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# Would I know the answer?

## Did I know the answer?

By W Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC

### I asked: What did you remember most?

I was reminded this month by what it was like to be initiated into Freemasonry with a ceremony in the new venue for Ross. It made me think of my own Initiation and how little I was able to take in at the time. In fact, I think that it took several years before I began to understand all that was said on that night.

I asked a number of Masons what they remembered, and most had just one or two memories, particularly when in the dark before the light was revealed. Many remembered the feeling of space and then the realisation of the arrangement of a Lodge. And then, of course, the grip and sign!

With so much information and detail to take in, I did not realise at the time the effort taken by so many of the members. For me, however, the strongest memory was the welcome and inclusion I received by the Masonic Chain. That, especially, summed up for me the true feelings of what Masonry means to us all.

“With open arms we receive you into Freemasonry, into this our Lodge and into this circle of Brotherly Love.”

“You will observe that our hands reach past the Brother on both sides, symbolising that Masons reach out into the world to help those who are not Masons”

“You will also see that our arms cross the breast of the brother on either side, emblematically to shield them from the attacks of the insidious.”

“ You will now observe that this is a double link chain, and should it please the Great Architect of the Universe to call a brother to the Grand Lodge above, the chain remains weakened but unbroken, and is strengthened by the inclusion of you as Initiate.”

(Initiate included in Chain)

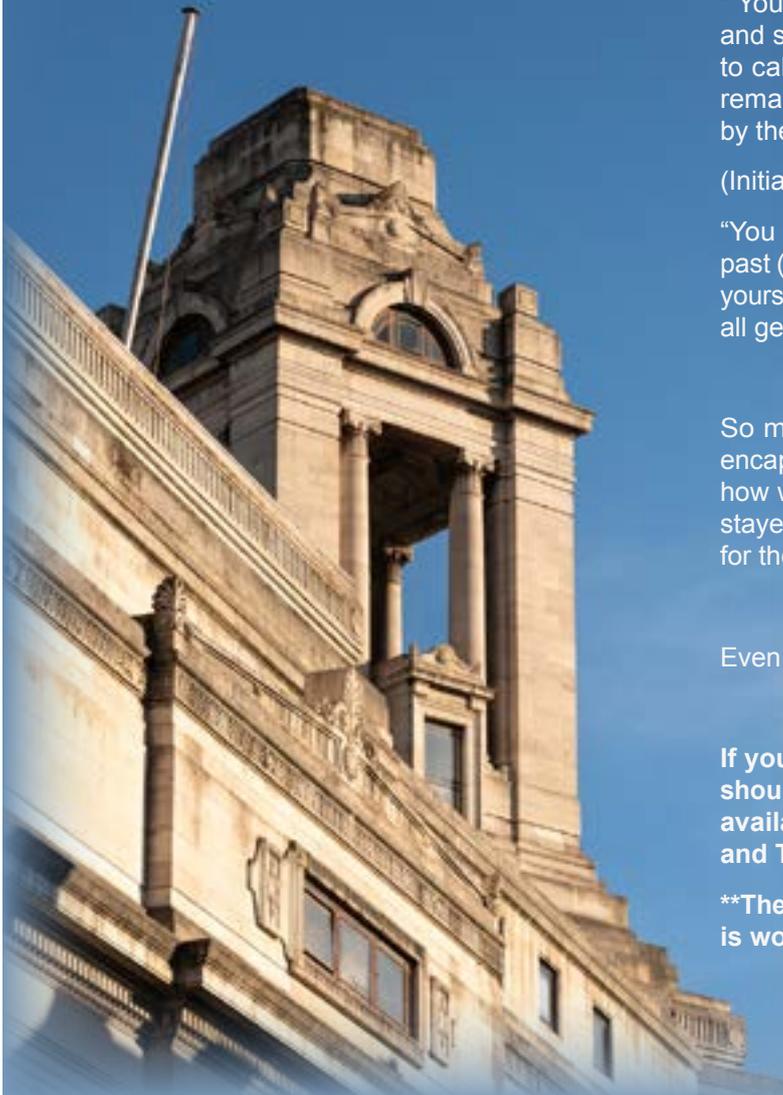
“You will now observe that the chain reaches from the past (IPM), through the present (WM) and into the future, yourself Symbolising the continuance of Masonry through all generations.”

