Lodge.

A great deal of preparation is required before the Lodge is assembled. A table in the centre of the pavement must be furnished with vessels, which contain the symbolic substances of corn, oil, wine and salt. In turn, all elements are presented to the residing senior officer and their symbolic meaning explained. If possible, all elements are presented from a Cornucopia, "The Horn of Plenty", shaped like a spiralling horn, symbolic of the mythological Greek goat. The Cornucopia has ever been the symbol of abundance and is thus adopted as the jewel of the Stewards to remind them that it is their duty to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment and that every brother is suitably served.

Corn from which bread is made has always been considered "the staff of life" and is frequently mentioned in the VSL. In the ceremonial it symbolises plenty and abundance and a grand blessing on the new Lodge.

The second perambulation finds that wine is presented. This is the emblem of refreshment, to offer good company and friendliness, and in the Christian religion is associated with bread in the sacrament.

In the third procession, a cruet of oil is presented as a symbol of peace and unanimity. We have all used the phrase "to pour oil on troubled waters" and in the busy lives we lead we have to learn to live in peace, harmony and unanimity with our fellow men. In some orders it also represents the being anointed to a senior position. This ritual is descended from antiquity as witnessed recently at the Coronation of King Charles. The symbolism of peace and harmony should lead to guarantees of good order and life in society.

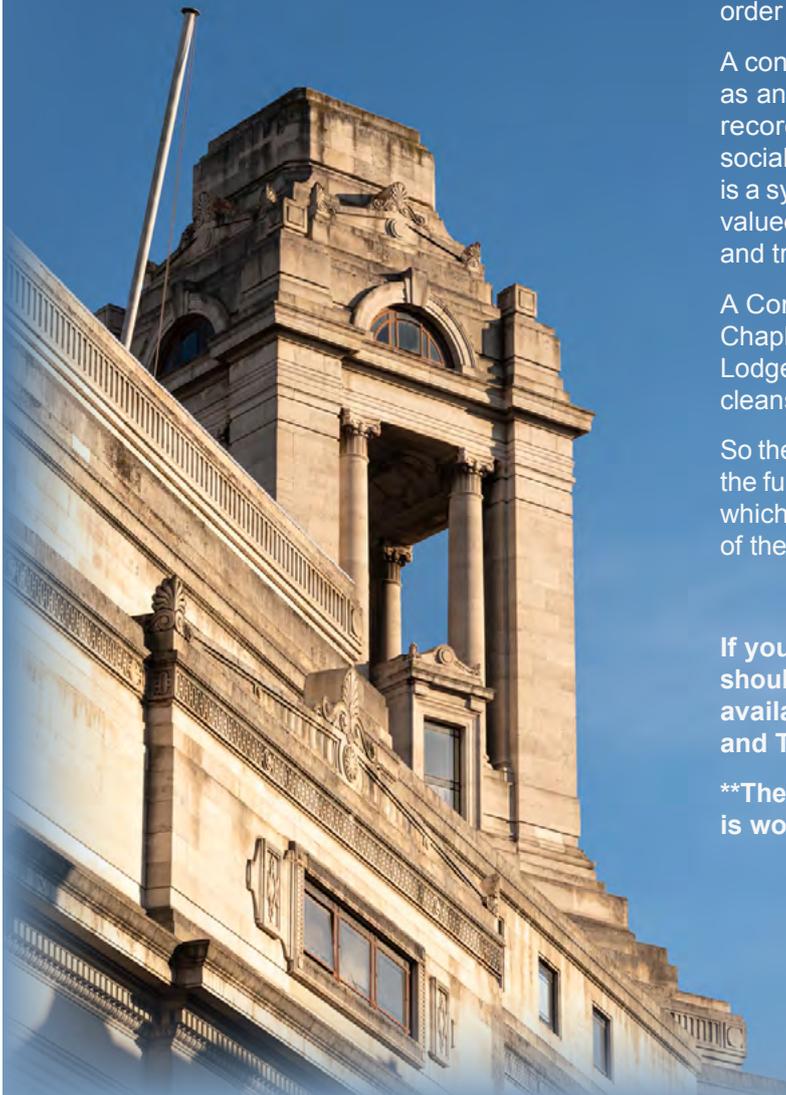
A container of salt is the final element and is presented as an emblem of hospitality and friendship. Throughout recorded history salt has played an important part of social life and there are many references in the VSL. It is a symbol of preservation and flavouring and was much valued in past times as a symbol of friendship, hospitality and true brotherhood.

