

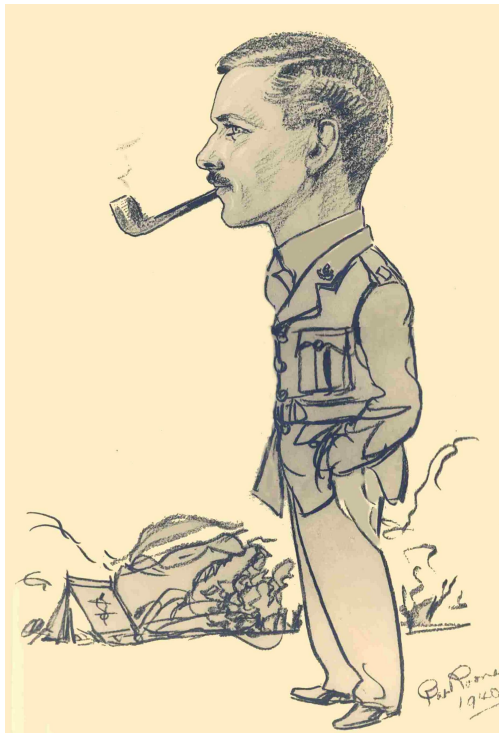


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Summer 2008

## THE RICHARD SANDBACH LECTURE

Giving the first of what is to be a series of Richard Sandbach lectures in Lodge 9600, on 22 February RW Bro Sandbach OSM PPrGM explained how Scouting and Army service had led him into Freemasonry and shaped his view of its future. He was 23 when war was declared in 1939 and his father had been killed in action in 1917. He enlisted as a Private soldier in October and was 'demobbed' as a Major in 1946 having served in a machine gun regiment in Northern Ireland and as a staff officer in England, Europe and India, latterly in Airborne Forces. After moving tributes in verse to his father's generation and his own, he ended his talk by explaining how all this had led him into the Craft:



'I was 23 when my army career began, 29 when it ended - a long time for a young man - and I still had to face my final exams before I could start to earn a living. I did not return to Scouting, but I missed the comradeship,

the humour, the sense of common purpose and - yes - an idealism I had known in it and even more in that six and a half years in the Army. I saw Freemasonry as perhaps helping to regain them and now, almost sixty years

on, increasingly feel that they are far more important than ceremonial and ritual, and that we must always take care that we are not only practising brotherly love, relief and truth but are helping each other to enjoy - and I stress that word - to enjoy doing so. This talk, I hope, explains why I have come to see ritual and ceremonial as the servants of our teaching, not its master, their important but only purpose being to see that everything

which should be done is done in order and with dignity.

There are for me three things which are basic: the teaching, which we summarise

## SUMMER NEWS AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE PGM



Another happy and successful Masonic year drew to a close in May following most enjoyable and well supported meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Three Counties. It was a year in which the Province achieved a modest increase in members together with an encouraging trend in enhanced membership retention. These trends have undoubtedly emerged as a result of improved Recruitment and Mentoring practices and I urge all our Lodges to build on this very real success. Several changes have also taken place in the Provincial Executive team. Firstly the retirement of Deputy PGM, VW Bro Derek Young who has given many years of exceptional service to the Province. His major input into the re-structuring of our Education and Training programme will surely have a lasting impact. We will of course have the benefit of VW Bro Derek's continued involvement in Provincial affairs as our first Provincial Grand Orator.

Newly invested Deputy PGM, W Bro Max Bayes now takes over as Chairman of the Provincial Grand Charity and will continue his leadership of the hugely successful cross-Province 2013 Festival Appeal Committee. We can certainly expect the Committee to maintain a constant flow of exciting and enjoyable fund raising activities during the course of the Appeal. As our new Assistant PGM, W Bro Dr Vivian Thomas has particular responsibility, in collaboration with W Bro Reg Hirst, for guiding our future Education and Training programmes. W Bro Vivian will also succeed W Bro Max Bayes in organising our now traditional Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols in Peterborough Cathedral.

Senior Assistant PGM, W Bro Wayne Williams will continue his key roles as Teddies for Loving Care "supremo" - a wonderfully successful project - and implementation, of our "White Table" recruitment programme. As our new Grand Superintendent, W Bro Wayne will also be seeking to further strengthen the indissoluble link between the Craft and the Royal Arch in our journey through Pure Ancient Masonry.

Our new team will certainly continue its efforts to ensure happy and successful Freemasonry within Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. Over the last three years I have particularly sought the close involvement of the Executive, Grand Officers and our Lodges in designing and promoting effective candidate "Recruitment" and "Retention" programmes. The third of our Masonic "3R's" is of course "Retrieval" - most especially Retrieval of members who, for one or more reasons, feel unable to continue regularly attending their Lodge meetings. But how do we achieve success in this so vital area? Lodge Almoners, all dedicated and unsung heroes, do a superb job in seeking out "distress" in all its forms and endeavouring to provide appropriate relief, whether financial or by caring time, to alleviate that distress. Such a level of support demonstrates,

## SUMMER NEWS AND REFLECTIONS (Contd)

as always, the tremendous work of the Lodge Almoners. Nevertheless one still suspects that this is but the tip of an iceberg and that there are other dimensions of support which we need to identify and provide.

More specifically, given that Lodge attendances fluctuate in the region of 60-70% of membership, can we identify those brethren who have simply stopped regular attendance at Lodge meetings and then identify the reasons underlying their absences. Reasons can range from Brethren of advancing years simply being not well enough to make regular journeys to Lodge during winter months to Brethren who, by not being regularly involved in the Lodge's ceremonial, administrative or social affairs have lost their enthusiasm for Freemasonry.

