



# The Masonic Province of West Kent



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## HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Province of Middlesex on receiving a silver gilt award for the Masonic garden at the Hampton Court Flower Show. This is the first time that the Province has entered a garden in such a competition and to obtain such a high commendation is a wonderful achievement.

For full details visit: <http://www.ugle.org.uk> and follow the link.

## THE NEW MEMBER OF THE LODGE

Many Lodges will have experienced the disappointment of finding a new and apparently ideal member, who, having become a Master Mason and attended a few meetings, quietly drifts away – Freemasonry is not for him! But this need not be so- under a plan produced by the Province each Lodge is encouraged to appoint a Lodge Mentor who will ensure that every new Mason is carefully guided and encouraged in his new world by a Personal Mentor so that in time he becomes a loyal and enthusiastic member of his Lodge.

To find out more about the Scheme of Mentoring, go to [www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk](http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk) . There will be a Seminar "Mentoring the New Mason" on Monday 26th January 2009 at Oakley House.

## INTERVIEWING THE CANDIDATE

When interviewing a new candidate, has your committee ever been uncertain of the procedure or the questions to ask? Was the candidate really aware of the aims, ideals, and costs of organisation that he had asked to join as well as the responsibilities? Answers to these and other questions concerning interviewing a prospective Mason are to be found in "Interviewing the Candidate – A Guide " which is on the Provincial website at [www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk](http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk) . Attend the Seminar at the Masonic Hall, Dartford on Tuesday 11th November; it will be of great value to all involved in these interviews

## PROVINCIAL MENTOR

We now have a Provincial Mentor; W Bro Harry Maton was appointed to that new office by the PGM at the last Provincial Grand Lodge in May of this year. The tasks of the Provincial Mentor in a nutshell are to ensure that the Province's mentoring programme is running smoothly, produce documentation giving guidance and advice to Lodges and to organise workshops and seminars. Although he has a support team, that is quite a task! W Bro Harry is currently Secretary of the Lee-Kent Lodge No 4110 that meets at Oakley House, he is a member of the West Kent Masters' Lodge No 5778 and is a founder member of Scriveners' Lodge No 9799 and is Clerk to the Provincial Charity Committee. We wish him well - he will not have a great deal of spare time!

W Bro Harry's career has been with the railways and he became one of the managers in charge of the signaling centre at Clapham Junction before taking early retirement in October 2005. He has a daughter Jeni, son-in-law Paul and two granddaughters Amy-Jane and Chloe.

## THE KENT SHOW, DETLING SHOWGROUND, 11<sup>th</sup> - 13th JULY

The Kent Freemasons stand at the Kent County Show, our seventh in consecutive years, was a great success. Traditionally organised alternately by East and West Kent Provinces, this year for the first time a small joint was established to see the project through. The joint venture worked extremely well and has paved the way for future consistency. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> a hand made Rocking Horse which had been donated by W Bro Don Lovett was raffled by the Demelza Team who assisted on the day. It raised sum of £500 to be added to the Eltham Appeal. PGM later presented a cheque £12,600 to the BBC presenter Geoff Clarke who thanked him on behalf of Demelza. RW Bro Michael Bailey, the PGM of East Kent was presented with £200 towards the East Kent 2014 by a surprise visitor late in the afternoon who is the only North American Indian currently living in East Kent, **Big Chief Scary Face !!**



Can you see the family resemblance to anyone in the East Kent Provincial office? A full report on the show and the answer will appear in the next edition of WKNews.

## GALA BALL

Have you booked your table for the Gala Ball on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club. The evening will begin with a Four Course Gala Dinner with entertainment throughout and followed by an evening of dancing to Todd Miller and the Joe Loss orchestra. The PGM will preside over the evening and looks forward to your support. Tickets are £45.00 per person or £430 for a table of ten.

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## CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OTHER LODGES

The support team, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, is continuing to support Lodges by visiting them as paying guests. If you can also add your support by attending as a paying guest you will be more than welcome.

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## SUPPORTING OTHER CHAPTERS

The support team, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Grand Superintendent, is continuing to support Chapters by visiting them as paying guests. If you can also add your support by attending as a paying guest you will be more than welcome. Please contact: E. Comp Tony Forwell by email at: [t.forwell@fsmail.net](mailto:t.forwell@fsmail.net)

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