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By W Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC

This month I ask: Media and Technology in Freemasonry: Asset or not?

We now live in an age where we rely on our laptop, Android or smart watch and where the volume of information is increasing daily. Many in Freemasonry have sought to embrace this to advantage us with a more rapid response and detail in information. But how much do we take in; how much do we react; how much do we actually bother to read?

I recently did a survey of 20 Masons and asked the following questions. If you were not one of the 20, perhaps you can supply your own answers.

- 1. Have you visited the <u>Herefordshire Provincial</u> website this month?
- 2. Have you visited the **Solomon** site this month?
- 3. Have you opened up the UGLE 'First Rising' weekly message this month?
- 4. Have you opened up the MCF message this month?
- 5. Have you listened to any **podcast** from UGLE?

I was going to ask Andrew to put the answers on another page, but I wondered if there would be any response. So, they are:-

1. One. 2. None. 3. Three. 4. Two. 5. None.

And, of course, what have you done with the FMT magazine this month?

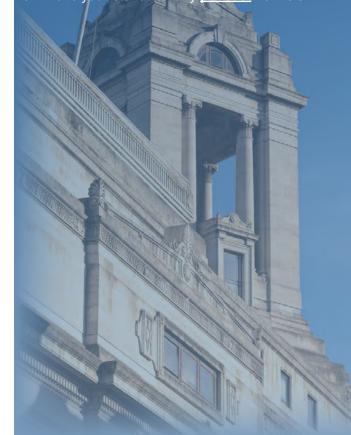
We can all find reasons or excuses for not doing so, but is it something more than this? In keeping us 'involved', are our leaders wasting their time? We open up our emails several times a day and deal with them as necessary, putting the others aside for when we have time. But something gets in the way, another problem / interest takes our attention, until it is too late and the unread can be sent to the delete box.

So, how does this affect us as Freemasons? I have always considered Freemasonry to be a way of living my life, a set of principles to enable me to help others in all circumstances and support the best in human nature. The mass of information can now lead to overload, leaving us with too many choices and decisions; the main culprit being technology.

I would, however, encourage you to visit one of the sites occasionally, for there is still much to be gained. The Masonic Trail in the Cathedral for instance could make a visit with your relatives and friends more interesting. (Herefordshire Masons website). So much information is now available, indeed I have used it for a number of my previous articles, but use it we must. I do hope that you are able to find something new and interesting before your next meeting, and are able to share it with others. Technology is not a bad thing, we just need to find a little time for it to serve us.

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 (X) 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



# Installation with a difference



**Pictured Left** W Bro Gareth Evans the new Worshipful Master of **Delphis** Lodge with the Provincial Grand Master, members of the Lodge and members of the **Provincial Team** 



One of the first Installations of the season was at Delphis Lodge where W Bro Gareth Evans was Installed watched by a number of visitors. There was a good turnout from the Provincial Team to support the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Michael Holland.

Afterwards Gareth commented on social media. "It was an amazing night, a lot of hard work was put into it, and went absolutely swimmingly. A night that I hope never to forget."

We wish you all the best and hope you have a great year in the chair Gareth!



# **Golf Tournament Fans?**

At the Provincial Open Tournament in September, there were a few additional fans on the course to cheer on the players.

(No golfers were hurt in the production of these photographs!)



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# 🌉 Eastnor Supports Carnival

On Monday 28th August the Eastnor team had a stand at Ledbury's Annual Carnival. This is part of three year plan to increase awareness of Freemasonry and its links to the local community plus a great opportunity for those who may have an interest to find out more.

It was a good day with plenty of conversation with people and charities, supported by the members rotating during the day

We look forward to supporting again next year!







# Membership Matters

These are the events in and around the Province.