So much is said in this short ceremony, but for me it encapsulates the real meaning of what we are about and how we are expected to behave as Masons. It certainly stayed with me and still fills me with warmth and respect for those who went before and those who are to follow.

Even so, I am still learning.

**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.\*\***



# Out and About

A round-up of events in and around Herefordshire Province



## Fifty Year Certificate

Members of Dean Waterfield Lodge accompanied the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Michael Holland to present W Bro Derek Foster PPSGW with his fifty year certificate.

W Bro Derek was initiated into Dean Waterfield Lodge in 1973 and joined Dean Leigh Masters Lodge in 1984.



**Pictured left**  
The RW PGM and members of Dean Waterfield Lodge at the presentation



**Pictured Left**  
W Bro Derek and his Certificate.

## Acts of Remembrance

Will your Lodge be attending or running an act of remembrance in November? If so please send us a few words and pictures and we will put it in the next issue of The Craftsmen.

Email to [craftsmen@herefordshiremasons.org.uk](mailto:craftsmen@herefordshiremasons.org.uk)

## Local Freemason Honoured

**“...and part to serve a friend or brother in time of need.”**

Did you see the recent article in the UGLE Blog regarding W Bro Piers Hallihan and his involvement in the 2021 cave rescue in the Ogof Ffynnon Ddu cave system?

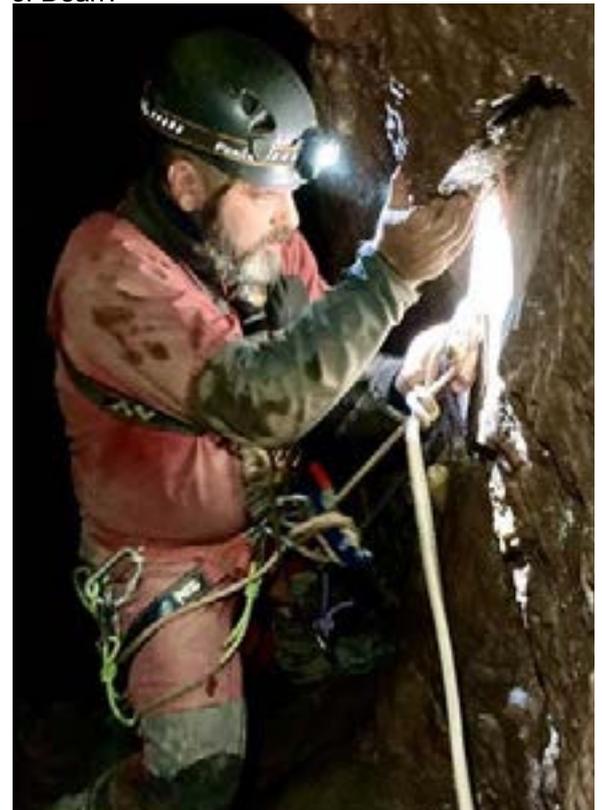
The article will resonate with members of our Province who have caved in our surrounding area or are scout leaders.

The article sets out how he helped in the cave rescue in the Upper Swansea Valley and his recent award from the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls.

Well worth a read if you have an interest in scouting or caving.

Link to the UGLE website blog [here](#).

Did you know that not only are the Brecon Beacons or Bannau Brycheiniog a well known caving area but also in the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean?