A Consecration ceremony is often concluded with the Chaplain using a censor, the incense cleansing the new Lodge; the complete acceptance of the offerings and the cleansing of all evil.

So the next time you look at the Steward's jewel, consider the fuller meaning of a former very impressive ceremony, which established your Lodge as part of its membership of the United Grand Lodge.

If you have not visited the 'Solomon' site lately, you should. There are now Videos, Podcasts and Webinars available for more in depth explanations. Facebook and Twitter also offer links for more information.

****There is also a new link to Royal Arch Chapter which is worth a look.****



Thriving Membership

Date	Lodge / Chapter	Event/Venue
2023		
Frid 8 th September	Provincial Mentor and Membership Officer Meeting	Kyrle Street 7pm
Wed 13 th September	UGLE	Quarterly Communication, Celtic Manor, Newport
Sat 16 th September	Caeruleum Club Relaunch Event	Kyrle Street 6 pm
Thur 21 st September	Provincial Almoner and Charity Steward Q&A Session	Kyrle Street 7pm
Frid 22 nd September	Vitruvian Golf Day	Ross on Wye Golf Club 2pm Tee off
Sat 28 th October	Eastnor	Ladies' Night, Feathers Hotel, Ledbury
Sat 4 th November	Charity Presentation Evening	Kyrle Street 7pm
Wed 8 th November	Supreme Grand Chapter	Annual Convocation, FMH London
Sat 2 nd December	Dean Waterfield	Xmas Curry Night Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street.
Wed 13 th December	UGLE	Quarterly Communication, FMH London
Sat 16 th December	Royal Edward	Candlelight Supper, LMC
2024		
Wed 24 th January 2024	Ladies Lunch Club	Speaker Siobhan Daniels – Retirement Rebel
Sat 2 nd March 2024	Dean Waterfield	Ladies Festival (Venue to be confirmed)

FMH – Freemasons' Hall, London
 LMC – Leominster Masonic Centre



CAERULEUM CLUB

RE-LAUNCH

CALLING ALL JUNIOR BRETHREN IN HEREFORDSHIRE

The club has been trying to regain pre-covid traction since 2020 with several events, but now is the time to call everyone together for an informal meeting to plan our way forward, followed by an optional pie and chips with the bar opened afterwards.

SAT, SEPT 16TH 2023

DEETS:
 6 PM Start
 Kyrle Street, Hereford
 Dress code: casual
 Meal: Yes (optional)

BOOK IN HERE:



<https://caeruleum.club/relaunch/>

For the attention of all brothers below a provincial rank:

Herefordshire province has a light blues club called the Caeruleum Club.

The club was started as an opportunity to bring the newer members of our province together to help form the bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

The club has been trying to regain pre-covid traction since 2020 with several events, but we believe now is the time for us to have a relaunch.

The Caeruleum committee would like to invite you to Hereford masonic hall at Kyrle Street on Saturday, the 16th of September, to explain our suggested strategy for the relaunch year and going forward for the next few years and give the opportunity for those who want to be involved to join the committee.

Every lodge has its part to play in the club going forwards, and the club has an important part to play in the success of our lodges in the future.

We want to hear the feedback and thoughts or suggestions about the light blues club so the club is providing what its members want, not what it thinks the members want.

The Caeruleum club will be a fantastic environment for each of us to expand our social circles, experience new opportunities and experiences and develop our masonic understanding.

As a light blue mason, we are the future of freemasonry, and together we can help make that future a bright one!

Tommy Santillo
 Chairman 2019 - 2023

Membership Matters

These are the ceremonies in the Province for the rest of the month. Details of how to book in for dining and copies of the summonses are on the Provincial Members website [here](#).