<u>Details of how to book are on the Provincial Members website here.</u>

## PROVINCIAL EVENTS LIST - From November 2024

| Date                          | Lodge / Chapter                              | Event/Venue                             |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 2024                          |  |   |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Supreme Grand Chapter                        | FMH                                     |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> November | PSA Testing Day                              | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> December  | Dean Waterfield Murder Mystery Xmas<br>Curry | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December | UGLE Quarterly Communications                | FMH                                     |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> December | PROVINCIAL CAROL SERVICE                     | St. Martins Church, Ross Road, Hereford |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Royal Edward Lodge Christmas Party           | LMC                                     |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> December | <b>Delphis Lodge Christmas Party</b>         | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| 2025                          |  |   |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 | Light Blues Lodge of Instruction Event       | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025  | Coningsby Lodge Burns Night                  | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025 | UGLE Light Blues Event                       | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025 | PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE                       | Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford    |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 | PROVINCIAL CATHEDRAL SERVICE                 | Hereford Cathedral                      |

Please notify any planned events to the Provincial Grand Secretary

provgsec@herefordshiremasons.org.uk



## **Remembering Departed Brethren**

I am sure anyone who has been to the Hereford Masonic Centre will have seen the tribute on the wall near the bar to the six Herefordshire Brethren who fell during WWI.

We will be remembering them and other Brethren who have gone to the Grand Lodge above this November at our various Remembrance Day events.



| W Bro Wilfred Carless PPrGStB | Palladian Lodge No 120  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| W Bro Fredrick Cooper         | Vitruvian Lodge No 338  |
| Bro Gerald Anthony            | Eastnor Lodge No 751    |
| Bro Harry Smith               | Eastnor Lodge No 751    |
| Bro Rhys Roberts              | Arrow Lodge No 2240     |
| Bro James Brackner D.S.O      | Loyal Hay Lodge No 2382 |



The Province of Herefordshire is in the process of starting a Widows Sons Chapter.

The Widows Sons is an International Association that is open to all Freemasons who enjoy motorcycling and have a desire to ride with, and associate with, their fraternal brothers. We are required to always represent the fraternity in a positive light. The Widows Sons serve to raise money for charitable causes, raise Masonic awareness while attending public motorcycling events and support our regular Lodges in whatever capacity we are able. Widows Sons Chapters have helped to increase Masonic membership through our presence and visibility during public motorcycle events and rallies.



During the riding season we will aim to organise Chapter ride-outs during most summer months or suggest joining in other Chapters events. There is also a program of other non-Masonic ride-outs that we, as a Chapter, will attend and encourage participation in National events (eg the Ride to the Wall) or regional events such as the Ride4life.

Things may be slower during the winter months; however get togethers and social gatherings will take place all year round, and the Widows Sons will try to make these events 'family friendly' so that all members of the family can participate wherever possible.

Members are expected to attend rides and events whenever they can and particularly the AGM and General Purposes meetings, where the running of the association is discussed.

This is a basic outline of what we hope to achieve. The Widows Sons is not tied to a specific motorcycle or manufacturer and we endeavour to be fully inclusive, making people aware that Freemasons ride all sorts of bikes.

So you would like to be a fully patched Widows Son? Well for that you do need to be a Master Mason. But good news, if you are a Mason below the rank of a Master Mason there is an



associated group, which is also for non-Masons, but we all ride together.

This association, which is open to Masons below the rank of Master Mason, but also to non-Freemasons, provides an ideal form of membership for those bikers, or family and friends, who want to come and enjoy our company and our ride-outs.

For any further information and to join please contact:

Bro Jim Turpin of Dean Waterfield Lodge

Details on the Events Page of the Members website here.

# Provincial Grand Lodge of Herefordshire

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Mrs Christine Holland cordially invite you and your families to attend the inaugural

# **Christmas Carol Service**

Saturday 14th December 2024 at 6pm

Families welcome Refreshments available

To be held at St Martin's Church 89 Ross Road Hereford HR2 7RJ

Please let your Lodge Secretary know if you are coming, so we can establish numbers for the catering.