**Right**  
The cave rescue in 2021 featured in the UGLE Blog.

# Community Involvement

*Visiting The Orchestra of the Swan workshop in The Courtyard Theatre*

Herefordshire Province and the Masonic Charitable Foundation have made a £33,644 grant to The Orchestra of the Swan.

Founded in 1995 and based on Warwick Schools Foundation, the Orchestra provides a wide range of musical activities across the region and are passionate about audience inclusivity.

Integral to the life of the Swan, is the music they bring to those living with dementia, PTSD, visual impairment and other conditions. It is moving to see the positive, transformational effect their players have on those who attend the regular dementia-friendly Café Muse in Hereford, while the players speak positively of the reward and specialist training they in turn receive.

The session certainly encourage audience participation with dancing, singing and playing a variety of instruments. RW Bro Michael Holland, W Bros Tim Bridgland Taylor and Andrew Moore were warmly received and able to see first hand the delight the session brought to the participants.

The MUSE sessions not only allow participants to explore musical instruments and rediscover any musical skills but also to make new friendships and reduce loneliness.

It was great to see the grant being put to good use and the looks of joy on the faces of those participating. I think secretly we all enjoyed ourselves too!



Debbie Jagla, managing director of Orchestra of the Swan, said:

“We’re very grateful to Herefordshire Freemasons for their generous grant which has secured the future of this important service for armed forces veterans or people with a link to the armed forces, whether through a partner who may have served in the forces or other family member, either living with dementia and/or other mental health challenges. Over the last two years we’ve hosted well over one hundred Café Muse sessions at the Courtyard, helping to improve the emotional wellbeing of more than 1,200 attendees. All this was made possible through co-created musical workshops delivered by Orchestra of the Swan’s professional musicians.”



# 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	02/11/2023	Hereford	Third Degree
Vitruvian	06/11/2023	Ross on Wye	Third Degree for Cantilupe
Coningsby	07/11/2023	Hereford	Second Degree
Royal Edward	09/11/2023	Leominster	Third Degree
Delphis	11/11/2023	Hereford	First Degree
Arrow	13/11/2023	Kington	Third Degree
Eastnor	15/11/2023	Ledbury	Third Degree
Cantilupe	16/11/2023	Hereford	Installation
Loyal Hay	20/11/2023	Hay on Wye	Second Degree
Ariconium	21/11/2023	Hereford	Second Degree
St Peter's	22/11/2023	Bromyard	Second Degree
Dean Waterfield	23/11/2023	Hereford	Third Degree
Vaga	25/11/2023	Hereford	See Website
<b>Chapter Meetings within Herefordshire</b>			
Vitruvian	17/11/2023	Ross on Wye	Installation
Royal Edward	21/11/2023	Leominster	Exaltation
Palladian	27/11/2023	Hereford	Exaltation
St Peter's	12/12/2023	Bromyard	Exaltation

## Upcoming Events

### PROVINCIAL EVENTS LIST – November 2023

Date	Lodge / Chapter	Event/Venue
<b>2023</b>		
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Supreme Grand Chapter	Annual Convocation, FMH London
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Coningsby	Ladies Evening, Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Vitruvian	Christmas Lunch, Ross Masonic Hall
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Dean Waterfield	Xmas Curry Night, Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street.
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	UGLE	Quarterly Communication, FMH London
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Royal Edward	Candlelight Supper, LMC
<b>2024</b>		
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Ladies' Lunch Club	Speaker Siobhan Daniels – Retirement Rebel
<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024</b>	Dean Waterfield	Ladies' Festival (Venue to be confirmed)

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

Social Event Details on the Members' Portal here <https://hwmwma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/events/>

# Can You Help?

Hello, this is Andrew the Provincial Comms Officer.



I'd like some help please.

We have a small comms team with lots of ideas but need more help to make them a reality.



Do you have any of the following skills and a bit of time to assist on an ongoing basis.