Whatever the reason for a Brother's absence, it is so important that we identify them. Chances are that the Lodge will be able to do something about the problem and to help the member to once again enjoy his freemasonry on a regular basis. But, I hear the cry, how can the Lodge, and especially the hard pressed Almoner find the time to explore the reasons for each and every absence.

We all know the old adage that every member of the Lodge is also an Assistant Almoner. How can we make that work in practice? There may of course be several solutions to the problem depending on Lodge circumstances but might I commend a particular solution practiced with great success by some Lodges within and outside our Province. That route is for Lodge Committees to help the Almoner to form his own - very small - Almoner's Committee of say three or four Brethren whose task it is to ensure, through active liaison with the Lodge Secretary, that they are aware of those Brethren who are regularly absent from Lodge meetings. A starting point may even be to back-track say four to five years to ensure that the list is comprehensive and up-to-date. Even to note those who have resigned from the Lodge.

A system can then be worked out for members of the Almoner's Committee either by telephone, by post, or even better by personal visit, to contact absent Brethren and identify reasons for their regular absences. In so doing I feel sure that whilst in many cases reasons are understandable and unavoidable, for example those of temporary family or business pressures, for others there will be a good chance that having understood the reasons for absence then solutions to those problems can be found. In so doing we may enable those Brethren to once again enjoy regular Masonry and become an active and valued member of the Lodge.

Yes - good practice procedures for Recruitment and Retention are two very important elements for building and sustaining our wonderful Order but the third Masonic "R", Retrieval, is surely of equal importance in ensuring a happy and thriving Lodge in which our Grand Principals of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are actively pursued and implemented.

**RW Bro W Barrie Hall**  
**Provincial Grand Master**

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as Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth including the truth on which the Royal Arch is based; the tradition which is that of brotherhood which our predecessors in the Craft have handed down to us as their heirs and which we must pass on to ours; and the enjoyment which we should all share. By working for these three - message, tradition and enjoyment - we help to preserve peace in a dangerous world.



known to the world - not just to other Freemasons - as one 'to whom the distressed may prefer their suit, whose hand is guided by justice and whose heart is expanded by benevolence'. Remember too what Baden-Powell called 'stickability'; never give up - as the motto on my arms has it 'Fight On'. At the subsequent dinner, the PGM on Bro Sandbach's behalf, presented a copy of the official report on the 1937 International Scout Jamboree in Holland to the Provincial Grand Secretary,

Listen carefully to the Address to the Master with its reminder that a Freemason is to be

W Bro Norman Pope, representing the Scout Lodge No. 9814.

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## **Last Official Visit by DPGM**

The last official visit by VWBro Derek Young PGSwdB as DPGM took place on May 2nd on the occasion of the Installation ceremony of Sulgrave Lodge No 9462. Bro Derek has been a highly popular member of the Provincial Executive for many years, first as APGM and then DPGM, and it was fitting that he should have been warmly applauded into and from the temple. In a slight departure from his normal procedure, he took the chair and opened the Lodge in the Second Degree before handing the gavel back to the Installing Master, WBro Derek Todd PPrGJW, who then installed his successor, WBro Rory Jones PPrAsstGStBr.

Sulgrave Lodge is well known as a USA friendship Lodge, and the Festive Board is a colourful



affair with the WM sitting in front of the Union Flag and the "Stars and Stripes" in saltire. Both National Anthems were sung before the traditional toasts, during which the new WM presented a beautifully crafted wooden clock, which he had made himself, to the retiring DPGM. In thanking the WM, Bro Derek was almost lost for words, but soon had the assembled company in gales of laughter while recalling a previous gift, a soapbox to help with his new office as Provincial Grand Orator!

Later on Bro Derek took his leave to a standing ovation which again showed the great affection in which he has been held throughout the Province.

## 2013 RMBI FESTIVAL CONCERT

Over 700 Brethren, their families and friends attended a magnificent Concert by "Top Brass" in the splendid setting of Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 12th April. There was traditional Proms music from the bands interspersed with Organ Recitals and Solo Vocalists, during which the audience was encouraged to join in with plenty of flag waving.

The Concert was opened by the new Dean of Peterborough, The Very Revd Charles Taylor, who welcomed everyone and stated how pleased he was to hold the event in the Cathedral. The bands were conducted by W Bro David Read of Samuel Pepys Lodge, who is internationally renowned as a musician, conductor and adjudicator of Brass Band competitions. The evening was closed by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall thanking all who took part for an excellent evening of entertainment.



Following the Concert, the 2013 RMBI Festival Chairman, W Bro Max Bayes, announced that the amount raised would be in excess of £7,500 and extended his thanks to everyone who attended for giving the event such great support.

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## 2013 RMBI FESTIVAL PROGRESS

During a recent address, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Festival Chairman W Bro Max Bayes, announced how delighted he was that, after just over a year since the launch, the Province has achieved in excess of £650,000 towards its target. He complimented the Lodges for their efforts and particularly to the four who had already achieved their targets.

However, he stated that there was still much work to be done and asked every Brother to consider entering into a Regular Payment Promise, as this would be the best way to ensure the Province achieved or even exceeded its target. He also advised that there would be many initiatives in future months to raise extra funds. The two recent events, the Provincial Band Concert and Variety Show had both been most successful.



During the next Masonic season we will have Provincial Diaries and the launch of a Grand Draw. He hoped Brethren would support the Festival by purchasing diaries at a cost of only £5 each and also tickets in the Grand Draw. This has a first prize of a car and many others including a holiday, television and dinner for 12 people.

