



# The Stag & Acorn



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## Upcoming Events

- Loughton Combined Chapters meeting. Friday 19 June
- Secretaries & Scribes Meeting. Thursday 5 March, starting 19:30
- Charity Steward Seminars, dates to be advised

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## Editorial

We are now into the second issue of the Stag & Acorn. Thank you for all the comments on the first Issue.

The key picture here shows the wreath laid by the Chairman at the War Memorial in Loughton on Remembrance Sunday.

The aim of the Newsletter is to keep all the brethren, companions and members who meet at Loughton up to date with events and occurrences. There is an opportunity for events and stories to get a local distribution. It should be considered as a local avenue for

news and events.

One element that has been disappointing over the last couple of months is lack of support for the Christmas events. For the first time the Carol Concert held at the Chigwell Police Club had to be cancelled due to lack of

numbers. And the Christmas High Tea was also cancelled due to lack of numbers. This last event was the Christmas event for the Widows of the centre.

In 2015 there will be a few events arranged and there will be a Christmas Event as well. All Secretaries and Scribes will be contacted to see if there is a desire to have this kind of event and if it should revert to a Christmas Dinner as previous, or try something new like to High Tea.

Again if you have any comments or you would like to contribute an article for publication please let me know.

Chris Hicks



## Essex Provincial Grand Lodge Appointments and Promotions

The following Brethren have been honoured by the Provincial Grand Master and will be appointed and invested at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Freemason's Hall Great Queen Street, London on Thursday 26 March 2014.

**FIRST APPOINTMENTS**  
[Provincial Senior Grand Deacon](#)  
 C G Stacey 7706

[Provincial Junior Grand Deacon](#)  
 H W Hessing 2508

[Provincial Asst Grand Sup't Works](#)  
 M L Nutt 4456

[Provincial Grand Steward](#)  
 P A Norrington 5613

[PPJGD](#)  
 R L Wood 3090  
 D W Mann 3147  
 A J Henderson 4609

[PPAGReg](#)  
 A Majlessi 3394

[PPAGDC](#)  
 R S Harris 1457  
 R C Hayday 3115

[PPGStB](#)  
 N A McCorry 7960  
 J F Wellings 6012  
 M S Meheux 8455

### PROMOTIONS

[PPJGW](#)  
 R M Collins 3115  
 K G Nutt 4456  
 P W Morris 7101  
 R Woodland 8284  
 R Carr 9821

[PPGSwdB](#)  
 D J Tidman 2508  
 M J Taylor 3090  
 L T Fretwell 4263  
 M B Penticost 4960  
 G P Stoneham 7311  
 D E Pearce 7760

[PPDepGSwdB](#)  
 M S Saunders 3090  
 D J Bedford 3394  
 R Glover 3945  
 C Dixon 5099  
 S E Hutton 6012  
 B F Waller 8291  
 J R W Smith 8455

[PPSGD](#)  
 G W Haymes 3090  
 R Maill 5705  
 C P McLaughlin 8291

## Ordained “Silver Surfer”



The Church of England  
in Essex and East London  
Diocese of Chelmsford



Mick Scotchmer with Bishop Stephen, Bishop of Chelmsford, on his Ordination at Chelmsford Cathedral

Mick Scotchmer, a member of the Earl of Warwick Lodge and Chapter and last year's Provincial Junior Grand Warden was ordained as a Deacon in the Church of England on 29 November 2014 by the Bishop of Chelmsford in his cathedral.

There were four ordained that day, all in their late sixties. Mick reported that it was a very moving service and a day he would never forget. The service itself was very impressive. The dean and chapter of a cathedral created a very impressive ceremonial occasion, in much the same way as the Province does at the annual investitures.

He was very pleased that a number of his Masonic friends were among the fifty or so people who came to support him on that day.

This was an evolutionary step for Mick rather than a revolutionary one. He had been a Christian all his life, having been born into a Christian family and having been an active Christian most of his life.

For many years he saw his role as being involved with the administrative side of the Church. He was church secretary for six years and church warden for eight. He had been a member of the Waltham Forest Deanery Synod for twelve years and on its Standing Committee for six.

However in 2006 he began to think he might be called to the ministry and he was encouraged by others to explore the

options. In 2007 he started four years training and in 2011 was licensed as a Lay Minister. At that time he still firmly believed that he was called to be ordained. But around Easter 2013 he began to feel that he might be a calling for him to the ordained ministry and entered the discernment (selection) process.