Lodge	Date	Location	Meeting Business
Palladian	07/09/2023	Hereford	Third Degree - Emergency Meeting
Dean Leigh Masters	18/09/2023	Hereford	Talk entitled "Titanic"
Ariconium	19/09/2023	Ross on Wye	First Degree
Dean Waterfield	28/09/2023	Hereford	Double Second Degree
Vaga	30/09/2023	Hereford	Installation
Vitruvian	October	Ross on Wye	First Meeting October
Coningsby	October	Hereford	First Meeting October
Royal Edward	October	Leominster	First Meeting October
Delphis	October	Hereford	First Meeting October
Arrow	October	Kington	First Meeting October
Loyal Hay	October	Hay on Wye	First Meeting October
Eastnor	October	Ledbury	First Meeting October
Cantilupe	October	Hereford	First Meeting October
St Peter's	October	Bromyard	First Meeting October
Chapter Meetings within Herefordshire			
St Peter's	12/09/2023	Bromyard	Induction
Vitruvian	15/09/2023	Ross on Wye	See Website
Royal Edward	21/09/2023	Leominster	Installation
Palladian	25/09/2023	Hereford	Installation



One Journey
One Organisation

**Ask your
Lodge Royal Arch
Representative for
details of how to
complete your
Masonic journey.**



Introducing....

The Visiting Volunteers of Herefordshire Province.

This month W Bro Malcolm Davies Grand Assistant Pursuivant, the Provincial Grand Almoner introduces the Brethren that support him in helping people through the process of getting help from the Masonic Charitable Foundation. These Brethren are Visiting Volunteers. We currently have three in Herefordshire Province as well as Malcolm. Malcolm describes their role:

“Visiting Volunteers (VVs) are trained and vetted members of the Masonic community who make confidential home visits to help people in their local area to complete an application for an MCF grant. Each month, they support hundreds of people who are seeking support.

All of our VVs are local Freemasons. VVs come from a range of backgrounds and are carefully selected for their experiences and skills. Every single one goes through a vetting process, receives regular training on the MCF grant and application process and is bound by our rules of confidentiality.

We understand that making an application to the MCF can be a sensitive and daunting process. VVs are there to guide you through the process and support you with completing the application from, gathering supporting information and sending it to the Grants team.

The Province and surrounding area is split by postcode with a Visiting Volunteer assigned to a particular collection of postcodes.

We currently have three volunteers, Peter Hamblin, Peter Dignam and David Gwynne who assist Malcolm in supporting grant applications etc. The work is highly confidential and so is always treated in the strictest of confidence.”

Another set of unsung heroes who do sterling work for members of the Province by providing support during very difficult times.



The Province and surrounding areas are divided up by postcode.

Postcodes	Visiting Volunteer
HR1, HR7, HR8 WR6, WR13, WR14, WR15	Peter Hamblin
GL17, GL18, HR2, HR3, HR4, HR9, NP7, NP25	Peter Dignam Malcolm Davies
HR5, HR6, LD8, SY7, (Lingen and Leintwardine) SY8, (Brimfield and Leinthall Starks)	David Gwynne

MCF Grants In Herefordshire

From 1st April 2023 to 31st August 2023 we have received the following grants as a Province.



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Grants



£38,558
The value of grants awarded

These applications covered a wide range of uses.

Please see the link below to show what can be applied for.

<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/>



Community Involvement

Making a Difference Across Herefordshire



Members of Eastnor Lodge were the first to use the newly acquired Provincial Outreach kit at the Ledbury Carnival. They were able to gain useful exposure of Freemasonry in the Ledbury area and spoke to several potential members, both unattached Masons and new recruits.

Not only did this raise awareness and lead to some interesting conversations, one of the conversations has led to an invite to have coffee with the mayor and they have already booked for next year's carnival.

Arrow Lodge will be at an event in Kington in September so we wish them well in raising awareness.

In Ross on Wye, the two Craft Lodges, Chapter and Mark Lodge have joined together to support the local Community Food Larder with monthly donations of food items. The charity provides a list of much needed items which the Lodges buy and donate once a month.

This has also led to a request to get involved with the churchyard angels that maintain the local churchyard in St Mary's church. Members of the Ross on Wye Masonic community have helped out in clearing vegetation from the churchyard, which is another way to get involved in the local community.





Herefordshire Provincial Golf Society

W Bro David Gwynne, the Club Secretary writes:

Fellow Golfing Brethren,

That's another year over for our golf section and already we are planning for 2024. Here is what happened in August 2023.

We played our annual triangular match against Worcestershire and Shropshire away at Bromsgrove Golf Centre. There was an initial problem with a lack of golf buggies, which caused me to be distracted and temporarily lose my golf bag. Checking the CCTV enabled me to find it again and, panic over, I managed to catch up with the fourth group.

The match itself was good and the meal afterwards very enjoyable. Looking to improve on previous years scores, the result against Shropshire seemed to have gone our way although Worcestershire retained the trophy for the fifth year in a row. Our Captain, Alastair Ross, appeared to be a winner but three days later the hosts realised the scorers had made an error in adding up and so our glory was short lived. I guess that's golf!