## **WordPress Skills**

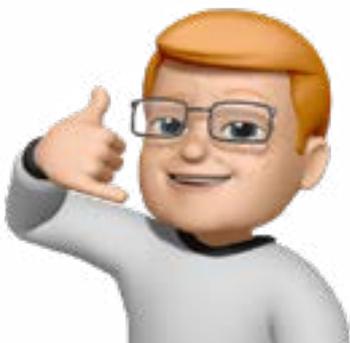
To help keep the website updated and drive it forward into new and exciting areas.

## **Social Media Skills**

Specifically in building reels with short movie clips for inclusion on our Social Media accounts to help raise our profile.

## **Campaign and Event Management**

To help support the Membership Team, Charity Steward and Almoner in managing campaigns and events throughout the year so we can plan and structure our comms.



If you have the required skills we'd love to hear from you.

Drop me a line and I can explain more about what we need and what we are trying to achieve.

Thanks in advance. This is a great chance to assist in driving the communications within the Province and manage our external image in line with the Strategy.



We want to communicate our thriving Province and welcome ideas to help in making this happen.

The email address is  
[pc@herefordshiremasons.org.uk](mailto:pc@herefordshiremasons.org.uk)

# Community Involvement

*W Bro Stuart Jones, Provincial Grand Membership Officer, reports on his visit to Lifelites in Worcester to see how our donations are being used.*



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, I was able to represent the Province at the Acorns Hospice in Worcester where the Lifelites team were installing new technology for the use of children and families that use the facilities.

Prior to my visits I knew little of what Lifelites were providing to hospices across the UK, but my short visit opened my eyes as I saw the immediate joy that this technology brings to both children and their families.



The technology provided is used to help children explore, gain control and independence whilst making precious memories with their families during what is the most difficult of circumstances.

The technologies introduced to Acorns, Worcester included:



## Tilt and Touch Table

The Tilt and Touch Table enables every child to take part in fun activities, or help with their education through accessible learning games. The table can, as the name implies, tilt and children love to express themselves through creative activities, or explore their dreams, favourite animals, or favourite superheroes. Holding a pen can be a real challenge, which is incredibly frustrating for these children. But the large screen of the Tilt and Touch Table gives every child the opportunity to take control, explore the world, paint or draw.

## Switches

A range of switches, which can be connected to a computer to replace mouse functions. They are suitable for children of all abilities and can be operated using any part of their body even with the side of their head or elbow or a foot. These help children unable to use a computer in conventional ways, to take control and play games, have fun, learn and express themselves.



## PODS Sensory Tent

It's portable, light and fun and is ideal for children with life-limiting conditions wherever care is provided. The PODS come with a theme, such as under the sea, remote controlled internal lighting, complementing sound effects, and a matching audio-book. It's perfect for the children we support to immerse themselves in their own world and enjoy moments of sensory magic



## Eyegaze

Eyegaze making it possible for children with life-limiting conditions to paint a picture, play games and communicate by tracking the child's eye movements with a special sensor. They can tell their carers what they would like to eat or drink, or tell their family that they love them, sometimes for the first time.



### W Bro Stuart commented:

"It was great to see the work that Lifelites are doing in the Hospice and experience the equipment and technology that is being brought into the hospice in Worcester."

"It was particularly nice to see the enjoyment on the children's faces when using the new tech and the joy it brought to them. I am sure that these new technologies will benefit children and families in the years to come. And they will all be better than me with the I-control!!!!"

"I am glad that Herefordshire Masons are able to support such a worthwhile cause and will continue to do so."

"It was great to see where our donations go and the real impact that we, as Herefordshire Freemasons, are making to the lives of these children and their families."

"I would encourage you all to learn more at:

<https://www.lifelites.org/about-lifelites>"

### Rob Lightfoot, Chief Executive of Lifelites commented:

"We were delighted to welcome W Bro Stuart Jones from Herefordshire Province to join us for the installation of a brand new package of technology at Acorns for the Three Counties.

