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# The Stag & Acorn



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## Upcoming Events:

Sat 1 October - QUIZ NIGHT  
7:30pm - 10:30pm

Mon 21 November Sec & Scr meeting (LMC) 7:30pm

### Charity Steward Seminars

\* Mon 26 September  
Upminster 7:30pm  
\* Mon 10 October  
Chingford 7:30pm

### Almoner Seminars

\* Tue 13 September  
Loughton 7:30pm

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## Editorial

August has been a solemn month for Essex Freemasons with the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of two well known Freemasons Past ProvGM RWBro Guy Yves Jerman on 21st August and Past Dep- ProvGM VVBro Colin John Bradley on 23rd August. Both the funerals were scheduled for September and large attendances were anticipated. The RW Prov GM has announced a period of mourning for the Past ProvGM of two months.



On the Festival front, the target for FEST2022 has now been announced, £5million! Essex has been the first Province to launch a Festival in aid of the newly created Masonic Charitable Foundation, and it will be the largest contributor of the four Provinces for 2022. Even

in these trying times it is hoped that the target will be exceeded.

While writing about exceeding targets the Tercentenary appeal significantly exceeded the target of £100,000! The total donated so far is **£152,500**, and this is likely to increase slightly over the next month or so as Lodges and Chapters complete their proposals according to their bylaws.

Rest assured that ALL the money donated to the Appeal will go to Scouting projects.



As part of the Celebrations next year there will be a number of events, the biggest of which will be the "Proms at Freemasons' Hall" concert on Saturday 8th July 2017 at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street London. There will be two performances and each has a capacity of 1,500. So book your tickets early!

Essex Freemasons have priority booking until the

end of November, so you only need to use the password "celebrate 300" when booking on Ticketline.



In addition there will be a champagne reception hosted by the RW PGM and his Executive before the evening performance. Tickets for this are limited to 300! Details of how to get tickets can be found on the CUBE or by contacting Chris Hicks directly

The Loughton Masonic Centre has undergone maintenance during the summer break and new air-conditioning has been installed in the Lodge room.

The Board hope that you will all feel that the changes have enhanced the Centre. Remember they are always open to your feedback and welcome your comments and suggestions, they do run the Centre for your benefit.

Chris Hicks

## Provincial Grand Chapter Appointments and Promotions

The following Companions have been honoured by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and were invested at the Annual Investiture meeting at Freemason's Hall Great Queen Street, London on Thursday 1 September 2016, or at Essex First Principals earlier in the year.

### First Appointments

PPGStB	
S J Wall	2504
M J Morley	4263
D A Keen	5705
PPAGDC	
M J Green	453
L P Findlay	2504
G E King	2508
J Vowell	4960
H O Martin	5899

### Promotions

PPGReg	
C J F Harrington	5279
PPDepGReg	
R C Mathews	2508
W P G Molloy	3394
PPGSoj	
J A Stuchfield	5705
PPAGSoj	
S L Topley	5279

## Festival Beer Coming soon!!!

In the next month or so the Festival Beer will be available for off-sales from the centre. Details will follow, the key contacts will be Peter Robbins and Chris Hicks

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*Chris Hicks*  
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## Festival 2022

The Festival was launched on 1st September 2016 at the Provincial Chapter meeting. The recipient of the Festival will be the new Masonic Charitable Foundation. The Target has now been set at £5 million. Lodges and Chapters will be contacted by the Charity Steward Representatives.

Further information will be placed on the CUBE or from

*Barney Bannington* or *Steve Hutton*

## Epping Forest Chapter 25th Anniversary

The Principals and Companions of Epping Forest Chapter 4263 were delighted to have the Second Prov GP E Comp Clive Rees, Third Prov GP E Comp Nick Franklin and their APGP E Comp David Branch present to help celebrate their 25th anniversary convocation. The meeting was very



well attended and the companions were treated to an extremely interesting and entertaining talk on notable musicians and freemasonry from E Comp James Fretwell accompanied by E Comp Bob Alder PProvG Organist who provided excerpts from musical pieces during the talk.

