



## Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

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### Duke of Edinburgh Memorial fund

The appeal to support the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in Somerset set up recently by the PGM, David Medlock has almost reached £5,000. Somerset Freemasons have previously supported the DofE and now we can share some of the inspiring stories of young people you have helped to achieve their awards. Elias, *pictured left*, lives in Yeovil but was born in Eritrea and has now achieved his gold award. [Read his story.](#) Amie has had a difficult start to life, and her parents were told she was unlikely to walk. [Amie who is a student at Huish College in Taunto, is hoping to finish her Gold award this year.](#)

Councillor Faye Purbrick, Cabinet Member for Education and Transformation at Somerset County Council, [thanks Somerset Freemasons.](#)

[How to donate to the Somerset Duke of Edinburgh Memorial fund](#)

### This weeks Solomon nugget - Masonic Aprons

In this week's presentation in the series taken from UGLE's Solomon web site, Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish looks at [the history of Masonic Aprons](#). In this presentation Richard looks at the development of Masonic Aprons from operative to speculative Masonry. 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](#).



### Ufulu (Freedom)

Malawi is one of the worlds poorest countries, 64% of the population are under 25 years of age, life expectancy is low. Lodge Marine No 232 meeting at Nailsea have donated £3000 to a project there to help



underprivileged young women escape some of the problems that poverty brings.

[Read more about Ufulu](#)



## Cadogan Court News

In March our local RMBI care home, Cadogan Court in Exeter, reopened its doors following government guidance allowing care home residents to again receive visits from a family member or loved one, much welcome relief for many families after such a long and difficult year of having limited contact. Cadogan Court is now again also able to offer residency for those who require residential care.

*"residents are at the heart of everything we do"*

Brethren, those of you who have visited Cadogan Court would have seen at first-hand how the excellent staff have the residents at the heart of everything that they do. Providing professional care and support for each person to stay as independent as possible but feel reassured that help is at hand if and when they need it. Cadogan Court offers all levels of support, residential, nursing and dementia care, plus short term respite. For more information visit the [Cadogan Court website](#) Or contact [myself or Steve Defries](#), we can guide you through the application process.

*Adrian Robson - Provincial Grand Almoner*



## Party in the Park - Sold out!

The organisers of Party in the Park are pleased to announce that all available tickets for the event have now been taken. Provincial Grand Master, David Medlock in thanking the organisers, said that he is delighted that support from the brethren and their partners has been so readily given and is looking forward very much to a great evening in their company. There is a reserve list, if you want your name to go on it please contact [Keith Baker](#). More details about the [evening and entertainment](#).

**Press-up Challenge**

Bro. David Roberts of Richard Huish Lodge 8518 has signed up to do 100 press ups a day, every day, in May for Cancer research. He has a fundraiser page on Facebook and has raised £155 so far. Dave will be posting photos and video's every day from Saturday 1st May.

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## SMCA RIDE

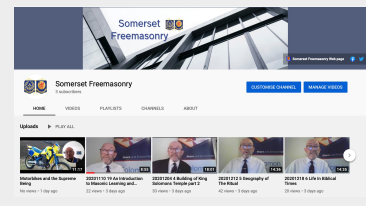


## Sunday 23rd May - SMCA organised ride

Times and the route are being finalised for the inaugural Somerset Masonic Cycling Association ride on Sunday 23rd May. Starting at Langport the ride will cover approximately 25 to 30miles. It will pass through some of the Somerset levels, taking in Muchelney Abbey and Burrow Hill, with stop midway for refreshments. SMCA members will receive updates via the SMCA WhatsApp group but the ride is open to all. If you would like to know more contact the secretary [Mike Norton](#).

## Somerset Freemasonry on YouTube

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset now has it's own YouTube channel [Somerset Freemasonry](#). You can access the channel by clicking the YouTube icon in the top right corner of any page on the [Provincial website](#).



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