Thanks to the support of Herefordshire Freemasons, and together with the team at Acorns, we can harness the power of assistive technology to bring wonderful moments of connection and joy for local children and their families."

# The Glorious Glosters

*Bro Andy Taylor of Eastnor Lodge shares the history of the local men serving in the 'Glorious Glosters' in the Korean War.*

At this Remembrance time of the year we generally think of the two World Wars but there were other wars and conflicts which British and Commonwealth soldiers took part in, The Korean War 1950-1953 is one such war and it has a local application with two local regiments: the King's Shropshire Light Infantry (KSLI) and the Gloucestershire Regiment (Glosters) taking part. Many local men served with these regiments in Korea.



The Korean war is often a forgotten war; it was on the other side of the world, a relatively (compared to World War 2) small number of British troops were involved and so soon after World War 2 people wanted to get on with their lives in peace and didn't want to know about this 'far off' war.

Korea had been a unified kingdom for centuries before Japan annexed it following its victory in the Russo-Japanese War in 1905. The Japanese ruled over Korea with an iron fist from 1910 to 1945. When Japan surrendered to the Allies at the end of World War 2, control of the Korean peninsula passed to America and the Soviet Union. The superpowers chose to divide Korea at the 38th parallel, which roughly bisected the peninsula. The Soviets set up a communist government to the North, and the United States helped establish a military government in the South.

Scattered border skirmishes from 1948-50 kept tensions simmering. In 1948, America called on the United Nations to sponsor a vote for Koreans to determine their future government. When the North refused to participate, the South formed its own government in Seoul and in the North the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was formed under Kim Il Sung.

Kim Il Sung was able to get Joseph Stalin to support an invasion of South Korea; China also gave agreement. Given this support and the expectation that America would not get involved, North Korea invaded the South in June 1950, and made swift progress southward. World events were to determine future action: Russia detonated an atomic bomb and China declared the establishment of People's Republic of China – it suddenly looked to

America that Communism was spreading and this could be stopped in Korea.

The UN Security Council passed Resolution 82 which condemned the attack and called for an immediate cessation of hostilities. The UN also called on member nations to provide assistance to South Korea and on 27 June, 1950, President Truman ordered American forces to South Korea to repulse the North's invasion. The 1st Commonwealth Division was formed with infantry units of the British Army, Canadian Army and Australian Army forming the bulk of the Division.

We have probably all seen the television programme M\*A\*S\*H. Whilst clearly fiction it does show the hardships and futilities of the Korean War.



*KSLR Embarking to Korea*

Eight hundred and ninety men of The Glosters sailed for Korea in October 1950 on board the Empire Windrush as part of 29 Brigade. The band of the Gloucestershire Regiment played on the quayside as the men went aboard and there was a roar from the men lining the rails as the band broke into the strains of 'Faraway places'. The Commanding Officer was Lieutenant Colonel James Carne, and the Glosters were part of the second contingent of reinforcements bound for Korea. Among the men who sailed were Regular, Regular Reserve and National Servicemen.



*Glosters at Imjin*



*Glosters overlook the Imjin River*

As the vast Chinese army pushed southwards, the men of the Glosters found themselves in the front line on the Imjin River in April 1951, it was here, during a fierce battle that they were to earn the soliloquy 'The Glorious Glosters'. Taking part in the action was Platoon Commander Denys Whatmore of Cheltenham, a national service volunteer who described it thus: "The dawn came and we were so engaged in the fight and

it was full daylight before we knew it. At about 0530 hours, the Chinese over-ran part of No 1 section, got into the slit trenches there and opened fire on the rest of us. I had a glimpse of a young Chinese in a steel helmet, mouth open, shouting, and then he threw a grenade at me. It flew towards my trench, the wooden handle gyrating in the air, and I just had time to yell 'grenade' to warn the others, and to duck, when it fell on the breastwork of the lip of the trench. It teetered, dropped back outside the breastwork and exploded with an awful bang, showering us with stones."

