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Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction

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

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

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The Stag & Acorn



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Editorial

With the installation of a new Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, R W Bro Rodney L Bass, Freemasons in the Province of Essex will see a number of changes in the near future.

The effects of these changes are as yet unknown as is how they will particularly affect those members meeting at Loughton.

In the meantime the Centre has progressed with items for Loughton Masons and over the summer break there have been a number of renovations in the centre and the kitchen.

On the technological front the centre has now purchased a projector, with sound capability, suitable for presentations using Power point or other media via a laptop or Tablet



In addition there is a large pull up projector screen in the Lodge room (behind the organist). With these two items Lodges and Chapters will be able to



receive talks where there are presentations, music and videos more easily. *To use the projector please contact Andrew McWhirter* so that he can arrange for the Tyler or the Secretary to pick it up.

A variety of bits and pieces of Lodge furniture etc. have recently gone missing. It was heartening to see the large VSL reappear. Please keep a close eye on those items which are supplied by the Centre and make sure that they are not inadvertently placed in your lockers. This can happen if you have a replacement or new Tyler or Janitor, or if a junior member of the Lodge is a keen helper in clearing things away. Many thanks to those Lodges and Chapters who have recently donated items.

Chris Hicks

Essex Provincial Grand Chapter Appointments and Promotions

The following Companions have been honoured by the Provincial Grand Superintendent and have been appointed and invested at the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting at Freemason's Hall Great Queen Street, London on Thursday 3rd September 2015.

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Provincial Grand StB
 R Todd 2508
Provincial Asst Grand DC
 D R Bartlett 4263
 J L D Shearer 5705

PROMOTIONS

Provincial Grand SN
 D W Pullen 4700
Provincial Grand SwdB
 A J Bannington 5705

Provincial Grand Steward	Provincial Dep Grand Reg
A P Curtis 2504	G W Cantello 2005
PPAGSoj	PPGSN
I R Parker 4700	W F Rawlings 4960
D Blewitt 5279	D W Adams 5899
K M N Kunzru 5705	PPGSwDB
PPGSStB	R E E Allder 0453
N H Bedford 0453	PPDepGSwDB
B W Foster 3090	S R Porcas 4960
E R E Stammers 3394	P M Harris 5279
	PPGSoj
	P J Gardner 5279
	C M Smith 5899

EVENTS

Two upcoming Quiz Nights:

Loughton v Chingford

This will be on Saturday 3 October 2015 and will be a repeat of the 8AID challenge. Currently Loughton hold the bragging rights with Bagshaw Lodge being the lead team.

Details are on the flyer on the right.

WE aim to start at 7:30pm and to break for a buffet refreshment around 8:45pm.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the Christmas Event and Friends of Oakview School.

Thomas Ralling Quiz Night

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

Details are on the flyer below.

This event is in aid of both the West Essex Hospices Appeal and the Tercentenary 2017 Legacy project.

Christmas Event

A Christmas Event is in the planning stage. The planned date is Sunday 13 December 2015.

At the moment the style and content have to be decided. Please let *Chris Hicks* know as soon as possible if your Lodge or Chapter will be supporting this event and what format you would like it to take, a Christmas Dinner or an Afternoon Tea both with entertainment.

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



When Bro Glen Thomas, WM Elect of Brooke Lodge 2005, and his wife Alison arrived in the beautiful gardens of Priory Park in Southend they were glad that they had trained hard and had worn reinforced cycle shorts!

Glen and Alison had decided to ride in aid of the British Heart Foundation in one of their sponsored cycling events during 2015. They started from Victoria Park in Hackney and cycled the 52 miles to Priory Park in just under 5 hours. A very commendable feat.

Neither of them had been on a bike since they were teenagers, a little while ago, so to get on a new modern bike with sleek looks, modern technology and a razor sharp seat, was quite a challenge. But in the preceding months they both went out regularly around the streets and lanes of Ilford, Redbridge, Newbury Park and all points East.

Over those months they had a number



Glen may find this a bit of a task as he is going into the Chair at Brooke Lodge in October

ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS From London to Southend

of spills and falls resulting in a selection of broken ribs and a replacement bike! Plus they then decided to get thicker shorts as the modern day saddles were a little bit more streamlined than they had remembered in their younger days.

But not to be deterred they carried on and were thankful of a lovely Sunday on which to achieve their goal.

They raised around £700 for their efforts from friends family and Lodges, which has immediately gone to the research into heart conditions and the alleviation of cardiac problems.

Glen said afterwards that he now had a new hobby and in an effort to remain fit he had decided to carry on cycling.

Alison reportedly said that she so enjoyed this bike ride that she was up for another one!

After consultation Glen and Alison have decided to take part in another sponsored cycle ride next year. Details will follow and they are inviting others to join them.

FEST 2022 Charity Stewards Seminars

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

The first one at Loughton was at the end of September and kicked off a whole series around the Province.

For the Loughton and Chingford centres the next dates are:

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

The start times will be at 7:30pm and there

will be information packs and further information available from the meeting.

It is essential that every Lodge and Chapter has a representative at at least one of the Seminars. This will ensure that All Charity Stewards and Secretaries have the information when the Festival starts in 2016.

If you cannot get a representative to any of the Seminars Adrian or Chris will contact the Charity Steward to arrange a face to face discussion or to give a presentation at one of your upcoming meeting

For further information on Charity or Charity Steward information please contact [Barney Bannington](#) or [Chris Hicks](#).



this year and will be taking up Holy Orders in a couple of years as well.

We wish Glen and Alison good luck in their ventures next year.



Grand Lodge Tercentenary Celebrations - 2017

At his Installation on Thursday 3 September in London the Provincial Grand Master launched the Tercentenary Celebrations for Essex.

The UGLE Celebrations will culminate with a meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 31 October, followed by a Dinner in Battersea Park in the evening.

In Essex here will be a Legacy project to support the youth of the county in the form of a project with the Scouts. The target for this is £150,000 and will be achieved by donations from Lodges and Chapters, fund raising events and merchandise.

If every Lodge and Chapter donated £250 then over £100,000 would go to the Legacy project.

In addition there will be three Celebration Dinners in the North, East and West of the province on Saturday 4 November 2017. Details on location and times will follow.

Plus a Spectacular Event which will be in a prestigious location in Essex and will be open to the General Public.

For further information and details on how to donate or run events please contact:

[Chris Hicks](#)
chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk
07702 848878

Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

The next Secretary and Scribe's meeting will be held on **Monday 16 November 2015** at the Centre. The meeting will start at 7:30pm.

Details and an agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting.

If you would like to add anything to the agenda or to get a copy of the last minutes etc. Please contact the Secretary to the meeting:

[Steve Hutton](#)
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01992 815454, 07715 522980



- 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?

Give [Steve Hutton](#) a call on 07715 522980 and he will be happy to arrange a visit to you.

UPDATE

W Bro and E Comp Mick Scotchmer, having been ordained as a Deacon in the Church of England will be Ordained priest on Sunday 27 September 2015 in Chelmsford Cathedral. He will be attached to the parish of St Anne, Chingford

Loughton Masonic Centre Contacts

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

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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 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 bale to help.

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

Mentor Coordinator

The new Mentor Coordinator for Loughton is [W Bro Dave Elliott](#).

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 Davedirectly and he will be able to either answer your question or direct you to a local mentor.



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