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# The Stag & Acorn



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## Upcoming Events:

Quiz Night  
18<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Provincial Grand Lodge  
23<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Loughton Festival Open Day  
6<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Thanksgiving Service at  
Chelmsford Cathedral  
25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Proms at Freemasons' Hall  
8<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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## Editorial

2017 will see celebrations for the Tercentenary, and there will be many events across the Province and some of them will be here at Loughton.

First we will have an Open Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This will be in conjunction with the Loughton Festival 2017.



## Loughton Festival

This Festival is held every year and is aimed to showcase Loughton and its In addition to the centre being used for a number of talks, the Lodge Room will be open with Banners on display. There will also be a display from the Provincial Library and Museum with historical items from Essex Freemasonry.

The next event will be the Thanksgiving Service at Chelmsford Cathedral.



A procession of civic dignitaries and Freemasons is planned before the service. All are welcome to attend, and details of dress and the procession will be available soon.

The summer will see a fantastic concert in the magnificent Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall in London. Tickets are still available at very reasonable prices! Plus there is the Champagne reception before the evening performance which will be hosted by the Provincial Grand Master and the Executive.

As we progress through the year there will be a few changes at the centre.

We have already had a change for the bar supplies; with a new selection of wines. If you have any comments on these please let Peter Robbins know.

e4 Catering, are now supplying the meals at the



centre. Any comments on the catering should be sent to Andrew McWhirter.

There are plans for redecoration at the centre, and this will take place in the summer. The roof is still one of the key projects for repair and continues to be top of mind. At the moment there is no need for a full replacement, just a watching brief.

*Chris Hicks*

## Provincial Grand Lodge Appointments and Promotions

The following Brethren have been honoured by the RW PGM and will be invested at the Provincial meeting at Freemason's Hall Great Queen Street, London on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### First Appointments

<i>Prov Grand Steward</i>	
S R McMillan	3090
P J Snoad	3353
K M Steward	7107
<i>PPJGD</i>	
N V Wade	3394
T G Francis	4609
P W Ferris	8291
<i>PPAGDC</i>	
I Harris	4456
<i>PPGStB</i>	
H J Prescott	2508

A D Rixon	4456
D P White	4960
C C Bidwell	8455
T C Fitzpatrick	8455

### Promotions

<i>PPJGW</i>	
G A Brown	2504
H F F Phillips	2505
B P Hyland	3090
B V T Mitchener	3945
M S Gilham	4456
J Elkin	4700
H R Fedden	5099
A J Stuchfield	5705
R P Simpkins	7760
D M Carter	8455
J F Smith	9821
<i>PPGSwdB</i>	
C D Stoneham	1457
G E King	2508

R M Titmuss	3353
D Flack	8284
S J Smith	9821
<i>PPDepGSwdB</i>	
L C Taphouse	1457
L T Leonard	2005
D W Mahoney	3090
D M Innocent	4263
R A Poole	4456
P E Jones	4700
J T Johnson	5070
G R Clugston	5899
D A Keen	7311
W J Kingham	8284
J Hartwell	8291
S J Carbine	8455
<i>PPSGD</i>	
R H Fisher	4960
O P Rowland	5705
S A Goss	7760
<i>PPJGD</i>	
R J Thompson	4263



Loughton Festival

## Loughton Festival & Open Day Saturday 6th May

For the month of May this year the town of Loughton will be running a Festival with the object of raising money for the Loughton Youth Project and the Essex Air Ambulance.

The entire festival is organised by volunteers with events around Loughton and the surrounding area. Starting with a walk and photography competition on 29th April in Epping Forest and concluding with a tea dance at St Michaels church on the 30th May.

On Saturday 6th May, the Loughton Masonic Centre will open its doors and be part of the Festival.

For the Festival there will be three talks, with a charge of £6.

Talk 1: "Freemasonry Today" Chris Hicks

Talk 2: "Snaresbrook House; A Georgian Survivor" by Lyn Jones.

Talk 3: "Epping Forest and the Natural Aspect - the campaign to bring beauty to the people" by Paul Thomson, Superintendent of Epping Forest.

The Bar will be open and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits available.

In addition, at no cost, the Lodge Room will be open and a number of the banners will be on display. This will be a great opportunity to see around the Lodge room and to show off the centre to friends, families and potential masons!

Details of the Loughton Festival can be found on on the LMC website or on

[www.loughtonfestival.org](http://www.loughtonfestival.org)



Loughton Masonic Centre has a new caterer, e4 Catering, who started with the first meeting of Janus Lodge on Saturday 7th January.