Thesecond event was the Herefordshire Masonic Championships and Open held at Burghill Valley Golf Club, on Sunday 27th. Sixteen players signed up including two visitors one from Gloucestershire and one from Shropshire. The weather stayed fine throughout and our friends and partners joined us for the meal afterwards.

W Bro Andrew Moore followed us round with his camera and has taken some really good action photographs, which can be viewed [here](#).

The President, RW Bro Michael Holland, who also played was on hand to present the trophies and give thanks to the club for their hospitality both on the catering and also the course.

Our next A.G.M. is to be held on Friday 8th March 2024, at Kyrle street 7pm.

I would like to personally thank all those Brethren who this year have represented the Province and hope that we can maintain the momentum within the section to encourage more to join us and enjoy the golf and social aspects of the section.

S&F W Bro David Gwynne

W Bro Darren Godsall winner of the best net



W Bro Colin Kerfoot best gross



Above W Bro David Gwynne, best Stableford score.



Nearest the pins: W Bro Des Watkins (above) and a visitor W Bro Mark Aston (below), who also won the best visitors Stableford prize.





Lord Elgin and the Kirkwall Scroll

W Bro Geoff Wilding recalls how he was introduced to the Kirkwall Scroll

Some people have asked how I got interested in the Kirkwall Scroll, being as it hangs on a Lodge room wall some 650 miles away.

It all came about back in June 2010. Helen and I had booked a cruise leaving from Rosyth to witness the midnight sun within the Arctic Circle. When we arrived at the cruise terminal, we were held back to allow those with disabilities to embark first. As we waited, we noticed a man in a wheelchair being assisted up the boarding ramp and accompanied by a woman but thought little of it. In due course we boarded and set sail under the Forth Bridge, out past Inchmickery island, the wartime gun emplacement, and into the North Sea.

For those who have cruised, you will be aware that there is usually a meeting of Freemasons and their partners held prior to one of the formal nights during each voyage. This is to raise funds for the captain to distribute, usually between the RNLI and a seafarer's charity. At the planning meeting there was some reticence to volunteer for the role of President as a speech is normally required, so, having done it a couple of times before, I stuck my hand up and landed the role.

All the arrangements went well, the captain and the ship's galley crew were extremely helpful, and on the evening of the event, I was with the Cruise Director along with a couple of the other Masons, making sure all was in order, when one of the Scottish Masons on board came up to me and said, "Lord Elgin has said he will be in attendance this evening."

A bead of cold sweat instantly ran down my spine as, simultaneously, my bottom jaw wilted open, and brain fog set in. This had not been mentioned in the job application, and my speech notes had not included for such a dignitary, and anyway, how do you address a Lord? Luckily my wife's experience of the Royal Household saved the day, "It's My Lord," she assured me.

Anyway, the gathering got underway, and Lord Elgin, who it turned out was the gentleman we had seen in the wheelchair, arrived along with one of his sisters. He was very gracious, and all went well, including the speech. At the end of the evening, he thanked me for my efforts and congratulated me on the amount of money we had managed to raise (no doubt his presence had loosened both wallets and sporrans). Anyway, as we spoke, he asked me where I hailed from, and I explained, Hereford. "Ah!" he replied, "The home of the Mappa Mundi. You have that and we have the Kirkwall Scroll."

I smiled cordially, but my blank expression must have registered with one of the Scottish Masons, because after Lord Elgin had retired, he told me that he was a member of the Kirkwall Kilwinning Lodge which held the