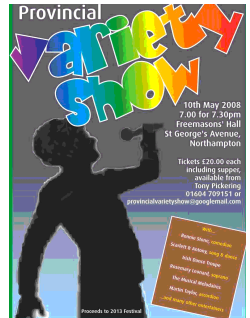
Diaries will be available from the end of August and can be purchased from Lodge Charity Stewards, Masonic Halls or the Provincial Office. Provincial Grand Draw tickets will be on sale in Lodges from September and it is hoped that every Brother will support the Festival by purchasing just two books containing five tickets each at a price of £10.



## Provincial Variety Show - Saturday 10 May 2008

On a warm, balmy evening at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton on Saturday 10 May, over a year's planning culminated with the Provincial Variety Show taking to the stage. The performers, whose ages ranged from 8 yrs to 78 yrs, all gave freely of their time and talent.

Part old time music hall, part break dancing, part music from the shows, part magic, part traditional Celtic dancing - but wholly compelling and pleasurable; there was something there to suit every taste. The twelve acts were acclaimed by the 170 strong audience who enjoyed an excellent meal in a truly festive atmosphere.



East Anglia's Premier Toastmaster, Alan Choat, acted as Master of Ceremonies for this rich mixture of variety and entertainment with something for all ages and tastes. Local Masonic Impresario, WBro Tony Potter, and his team had put many hours of preparation into making this a superbly run evening of entertainment which just proved once again that raising funds for the 2013 Festival can be a most pleasurable experience. The PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall, commended the performers for their efforts and the audience for their support.

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## Provincial Website Update

The Provincial Website has recently been updated to reflect the changes to the Executive and is widely used by Brethren to acquaint themselves with what is happening in the Province. It also continues to attract wider attention from beyond the membership and a number of expressions of interest have been received from people considering joining Freemasonry. If you have any items to promote send them to the Webmaster or to the Provincial Office on 01604 711746 or via the website at <http://www.northants-huntsmasons.org.uk/contacts.php>

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## Official Visits of the PGM for 2008/9 Season

Date	Lodge No	Lodge Name
<b>2008</b>		
2nd September 2008	8736 (Ins)	Lodge of St Giles
6th September 2008	5570	Old Wellingburian Lodge
10th September 2008	9601 (Ins)	Hamtune Lodge
15th September 2008	466 (Ins)	Lodge of Merit
19th September 2008	7204 (Ins)	Old Kimboltonians' Lodge
24th September 2008	9510 (Ins)	Towcestrian Lodge
6th October 2008	4048 (Ins)	Cytringan Lodge
8th October 2008	9364 (Ins)	Burghley Lodge
23rd October 2008	8330	Samuel Pepys Lodge
25th October 2008	8946 (Ins)	Lodge of Prudence
27th October 2008	9600 (Ins)	Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research
7th November 2008	9547	Pro Musica Lodge
12th November 2008	8486	Heigham Lodge
20th November 2008	3041 (Ins)	Hatton Lodge
19th December 2008	3964	Dr Oliver Lodge

## 2009

8th January 2009	9155	Corbie Lodge
14th January 2009	9048	Lodge of harmony
19th January 2009	3972	St John's Lodge
21st January 2009	4452	Waynflete Lodge
23rd January 2009	7557	Piscator Lodge
28th January 2009	6104	Medeshampstede Lodge
4th February 2009	7439 (Ins)	Willowbrook Lodge
9th February 2009	8837	Toseland Lodge
24th February 2009	8932	Buckby Castle Lodge
2nd March 2009	9497 (Ins)	Sartoris Lodge
9th March 2009	607	Chicheley Lodge
31st March 2009	9829 (Ins)	Wilavestone Lodge
9th April 2009	442	St Peter's Lodge
15th April 2009	8869 (Ins)	Cumton Lodge
23rd April 2009	8576 (Ins)	Spelhoe Lodge
24th April 2009	9542 (Ins)	Meridian Lodge

## Contributions to Password (Information Officer contact details on Page 24)

After considerable thought about timing, it has been agreed that publication of Password should be in early February and early to mid August. This should allow us to keep matters fairly newsworthy and relevant and to inform you of significant events. However this magazine is yours and needs your input to make it work so, if you have anything you feel may be of wider interest to the Province, please let your local Information Officer know and make sure that someone is around to take a picture (and remember they speak a thousand words).

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## **A Notable Occasion for Wentworth Lodge No 737**

Wentworth Lodge No 1039 was consecrated on 12th April 1858 and celebrated its sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary, as Wentworth Lodge No. 737, at the one thousand two hundred and thirty ninth meeting on 14th April 2008 with 61 Brethren in attendance.

There were twenty four members and amongst the thirty seven visitors were the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall, together with W Bro Max Bayes and W Bro Wayne Williams, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. There was one other special guest from Sheffield and that was W Bro Rodney Holdsworth the Worshipful Master of the other Wentworth Lodge No. 1239. As far as the Lodge knows these are the only two Wentworth Lodges but there used to be a third, Wentworth Lodge No 89 of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales; unfortunately that Lodge went out of existence when it had to surrender its warrant on the 17th August 1994 just thirteen years after its own centenary.



At the sesquicentennial Lodge Meeting the circumstances leading to the formation of the Lodge together with the minutes of consecration ceremony were described by the Secretary. The Assistant Secretary then read the minutes of the Lodge held one hundred and fifty years ago and the Worshipful Master W Bro I S Hollis described some of the many landmarks that Wentworth Lodge had achieved over the past 150 years.

At the Festive Board the Provincial Grand Master, after responding to his toast, proposed a toast to the Lodge which was in turn responded to by W Bro Terry Adams, the longest serving member in attendance that evening. Before the PGM sat down W Bro Trevor Baldry presented RW Bro Barrie with a cheque for £5000 which represented the Lodge's second instalment towards the 2013 Festival.