The battle was brutal. Perched on Hill 235 (renamed Gloster Hill) overlooking the Imjin River, the Glosters held back the advance of the Chinese 63rd Army for several days. Despite the entire 29 Brigade being told to retreat the Glosters were isolated and unable to and held the line. By the third night of the battle they were completely surrounded, but continued to fight to the last bullet. Attempts to resupply the Battalion by air were unsuccessful. Despite their difficult situation, the Glosters held their positions on Hill 235 throughout 24 April and the night of 24/25 April.

In the morning of 25 April, the fight was over and only the remains of D Company escaped successfully from Gloster Hill and reached the safety of friendly lines after several days.

522 men of the Battalion were taken prisoner, including Lieutenant Colonel Carne; 59 men had been killed in action and a further 34 died in captivity.

The PoWs endured horrific conditions for two and half years before release. They returned to the UK in November 1953. Lieutenant Colonel Carne and Lieutenant Curtis were awarded the Victoria Cross and the Battalion was awarded a US Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation.



*Lt Col Carne*

The KSLI deployed to Korea in May 1951. During the early stages they were stationed on steep hills and slopes and late May 1951 took up a defensive location on the Imjin River where the Glosters had fought.



*KSLI Light Machine Gun Post*

The fighting that took place on the Imjin would result in a stalemate. For the next two years the two sides would be involved in a period of static fighting, made worse by the extreme weather conditions. The strength of the opposing army was growing so rapidly that at one time they threw three divisions against the KSLI location, with the Chinese army using self-propelled guns and tanks. This required an equal response from the KSLI and their comrades, causing the expenditure of ammunition to become very high. On 17<sup>th</sup> November it was reported that the Mortar Platoon fired nearly 7,000 rounds of ammunition, with one man being reported to have fed almost 4.5 tons 'down the spout' in one night whilst under constant enemy fire.

The KSLI lost 62 men killed in action

Those that served in Korea were awarded both the British and United Nations Korea Medals.



# CHARITY PRESENTATION EVENING

A reason to be proud to be a Herefordshire Freemason



**What a great night! Well over one hundred charity representatives and Brethren were joined by the High Sheriff of Herefordshire, Deputy Lieutenant and the Chair of Herefordshire Council in celebration of our support for local charities.**

A magnificent effort from all of our Lodges, most of whom were well represented on the night.

The RW Provincial Grand Master Michael Holland opened the event and welcomed all those in attendance. The Provincial Comms Officer W Bro Andrew Moore provided a brief potted history of the Province.

As the donations were made the Provincial Charity Steward, W Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor described the services provided by each charity and how they helped the local community.

It was fascinating to understand the range and diversity of services provided and to see how the money would be used.

The RW Provincial Grand Master announced the total donated on the night and the overall total donated to charities by the Province and the MCF to Herefordshire charities.

Our donations, together with funding from the MCF, took the total donated to well over £110,000 as additional donations were made during the presentation ceremony on top of the amount already recorded in the Powerpoint presentation.

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The High Sheriff of Herefordshire, Robert Robinson, rounded off the presentations saying what a difference we made with our donations, especially to small charities who support our communities in Herefordshire.

The PGM commented.

***“I am delighted at the tremendous success of this event with over one hundred people attending. We were graced with the presence of the Deputy Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Chair of Herefordshire Council and many distinguished guests and I look forward to repeating the event in the future to demonstrate the relevancy of Freemasonry in the local community going forward.”***



## Just some of the charities your donations have helped.

Hereford Music Fund  
 Homes for Ukraine  
 Wye Valley NHS Trust  
 We Are Farming Minds  
 Headway  
 Echo  
 Marches Family Network  
 Megan Baker House  
 Leominster Meeting Centre  
 Water Aid  
 Guide Dogs For the Blind  
 Friends of Ross Hospital  
 RDA  
 RNC  
 St. Michael's Hospice  
 Ross Action Committee  
 Wyeplay  
 Ross Good Neighbours  
 Ross First Responders  
 Ross Foodbank  
 Ross Community Larder  
 RNLI  
 Close House Project