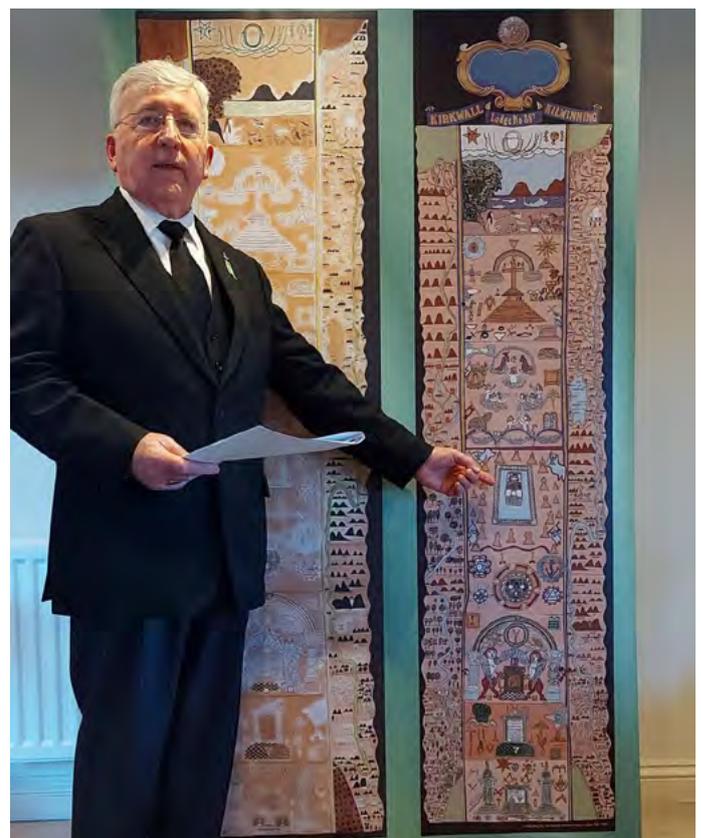
scroll. I said that I would like to know more, and the next day he sought me out to give me the phone number of a W Bro George Partner who was the Lodge historian.

Once we returned home, I made contact with W Bro Partner, and I told him that I felt it would be an interesting subject for a talk for Brethren to hear. He agreed and very obligingly sent me his research notes along with an authenticated facsimile of a coloured drawing of the scroll in miniature, which I have further researched and turned into a presentation.

I had originally intended to use it to raise funds for RW Bro David Bowen's Festival, but, due to many things including his passing, COVID, and my own health problems, I was distracted. However, now that RW Bro Michael Holland has requested funds for the HMCA, I took the opportunity to complete the work, which is now available if any Lodge is looking to learn about this historic Masonic artifact.

As a fundraiser, it is suggested that a raffle might be taken on the night of the presentation and the proceeds specifically donated to the HMCA.

Please contact W Bro Geoff via email [here](#) for further information and availability.



Useful Links

[UGLE Podcast](#)

[UGLE Youtube Channel](#)

[Solomon](#)

[Freemasonry Today Magazine](#)

[b.UGLE](#)

[Members' Pathway Resources](#)

Team T.O.F. Fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Kerin Humphrey

Nick Humphrey and Stuart Jones of Eastnor Lodge will be doing the Wye Valley Hike on 9th September for MacMillan Cancer Support in memory of Kerin, who received great support earlier this year.

This will be 26 mile hike from Chepstow to Monmouth through the valley and Forest of Dean, so some hills but also flat bits I hope!!!!

We are self funding and know you have all given to Lodge charities this year, but if you want to give anything please see link below and your donation will be appreciated and help us through this 26 miles.



Further details on their Just Giving Page here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/teamtof>



Vitruvian Lodge Golf Day

22nd September 2023 at Ross on Wye golf course. First tee time 14.00 with dinner at the clubhouse set for 19.00. Non golfers are welcomed to the dinner.

18 hole Stableford competition with a number of prizes and trophies, guests trophy and a ladies trophy to play for.

We welcome golfers from all Lodges in the Province of all standards. There is at least one trophy restricted to 20 plus handicap players.

Further details from W Bro Alastair Ross [here](#).

CHARITY PRESENTATION EVENING

4th November 2023 Kyrle Street

As part of the seven-year strategy to raise public awareness of Freemasonry's charitable work, it is intended to hold a presentation evening at Kyrle Street on Saturday 4th November when all the charities who have received donations will be invited to attend.

This will give us the opportunity to highlight how much the Province as a whole has raised and donated to local charities.

A buffet will be provided.

Please note the points below:

- You need to prepare by making sure you have all the details of the charities your Lodge has made donations to in the past year.
- A formal invitation for you to send out to the charities will be e-mailed to you.
- If you have outstanding donations to make, please defer these so they can be presented in your Lodge's name at the Presentation evening. (This will ensure a representative attends).
- This is an important event for the Province and Lodges, so please make every effort to have as many charities attend as possible.
- The purpose of the event is to increase the visibility to the public of Freemasonry's charitable ethos. We hope it will increase our chances of favourable coverage in local media.

Details have been forwarded to all Lodges and it is hoped that we will receive support from each Lodge so we can maximise the coverage and highlight how much the Province as a whole has raised and donated to local charities.

