



The Stag & Acorn



Issue 3

Summer 2015

Upcoming Events

- Loughton Combined Chapters meeting. Friday 19 June
- Charity Steward Seminars: Loughton Thu 24 Sept Chingford Mon 12 Oct Chingford Mon 30 Nov Loughton Tue 15 Dec
- Saturday 3 October Quiz Night, Loughton v Chingford (TBC)
- Secretary & Scribe Es Meeting, Monday 16 Nov 19:30 start

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Editorial

The first part of 2015 has been a time of stability at the Loughton Masonic Centre.

With regard to the management of the Centre the Board presented the current state of affairs at the AGM and the Secretaries and Scribes meeting in March. There are unlikely to be any major renovations or repairs over the summer, but the Board is making provision for future work on the roof.

The Centre received the 8AID bikers on Good Friday and supported the efforts in boosting the monies for the

eight Friends in Need Charities. The grand total raised for 8AID was a staggering £130,000, which meant that each charity received £16,250. A very commendable effort from Essex Freemasons. Donations were spread across the whole Province. This really demonstrated the generosity of

Essex Freemasons was equally demonstrated during the year with donations to the Somerset Floods, Terry's Sky Dive for TLC and more recently the Nepal Earthquake. In addition Lodges and Chapters in the Province gave over £1 million to local and national charities in 2014!



Plans are afoot for a number of events during the second half of the year. So watch out for Quiz Nights and Christmas celebrations.

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

Chris Hicks

Grand Lodge Appointments and Promotions in Essex

The following Brethren have been honoured in Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter at the Annual Investiture in April

CRAFT

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
P R Allan
T G W Thurley
D W Tomlinson
GR Turpin

Past Grand Standard Bearer

B E Bines
B R Pewter
A J White

PROMOTIONS

Past Senior Grand Deacon

P D Hammond
R Whittingham

Past Junior Grand Deacon

D Baum
C H Elliot
P W Tarrant

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

R G Humphries
C G White

ROYAL ARCH

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Grand Standard Bearer

P Hollingsworth
R B Mead
KA Powell

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

JB Eaton
C J Innes
M V Taylor

PROMOTIONS

Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah

C J Clark

Past Grand Sword Bearer

C H Thoms

Past Assistant Grand Sojourner

D J Brown
G B Jarrett

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OF ENGLAND

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER
of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
of ENGLAND

50 Years

50 years
to the day (almost)

Old Loughtonians Lodge, 7311, had cause to celebrate on 8 May 2015 when W Bro Pip Pitts received a certificate celebrating his 50 years in Freemasonry, nearly to the day! This was presented to him by W Bro Rodney Bass, PGSD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master with a moving address. Bro Kevin Holland was initiated on the same evening by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Joe Shearer. Pip performed as the Junior Deacon, escorting him round the Lodge in an excellent manner, showing us all how it should be done!



50 years
(even closer to the day?)

On 11 March the Provincial Grand Master presented W Bro Peter Hammond, PSGD APGM, with his certificate commemorating 50 years in Freemasonry. Peter was Initiated in Goodwill Lodge on 12 March 1965 and joined Buckhurst Hill Lodge, 8291, in May 1970. Goodwill Lodge is the PGM's mother Lodge and he was Initiated just eight months after Peter.



Charity Stewards Refresher Seminars

In preparation for the next Festival, 2022 in favour of the Masonic Samaritan Fund a series of Charity Workshops have been arranged.

For the Loughton and Chingford centres the dates are:

- Thursday 24 September (Loughton)
- Monday 12 October (Chingford)
- Monday 30 November (Chingford)
- Tuesday 15 December (Loughton)

Details of start times and content will be available after the summer break. All Charity Stewards and Secretaries are welcomed so please make a note of the dates. As soon as you know who will be present to represent your Lodge or Chapter please let Adrian or Chris know.

For further information on Charity or Charity Steward information please contact Barney Bannington or Chris Hicks.



Grand Lodge Tercentenary Celebrations - 2017

Plans for the Tercentenary of the founding of the first Grand Lodge are progressing.

