



The Masonic Province of West Kent



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2015 MASONIC SAMARITAN FUND FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The official launch of the 2015 Festival for the Masonic Samaritan Fund will be held on the 30th May 2009 across the Province of West Kent. There will be six major events held at the Masonic Centres of Bromley, Dartford, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Welling and Wrotham. Tickets for these events are selling fast so book soon to avoid disappointment. Further details of the events and a downloadable booking form can be obtained from the following link:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_forthcoming_events_item.php?id=28

INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATE

A new booklet has been published on the Provincial website, entitled "Information for the Candidate". This is a very helpful guide for prospective freemasons, and gives information on what freemasonry is, what happens at a lodge meeting, the interview process, as well as details about mentoring and charity. Please feel free to print this guide and give it to people who are interested in becoming a freemason.

You can download the guide at:

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

MENTORING THE NEW MASON

A news article about "Mentoring the new Mason" part of The Way Forward series of seminars, has been published on the Provincial website.

You can read the full story at:

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

FUTURE EVENTS

"NUTTY PENSIONER" ON SUICIDE MOTOR CYCLE TRIP THROUGH AFRICA ! ?

Well not really. W. Bro. Doug Holmes – a member of the Eynsford Castle Lodge 8684 and Lamorbey Chapter 5614 is a retired Traffic Officer, and a very experienced police motor cyclist. To celebrate his 70th birthday this year he has carefully planned this epic journey of over 8500 miles through Europe and Africa. In September he will be leaving from Oakley House and riding alone to Daar-es-Salaam in Tanzania. The trip is already fully funded, and Doug would like to raise donations for the 2015 Festival by asking every Lodge and Chapter to support him.

During the estimated 6 weeks of his journey (This is not a race) Doug will take time off for sightseeing and will be keeping a written and photographic journal of his exploits. - A charging Elephant, angry Rhino and nasty Scorpions would be good Doug! – We've all seen the Pyramids thank you! - How about a Hippo squashing your tent? Or a Crocodile chewing your gas stove! (Oh yes readers, he will be camping in the African Bush!)

To read further and more detailed information regarding Doug's adventure, and to download a sponsorship form for your Lodge and Chapter, please go to the following link. Please be generous with your donations – ever bearing in mind that the Crocodile could chew more than his gas stove, and he might need the services of the MSF on his return!

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_forthcoming_events_item.php?id=38

PRINCE GEORGE DUKE OF KENT COURT

**SPRING FAIR – SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2009 2pm - 4pm
Shepherds Green, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 6PA**

To be opened by RW. Bro. Michael Bailey PGM (East Kent).

There will be stalls for Collectables, Handicrafts, Masonic Gifts, Jewellery & Fashion, a Tombola, Raffles, Bar-B-Q, Refreshments and a Bar.

Admission £1.00, Children free. Parking nearby. For further enquiries please contact W.Bro. Ray Stiles, on ; rayjstiles@aol.com

Please support your local RMBI Home.

FREEMASONRY ON SHOW, KENT COUNTY SHOW

Friday 17th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July 2009

Members of all Lodges are enthusiastically invited to bring friends and family along to the Kent Freemasons stand at this year's Kent Show at Detling. Special interest events are planned for the first 2 days of the County Show. This promises to be the best ever year at the County Show and we hope to see you there to share it with us. For more detailed information on the Kent Freemasons Stand – please click on the link below.

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_forthcoming_events_item.php?id=39

PLEASE NOTE: "THE WEST KENT MASONIC CHARITIES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING" WILL NOW BE HELD AT OAKLEY HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 19th MAY AT 7.30pm.

SECRETARIES & FESTIVAL ORGANISERS PLEASE NOTE:

If you wish your Lodge Ladies Festival, or other important event, to be published in the eBULLETIN – details must be provided at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

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: fredhalligan@aol.com

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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