# Dedication

# The Dedication of the Ross on Wye Masonic Hall in October 2024

The Lodge room was full to capacity for the Dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Ross on Wye at their October meeting.

The RW Provincial Grand Master acted as the Dedicating Officer and led his team during a very interesting Dedication ceremony. This ceremony is not seen very often and the capacity 'audience' saw the Provincial Grand Master, his Wardens and the Provincial Chaplain carry out the Dedication at the first Vitruvian meeting of the new season.

A copy of the building plans were presented by W Bro Martin Thorne, and the Lodge Chaplain, W Bro Andrew Moore, delivered the Oration. This tracked the history of Freemasonry in Ross on Wye from the 1760s, running parallel with key events in the local history, including the birth of tourism in the UK.

The Dedicating Officer Dedicated the Hall three times, accompanied by the Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens:

- To Freemasonry
- To Virtue
- To Universal Benevolence

The Provincial Chaplain then described the meaning and symbolism of Censing the Temple which he then did followed by the closing prayer.

A Festive Board was enjoyed by around seventy Brethren to complete the evening.



The plans presented to the RW Provincial Grand Master by W Bro Martin Thorne showing the design of the new building in the middle.

The photographs around the outside from W Bro Tom Maguire, show the move process from the old Masonic Hall to the new one from top left clockwise

#### Left to right below

The Provincial Team who supported the RW Provincial Grand Master.

Michael Holland, with The Worshipful Master of Vitruvian Lodge, W Bro Peter Dunn and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Graham King.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro | The plans with the Dedicating Officer, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Michael Holland and W Bro Peter Dunn, the Worshipful Master of Vitruvian Lodge No 338.







# Caeruleum Club

# Past, Present and Future Club Events

A new social and community focused group for all Masons, led by the "Light Blue" Brethren, to use the learnings and values of Freemasons to better our local communities and Freemasonry as a whole.



# **WORK**

In the community

# R.E.S.T

Represent, Educate, Support and Travel

# **PLAY**

#### Social Events

Further details of our events can be found on our website here.

# https://caeruleum.club/club-events/





# **KEEP THE DATE**

# First Degree Demonstration With Commentary

Saturday 18th January 2025 10:30am

This event provides a chance to perform a First Degree ceremony with commentary to explain the wording, movements and tools used during the ceremony.

Organised by the Provincial Mentor and the Learning and Development Officer in conjunction with the Caeruleum Club. It provides the opportunity to learn ritual, but also to provide an understanding and background to what we do and why we do it.

A buffet with tea and coffee will follow at a cost of £10.

Details will be sent via Lodge Secretaries and can be viewed on the Provincial Website events page.

#### In and around Hereford.

The Team from the Caeruleum Club have been out and about supporting the Royal British Legion with their 2024 Poppy Appeal.

As a Province we have visited close to one hundred businesses and schools around Hereford delivering packs and collection tins. Well done team.





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# In and around Hereford.

The Team from the Caeruleum Club also helped out with stewarding the car park for the St Michael's Hospice Firework Display on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Hereford Racecourse. Thanks again for representing the Province so well, you are doing a great job.



# The Kirkwall Scroll

# W Bro Geoff Wilding - Royal Edward Lodge



The Kirkwall Scroll is a 250-year-old historic Masonic artefact, which is held by the Brethren of Kirkwall Kilwinning Lodge No 382 in their Lodge room on the Island of Orkney. The true origin of the scroll has been hotly debated since the late 1800s.

Lodge minutes would seem to show that the scroll is in fact a Masonic floorcloth that was presented to the Lodge by a Bro William Graeme in January 1786. This was at a time when we had two Grand Lodges vying for supremacy in England, which we know today as the 'Antients' and 'Moderns', and Bro Graeme had been initiated into the Burlington Lodge No 128 of the Ancient Constitution of England.

It is thought that Bro Graeme either created the floorcloth himself, or had it made in London before he went back home to Orkney, and therefore it reflects the symbols that were in use by the 'Antients' at that time.