E Comp John Warner gave a brief history of the Chapter and read the minutes of the consecration meeting on 9th April 1991. It was both poignant, and entirely appropriate that the founding Scribe E of the Chapter Ex Comp James Fretwell acted as MEZ for the convocation.

The MEZ was also delighted to present E Comp Clive Rees with a donation on behalf of the Chapter of £300 for the Tercentenary appeal. SCE E Comp John Warner also presented E Comp James Fretwell, Chairman of Friends of Oak View School with a donation of £300 towards a specialist cycle to assist the care of the children there.

## RW Bro Guy Yves Jerman PProvGM



RW. Bro Guy Yves Jerman, LLB was a Solicitor and Essex Coroner living in Thorpe Bay when he was Initiated into Sweyn Lodge No. 4764 at Southend on 19th January 1959, at the age of 33. He served in the usual progressive offices and was installed as Master on 16th October 1966.

In the Province of Essex his first Craft appointment was to Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1973, followed by promotions to Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1977 and Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 1980. He was appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master by RW Bro Frederick W R Leistikow in 1983 and then became only the 4th DepPGM in the history of the Province to be appointed as a Provincial Grand Master, in 1986. He was also appointed as the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over Essex that same year and faithfully served the Province in those two capacities until 1995.

In the United Grand Lodge of England he was appointed as an Assistant Grand Registrar in 1977, promoted to Past Senior Grand Deacon in 1982 and again to Past Grand Sword Bearer in 1984. His path in Royal Arch Masonry began with his Exaltation into Nore Chapter No. 3610 in 1960. He was First Principal in 1970.

At Loughton he joined Ambresbury Chapter No. 5099 in 1983. In late 1970 he was a key member in the setting up of the Southend Masonic Welfare Trust. Considerable funds were raised through various major activities at the Cliffs Pavilion.

In 1992 the Guy Jerman Lodge No. 9506 was consecrated as a Lodge exclusively for Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers. RW Bro Jerman became Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 2001/2002, as a tribute to his influence and achievements.

Sadly, he passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 21st August 2016. He will be sadly missed by his Brother Freemasons and, in particular, his wife Betty and their family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time.

## The Tercentenary:

*Celebrating 300 years  
of Freemasonry*

## Essex Tercentenary \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

The Appeal for the Scouts has now closed and raised the magnificent sum of £152,500. The bulk of this, £145,000 will go to the Essex Scouts to build an aerial runway at Skreens Park for the use of the Scouts and other youth groups.

As we go into 2017 we enter the Celebration part of the Tercentenary. Details of the events planned can be found on the CUBE and on the Tercentenary website.  
2 key dates for your diaries are:

\* Sat 8th July - Proms at Freemasons' Hall, at Great Queen Street, London.

\* Sun 25th June - Thanksgiving Service at Chelmsford Cathedral

For further information please go to [www.essex2017ter.org](http://www.essex2017ter.org) or contact *Chris Hicks* 0702 848878, [chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk](mailto:chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk)



## Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

The next Secretary and Scribe's meeting will be held at the Centre on Monday 21 November 2016 at 7:30pm. Details will be circulated closer to the meeting.

*Steve Hutton*

[stephen.hutton7@ntlworld.com](mailto:stephen.hutton7@ntlworld.com)

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## Friends of Oak View School

In August W Bro Jim Fretwell stood down as Chairman of the "Friends" and his place has been taken by W Bro Barney Bannington.

Jim held the position for 13 years and during that time he has led the Loughton Masonic Centre's support of the School. In April another supporter, The St James' Place Foundation donated



£3,260 to the School to help with the transport.

W Bro Jim would like to thank all those who have helped him in the support of the School over the years and he will continue this support to the School as an "Ambassador of Friends".

## Loughton Masonic Centre Contacts

### Board Members

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

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### Other Contacts

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## Communication

The Communication representative for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton & Chingford is **W Bro Andy Pearson**.



