



A fantastic CALM Appeal Match Funding Presentation Evening was held recently at The Westwood Centre, Welling. The **CALM** Appeal Team were joined by members of the Craft and Royal Arch Executive to present Match Funding Cheques in excess of £20,000 to charities supported by Lodges and Chapters. Everyone enjoyed the evening and our thanks go to the staff of the Westwood Centre for providing delicious canapés and wine throughout the evening. A note to add: On the night we gave £1750 to local Scout Groups and if you add the £1250 agreed by the PCC on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November this gives us a total of £3000, building stronger ties with the Scouts and Guides.



## Worshipful Brother Daniel Unthank & The Tough Mudder



The plan is for me to participate in the Tough Mudder Classic at **Culden Faw Estate, Henley-on-Thames on Sat 4th May 2019** (hopefully the morning). The event is a 10 mile run with 25 obstacles to overcome. The obstacles have such endearing names as Arctic Enema, Electroshock Therapy and Swamp Stomp. The general gist is that they are typically wet, muddy and challenging. I've competed in Tough Mudder before and it is (believe it or not) great fun and gives an immense sense of achievement. It's not a timed race so it's all about completing the course rather than how quick you can run. If you follow this Link, <https://toughmudder.co.uk/obstacles> , it will give you an idea.

Over the last couple of years I've done Tough Mudder, Commando Challenge, Super Spartan, Wolf Run and various 10k runs etc. Tough Mudder was the most enjoyable and had the best obstacles. I would love to get a team together (even if only 2 of us!) and help kick-start the launch of the **2026 MCF Festival**. I'm hoping Lodges and Chapters will support and sponsor the team members in the same generous way the supported me for the Commando Challenge last year. If it has an impact we could potentially compete in Tough Mudder each Festival Year. The team would compete together and we'd enter under a team name, possibly Tough Brothers or similar. Anyone can be in the team although I'd suggest they are relatively fit, healthy and are willing to train for the event. It's not the sort of thing you can just turn up and do.

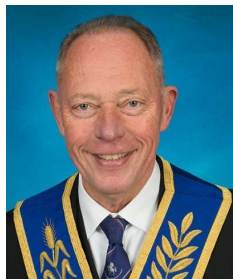
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# 2026 MCF FESTIVAL

The team who will manage the **2026 MCF Festival** are now in place and they are working with the **MCF** to arrange a Festival Relief Chest, Website link and promotional material.



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The end date for the **CALM Appeal** is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

**All Match Funding Applications must be submitted by that date. All residual monies will be donated to the 2026 MCF Festival.**

It has been heart-warming to be able to support the charities nominated by your Lodges and Chapters for this appeal. Many of the requests we received provide poignant stories to demonstrate the worthiness of the cause and have been very moving to read. On many occasions a relatively small amount of money has meant a great deal in showing support and succour for a local charity which has in some way been able to provide assistance to a Lodge/Chapter member or their family.

So thank you all for making the **CALM Appeal** both fruitful and rewarding and now may we all look forward to an equally **SUCCESSFUL 2026 Festival**, details of which will set out in January 2019 edition of The Column.