Although few now remain, records show that several of this type of removeable floorcloth were made for use during Masonic ceremonies and then rolled up and safely stored away afterwards. It is believed that they were a middle stage of progression between chalking Masonic symbols on the floor and erasing them after the ceremony, and the type of Lodge setup we enjoy today.

Assuming that the symbols on the scroll are those that were used in the ceremonies of the 'Antients', it is interesting to see how many are still relevant in our ceremonies today, however, the significance of many have been lost to antiquity, for instance:



This symbol clearly has what seems to be a Latin inscription NUTERINA ET SULTERINA, but a meaning to these words or phrase has never been established, and although some of the tools displayed, such as the ladder and the standard are commonly used in some Degrees, their conjoined signification in this symbol has been lost.

Similarly, this symbol has also defied translation, although it has been established that the Roman numerals refer to the number 89, which forms the basis of the Fibonacci series and is known as the Golden Ratio, and can refer to the Grand Architect of the Universe.



There is still a lot to be uncovered in the symbolism of the Kirkwall Scroll, and to hear the full presentation at your Lodge meeting please contact W Bro Geoff Wilding via email at <a href="mailto:ks.talk23@gmail.com">ks.talk23@gmail.com</a>

"Thanks for an excellent and most interesting presentation."

RW Bro Michael Holland - Provincial Grand Master of Herefordshire

"One of the best presentations Portsmouth Lodge have ever had." W Bro Roger Barnard – Secretary

# ROYAL EDWARD LODGE 10th OCTOBER 2024 A SPECIAL EVENING

W Bro Geoff Wilding

It's always a special evening when one of our members is fully made a Mason and Peter proved to be a splendid candidate.



Then, at the after proceedings, a very senior Mason visiting us from Suffolk, the Reverend Kevan McCormack,



presented Peter with his copy of the Masonic Bible, which had been signed by all the Brethren present.

However, what many Brethren hadn't realised was that this was also a very special evening for the Rev Kevan, as forty years ago, almost to the day, he had been Initiated

Before the meeting got under way, he was shown the 1984-minute book by Dave Sayers who had been the Lodge Secretary at the time, pointing out the insert regarding his Initiation.

Then, following an emotional response to the visitors' toast given by the Rev Kevan, he was surprised to receive a specially crafted certificate commemorating the special anniversary.

into Royal Edward Lodge.



The Rev Kevan was somewhat overwhelmed by the presentation, which had been kept a secret from him.



Even the three very senior Suffolk Masons who had come to support him, and knew it was going to happen, hadn't let on



And as a final commemoration of the evening Dave Sayers represented the Rev Kevan with his copy of the ritual book, which he had signed as Secretary in 1984 and now added a further inscription some forty years later.







# Herefordshire Provincial Golf Society



Our final event of the season saw the Provincial Championships and Open held this year at the South Herefordshire Golf Club, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, with nine Masonic members and four guests; we also had the company of W Bro Andrew Moore, the photographer for the day, ably assisted by his daughter, Hannah.

As usual this was a Gross/Net and Stableford competition for the Herefordshire golfers and a Stableford for the guests, with two nearest the pin challenges on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, the latter of which is a real tester as those who have played South Herefordshire will testify.

#### Winners:

Best Gross was W Bro Colin Kerfoot Best Net was W Bro Des Watkins Best Stableford Bro Norman Goodman.

#### **Nearest the Pin:**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> Colin Kerfoot On the 17<sup>th</sup> Dave Hails (guest)

#### **Other Prizes:**

There were also prizes for the Best Visiting Mason, Brian Gargett (Gloucestershire), who has become a regular to our event and non-Mason's guest.

We were joined for the meal after the golf by our RW PGM Michael Holland and his wife Christine and the VW DPGM Graham King and his wife Jackie.

and challenging holes, particularly long for those of us who have lost distance with age, but none the less enjoyable. I must congratulate the catering staff who provided us with our meals; all in all a very good day.