Ledbury Naturalists  
 Samaritans  
 Veterans Support  
 St John's Ambulance  
 Hereford Foodbank  
 Hereford Perpetual Trust  
 Bromyard First Responders  
 Ledbury Foodbank  
 First Light Trust  
 Head Torches  
 Kim Preece Trust  
 Dementia Matters  
 Poppy Wreath  
 Hereford Veterans  
 Little Princess Trust  
 SANDS  
 Keith Leighton Neuro Fund  
 Talgarth Tuesday Club  
 Hay St. Mary's FC  
 Simon Smith Charity Run  
 Hereford RC Mind S Smith  
 Cathedral School Ege Parker  
 Ledbury Swifts FC

# Grand Officers Walk Across Wales

*W Bro David Joyce recalls a mad idea that raised a handsome sum.*



While under pressure recently to sort out piles of papers, I came across a photo which brought back some wonderful memories. In the early part of 2008, the year of the Herefordshire Grand Charity Festival, we were discussing ways to assist with the contributions, when a certain W.Bro Allan William Lloyd came up with an idea, which at the time seemed too potty to even think about! He suggested that our Grand Officers should walk across Wales as a sponsorship exercise, 'Well', he said, 'it's never been done before!' It could even be timed to coincide with the special retirement meeting of RW Bro John Benjamin Lloyd, as Provincial Grand Master for West Wales.

And, you know what? That's what we did! Initial enquiries of my colleagues were positive and so arrangements were put into place. The whole route from Kington to Aberystwyth, using the Mountain Road from Rhayader to Devils Bridge, was divided up into roughly 10-mile sections, with the stipulation that each would walk his section at some time during the day, ensuring that everyone met at the end at about 4pm.

RW Bro Rodney Smallwood and VW Bro Mike Roff had section one, I took on section two, the late W.Bro John Butler, section three, the late W Bro Ege Parker section four, W.Bro John Hartley section five and the late RW Bro David Bowen section six. The late W.Bro Jim Turner was part of the back-up team.

We were very fortunate on that day, 1st May, 2008, the weather behaved and we all arrived as planned, to be met by very enthusiastic members of the Aberystwyth Lodge, at the Lletty Park Hotel. We were refreshed handsomely by them and had time to change and head for the Lodge meeting. Needless to say, it was a very well attended special evening. My only problem was that when everyone stood for the Loyal Toast, I couldn't - my legs totality failed at that moment.

The sponsorship was phenomenal and came in from many directions, resulting in £7,390 to the Festival, and the comradeship with Aberystwyth members continues, for me, to this day.

# 'Then and Now'

*Bro Andy Taylor of Eastnor Lodge looks back at some well know Hereford landmarks*

Following on from my article in the January 23 edition, regarding the Home Guard in Hereford, I thought it might be interesting to send a few photographs linked to an up to date photograph of the location they were taken in.

I wonder how many men of the Home Guard were Masons? How many Masons have supported Hereford United FC and Hereford FC – how many were on disbandment parade on Edgar St in December 1944?



**Above Left** - The Home Guard Disbandment Parade held on Edgar St Football Ground December 1944

**Above Right**- Edgar St Football Ground October 2023.

The reference points are the Cathedral Tower and the Spire of All Saints. The 1944 photo shows the Hereford Power Station on the left and the building between the two with the tower - if it still exists it is obscured by the Odeon Cinema building. In the modern photograph the scene is dominated by the floodlight pylons and the Old Market buildings and carpark, which have replaced the Dutch Barn corrugated roofed buildings of the cattle market.