Andy is your representative on the Provincial Communications (Internal) Committee, details are below.

It is Andy'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 with selected items read out on the second risings.

If you have an item you want to have disseminated or have any questions Andy 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 Steve Hatton** will be assisting Barney during the Festival time.

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 Barney or Steve.



## Group Almoners

The Group Almoners looking after Chingford, Loughton and Epping Forest are **W Bros Bill Bangs and John Mansfield**.

If you have any questions or queries relating to welfare, assistance for members or their families, annuities etc. please contact Bill or John directly. They 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.

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

## Mentor Coordinator

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





**Website:** [www.loughtonmasonic.org](http://www.loughtonmasonic.org)  
**Telephone:** 020 8508 1452  
**Twitter:** @LoughtonMasonic

## Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction

Every Friday, September to July (Bank Holiday weekends excepted), 20:00.

Emulation Ritual

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[ron@mail21.freemasonry.co.uk](mailto:ron@mail21.freemasonry.co.uk)  
 020 8505 0459

## Loughton Combined Chapter of Improvement

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

Aldersgate, Domestic & Complete Rituals

Secretary: *Chris Smith*  
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## Hall Hire & Events

If you are looking for a venue for a party, celebration or just a dinner remember the Centre. The costs are reasonable and vary depending on date, time, dining, bar support etc.

To enquire or book, contact *Andrew McWhirter*

**Interested in learning more about the World's largest fraternity?**

Thomas Halling Lodge invite you to come and see what Freemasonry is all about. The programme will include:

- A brief explanation of Freemasonry
- Its history
- Its members
- What it means
- Officers of the Lodge and the Officers
- GD&A opportunity
- Refreshments - Dining after the meeting
- March & Obedience Song
- Special Lecture of Poem
- Arabic Palaces, Grand Masons
- Apple & Blackcurrant Pie with Cranberry and Soft Cheesecake
- Gifts

**Cost £28**  
**Saturday 24th September 2016**  
 8.30pm Tea and Refreshments, 9.00 Obedience

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## EVENTS Quiz Night 2016

A Quiz Night in aid of the Tercentenary Appeal is planned for Saturday 1 October.

**QUIZ NIGHT FOR Tercentenary & FEST 2022**  
 SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER 2016

All are invited to take part in the QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the TERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS in Essex and the FESTIVAL 2022 in aid of the MASQUED CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

A. S. L. LOUGHTON MASONIC CENTRE  
 14 High Street Loughton Essex SS2 4BB

FRIDAY 22nd 00.30  
 QUIZ 8.00 per Person (including a basket meal)

- Special Interest Bonuses
- Wasser's Trophy and Prizes
- Charity Raffle
- Basket Meal included: Chicken, Sausage, Veggie
- Bar open

Please let Chris Hicks know how many tickets, teams of 8 and type of food you need for as soon as possible.  
[chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk](mailto:chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk)  
 07702 848878

Start 7:30pm, Teams of 8, cost £15 including a basket meal, Bar open and Raffle. All surpluses will be split between FEST2022 and the Tercentenary Celebrations.

Contact Chris Hicks for further details, 07702 848878,  
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## FEST 2022 Seminars



There will be five major launch workshops for the Essex Festival 2022 which are open to all Brethren and companions. They will be held at

- \* Upminster on 26 September
- \* Southend on 6 October
- \* Chingford on 10 October
- \* Braintree on 17 October
- \* Colchester on 18 October

Please note that these events will be attended by members of the Provincial Executive and members of the MCF Charity.

## Almoner Seminars

Lodge Almoners are invited to seminars around the Province, to be held in September and October to explain the changes with the Masonic Charity Foundation, how the Provincial Almoner's team is functioning and updates on the role of the Lodge Almoner.

- \* Loughton on 13 September
- \* Chelmsford on 29 September
- \* Southend on 5 October
- \* Braintree on 5 October
- \* Chingford on 9 October
- \* Upminster on 10 November