We have started to plan for 2025, which hopefully will be a big year as we host the 10 Provinces Midland Competition, which will be played at Ross on Wye Golf Club.

The golf sections are looking to use that as the start of a contribution towards the Provinces festival year.

## Matches for next year

- Gwent in May at home,
- Gloucestershire in July, an away match
- Worcestershire/Shropshire Triangular away at Shropshire

Dates and venues to be confirmed.

The A.G.M. meeting will be held in March 2025 at Kyrle Street; more information will be circulated early in the New Year.

Finally a big thank you to all those members who have supported the section in 2024 and we look forward to meeting up in 2025.

The course was in very good condition with some long















Clockwise from top left
Best Gross was W Bro Colin Kerfoot
Best Net was W Bro Des Watkins
Best Stableford Bro Norman Goodman.

W Bro Dave Gwynne receives his trophy from a previous match against Gwent. W Bro Dave Griffiths with his raffle prize Best Visiting Mason Brian Gargett (Gloucestershire)















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# The Expression That Says It All!

Next stop . . . Everest Base Camp

# "Can I really believe I am doing this?"

So says Simon Clark, Third Principal at Cotteswold Chapter at Cirencester. . . . and more than a few medical experts are similarly raising their eyebrows in amazement.

#### **Determination and resilience**

We read in the summer edition of the Gloucestershire Provincial Newsletter 'Squaretalk' that Simon's life changed forever in October 2019, when he was involved in an horrific car accident that tragically took the life of his partner of over 22 years. The medic attending the crash scene described him as 'one of the most broken people I've ever seen." After two and a half months in a coma, Simon came around to the daunting news that he would forever be reliant on life support. It had to be accepted that he would never leave a hospital bed and most definitely never walk again.

What had not been introduced to the equation, however, was Simon's determination and resilience. His miraculous recovery was such that he walked out of hospital just six months from the day of the accident.

Now, Simon is on a mission to give back and inspire others. He is dedicated to raising funds for the <u>Great Western Air Ambulance Charity</u>, the service that played a crucial role in saving his life.

Simon is embarking on a mission to travel the world, taking on some of the most gruelling physical challenges. His goal? To inspire and motivate others to overcome their own obstacles, while shining a spotlight on the critical work of the Air Ambulance services.

## Making a difference

"My journey is not just about personal triumph," says Simon. "It's about making a difference. By tackling these extraordinary feats, I aim to grow the digital footprint of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity, raising awareness and support for their life-saving missions."



The medic attending the crash scene described him as "one of the most broken people I've ever seen."

## **Financial support**

Everest may be on the horizon, but it's not the only high point Simon is setting his sights on! The trek is only the second in a long line of ever-increasing challenges he's facing to raise a ridiculously large sum of money. He remains optimistic about achieving his target, but even then, it will represent only one year's worth of operating funds for GWAAC. His ambitious endeavour requires financial support. Any contributions he receives will help cover travel expenses, entry fees for challenges, and necessary gear; some of which you can see above. More importantly, it will enable Simon to continue sharing his incredible journey, motivating people globally, and advocating for the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity and ALL of the other Air Ambulance services within the UK. "Already, I've heard of one Lodge proposing the donation of a three-figure sum," he added. "It's like an investment . . . what I hope to raise will be many multiples of that sum."

As a rigorous test of his spirit and fortitude, Simon is preparing for a trek to Everest Base Camp, proving that with the right mindset, anything is achievable.

Simon is requesting donations to help him on his journey. Financial assistance will not only help him undertake this incredible challenge, but also raise awareness and funds for Air Ambulance charities across the UK. Readers can join Simon in his inspiring mission to show the world that optimism and resolve can lead to extraordinary outcomes. "Together, we can make a difference and prove that, with the right support, anyone can be unconquerable." Donate now to help Simon inspire the world and support ALL of the Air Ambulance services. You can make a donation via GoFundMe here.