As with many things in the Church of England the discernment process is lengthy, but in May 2014 he was selected for Ordination which led to his ordination in November.

If all goes well and follows the plan he will be ordained a priest in November 2015.

As a more mature (“silver-surfer”) Ordinand he will not become the vicar of a parish, but will continue to serve as an Assistant Minister in his own church, St Anne, Chingford.

It is interesting to reflect that things often develop in a strange way. If Mick had thought in 2006 that he had been called to the ordained ministry he would have been rejected, under the then current Church of England policy, as being too old! This situation changed about three years ago and the current bishop decided to ordain lay ministers who were over 65 who felt called to the ministry.

Mick is looking forward to the coming years and to continuing his Masonry in tandem with his parish duties.

Your Charity Steward Representative, Brain Hilton will be in contact soon to let you know when the Seminars will be run. They will be at the LMC. There will also be Seminars at Chingford, Harlow, Hutton and Upminster if you cannot make the ones at Loughton.

For further information please contact Brain Hilton or Chris Hicks.

## Grand Lodge Tercentenary Celebrations - 2017

2017 will represent the Tercentenary of the founding of the first Grand Lodge at the Goose and Grid Iron on 24 June 1717.

300 years of history and heritage is a fantastic record from what Freemasons, in England and Wales and a large number around the world, consider to be the “Mother” Grand Lodge.

It has recently been announced that there will be a series of Celebrations of this culminating on Tuesday 31 October 2017 with a special event at the Albert Hall in London. There will be 5,000 places in the Albert Hall on that day, and to ensure that the event achieves the widest possible spread it will be streamed live over the internet.

This will mean that there will be the opportunity for Masonic centres and other locations to be part of the event by showing it live. In the Province of Essex it is proposed that there will be events during 2017, culminating in a number of centres around the Province opening and presenting the live feed. This will enable a much larger audience to be part of the event.

During the months leading up to the event in October there will be celebrations happening around the Province which will demonstrate the history and heritage of Freemasonry in Essex.

The Provincial Grand Master has asked Chris Hicks to coordinate these celebrations and he will be putting a small team together to ensure that these celebrations are open to all in the Province.

## Charity Stewards Refresher Seminars

After the successful distribution of the Charity Stewards Handbook a couple of years ago, accompanied by a series of Seminars for Charity Stewards the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, Colin Felton, has asked the local Charity Steward representatives to organise a series of Seminars around the Province.

These Seminars are planned to be run between March and December this year and will cover the key aspects to enable Lodge and Chapter Charity Stewards to be updated on changes over the last few years, particularly in the organisation of the four Masonic Charities, and specifically in the planning for the upcoming Festival.



## Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

At the Secretaries and Scribes meeting on Monday 17 November

- Building works had been undertaken on the front parking apron and subsidence had been identified which was due to the drainage pipes. These would be replaced or repaired,
- The damp in the front office had been remedied.
- Seats in the Lodge Room would be repaired before Christmas. The kneeling stools would be replaced and have been donated by W Bro Whittaker, Engayne Lodge.
- Chapter candles are to be replaced.
- A defibrillator was now in place and training days will be notified to Secretaries and Scribes.
- The increase in catering costs was discussed and these would be closely monitored.
- All invoices had been sent to the units at the centre, and a surcharge would be levied on payments received after 31 December 2014.
- OTO or One Touch Organist was discussed and put in abeyance.
- As to repairs, the roof was currently in a good state but under regular monitoring. It is likely to need repairing or replacing in a short while. The board is building up a fund to accommodate this.
- A new Association Secretary is sought, Dennis Randall was thanked for his service over the last seven years.

Date of next meeting:  
Thursday 5 March 2015

## Loughton Masonic Centre Contacts

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## Communication

The Communication officer for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton & Chingford is [W Bro Phil Walker](#).

Phil is your representative on the Provincial Communications Sub-Committee and his email is in the contacts on this page. It is Phil's responsibility to facilitate communications between the Lodges and Chapters in the two centres and the Provincial Office. Every month there is a Team Brief with key information which should be circulated to the members of the Lodges & Chapters and selected items read out on the second risings.



If you have an item you want to have disseminated or have any questions Phil is there as your first port of call.

