



Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

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This weeks Solomon nugget #50!

This week in his 50th presentation in the series taken from UGLE's Solomon web site Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish presents '[Geometry and Masonic Symbolism](#)'. It examines the spiritual aspects of the Masonic journey and the influence of sacred geometry on Freemasonry and various religions.

There are a collection of Solomon videos that Richard has produced during the COVID pandemic on the [Provincial Website/Preceptors Corner](#). Start or renew your own Masonic researches by exploring the [Solomon web site](#)

NOTE In producing a weekly video during the Pandemic, Richard has inspired us all to learn more about the Craft. There must have been times when he thought, I don't feel like doing a video this week! But in the best Masonic tradition and for the benefit of the brethren he kept going. A big thank you Richard !

Update from the Deputy PGM

As we move slowly toward the ability to meet in our lodges once again, the Province has been making preparations to support you through your lodge programme from September 2021. Our Provincial Director of Ceremonies, Barry McCormack has established a small team of active Provincial Officers to assist lodges where support is required to deliver the outstanding number of initiations and ceremonies, please contact Barry if your Lodge needs help. It is very pleasing to see past PGMs and past Deputy PGMs involved as Presiding Officers at lodge installations in addition to our Wardens of 2020/21 and well as the incoming Wardens 2021/22, and our newly appointed Grand Officers for those years.



The details of who is coming to your lodge and when, including, Installations, Fraternal visits, the Travelling Trowel and Provincial Team Visits, can be found on the various schedules in '[what's on' within our website](#). The first Provincial Team Visits will be 6 September 2021 to celebrate the centenary of St Aphedge Lodge in Bath followed by a small number of lodge visits during the season.

The four Travelling trowels will be returned to PGL at the AGM to be held on 14 October 2021 (restrictions allowing) at the Webbington Hotel. There will be five trowels leaving

that meeting to return in April 2022, and thereafter on a two year visiting schedule across the province.

I hope you are enjoying an enhanced public facing view of our Masonic activity in the community? Just one thing to remember - with public engagement comes public scrutiny. Self referrals are welcome but provincial and lodge vetting should be taken seriously. If a brother is known as a mason in the community he must anticipate the public will expect high standards.

The whole Provincial team and myself are looking forward to the recommencement of our activities in the autumn, visiting your Lodge and supporting you as best we can.

Yours S&F Ben Batley



The Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Fund

To mark his decades as a member of the Craft and his lifelong commitment to charity, the MCF will be making a significant donation on behalf of Freemasons in England and Wales.

The Duke of Edinburgh was connected to a wide range of charities across the UK, in June the MCF will be selecting one or more of these charities to receive a grant to mark what would have been his 100th birthday. You can boost the MCF grant by making a donation in memory of Prince Philip to The Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Fund Relief Chest (DoE2021). Lodge donations also welcome of course.

Visit the MCF site to donate direct.

Party in the Park - 3rd July 6 -11pm

Plans are progressing well for the Party in the Park on Saturday 3rd of July at Taunton School. If you had previously booked to attend the original end of Festival event, you should have heard from Keith Baker via your Lodge secretary asking if you would like to attend the Party or would you prefer a refund. Please respond as soon as possible.

If you hadn't previously booked but now wish to do so please contact [Keith Baker](#). Tickets are £35.00 each.

More details about the [evening and entertainment](#).

Editor - Apologies to Adrian Robson for omitting his name from the organising team in last week's email.



Widows Sons deliver Easter Eggs to Cadogan Court

Masonic Motorcycling group the Widows Sons visited the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutes home at Cadogan Court, Exeter to deliver Easter Eggs to the residents. The event was blessed with fine weather which allowed many of the residents to enjoy the sunshine and have a good inspection of the motor bikes. For more information click the button below, see if you can spot W.Bro John Lendon in one of the photos! More information on the Wyvern Chapter of the Widows Sons is available of the [Provincial website](#).



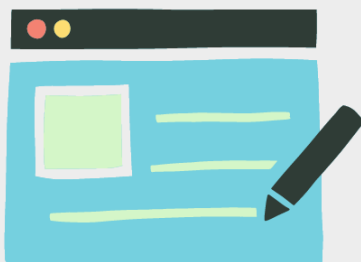
Friends of Cadogan Court Spring report

Civic award for Burnham Freemason

W.Bro John Chinn, a Past Master of Rural Philanthropic Lodge at Burnham, was one of four residents from Burnham-On-Sea and Highbridge who were honoured for their outstanding service to the local community by being presented with Civic Awards by the town's Mayor on Sunday (April 18th).

Photo and report courtesy of Burnham-on-sea.com

[Read the article on Bunham-on-sea.com](#)



Provincial IT

The Provincial IT team looks after IT for the province in general, and the layout, design and maintenance of the website in particular. IT also produce the weekly Craft email news letter.

Andy Wade, the head of IT, is looking for Brethren to join the team, he needs people who are competent PC or Mac users, who have good problem solving skills, and who can write good, concise and easily readable English. Experience using Wordpress, mailchimp or sendinblue would be an asset.

If this sounds interesting, then please email Andy at webteam@pglsom.org

Rowing 500km for Charity

We reported at the beginning of March on W.Bro Stephen Barker's challenge to row 500km in 100days to raise money for the Frome charity Active and in Touch.

Today he hit an important milestone "A big day today, I cleared 300km. An even big thank you to all those who have supported me in this endeavour, so far we have raised over £2000. It's been a lot harder than I originally thought. But I am now well and truly committed to

getting to the end. I am looking forward to the 1st of June, the completion day!"
Editors note - As a gym user I regard the rowing machine as an instrument of torture! Rowing 5km would be a challenge let alone 500. Well done Stephen!

[Find out more on Stephen's just giving page](#)



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Take a look at the New Provincial Web site

Incorporating a modern look and improved navigation, the new web site contains a wealth of information and resources for all Freemasons. Make it your go to place for what is happening in the Province and finding answers to some of those Masonic questions!

[Visit the site](#)

Provincial News letter previous issues

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