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## **Grand Lodge Appointments & Promotions - 2008**

On Wednesday 30th April two Brethren of our Province were honoured at the Annual Investiture with a first Appointment to Grand Rank by the Grand Master. They were W Bros James Boughton of Heigham Lodge No 8486 and Robert Pues of Lodge of Merit No 466; regret no picture this year but they will appear in the Year Book.

At the same meeting the Grand Master reappointed MW Bro The Marquess of Northampton as Pro Grand Master and was pleased to promote W Bros Wayne E. Williams PSGD AsstPGM, to Past Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, Stanley G. Wilford PJGD (Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570) to Past Senior Grand Deacon and David H. Bosworth PAGDC (Lodge of Perseverance No 455) to Past Junior Grand Deacon. In addition W Bro Timothy F. Dodds PAGDC (Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570) was promoted to Past Senior Grand Deacon through the Province of Lincolnshire.



## Jubilee Certificate - W Bro Richard Caton, Ailwyn Lodge

At Ailwyn Lodge in early April the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall, invited W Bro Richard Caton to join him on the floor of the Lodge. He began by congratulating W Bro Caton on achieving the landmark of fifty years in Masonry; although the actual date was April 17th the present day could be regarded as a kind of official birthday prior to that. The PGM identified 1958 with famous names, such as Krushchev and Fuchs, the creation of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales and the opening of Gatwick airport.



In the fifty years since, W Bro Richard has made signal contributions to Lodge affairs and the PGM went on to read the contents of the Certificate marking these achievements. Initiated by his father, he had twice been Treasurer of the Lodge for lengthy periods, succeeding his father in that office and gaining a number of Provincial promotions. He was also a member of Old Reptonians Lodge 3725. He had been a member of St Ivo Chapter, into which he was exalted in 1971, and was a founder member of Ailwyn Chapter; as Treasurer of Ailwyn Chapter he had initially made a profit of 39 pence! His many achievements have justifiably earned him the respect of the Brethren.

Responding, W Bro Richard pointed out that he had enjoyed the advantage of starting young - as a Lewis, initiated at the age of 23. He thanked the PGM and all the Brethren for honouring him. The presentation was greeted with much applause.



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# MASONS NEAR & FAR

## Star of Saxony Lodge 853 (GC)

The photograph right shows Brethren of the Star of Saxony Lodge, No 853, German Constitution, prior to conducting a Second Degree ceremony, at their Lodge Rooms in Rheindahlen, Germany, which was carried out by 'country members' of the Lodge. The occasion was the 50th



Anniversary of the Lodge which was attended by the Grand Master of British Freemasons in Germany, MW Bro Frederick Thomas Colbran and many other Brethren from both within the Grand Lodges of Germany and England.

Three Brethren of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire participated in the ceremony. Our own Asst PGM, W Bro Viv Thomas PAGDC(GC) PJGD(EC), Vale of Welland Lodge (in front of Grand Steward above) No 8845, occupied the Chair, W Bro Brian Gebbels PGStdB(GC) PPrJGD(EC), Socrates Lodge No 373, who acted as DC and explained the Second Degree Tracing Board and W Bro 'Buster' Evans PPrJGD(EC), also of Socrates Lodge, who acted as JD and explained the Second Degree Working Tools.

The weekend celebrations brought together many Brethren and their families whose membership of the Star of Saxony Lodge originated from their postings in Germany - indeed many Brethren started their Masonic careers after being initiated into this lodge (including yours truly; only sorry I wasn't able to get there - Ed). By all accounts the weekend was a resounding success and just goes to show that Freemasonry (working in English) is strong and available to Brethren should they go and live in Germany.

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### Advertising in Password

Readers will be aware that to keep down costs we changed to the A5 format which seems to have been received favourably but since that time we had, until recently, been less successful in attracting advertising. In each of the Masonic Centres there should be a poster showing costs for each sized advert.

The costs are: Full Page £175, Half Page £95 and Quarter Page £55 which in each case is for full colour in 2 editions with artwork supplied by the advertiser. It is not intended that the magazine should be filled with adverts but if you know of anyone who might be interested please let your local Information Officer or me know. It is in all our interests to keep down costs. **Richard Turpin, Editor**

## A Regression in Freemasonry?

Is it possible to regress in Freemasonry you may well ask? At a special meeting of Ferrara Lodge No 8489, on a Saturday in early April at Corby, one Brother from that Lodge, Bro John Edwards, must have pondered this more than most when, during a visit by Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121, from the Scottish Province of Renfrewshire West, he was the 'candidate' during an emulation (demonstration in our parlance) of the First Degree ceremony. Some two years earlier Bro John had been 'Raised' to the Third Degree during a previous visit but his dedication as the 'candidate' on this occasion was doubly rewarded with a promise of a Second Degree ceremony in Scotland next year after which honorary membership of Lodge Crawfurdsburn will be bestowed; so hardly a regression in reality.

The meeting had a good turnout from Brethren of both Lodges and a number of visitors including our own PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall and the PGM of Renfrewshire West, RW Bro James Miller. The Right Worthy Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn led his officers and Brethren in a most enlightening ceremony which was much appreciated by all present. At the Festive Board which followed the ladies were able to join in a most convivial White Table occasion.



## Canadian visitors to Thomas Deacon Lodge in Peterborough



At their April meeting this year, Thomas Deacon Lodge were pleased to be able to give a warm welcome to the District Deputy Grand Master of Halifax City No. 1 District in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia - RW Bro Fabio Sani, who was accompanied by VW Bro Bob Cowley. Both Brethren are from St Andrew's Lodge No 1, which is the oldest Lodge in the British Commonwealth and was founded the same year as the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia by Lord Cornwallis in 1750.