**Above Left** - St Ethelbert's Almshouses - Hereford Sector Home Guard 1944

**Above Right** - St Ethelbert's Almshouses 2022

This photograph shows men and women of HQ Sector Herefordshire Home Guard outside St Ethelbert's almshouses in Castle Street Hereford.

# Are You Fundraising?

*Did you know there is an alternative to Just Giving run by the MCF?*



Will you be fund raising for your Lodge or HMCA?

Then here is a FREE and easy to use alternative to JustGiving.

## Freemasonry Gives

Follow the link: <https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/masonic-charitable-foundation>

Choose your Lodge or HMCA Relief Chest and click on 'Become a Fund Raiser'.

Remember everything you raise in sponsorship goes to your chosen Relief Chest.

No hidden costs, no fees to any fund raising page.

A free resource supplied by Freemason's charity the MCF

## Charity Updates



## MCF Grants In Herefordshire

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 we have received the following grants as a Province.



**12**  
Grants



**£44,138**  
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/>

**Vitruvian Christmas Lunch**  
 Sunday, 26th November  
 Ross Masonic Hall  
 Edde Cross St  
 Ross on Wye

**Doors Open 1.30pm, Lunch for 2pm**  
**£30 Per Person**  
 Email WBro Russell with numbers

**Booking details on the website**

**Friends and Children Welcome**

**Coningsby Lodge Annual Festival  
 'It's a Kind of Magic'**



**Come and join us for an evening of fun, food and fascinating feats of prestidigitation. The festivities will be followed by music and dancing.**

When: November 18th 7.00 for 7.30 pm  
 Where: Hereford Masonic Hall  
 Cost: £30

Dress Code: Brethren and Gentlemen- Jacket and Tie  
 Ladies- Cocktail dresses

Menu: Starter- Creamy Garlic Mushrooms or Prawn Cocktail  
 Main- Roast Beef or Salmon with Watercress Sauce  
 Sweet- Raspberry Pavlova or Jam Roly Poly  
 Followed by Cheese Board, a Glass of Port, Tea/Coffee and Mints.

**Booking details on the website**

**Dean Waterfield  
 Christmas Curry Booking Form**  
 7 for 7:30pm Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
 At the Masonic Hall Kyrle Street

From W Bro / Bro / Mr/ Mrs ..... Tel ..... Please book .....  
 places for me at £15 per person. Payment may be made via BACs or cheque.  
 I enclose a cheque for £ ..... made out to 'Dean Waterfield Social Club'.  
 I will pay via BACs – please use Curry followed by your Surname as a reference i.e. **CurryAndrews**

**Booking details on the website**

**Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Curry buffet with vegetarian selection

Please indicate if you would like Eton Mess or Cheese & Biscuits

Name: .....	Name: .....
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**Royal Edward Lodge  
 CANDLELIGHT DINNER**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

The Leominster Masonic Centre

Please enter your menu choice numbers and send this slip by **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** to:

**Booking details on the website**

Names	Starter	Main	Sweet

**Booking details on the website**

**Tickets £30. Dinner Jackets or Lounge Suits. 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. prompt**

**Musical Entertainment provided by "Smokestack."**

**Traditional Christmas Raffle**

Starters Choices	Main Course Choices	Sweet or Cheese Choice
1 Broccoli & Stilton Soup	4 Roast Turkey with Traditional Trimmings	7 Brandy Snaps filled with Cream & Raspberries,
2 Prawn Cocktail	5 Vegetable Lasagne	8 Apple Pie and Cream
3 Pate with Caramelised Onion Chutney	6 Nut Roast	9 Cheese & Biscuits with Grapes

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

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



Did you find the apples?

## Know Your Apples

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Spartan Scrumptious Meridian Mairac Limelight Kent

Jupiter Jonagold Discovery Crispin Cox Bramley Braeburn



Can you find and do you know your Gunpowder Plot?

## The Gunpowder Plot 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 1605

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