Watch Simon's GWAAC video on YouTube.

Simon is also third Principal at Cotteswold Chapter at Cirencester, has been through the chairs of both KT and KTP, and is the current President of Gloucestershire Masonic Society.

# The Annual Convocation

# Hereford September 14th 2024

Held on 14<sup>th</sup> September in Hereford, the Annual Convocation was well attended with around one hundred and thirty Companions and as you can see from the pictures, enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all those that received preferment.















# North Wales Provincial Meeting



number of Brethren and Companions represented the Craft and Royal Arch Provinces at the North Wales Provincial Craft and Chapter meetings at the beginning of October.

The picture above shows L to R: W Bro Adam Evans, ProvAGSec in the Craft, E Comp Dave Hedley, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Royal Arch Province, and Stuart Jones as Provincial Grand Junior Warden in the Craft and Provincial Grand Treasurer in the Royal Arch.

# Inter Provincial Meeting

The 2024 Inter-Provincial Team Visit between Wiltshire and Gloucestershire and Herefordshire was held at Vassar-Smith Chapter N° 2994 in Lydney.

The event was attended by The Most Excellent Grand Superintendents of Wiltshire, EComp John C Reid, and Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, EComp Michael T Holland, as well as members of both Provincial Teams.

It was a very memorable evening to watch EComp Graham King installing his successor and the new Principals of Vasser-Smith Chapter 2994.



# **Community Engagement**

The Not Forgotten Military Charity Veterans Day.





Suffolk, W Bro Jamie Gwatkin, had issued an urgent appeal for help.

He had started a partnership with the 'Not Forgotten' military charity in London and developed a programme of Military Veterans Days across the UK. On 17th

September they were meant to visit Staffordshire however this had to be cancelled due to a last-minute problem with the venue. Thankfully one of the friends of 'Not Forgotten' offered their premises so the event was able to go ahead.

He had issued an urgent appeal to Herefordshire to see if they could run the event, which was then held at Allensmore in Herefordshire.

W Bro Bryan Wood, our Provincial Grand Secretary rallied the troops from Herefordshire and managed to get enough volunteers for the event to go ahead. Paul Sabel, Jack Leeming, David Sayers, Kevin Sisson, Mick Barry and Bryan assisted with car parking and distributing the food before tucking into the hog roast. It was a sunny day with excellent entertainment and a very enjoyable day for all.

A highly enjoyable day thanks to the efforts of a few volunteers showing our commitment to both community engagement and to the Armed Services Covenant.

The Theme of the Day was a "Garden Party Drive In". There was live musical entertainment on stage in front of the house, a Pimms reception on arrival, with lunch served between musical arrangements and tea and cake at the end. There was also Singo/Bingo and a raffle. Most importantly, there

The Provincial Grand Almoner from was lots of chat with the Veterans and their helpers. Some find it difficult to get out and therefore we needed to make them feel special.

# One Veteran provided this feedback at the end of the day:

"The day made me feel socially included, and I felt that I fitted in. Being a disabled Veteran with my injuries, it is very difficult to get out and about doing things that normal people do. After time, this does naturally chip away at the mental health and has [done so] personally for me. Before I discovered The Not Forgotten and attended your Drivein, I was feeling very isolated, completely ignored, and frankly left to rot by the country I was injured in serving. I then came home from the Drive-in absolutely beaming with positivity and since that day my mental health and outlook on life has improved dramatically and I have not stopped talking about it since. I now feel strongly that my service to the Country was not all one-sided, and it is The Not Forgotten Team I have to thank, from the bottom of my heart."

## RW Bro Michael Holland The Provincial **Grand Master added:**

"I am delighted that the Province of Herefordshire was able to assist your worthy cause in a small way during The Not Forgotten event at Holly House last month. I understand it was a most enjoyable success and I am touched by the communication you quoted from one of your guests ..... I wish you every success in your future endeavours and if there is any way we can be of assistance in the future, we will be delighted to be of service."