RW Bro Fabio and VW Bro Bob attended the Thomas Deacon Lodge as personal guests of W Bro Andrew Ward who has visited the Nova Scotia Lodges on many occasions. They were especially pleased to be able to meet VV Bro Derek Young who was the official provincial visitor for the evening when the visitors enjoyed a Third Degree ceremony. Back in their home Lodges, the ceremonies are carried out in York Rite which differs considerably to our own working in Emulation.

The Festive board was enjoyed by all, and RW Bro Fabio especially enjoyed the Canadian anthem being played after the National Anthem. Both he and VW Bro Bob expressed their appreciation to the members and visitors of Thomas Deacon Lodge for their kind and fraternal welcome.

## New Operative Headquarters - Masonic Rooms, Eaton Socon

The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plasterers and Bricklayers (The Operatives) are purchasing the Masonic Rooms, Eaton Socon as their new permanent headquarters. Apparently the planned move will have no effect on current users except that they will no longer be liable for major structural costs. This project is thus seen as a positive step which favours both Operatives and local Masons.



The Operatives are pleased to acquire a headquarters that they can truly call their own rather than continuing with the current arrangement of constantly having to rely on the goodwill of other Degrees.

RW Bro Peter Fotheringham, the Pro 2nd Grand Master Mason, stated that he was pleased at the progress to date and that the arrangements were almost complete - he had great hopes that the deal would be finalised early in the new Masonic Season.

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## Mark Ladies Weekend at Bournemouth



This year the traditional Ladies Weekend at Bournemouth almost didn't happen. At the eleventh hour a rescue bid had to be put in place due to the organizers, Gordon & Janet Anstee, going into liquidation. The Province only became aware of this problem at 7.00 am on the Tuesday prior to the event to be held on the Saturday and many phone calls were made to confirm that Brethren were prepared to accept having to pay for a rescue plan.

In the event nearly all responded favourably and some 200 Brethren, ladies and guests attended and enjoyed a truly wonderful weekend away together.

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## A Masonic Milestone for Ill Bro Stan Wilford

The Inspector General of the District of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, V Ill Bro



The Rev Tony Avery, presented a pair of whisky glasses on behalf of the St George of England Rose Croix Chapter, to Ill Bro. Stanley Wilford, to commemorate 50 years service to the Chapter.

The Inspector General said, that this was a duty he was very pleased to perform. On receiving the gift, Ill Bro. Stanley said that he was most grateful to the Chapter, and explained that during his recent incapacity he would, each evening, refer to the Provincial year book and at 9.00 pm have a drink with the Lodge or Chapter who were meeting at the time.



## New Intendant-General - East Midlands Division

The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine has a new Intendant-General, R III Kt Max Bayes, (on the left below) who was installed as leader of the order in a perfect ceremony on Monday 16th June 2008.

The event was also a milestone for the Grand Sovereign, M III Kt Cdr R A Champion, (seen centre in the picture on the right) as this was to be his last installation before his retirement. In addition, it was his 50th installation ceremony during his term in office.

Over 100 Knights, including many Grand and Divisional Officers, attended the ceremony. The Intendant-General was very complimentary when installing his deputy, III Kt Michael Arthur Robinson (on the right) and in his Installation address he thanked his predecessor for passing onto him an Order that was in good health and had such high standards. He looked forward to continuing with the good work.



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## Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Mark Mason Honoured



VW Bro Michael Richards, who retired last year after serving for 23 years as the Secretary of the Mark Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, was honoured by the Grand Master, MW Bro HRH Prince Michael of Kent, at the annual promotions meeting of Mark Grand Lodge on Tuesday 10th June when he was invested with the active rank of Grand Master Overseer.

At the Provincial meeting on 28th June the PGM, RW Bro George Bohham, remarked that for the forthcoming year Bro Michael's promotion meant that he would be the most senior Very Worshipful Brother in the Mark Degree.

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## New Deputy District Master Appointed

Following the tragic death of III Comp David Pittham OBE, the District Grand Master of the East Midlands District of Royal & Select Masters, R III Comp Michael Jolley, was pleased to appoint III Comp Cliff Tysoe of Olney Council No 178 as the Deputy District Grand Master.

The appointment took place at a meeting of Comp Cliff's own Council on 12 June as it was the first opportunity to install a successor following David's sudden and unexpected death.



# Developments in The Holy Royal Arch

There are one or two interesting developments afoot within the Royal Arch Province which I trust will be of interest both to existing Companions as well as those contemplating membership of the Royal Arch as their next essential step.

Whilst the Preliminary Declaration in the Book of Constitutions - as agreed by the 1813 Act of Union between the two rival Grand Lodges, the Antients and the Moderns - clearly states that the Holy Royal Arch is considered an integral part of Antient Freemasonry, the statement was designed as a constitutional compromise designed to appease both parties who held slightly differing views at that time. Changes since have been few and far between but a clearer definition is now long overdue to consolidate the positioning of the Holy Royal Arch within Pure Antient Masonry and its indissoluble link with the Craft.

Lest we forget, ours is the defining moment where the Royal Arch brings a happy and joyful conclusion to the events which have previously unfurled in the 3rd Degree ceremony in the Craft. Little wonder therefore that both Supreme Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge itself now look to re-affirm the positioning of the Holy Royal Arch as "an integral part of Antient Freemasonry being the completion of Craft Masonry and the essential next step for every Master Mason" The Royal Arch can justly be claimed therefore to be the foundation and the keystone of the whole Masonic structure - the fulfilment of Pure Antient Masonry without which no Brother can consider his Masonic knowledge complete.

