



# The Masonic Province of West Kent



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## 'MASONIC' EMAIL SCAM UPDATE (Issued by UGLE)

The internet scams in which emails are sent out to individuals informing them that they have been chosen as recipients of a major pay out from Masonic charitable funds have been re - appearing with a new twist. They are being sent out as if from one of our Provinces and are "signed" with the name of the actual Provincial Grand Secretary. The email address and other contact details under the name of the Provincial Grand Secretary, however, are not those of the Province or its Secretary!

## THE LATEST SCAM

A number of members within our Province have brought my attention to an email they have received purporting to be from The Freemason Society of Bournemouth. There is no such organisation and you should immediately delete the email. The content begins as follows: **Dear Benefactor, The Freemason society of Bournemouth under the jurisdiction of the all Seeing Eye, Master Nicholas Brenner has after series of secret deliberations selected you to be a beneficiary of our 2008 foundation laying grants and also an optional opening at the round table of the Freemason society.**

**YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DELETE THESE EMAILS!!**

## BRITAIN'S OLDEST BARTENDER STILL WORKING AGED 100

Britain's oldest bartender is still going strong aged 100, and does not intend to call last orders on his career any time soon. Joakim Christou, or "Chris" as he is known at the Westwood celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family, friends and colleagues at a surprise party given for him at the Westwood Masonic Centre in Welling, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. **"Chris, Many happy returns and hearty congratulations"**. A full report will appear in the winter edition of WKNews.

## JUMP FOR HENRY

Many congratulations to W.Bro Paul Flowerday (Mountsfield Lodge) and his JUMP FOR HENRY team for completing their static line parachute jump on Saturday 30 August 2008 at RAF Weston-on-the-Green, Oxfordshire. After 9 hours of intense training starting at 8am, they finally took to the skies at 5:30pm, reached an increased height of 4,000 ft before plunging to the earth and landing safely! To date they have raised almost £10,000 for The National Autistic Society, which as you all may remember is a cause close to Paul's heart, as his son Henry is autistic. Paul and the JUMP FOR HENRY team would like to thank everyone for their support and extreme generosity in helping them reach their target. It just shows you how charitable West Kent freemasons really are.

## INVITATIONS TO LODGE MEETINGS

The following Lodges extended an invitation to attend their forthcoming meetings:

**AMHERST LODGE 1223. SEVENOAKS. Weds 10th SEPT. 5.00 pm.**

**CARRYING OUT THE CEREMONY OF RAISING.**

**Contact: Stan Ashlee, [s.ashlee10@btinternet.com](mailto:s.ashlee10@btinternet.com) or Michael Whyte. [Michaelwhyte97@aol.com](mailto:Michaelwhyte97@aol.com)**

**VALE of BECK LODGE 6283, OAKLEY HOUSE, Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 5.00 pm.**

**THE 2005 PRESTONIAN LECTURE, "WOMEN AND FREEMASONRY" by W.Bro. GORDON DAVIE PSGD PAPGM**

**Contact: JOHN CALLAGHAN: 0208 462 1585: [jc54@byinternet.com](mailto:jc54@byinternet.com)**

## PRINCE GEORGE DUKE OF KENT COURT STUDY CIRCLE

### 'The Saga of George Cooke'

Shepherds Green, Bromley Lane, Chislehurst, Kent. BR7 6PA, Monday 1st September 7.30 pm.

All Masons & their Ladies Welcome, Short Paper for the evening followed by refreshments & Q & A session:

## CORRECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE SEPTEMBER DIARIES

In the recently published September diaries for the Executive I stated that North Kent Masters' Lodge 9062 meet at Welling. This is incorrect they now meet at Dartford and I apologise for the error.

## GALA BALL **ONLY 70 PLACES LEFT!!**

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.

For further information please contact: [fredhalligan@aol.com](mailto:fredhalligan@aol.com) or Roland Stokes: [riggs1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:riggs1@tiscali.co.uk)

**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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