They are currently the caterers at Chingford and were set up in 2016 when Halls Catering made the decision to leave Chingford.

In the last year they have built up a well run team at Chingford to prepare, supply and serve meals to the units that meet there. All are well satisfied with the quality and service and many units have sent compliments to the chef and the staff.



The e4 team also offer the facility to cater for Weddings, Ladies Nights and Family Events, for which they also have a Celebration Cake arm.

It is anticipated this success will be replicated here.

From a menu perspective they will be offering a full range of meals that can be found at all masonic centres plus additional specials such as Chillis, Curries and Chinese menus, and in addition will respond to requests for special menus for cluster or other celebratory meetings.



As with all masonic dining communication of needs and numbers is vital. The menus need to be sent to e4 at least 7 days before the meeting, and



numbers confirmed 2 days before. We all know that numbers can change with drop outs and additional visitors and e4 will try and accommodate these as best they can, but changes on the day will be difficult.

Details of the menus and contacts can be found on the LMC website, under the Catering tab.

All comments on the catering should be addressed first to [Andrew McWhirter](mailto:AndrewMcWhirter).



## The Tercentenary:

*Celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry*

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

The Appeal for the Scouts has now closed and the total raised is confirmed as **£160,000**.

All of this money will go to the Scouts. £145,000 to Skreens Park for the Aerial Runway System, and the other £15,000 going to support other projects through marching fund schemes at other Scout centres around the Province.

Bookings are now being taken for the Celebratory Dinners on Saturday 4th November at Stoke by Nayland Golf & Country Club, Saxon Hall and Brentwood School.



There are still tickets available for the Proms at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday 8th July. The matinee performance is almost sold out but there are tickets available for the evening.

And tickets are still available for the Champagne Reception prior to the evening performance. The cost is £35 per head for champagne and canapes.



Plus there is a Thanksgiving Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 25th June.

For further information please go to [www.essex2017ter.org](http://www.essex2017ter.org) or contact [Chris Hicks](mailto:ChrisHicks) 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 20th March 2017 at 7:30pm. Details will be circulated closer to the meeting.

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## Festival Beer IT'S HERE!!!

The CRAFT ALE is going well around the Province and at Loughton. Almost all of the first batch has now either been sold or allocated. This means that the next batch is being planned now.

PLUS, a Lager is on its way!

To get your beer you only need to fill in an envelope found on the table in the Dining Room, (payment by cheque is preferred) and leave it by the till. Peter Robbins will then get back to you re picking up the beer. If Peter or Stan are there when you book they will be able to supply the beer immediately.

Remember by buying this beer you are supporting the Festival and your own and your Lodge or Chapter's Festival account!

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## Loughton Masonic Centre Contacts

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## Communication

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



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

It is Russell'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 Russell 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 Hutton** will be assisting Barney during the Festival time.

If you have any questions on FEST 2022 or would like a short presentation on the 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.



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## Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction

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

Emulation Ritual

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## Loughton Combined Chapter of Improvement

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

Aldersgate, Domestic & Complete Rituals

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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*



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## EVENTS

### Thomas Belling Quiz Night 2017

A Quiz Night in aid of the Fest2022 is planned for Saturday 18th March.

#### 5th Annual Quiz Night

Saturday 18th March 2017  
Loughton Masonic Centre  
7:30 pm start

Teams of 4 - 8  
Basket Meal  
£15 (inc. meal)

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After four very successful Quiz Nights Thomas Belling Lodge will be hosting the 5th Annual Quiz Night as part of raising money for the 'Fest2022'. This will be at Loughton Masonic Centre on Saturday 18th March 2017. The Quiz will start at 7:30 pm and teams of between 4 and 8 will be most welcomed. Refreshments will be a basket meal which will include chicken, sausage or vegetarian. The cost of entry, including refreshments will be £15 per team member. There will be a raffle during the Quiz. For further details and an application form please contact Hugh or Chris.

Start 7:30pm, Teams of 8, cost £15 including a basket meal, Bar open and Raffle. All surpluses will go to FEST2022.

Contact *Chris Hicks* for further details, 07702 848878, [chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk](mailto:chris@hicks.mosbach.co.uk)



## 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.

Over the last few months seminars for Charity Stewards have been held, these have proved highly effective in getting the message of the Festival across to the Lodge and Chapters. The key take away from these was that Regular Payment Plans (RPP). Once an RPP has been taken out you will be eligible for a Festival Jewel. Further information will be placed on the CUBE or from *Barney Bannington* or *Steve Hutton*