To this end, two new, explanatory leaflets have been produced to emphasise this unquestionable bond between the Craft and the Holy Royal Arch. A simple introduction to the Royal Arch will be set out in a leaflet which will be presented to every Master Mason as soon as possible after the Craft meeting at

which he has been raised to the Third Degree. This will include an invitation to consider exaltation into a Chapter when the importance and the



E Comp Wayne Williams,  
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

implications of the three Degrees in Craft are better understood. The invitation will again be extended, formally on this occasion, after presentation of the Grand Lodge Certificate in the form of a joint letter signed by both the Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Superintendent, explaining how the Royal Arch should be considered the logical progression towards the completion of Masonic advancement.

Then, with a clearer appreciation and a Royal Arch Grand Officer as "mentor", the second of the two new booklets comes into play after exaltation into the Holy Royal Arch - similar to the objectives of the "Peterborough" booklets, it is designed to give a clear explanation of the exaltation ceremony, its implications and how it completes the teachings of the three Degrees in Craft which have preceded it.

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## The School at Mile 36

On a visit to Freetown Sierra Leone in 2005, as part of a group working to extend a Clinic operated by Mercy Ships in an area known as Aberdeen, Bro David Wallwork became aware of the physical and emotional problems associated with life in this poverty stricken and war ravaged country.

At one point he was asked to go 'up country' to collect some food and it was at a farm that he saw an opportunity for a recently retired secondary head teacher to make a difference. It was a fairly extensive, very primitive subsistence farm at a place only referred to as 'the farm at mile 36'. There was no school, indeed no education for any of the 100+ youngsters living there; the nearest school was two hours walk away. Working with the tribal elders he got them to agree to provide the land, and was fortunate enough to meet a builder named Abdullai Kallon, a well known local man with excellent references, who was willing to help. Now Abdullai is supervising the building of a school which will be the best in the area with five classrooms, toilets and a football pitch.

On return to the UK, it was decided that raising funds to support the building project would be a complete family affair and they chose David School as it was a name often used within the family and, as a biblical word, the local people knew it and will be easily able to say it. The actual fundraising has been shared between the family, with help from friends and various organisations, including The Vale of Nene Lodge No 7006 of which Bro David is a member.



He has been back, to check progress, which has moved on considerably since the above photo was taken. There is still some way to go but in the not too distant future Bro David hopes to be going back soon to officially open the school. As well as money, collection of school uniforms, shoes, football kit, chalk and slates is now ongoing and a shipper has been found who has agreed to move equipment out there which is a great help. This project will make a significant difference to the lives of these children and provide them with opportunities which, in this country, we take for granted but which would not otherwise be available to them.

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## The Fittest Mason in the Province?

Bro Keith Rumbold of Ferraria Lodge No 8489 can undoubtedly lay claim to being the fittest Mason in the Province. Last year he completed a tremendous effort of endurance by finishing the Himalayan Endurance Race - a little matter of five marathons in five days. The third of which entailed no less a feat than running around Mount Everest!

He received very well earned total sponsorship of £5,500 - £2000 from the Provincial Grand Charity, £1,500 from Corby Masons and £2000 from various non-Masonic sources. Three years ago he ran the London marathon raising £2000 for the local Lakelands Hospice. Bro Keith's fund raising efforts over the past 20 years have been officially recognised by the award of the MBE for which he is to be heartily congratulated.

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## ORATORS AND ORATIONS

The Orator Scheme, being a revival of Lodge Orators, is a vehicle to stimulate curiosity, to give a better understanding of the philosophy, to encourage study/discussion of Freemasonry and is part of the Retention Strategy. Orations have been, and will be, written to enhance rather than replace the lessons contained in the Rituals and Lectures. They are individual, freestanding, short talks of no more than ten minutes. Each Oration will focus on a particular aspect of the Craft and a deeper meaning of the ritual and it's symbolism.

The Journey of Pure Antient Masonry, which will include the Holy Royal Arch, will be made more apparent. Topics covered by Orations can be as wide and varied as Freemasonry itself. Open debate and discussion will follow each Oration with Brethren being asked for their observations and comments. Lodges will be actively encouraged to be in contact with the Provincial Grand Orator and his team, through Provincial Grand Lodge Office and to invite one of them to the Lodge.

The current team consists of: VW Bro D G Young, PDPGM (Provincial Grand Orator), W Bro V Thomas, APGM (Asst PGO), and W Bro R Hirst. Provincial Education & Training Officer (Asst PGO). They will be pleased to hear from any Lodge wishing to study / discuss / promote a better understanding of Freemasonry.

Brethren are referred to the latest issue of 'Freemasonry Today' No 3, Summer 2008, re: article "THE ORATOR", for a more in depth observation of above.

**D G Young PGSwdB**  
**Provincial Grand Orator**

## The Scout Lodge Grand Camp Fire

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(courtesy of W Bro John Walsh )

Ticket price of £7 will include a sausage and mash supper followed by an evening round the camp fire led by the County Scout Associations foremost camp fire specialist. Licensed refreshments will also be available. All are welcome, bring your friends and enjoy an evening of nostalgia and rip roaring fun whilst at the same time boosting the 2013 Festival appeal.

**For more information and/or tickets contact:**

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# OBITUARIES

## W Bro David Pittham OBE PAGDC



W Bro WD (David) Pittham was initiated into St Peters Lodge No 442 in 1971 and was its Worshipful Master in 1983. In 1984 he joined the Palmer Lodge

of Provincial Grand Stewards No 8995 and was Worshipful Master in 1996; in 2003 he was promoted to Grand Rank. He was a founder member The Nantahala Lodge No. 9805 consecrated in November 2005 and installed as the third Master in September 2007.