This is our chance to get all the charities we have supported together to celebrate and network.

The Province of Herefordshire



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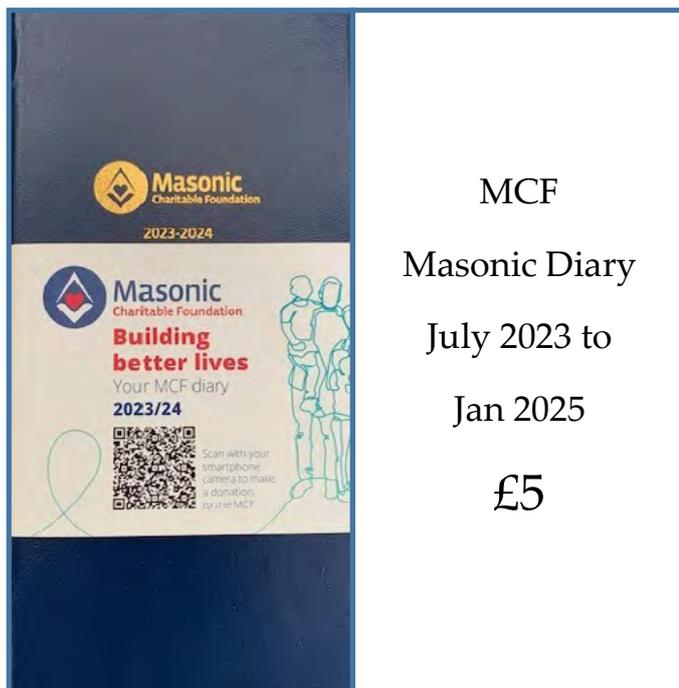
HMCA

Brethren, the following items are available.

All the money raised by these sales go to the HMCA funds.



MCF
Cuff Links
pair
£10



MCF
Masonic Diary
July 2023 to
Jan 2025
£5

To purchase

E mail:

provgcs@herefordshiremasons.org.uk

Or Call W/Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor

07802671992

All stock is limited so first come
first served.



MCF Pen
0.50p

I also have for sale ONE 2020 Festival whisky glass. This is left over from one Lodge's stock and I am selling it to replenish their charity funds.

If you missed out on a lovely glass here is your opportunity. Do not miss out.

£20

Ladies Lunch Club

Kyrle Street, Hereford 24th January 2024

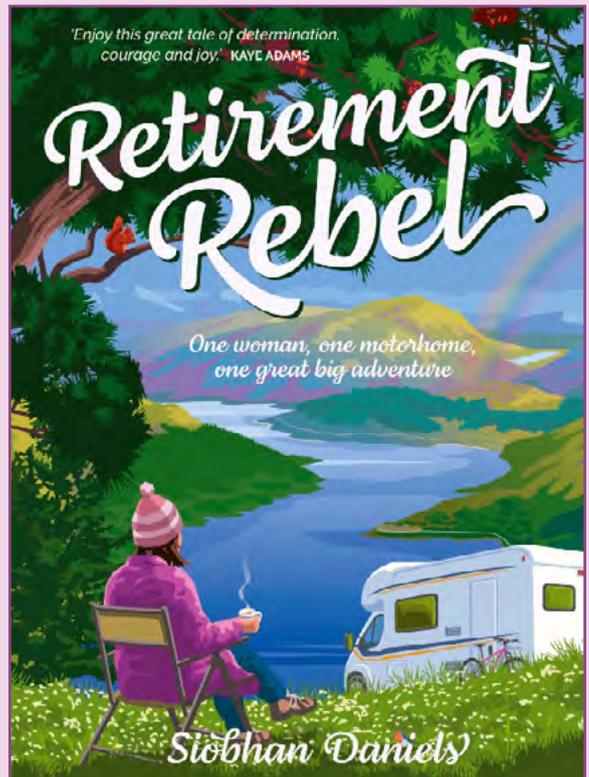
At the Ladies Lunch at Kyrle Street Hereford on **Wednesday 24th January 2024** we have booked a special speaker - an author by the name of **Siobhan Daniels** who has written a book "Retirement Rebel."

An inspirational book about how your life can be turned upside down but you can still land on your feet.

Approaching retirement and frustrated with her job at the BBC as presenter and journalist, she made the decision to start living life on her own terms.

Rather than hiding from life's challenges she bought a motor home and drove off to find them.