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# **Community Engagement**

Delivering Poppies for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



In early September, after seeing an advert for new coordinators of RBL Poppy Appeal, Eastnor Lodge engaged with the Hereford Campaign Manager and agreed to take on the responsibility for running the appeal locally. This was seen as a great way to engage with the wider community to let them see Freemasonry supporting and being integrated with the local people.

Time was tight but the team worked together to co-ordinate ordering poppies/school kits, wreaths and many items based on historic sales information. Once it had been delivered it was then a case of sorting ready to be taken to local schools, homes and shops.

On 18th October over 60 boxes and tins were delivered around the town and outlying villages. Notices were sent to the other 30 groups wanting wreaths and deliveries are underway.

The following week was spent co-ordinating collection points in superstores and the High Street, with volunteers

including several Lodge members, plus some training on using the card machines!

24th October saw the official launch ceremony attended by local dignitaries, members of the public and Lodge members. The last post was sounded, followed by a minutes silence, then a short war poem was read before Reveille was played by a local bugler. It was a good event and well attended.

The poppies are out and collectors are collecting! We will, as a Lodge, lay a wreath on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the remembrance service, then after 11<sup>th</sup> November the team will collect all the tins etc in 2 days with all money to be counted and banked by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

So a busy time, but really cementing our place in the community and doing general good for our town. Through teamwork, the task is never quite as onerous at it may appear at first.



















# **Opening Our Doors**

# Ross Masonic Hall Open Day 14th September 2024

The Masonic Hall at Ross on Wye opened its doors to the public in September. Members of Vitruvian and Ariconium Lodges together with support from Vitruvian Chapter and Kyrle Mark Lodge put in a great amount of effort in preparing the Masonic Hall and created an interactive tour. A series of strategically placed posters described each office in the Lodge and provided a background to the history of Freemasonry together with a number of frequently asked questions. Each also included a QR code that led to a specially prepared website with further details. A video from UGLE was also playing to give attendees a background into Freemasonry.

The event was further supported by inviting some of the many charities that have been supported by the various units that meet at Ross on Wye. These included the local Cadets, the Royal British Legion, the Poppy Appeal and St Mary's Church.

In all around thirty people attended the event which was a great way to showcase Freemasonry's engagement with the local community.

If anyone would like to reuse any of the collateral created for the Open Day, it can be requested from the Provincial Communications Officer. <a href="mailto:pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk">pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk</a>





# **MCF Grants In Herefordshire**

From 1st April 2024 to 31st October 2024 we have received the following grants as a Province.



20 Grants



£46,447
The value of grants awarded



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

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





Over the last five years for the period from

31st October 2019 to 31st October 2024

in Herefordshire, we have received a total of



# **182** Grants totalling **£475**,635

Join Hereford City Poppy Appeal St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Square, Hereford Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 2.00pm

#### Featuring:

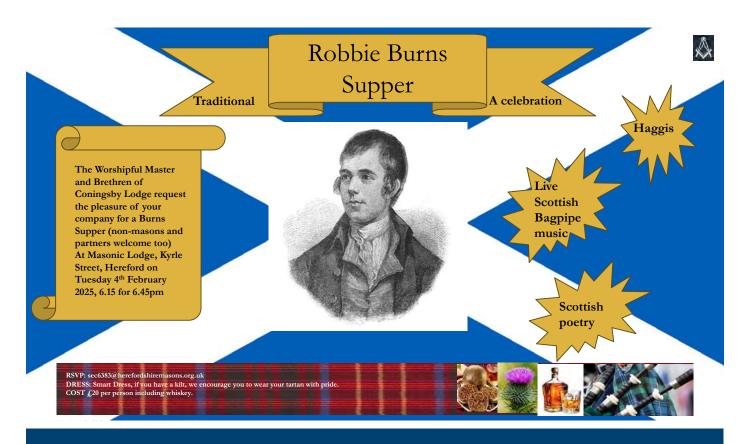
- Got 2 Sing Choir
- Trinity Primary School Choir
- An installation of artwork by students of Hereford College of Arts
- Artwork by the children of Trinity Primary School
- · 'The Poppy' by the People of Aspire

A display of knitted and crocheted poppies thanks to the generous donations from people from across the country.

