



The Masonic Province of West Kent



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2015 FESTIVAL UPDATE

As of the 30th November – just six months after the launch of the 2015 Festival, the amount raised so far is a fantastic **£225,000** of which **£6,233** has been raised by RA Chapters. For details on how you can qualify for a 2015 Breast Jewel ranging from Steward to Grand Patron, please visit;

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/2015_festival_honorifics.php

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December

Prince George Duke of Kent Court Shepherds Green, Chislehurst, Kent.

The Association of Friends will be holding their annual Christmas Fair which will be opened by the Deputy Grand Superintendent E Comp. Bob King at 10:00 a.m. Here you will be able to purchase ideal Xmas gifts, Christmas cards, wrapping paper, jewellery, Masonic gifts, handicrafts, flowers and plants. There will be tombolas, raffles and refreshments including hot pies and cakes, Admission is £1.00 for adults – children under 12 – free.

The Provincial Oration Team.

VW Bro Graham Higgs and his Oration Team will be attending the Scadbury Park Lodge No 9022 at their next Regular Meeting on Monday 7th December commencing at 5.15pm at Oakley House, Bromley. The Worshipful Master and Brethren would be pleased to welcome any Brother who has not had the pleasure of attending one of these very interesting Oration Meetings. For further details please contact: Tony Ellis, Tel: 01737 813281 e-mail: member@clanellis4.wanadoo.co.uk

Prince George Duke of Kent Court Study Circle Shepherds Green, Chislehurst, Kent

On Monday 7th December at 7.30pm the second part of the talk on "Schott's Model of King Solomon's Temple and its place in an emerging Freemasonry" will take place at the above venue. Dress is casual, Ladies are welcome, and light refreshments will be served. Details are on:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_non_masonic.php

The Hundred of Wilmington Lodge 9164 Please note change of date since last publication

On Friday 12th February 2010 the Provincial Grand Orator, VW Bro G C Higgs PGSwdB, PDPrGM, together with members of the Oration team, will be attending the meeting of the above Lodge at Sidcup Masonic Centre to deliver a number of orations. Brethren wishing to attend and dine please contact the Secretary D G Viggers Tel: 01322 665973 e-mail: david_g_viggers@btinternet.com

NON-MASONIC EVENTS

HE'S ONLY GONE AND DONE IT ! THE 'POTTY PENSIONER' HAS ARRIVED.

At 7am on Saturday 26th September 2009 W Bro Douglas Holmes aged 70 years set off from his home address in Sidcup, to travel by motorcycle to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. Having travelled over 8,500 miles through Europe, Asia and a good part of Africa, at 1pm on Friday 6th November – he arrived. During the six weeks that this marathon journey has taken, Doug has had many experiences too numerous to

mention here, but no doubt will make excellent reading in a future publication of the West Kent News. Doug, who is now taking a well earned break with his son Stephen in Africa, has expressed his thanks for all the support he has been given in the form of donations to the 2015 Festival, which has exceeded £1000. He hopes that his efforts will inspire other "young OAP's" to do similar crazy things in support of this magnificent Festival Appeal.

The Lesney Park Lodge of Erith No 3965 – Ladies Festival

To be held at the Royal Blackheath Golf Club on Saturday 27th March 2010 for booking details please contact the Festival Secretary, Conrad Edwards on: conrad.edwards1@yahoo.co.uk also: http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_forthcoming_events_item.php?id=56

THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE

The following items have been added to the Website, to view the contents please click on the appropriate links:

Changes to the Provincial Charity Co-ordinators details can be viewed at:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/charity_provincial_coordinators.php

The "Information for Charity Stewards" page has been updated, and can be viewed at:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/info_charity_stewards.php

Further Non Masonic events have been uploaded and can be viewed at:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_non_masonic.php

The Dartford Masonic Centre – Autumn DMC Newsletter:

Now uploaded on the Dartford page and can be viewed by clicking on:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/venue_info/dartford.php

OTHER NEWS

RAF BIGGIN HILL

"Friends of St Georges Chapel" at the old air station are trying to raise £50,000 to restore the Spitfire and Hurricane at the entrance to RAF Biggin Hill. They have been refused funding from the Ministry of Defence and the RAF. W Bro The Rev. David Allonby stated that any small help from West Kent Masons would be gratefully received. Further details can be accessed on:

<http://www.bbm.org.uk/BHchapel.htm>

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. Please contact: chris@sea-systems.co.uk

SUPPORTING OTHER CHAPTERS

The support team, under the chairmanship of the E.Comp Tony Forwell, 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

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