Bro David was a member of various degrees in Freemasonry, a Past 2nd Principal in the Holy Royal Arch and a member of Grand Chapter. He was a member of the Mark Degree, a Royal Ark Mariner, Knights Templar and the Ancient and Accepted Rite. In Royal & Select Masters Degree he was the Deputy District Grand Master of the District Grand Council of the East Midlands Division and had been reappointed to that office just three days before his death.

David was a well respected and much loved Freemason who devoted his life to his family and to the service of others; for many years; he had been particularly involved in raising money for MacMillan Nurses. He also spent many years involved with the Air training Corps reaching the rank of Wing Commander and for which he was awarded the OBE. The attendance at his funeral at the end of May, which filled All Saints Church Peterborough, was testament to his wide popularity in many walks of life and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

## W Bro Don Harlock PPrSGW

W Bro Don Harlock began his Masonic career as an initiate into Socrates Lodge in 1965 becoming its 144th Master in 1977. He became a founding member of Hinchinbrooke Lodge in 1988 and its 2nd Master the following year. Don was uniquely a member of 2 of the 4 Craft Lodges and every other Masonic Order to meet at the Priory and he had been Treasurer, Secretary, Scribe, Recorder et al in most for quite a number of years. Latterly his health precluded attendance at many Lodge and Chapter meetings but he kept going in some until just before the end. He was also a staunch supporter of the Lodge of Installed Master No 3422 in which he served as Master in 2002.

Having grown up and gone to school in Ramsey, Don joined the Royal Marines and , following National Service, he trained at Hendon as a Policeman. After a spell in the Met he was posted to the



Huntingdonshire Constabulary (now Cambridgeshire) where he served as a Beat Officer, Detective, Crime Prevention Officer and latterly Head of CID. After retirement from the police, Don joined Hotpoint as Head of Security and was known to say that it appeared that he had only given up chasing villains to chase missing washing machines.

Don will be missed by his wife Mary and the family and a large circle of Masonic and other friends and acquaintances whose lives he touched over many years. He was a man who was larger than life and he will be remembered fondly by them all.

## Why do we Need to Support The Grand Charity?

The Freemasons' Grand Charity manages the fund which makes payments to former beneficiaries of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Every year, over 1,500 financial grants are made to individual Masons, or their dependants who were experiencing hardship. As part of their programme of support for the Masonic community, The Grand Charity also manages a free mobility equipment loan scheme. They need our support!

### Global Warming or Just 'High Summer'

On entering the Wellingborough Masonic Hall Lodge Room following a recent spell of 'inclement' weather the Tyler was confronted by the ghastly sight shown on the right. The candles on all three pedestals had been attacked by, as one can see, a terminal disease. After consultations with their resident candelabrist, and 'fumigating' the whole building, his advice, on disposal, was as follows. "Remove the effected candles, expunge the deformed root section, cut back until you have the remains of a straight section, dispose of the badly deformed lower portion, reinsert the semi straight outer end back into its holder and dispose of by burning slowly over the next Masonic Season".

Since this first attack Wellingborough has increased the ventilation in the Lodge Room, also removed all candles to a dark cool place in the close season and fortunately have not had a recurrence of the disease.



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## A Letter Received in Response to Square & Compass Club Article

A handwritten letter, which is replicated in full below, was received in response to last issue's article on the Square & Compass Club. This prompted the Communications Committee to, in addition to seeking articles from members, consider inviting inputs to a letters page. It goes without saying that it would not be possible to publish all letters as this one is in full and the Committee would reserve the absolute right to edit content to suit the subject matter and space available.

However as I have commented before, this is your magazine so we would welcome your views. Topics should be generally of a Masonic nature and of broad interest but that should give plenty of scope. It must be made clear that the views expressed are those of the author and we undertake that any editing will be done in such a way as to preserve the original sense.

So let us hear from you and we'll see how it runs.

Ed

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your article upon the Square & Compass Club.

In the early 1960's, and as a PM of Winslow Bucks Lodge where I was initiated in the early 50's I was present when W/B Bob Waterfield & friends arrived one Lodge meeting - He & I remained friends until his recall to the States when I drove him and his family to London Airport. W/B Waterfield formed this S & C Club and was its President - I was made English Vice President & he & I held these positions until his recall. I cannot remember around this time any Bro Bloomer being President.

I believe that during the early 70's many changes occurred & the States & Croughton authorities insisted that various other bodies be open to the Sq & Compass Club. As a result the club, as stated in your article, moved from Croughton & has become more of an English club than a primarily US club.

The Croughton Base Commander, Col Harshfield, was initiated at Winslow Lodge & for his Second was flown to, I believe, Wiesbaden in Germany!

I do not put these points other than to add to your articles history.

At the moment I am "in Limbo" because my family & I are due to move to S. Woodford & I am due to visit the Lodge there with a view to joining.

Sincerely & fraternally

W/B D W Smith

Latterly Royal Corps of Signals Lodge

Certa Cito



## Corby Lodges Bring TLC to the Willowbrooke Minor Injury Unit

A new unit has been formed, within The Willowbrooke Health Centre in Corby, which allows children and other patients with minor injuries to be seen in the most appropriate care setting while making sure of the availability of a range of effective, high quality, urgent care services.