Light refreshments served throughout the afternoon.

#### **FREE ENTRY**

#### DONATIONS TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HEREFORDSHIRE POPPY APPEAL



# **Events**

These are the events in and around the Province.

Details of how to book are on the Provincial Members website here.





# Last Month's Wordsearch Solution T@3 ==





Did you find the Holiday Flight themed words?

# Holiday Flight

J G F G B X Y V F P E G H X O W Y Y Y F H L N L U O Q U Z M Z I P T U E J X G B Z J K I P Y L S U L L FKEVXFULNTCEJAMIQGGAQKSC K U F Q G V I Q J I Q J M J L G N I O H E K A Q Y K T T F N B D I G U E H I P E R U T R A P E D E F J E O A I S L E N W T U T K T A U O L I X H M D Q A L W D C L TRUWOFDUTYFREE I M I K L K G F L M E E U A R B O D Y J G H N Y C YPVVKBUCH T Q L X Z W L F J W V H A O R O N T A B H I E Z L K C M N C W I G M F L K W D G E H Z G T D B S P H D L A T G L V D J N B T W U W Y U I J PNTNZWZTR L F L Y G L N E L H B R L C S NONOIR J G Y Y E S Y C P **A O** E B A O Z **E** A Y L C V L D H K L B D I W T P G B A C N C W Z SAI Z B Y E H N H A F N **R** A L **T** O C W **S** Q N S A **T** X G K N B A G G A G E A Q Y M P A J F M T A R J M P O V CDSTNEYRZEOUPERAS THMCHAQGE **H** H E V J X H W **G** R O **S** H L **R K** O B B K Z T G **S** U X M **B S** V B A L B M D D U W G Q A C T V B P V T P V W U F T E A V I W Y I R I C Y H M E X A W G S F G O L R B F W V I Q R J Q R T Z V T O Y P G A Q J O Y R E B N I W M J P O W P O E O T ΕF THVFRSA SLVVQF Z E U K S Q R B R K J H  $\mathsf{T} \mathsf{M} \mathsf{D} \mathsf{M} \mathsf{H} \mathsf{H} \mathsf{A} \mathsf{O} \mathsf{A}$ TIAPZRIJ  $\mathsf{B} \; \mathsf{E} \; \mathsf{L} \; \mathsf{X} \; \mathsf{M} \; \mathsf{L} \; \mathsf{L} \; \mathsf{A} \; \mathsf{Z}$ E A Z B S T F U S Z P M W C A K B X P A W R G B J BLGJ T B M K O I A Q R I L K F U N T T H M Q T U I X I F R R T V T K K G S X B Z A J A J G W J Y T H K Q D T **D** J D Q W N M L P H K J E A G I Q D J U Y R P K N

Landing Window **Trolly Tickets** Takeoff ShortHaul SeatBelt Pilot **Pillow** Safety LongHaul Locker Gate FlightDeck **DutyFree** Customs Departure Checkin Cabin Bridge Baggage Arrival **Aisle** Airport Air Steward

# This Month's Wordsearch



# Can you find the Remembrance Day related words?

# Remembrance Day

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Injuries Airmen Cenotaph Liberty Patriotic Spies Destruction **Armistice Ceasefire** Sailors Courage Flag Parade Lest we forget Helmet Loss Heroes Honour Navy Casualties Veterans Soldiers Respect Wreath Sacrifice **Poppies** Peace Victory Remembrance War