We now have an official Logo and identity and it is something that will be seen in many publications and announcements over the next couple of years.

The committee set up under the coordination of Chris Hicks is now putting events and projects together. You will be receiving a quick survey shortly about the kinds of events that are being considered, it will be through Survey Monkey. So please look out for it and respond as soon as you can.



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- Can we help you?
- Do you have a gap in your Lodge or Chapter work?
- Would you like to hear more about how a small Masonic charity is helping YOUR local children's hospice?

Lifelites provides magical equipment and technology to allow terminally ill and disabled children using the hospice a chance to experience so much more.

We can do talks during your meeting or after, outside the workings of the Lodge or Chapter.

Give *W Bro Steve Hutton* a call on 07715522980 and he will be happy to arrange a visit to you.

Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

At the Secretaries and Scribes meeting on Monday 5 March 2015 the Directors reported on the following items:

- Repairs to the small front car park area including the drains.
- Temple seating reupholstered.
- Roofing maintenance carried out. Provision will be in place for more extensive repairs in next few years.
- Catering, particularly the increase due to inclusion of VAT.
- Use of the Centre by external non-Masonic organisations bringing in revenue.
- Financial budget setting underway. Currently the Centre was on budget for the first 5 months of the year.
- Events—both Christmas events were cancelled due to lack of support. A decision to be made on this year.
- Quiz Nights are working and are planned for later on in the year.
- Website now up and running. Secretaries urged to check it regularly.
- Newsletter, 2 copies already produced. Items for inclusion always needed.
- One Touch Organist, decided not to purchase yet for the Centre. A decision to be made later.
- Defibrillator now in place, training to be organised.
- "G" now in place, a small plaque would be placed in the Temple describing the circumstances of its dedication.

Date of next meeting:
Monday 16 November 2015

Loughton Masonic Centre Contacts

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 Barney Bannington*

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 Adrian 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.

Board Members

(full contact details can be found on the LMC website)

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Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction

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

Emulation Ritual

Secretary *Ron Maill*

ron@maill21.freemasonry.co.uk

020 8505 0459

Loughton Combined Chapter of Improvement

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

Aldersgate, Complete & Domestic Rituals

Secretary *Chris Smith*

chris.m.smith@sky.com

Quiz Nights

Two Quiz Nights are in the planning stages:

Loughton v Chingford

Provisionally set for Saturday 3 October. This will be a repeat of the 8AID challenge. Currently Loughton hold the bragging rights with Bagshaw Lodge being the lead team.

Thomas Palling Quiz Night

Set for Saturday 9 January 2016. This will be the 4th running of this event and the current holders of the title are West Essex Meridian Lodge.

Further details will be circulated shortly.

Editorial by [Chris Hicks](#), for further information or to submit an article please contact on chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk, 01277 260532, 07702 848878

40 miles in a day

The Ridgeway 40

Many people do many things for Charity but Steve Hatton of West Essex Meridian Lodge, 9821, likes to walk!

So much so that this year Steve completed the Ridgeway 40 for the second time. Last year he completed the walk for the benefit of 8AID and this year he raised money for the West Essex Hospices Appeal (WEHA).

The Ridgeway40 is an annual event starting at Overton Hill near Marlborough, Wiltshire, and finishing in Goring, Oxfordshire, at the Village Hall, a distance of 40 miles.

In 2014 he completed the walk in 13 hours 11 minutes raising £251 for 8AID, and this year he completed it in 13 hours 55 min-

utes raising £230 for WEHA.

Steve was accompanied by his wife Elaine on both occasions, she dropped him off at the start drove to Goring and met him again at the finish. Her duties were to make sure that the hotel they would stay in was comfortable and that the menu and bar were acceptable.

Last year Steve was unable to join her in sampling the delights of the hotel, as he needed a long recovery time in the bath! But this year he was more prepared and enjoyed a convivial eve-



ning with Elaine and other walkers. At the moment Steve is not sure if he will go for three years in a row, but we wish him well if he decides to.