In May, W Bros Tom Hemsley and Glenn Harman, Immediate Past Masters of Corbie and Thistle and Rose Lodges respectively, had the pleasure of introducing Teddies for Loving Care to the new Corby Minor Injuries Unit. Staff Nurse Yvonne Harman (second from left above) stated, "The Out-Patients Department received a greatly needed new ECG Heart Monitoring Machine last year from joint Provincial and local Lodge's support". "This latest show of thoughtfulness from local Freemasons with the gift of Teddies for Loving Care will help to calm children who attend the Unit for treatment to injuries". "On behalf of the staff I would like to thank the Freemasons once again for their generosity in supporting local needs that benefit the whole community".

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## Old Wellingburians Meeting Held at Devonshire Court

A creative idea by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Jerry Higgins, was to hold the July meeting of the Old Wellingburian Lodge at the RMBI Home, Devonshire Court, Oadby, Leicestershire and over 80 Brethren attended the meeting. During the meeting, the retired Chief Executive of the RMBI, W Bro Peter Gray gave an enlightening talk on the work of the RMBI and on how it received its funding.



The evening was also enhanced by the Presentation of a 50 year Jubilee Certificate to W. Bro. Bill Daykin who is a resident at Devonshire Court and a member of the John Pyel Lodge No 5195. The Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro Barrie Hall, made the Presentation. and a further Presentation was made by

the Worshipful Master, W Bro Chris Cory, of the John Pyel Lodge. The meeting was attended by a number of the residents who were also able to join the Lodge at the Festive Board.

Pictured above is W Bro Bill Daykin together with a number of the Brethren who attended.

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## Contact Your Local Information Officer

A number of events have taken place over the past few months which may have been of interest to the Province at large; if you have any items you think might be of Province wide appeal, then please contact your local Information Officer whose details appear on the back page. We can only publish things if we are aware of them!



## St Neots Riverside Singers Say Thank-you to Freemasons

Riverside Singers, who are part of the Riverside Theatre Company of St Neots, returned recently from the 5th World Choir Games in Graz Austria with Silver Diplomas. The first challenge for the 31 youngsters, between the ages of 14 and 20, together with the 10 adult helpers, was to be in St Neots Market Square at 2.30am to start the 5 day trip to Austria to take part in the competition. On arrival in Austria the party was greeted with cloudless skies and 35 degree temperatures which was in complete contrast to the torrential downpours they had left behind them in the UK.

The competition, which was organised into sections, took place in a number of separate venues around the city of Graz (the second largest city in Austria). Riverside's competition venue was in an old monastery "The Minoritensaal" in the centre of town. The acoustics of the building were absolutely fantastic and the choir have never sounded so good!

The judging was by a panel of 5 people from all over the world and the scoring was an extremely complicated process, which separated the 30 choirs in the group into 10 Gold, 10 Silver and 10 Bronze. Riverside won "Silver 7" (just 3 away from Gold). Caroline Muzolph (the Conductor)



was knocked out by the result and said "We went to do our best, and for the experience, we never expected to get such a result, the choir sung as they have never sung before." Fellow competitors also complemented the choir on its appearance, for which thanks must go to a dedicated group of helpers who made the dresses for the girls.

The Riverside Singers are very grateful for the support they received from all their sponsors and in particular from the Huntingdon, St Neots and St Ives Masonic Lodges and from the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. Without their generosity participation in the event would not have been possible and all the young people involved said that this was the best thing that they had experienced so far and something they will remember if for the rest of their lives.

The article above is a good example of what can be achieved by a number of Lodges combining their efforts and getting additional support from the Provincial Grand Charity. It is good to see that the youngsters involved got so much benefit from 'your' efforts.

**H a v e   y o u   a n   a r t i c l e   f o r   t h i s   p a g e ?**

## **Congratulations on Award of MBE to Bro David John Pope**

Hearty congratulations are offered to Bro David John Pope who was awarded an MBE in the Queens Birthday honours for services to School Rugby and Athletics, and to the wider community in Northamptonshire. He was initiated in March 1994 into Danetre Lodge No 8549 and became a joining member of Lactodorum Lodge No 8526 in 2006. Not surprisingly with his Rugby connection, Bro David was a founder member of the Webb Ellis Lodge No 9740 in 2001. However, his commitment to Masonry in no way detracted from his dedication and service to sport and it was this for which he was honoured.



David has been a member of Northants Schools Athletics Association since 1974 and it's Chairman since 1991. He also served as Chairman of the English Schools Athletics Association and is now a life Vice-President. He is currently President of the Northamptonshire Schools Rugby Association. In 1977 he was a founder member of Bugbrooke RFC, and was involved in coaching Junior sides for their first fifteen years, moving on to being 1st XV coach during the early 90s. He is now President of the club but still acts as coach to the Under 15s on a Sunday and coached the 1st XV throughout the past season. Altogether a busy and dedicated sportsman who has given much to the community over the years and his contribution was justly recognised by this very well earned award.

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## **Freemasons Donate To Microbiology**

W Bro John Munday, the Worshipful Master of Pemberton Lodge No 3039 Rushden, presented £1000 on behalf of the Lodge, which was matched by £1000 from the Provincial Charity, to Dr Maureen Coggrave of the Department of Microbiology at Stoke Mandeville Hospital towards computer equipment that will assist the Consultants in preparing reports on diagnostic cultures to the wards which will help patients to commence appropriate treatment more quickly.



W Bro Munday approached Dr Michael Rogers MBE, (in the wheelchair at left) a former patient of the Centre, and the Hospital's Trust Board, for help in proposing a small project for the Lodge to undertake during his term of office. Dr Rogers suggested Microbiology and stated "the sooner patients receive the appropriate treatment the quicker they can be discharged." W Bro Munday had first met Dr Rogers at Stoke Mandeville when his own son Stephen was

being treated at the National Spinal Injuries Centre following a diving accident in 1981.

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