

West Kent Communications Team
“Communication Update”
Saturday 18 November 2017

We promised to issue periodic “Communications Updates” to keep you all informed about key events in the Province.

The purpose of these “Communications Updates” is to cover more than one topic – and therefore cut down on the amount of e-mail traffic you receive.

This issue includes:

- A message from Roland Stokes, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, about Daniel Unthank, and his completion of the Commando Challenge for the CALM Appeal.
- A message from Phil May, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, about the Prince George, Duke of Kent Court - Christmas Fair, on Saturday 2 December
- An update from Jim O’Donnell, Head of Communications, about press coverage of West Kent’s attendance at Remembrance Day Parades on Sunday 12 November.
- Some key dates for your diary.

A message from Roland Stokes - Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

I wanted to share this amazing news from Daniel Unthank, who completed the “Commando Challenge” – and raised £2128.75 for the West Kent CALM Appeal.

Well done, Daniel – and many congratulations from us all!

COMMANDO CHALLENGE UPDATE FROM DANIEL

Set with the challenge of running 12km, with 42 obstacles to negotiate, I completed The Commando Series at Hever Castle on Saturday 11 November in aid of the **CALM** Appeal. The course, consisting of exact replicas from the Lympstone Commando Training Centre in Devon, included winding tunnels, many of which are semi-submerged in water, mud-runs, slippery slopes and drop-offs, monkey bars, scramble nets, walls, a 30m long pitch black cave system, pools and rivers of chest-deep water and the dreaded Sheep Dip. I managed to finish the race plastered in mud and soaked through in 1 hour and 57 minutes. The water, as one might expect in November, was pretty cold but raising **£2128.75** helped get me through it! Thanks to all who supported me and to any who wish to add their support, please donate via <https://everydayhero.co.uk/event/e0167>



A message from Phil May, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and Member of the Associations of Friends of Prince George, Duke of Kent Court.

The Prince George, Duke of Kent Court, Christmas Fair is rolling around soon, and will take place on Saturday 2 December. I know the Home will be delighted to see as many of you as possible on the day.

Supporting Prince George, Duke of Kent Court

The Christmas and Spring Fairs are the main fund raising events for Prince George, Duke of Kent Court and given some of the exciting new initiatives we are currently introducing at the home your support for these events, and donations, will be even more welcome than ever.

**The next of these events is the
Christmas Fair on Saturday 2 December, at 10:30am to 12:30pm.**

As you will see from the article on the next page, the new manager at Duke of Kent Court is keen to transform the corridors at the home, to help create a 'Dementia Friendly Environment' by using themed wall murals.

The Association of Friends have pledged to fund the project from existing funds but hope to replenish those funds through the proceeds of both the 2017 Christmas Fair, and the 2018 Spring Fair.

Historically, Lodges and Chapters in the Province of West Kent have supported the Home by buying blocks of tickets.

Often they have been generous enough to buy all the tickets they were sent resulting in a donation of some £25/£50 from each Lodge or Chapter.

Whilst this stream of income from the Province of West Kent is highly valued by the Home sadly, many of the tickets purchased are never actually used and our members do not visit the Christmas or Spring Fair, to take a look at all the things that are happening at Prince George, Duke of Kent Court.

Ideally, the Home would love our members to call in personally and see some of the new initiatives for themselves, like the one outlined in the article below. This is a wonderful concept and contributes directly to the quality of care provided for the residents and introduces modern, best practice, to enliven and enrich their day-to-day lives.

It is hoped that as many of you as possible will join us at the Christmas Fair to see for yourselves how the corridors are being transformed.

Please come and support your local Masonic care home and we look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 2 December.

Remembrance Day Parades 2017

You may wish to see the Front Page of this week's "News Shopper", and the images and article contained inside.

The coverage included photos of the Provincial Grand Master, Mark Estaugh, marching with Provincial Grand Steward, James Croft, and his son, George – at the Remembrance Day Parade in Sidcup, on Sunday 12 November.

Many other West Kent Freemasons also joined local Parades and Remembrance Day memorial ceremonies - right across the six Boroughs in the Province.

Jim O'Donnell
Head of Communications

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Rallying to help OAP

Reporter
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Strangers have been making donations to replace an elderly lady's pension money after she was pushed to the ground and robbed in Hounslow.

Lily Stock, 84, was making her way home in Irish Road last Tuesday when she was attacked by a man who shoved her over and stole her purse.

The great-grandmother was left lying on the cold ground calling for help, and was only found after a night-long search to help her get home.

One of her grandchildren, Louise Floyd, has been trying to raise awareness about the "creature" who robbed and left her aunt shaken up. A fundraising page has been set up to try and replace the stolen pension money - and more than £100 towards a £300 target has been donated.

to Ms Stock since the page's creation.

In a statement on the fundraising page, organizer Kirsty Kropp, wrote: "Not only was she injured, but the thief pushed her to the ground leaving her very shaken and vulnerable."

"Just trying to replace her money and possessions and show her there is some good left in the world."

As well as the money, Ms Floyd said the robber got away with sentimental items such as pictures of her son's grand and great grand children.

Ms Floyd said: "The just giving is just to replace her pension and maybe raise enough to buy some flowers as well."

"She is still very shaken by what happened. It's just nice to know there are nice people out there."

"People don't know how this feels until it happens to someone in your family."

"What kind of a monster, or a reward, would

have someone that did on the floor? What would they think if it was their parent?"

Fundraisers have left messages for Ms Stock on the fundraising page, including "Hope they get caught and you are ok."

Another said: "Absolutely terrible for what this poor lady went through and I hope the scam is caught."

The Met are appealing for witnesses to come forward.

A spokesman for South London said: "Police were called at 17.08hrs on Tuesday, November 7 to reports of a robbery in Irish Road, Hounslow."

"Officers attended and found the victim, aged in her sixties, injured."

"The victim had her handbag stolen and was knocked to the floor during the robbery."

"It is not known how many suspects were involved."

"Any witnesses or anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Tweet @MetDCU."

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In remembrance



Reporter
Tom Bull
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Remembrance Day was marked in Sidcup by a memorial ceremony marching through the town centre. The parade led from the United Services Club, through the High Street, stopping for a service at St John's Church before finishing with a wreath laying ceremony at Sidcup Place.

Leading the parade for the West Kent Freemasons was Mark Estauch, accompanied by provincial grand steward James Croft and his eight

year-old son George, who is visually impaired. George was keen to join in the parade through his hometown. He said: "It was fun! I hope we can do it again."

Following the Remembrance Day Parade in Sidcup on Sunday, the provincial grand master of West Kent, Mark Estauch, said: "To mark our 300th anniversary, we want to build stronger and more visible links with our local communities - and be open and transparent about our organisation and its work. We were all very proud to join such an established, and well organised, Remembrance Day Parade in Sidcup."



Mark Estauch, George and James Croft



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Sun 10th Dec	Sidcup Brass Market & Wellwood Palace	£30	£42pp
Mon 12th Dec	Christmas Lunch at The Moorings	£20	£27pp
Tue 12th Dec	Shuttle Railway - Christmas Lunch	£10	£49pp
Wed 13th Dec	Lunch & Parts at South Western	£30	£42pp
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- "Calm Appeal" Film Night, Sunday 26 November, 5:50pm, Stag Cinema, Sevenoaks.
- Almoners' Workshop, Thursday 30 November, 6:30pm for 7:00pm start, Tunbridge Wells Centre.
- "Quarterly Communications", Wednesday 13 December, 11:00 am, Freemasons Hall.