You can see more on her website here
<https://www.shuvonshuvoff.co.uk>



We are extending an invitation to all Masonic ladies to come and hear her talk. We would like to know by the end of September how many ladies would be interested. Please feel free to bring along friends.

We need at least 25 ladies to attend and **book by the end of September.**

If not we will open it up to the local NHS group and the WI in early October.

It will cost £8 per booking by cheque (payable to MHLC) and the bar will be open.

Further details of time etc will be given at the time of booking.

Our contact to book is Diane Cox - email [here](#)

Full contact details will be on the Members' Website and emailed to Lodge Secretaries.

<https://hmwma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/events/>

We may be able to reduce the cost per head if we have sufficient numbers.

Community Engagement

Chris Neave Memorial Challenge Paddle - Cycle - Climb 17 - 23 Sep 2023



The Challenge

On the 22nd of September 2022 my younger brother passed away after a long battle with poor health. He spoke often about conducting adventures in Scotland if he was of good health.

To that end Carl D and I will attempt the first Caledonian Adventure Triathlon:

Paddle from Fort William, on the West Coast of Scotland, to Fort Augustus at the start of Loch Ness. This will take 2 days and cover 52km.

Cycle from Fort Augustus around Loch Ness via Inverness on the East Coast. This will take 2+ days and will cover 120km both on and off road.

Climb Ben Nevis which will take 1 day and climb over 1300m for a distance of 17km.

All of this will be conducted fully self supported with wild camping.

The Charity Funds

We are aiming to raise £1000 with the following split.

25% to **The Dogs Trust**

25% to **Soldiers Sailors & Airforce Families Association (SSAFA)**

50% to **Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association (HMCA)**

Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chris-neave-memorial-challenge>



Further details for any event go to the
Provincial Members' Website

<https://hwmwma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/events/>



EMULATION LODGE *of* IMPROVEMENT

BI-CENTENARY FESTIVAL 1823 – 2023

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER 2023

Emulation Lodge of Improvement will hold its Bi-centenary Meeting on Friday 6th October 2023, and the Committee invites you to this unique event.

In celebration of this significant milestone in our history we have added an additional 'Bi-centenary' festival to our yearly programme, which will be held on the above date, in the Grand Temple of Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

On this occasion, the Committee themselves will demonstrate four sections of the lectures - including the Senior Member, VW Bro Graham Redman PGSwdB, DepGSec - thus affording attendees a unique opportunity to observe masonic ritual demonstrated to the highest standard. The Past Pro Grand Master, MW Bro Peter Lowndes, has agreed to be the guest of honour.

The lecture sections will consist of

Section 1 of the 1st Lecture
Section 2 of the 2nd Lecture
Section 4 of the 1st Lecture
Section 5 of the 2nd Lecture

Tickets are available for Temple and Dining at £80, and Temple only at £15, and can be purchased via the website at www.emulationloi.org.

Doors open at 4:00pm

Festival will start at 5:00pm

Morning dress or lounge suit, undress regalia

PATRONS:

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MSF

FREEMASONS' HALL

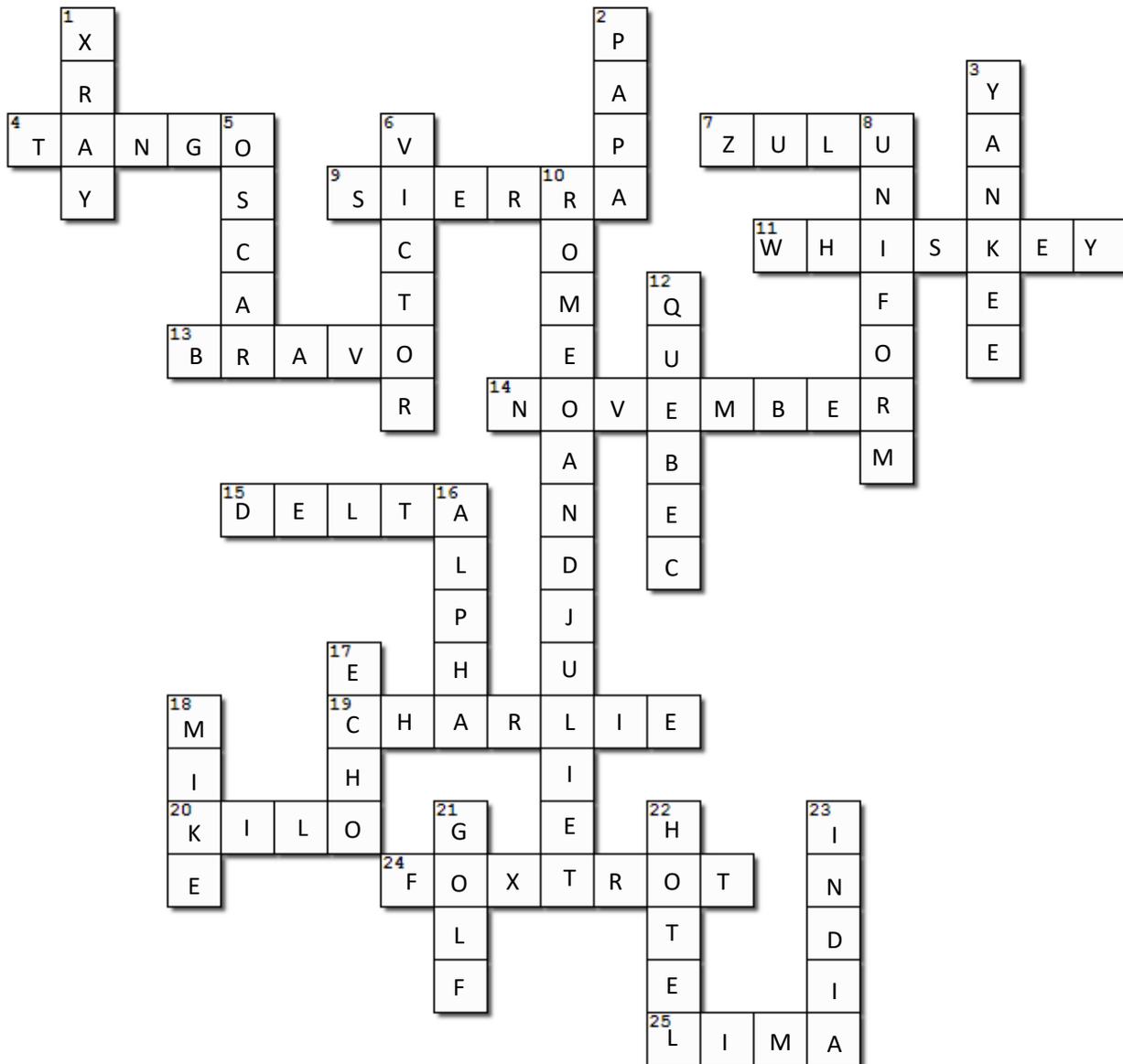
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London
WC2B 5AZ
www.emulationloi.org

Further details and booking instructions on the Emulation LOI Website here
<https://emulationloi.org>



Did you find the common theme?

They were all letters of the NATO Phonetic Alphabet.



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

4. UK soft drink, launched by Corona in 1950 (6)
7. Largest African tribe (4)
9. West African country with capital city Freetown [first word only] (6)
11. Alcoholic beverage derived from the ancient gaelic words meaning 'water of life' (7)
13. Synonym of congratulations (5)
14. Eleventh month of the year (8)
15. Major United States airline (5)
19. English silent film actor [first name only] (7)
20. Metric measurement for 'thousand' (4)
24. Dance step, similar to waltz, danced to 4/4 time (7)
25. Capital of Peru (4)

Down

1. Second shortest category of electromagnetic wave (4)
2. Synonym of father, typically used by very young children (4)
3. Famous candle brand [first word only] (6)
5. The award won at a famous film awards (5)
6. Author of 'Les Miserables' and 'The Hunchback of Notre-Dame' [first name only] (6)
8. Worn by most British schools, but not many American schools (7)
10. Shakespeare's 'pair o' star-cross'd lovers' (5,3,6)
12. Canadian city containing the hotel 'Le Château Frontenac' (6)
16. First letter of Greek alphabet (5)
17. Reflection of sound that arrives at the listener with a delay after the direct sound (4)
18. One-eyed Monsters, Inc. character [first name only] (4)
21. Card game, also known as Polish Poker (4)
22. Typical place to stay in when going away (5)
23. Country containing the Taj Mahal (5)

Can you find these Gemstones?

Gem Stones

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

Sapphire Tourmaline Topaz Sugillite Spinel Ruby Rubellite

Quartz Peridot Onyx Nephrite Jasper Jadeite Iolite

Diamond Danburite Corundum Citrine Chalcedony Carnelian

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