## Charity Stewards Committee

The Charity Stewards Committee representative for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton is [W Bro Brian Hilton](#).

In addition [W Bro Chris Hicks](#) is the Charity Ambassador for Loughton & Chingford.

If you have any questions on how the Charity Steward's role works, on matters dealing with the Masonic Charities or would like a short presentation on these Charities and Charity in general, please do not hesitate to contact Brian or Chris.

## Group Almoners Advisory Committee

The Group Almoner looking after Chingford, Loughton and Epping Forest is [W Bro David Austin](#).

If you have any questions or queries relating to welfare, assistance for members or their families, annuities etc. please contact David directly. He will then be able to advise you, or will be able to either find out or direct you to someone who will be able to help.

He will also be able to help and assist new Almoners in understanding their duties.

## Mentor Coordinator

The Mentor Coordinator for Loughton is [W Bro Peter Hollingsworth](#).

The Mentor role is a relatively new role in Lodges and Chapters, but it is increasingly becoming a vital one in the retention of members.

If you have any questions on the role please contact Peter directly and he will be able to either answer your question or direct you to a local mentor.



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## Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction

Every Friday September to July (bank holiday weekends excepted), 20:00

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## Loughton Combined Chapter of Improvement

3rd Wednesday of each month  
(excluding July, August & December)  
20:00

Aldersgate, Complete, Domatic, Rituals

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## Thomas Ralling Quiz Night

3rd Annual Friends in Need Quiz Night

### Quiz Night

Saturday 10 January 2015

After two very successful Quiz Nights for the Friends in Need Charities Thomas Ralling Lodge again hosted a Quiz Night on Saturday 10 January at the Centre in aid of the 8 Friends in Need Charities though 8AID.

A close run Quiz was eventually won by a team from West Essex Meridian Lodge including Julian Smith, Dave Fage And Peter Burch. Last year's winners, Thomas Ralling Chapter came a close second and Old Loughtonians third. It was so close that there was only one point between first and second and one between second and third.

Over £800 was raised for 8AID through the Quiz and a raffle.

This has been the third Quiz and to date the most successful. Watch out for details of next year's one.

WINNERS—West Essex Meridian Lodge



## The Durolitum Lodge – Letter G

Tuesday 20 January 2015

On Tuesday 20 January 2015 at the Loughton Masonic Centre, in the presence of W Bro L G T Justice, PSGD, APMG, W Bro Rev M Howse, PAG-Chaplain, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and R W Bro R Croome PProvProGM (Middx), local Masonic history was made.

For many years the Durolitum Lodge has enjoyed the company and support at our meetings of brethren from the family of lodges of which this lodge is a part. In order of seniority this included our Grandmother Lodge, Lennox Browne number 2318, our Mother Lodge, Herongate number 4960, our Daughter Lodge, Theydon number 6012, and our Granddaughter Lodge, Aeronautical number 9647.

On the occasion of this meeting our guests included not only brethren from all four remaining lodges in this family but for the first time in living memory, all four Masters as well. Many other brethren also graced the meeting, some regular guests and some for the first time.

Over the years the omission from the Loughton Temple of the symbolic "Letter G" to which we refer in the ritual, had been a subject of discussion. The Durolitum Lodge took steps to address this omission. An ornament was designed and

manufactured consisting of the letter G within a star commonly known the Star of David, to be donated to the Loughton Temple.

With the consent and cooperation of the management of the Centre the ornament was covered and hung from the ceiling over the centre of the Squared Pavement. In a very solemn and moving ceremony which included a lecture on both the Letter G and the Star, W Bro Rev Howse unveiled and dedicated the ornament and noted that although he had witnessed and officiated at numerous consecrations and dedications this was the first time he had dedicated this particular ornament in a Masonic Temple, and this drew particular acclaim from everyone present as the lecture was the result of his own research and composition. In clarifying the "Star of David" Rev Howse explained that its actual name is the "Shield of David", and was a design used by him, (so it is reputed) in his many battles.

The day ended with a very harmonious festive board when many new friendships were made which it is hoped will lead to even closer relationships with other lodges.

## Loughton Combined Chapters

Friday 19 June 2015

The 2015 Combined Chapters meeting will be by Temple Chapter 5279 on Friday 19 June 2015.

Details will be circulated but for further information please contact:

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