

# **West Kent Communications Team**

## **“Communications Update”**

### **9 October 2018**

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This is Issue No.10 of the periodic “Communications Updates” - issued by the West Kent Communications Team.

The purpose of these “Communications Updates” is to keep you all informed about key events in the Province – with information from a variety of different sources.

Whilst some messages will still be issued as “stand-alone” e-mails to you all - the aim here is to cover a number of topics in one issue – and therefore cut down on the amount of electronic traffic you receive.

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15. Dates for your Diary.

**Fred Halligan**  
**Communications Team – Head of News**  
**Province of West Kent**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER - PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER, 9 NOVEMBER 2018**

Companions and Brethren all

Following up on the Deputy Grand Superintendent's address at the Provincial Officers' Mess – I would like to remind everybody about the forthcoming Provincial Grand Chapter on Friday 9 November.

Whilst many of you have already booked, I would like to say to those that may be leaving their booking until later – that places are going quickly – and I would not wish you to lose your chance of joining us all on the day.

Please note, whilst the short morning meeting is only open to Royal Arch masons, the Luncheon at the Grand Connaught Rooms and the following Honours Ceremony in the Grand Temple, are open to all Masons, their families and friends.

Several Chapters have organised whole tables of 10 - and I whole-heartedly encourage others to do so.

Please remember that Lunch is restricted to the Grand Dining Hall, and will be limited to just over 500 covers.

Booking Forms can be downloaded at:

[www.westkentmasons.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ProvRA2018am.pdf](http://www.westkentmasons.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ProvRA2018am.pdf)

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on 9 November.

**Mark Estaugh**  
**Provincial Grand Master/Grand Superintendent**

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### **PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS TO PROVINCIAL OFFICERS' MESS – 18 SEPTEMBER 2018.**

The Provincial Grand Master's full address to Provincial Officers' Mess on 18 September 2018, can be accessed via the following link: [www.westkentmasons.org.uk/pgm-s-address](http://www.westkentmasons.org.uk/pgm-s-address)

The PGM's key points were:

I am making the following changes to the Craft Executive and the wider team - some of which apply with immediate effect - and others which will take place at our next Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in May.

#### Membership

In order to move forward with this critical initiative at pace, I have appointed Martin White-Peart as Provincial Membership Officer - he takes over the baton from Jason Pearson, and he and his team are tasked with delivering our objectives for membership attraction.

Supporting this initiative, I have invited David Stock to become Provincial Grand Mentor – he is a seasoned member of our Mentoring Team and will ensure that we continue to manage down controllable membership losses.

I am most grateful to Jason Pearson and John Perkins for what they have achieved as Provincial Membership Officer and Provincial Mentor.

## Education and Learning

I have invited Tony Harvey, a former Prestonian Lecturer and accomplished expert in this field, who has been part of the UGLE team developing this initiative, to take the helm in this important area. This important new initiative will be key to ensuring that the Masonic education and development of our members flourishes - and encourages membership retention.

## Communications

Jim O'Donnell will continue to lead a larger Provincial Communications Team - with wider scope and responsibilities. Fred Halligan will become Head of News and focus on our relationships with the Press and Media.

Bob Armitage-Walker will now head Social Media and administer each of our channels, and as a consequence, take the role of our Brand Guardian to ensure that anything that is published internally or externally meets our agreed standards.

James McNulty will head the new External Events Team, to promote the Craft at shows, displays and public events in the wider community.

## Charity

Given our 2018 strategy of increasing our community presence and external perception, I am keen to ensure that all that we do in the field of Benevolence and Charity is completely aligned to achieving this aim.

Phil May has been pleased to accept this challenge and, in May, I will be appointing him to the new role of Chairman of the Provincial Charity and Pastoral Care Committee. He will also provide a supporting role to Roland Stokes who, as our highly successful Provincial Grand Charity Steward and Fundraising Expert extraordinaire, will now focus all his and his team's energy and enthusiasm on the delivery of a successful 2026 Festival.

Phil's change in role in May 2018 will create a vacancy as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and I am pleased to confirm that W.Bro Colin Holland has accepted my invitation to assume that responsibility. Colin is 58, recently retired, and is well known to many of you as a Provincial Grand Steward, PDPGDC and AGDC in the Royal Arch.

I am very much looking forward to working with each of them next year – and indeed with you all – to achieve our aims and objectives and our ever growing ambitions for this magnificent Province of ours.

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### **UGLE - Gender Reassignment Policy – a message from the Provincial Grand Secretary.**

UGLE have recently published a Gender Reassignment Policy which is to be implemented through the whole of the UK. We have published the Policy and "Frequently Asked Questions" on the Provincial Website. This can be viewed at the following link:

Policy : [www.westkentmasons.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Gender-Reassignment-Policy-1.pdf](http://www.westkentmasons.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Gender-Reassignment-Policy-1.pdf)

Questions: [www.westkentmasons.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Gender-reassignment-FAQs-2018-1.pdf](http://www.westkentmasons.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Gender-reassignment-FAQs-2018-1.pdf)

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**A message from Hari Williams - West Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge - Saturday 27 October 2018  
- 10.30 am start.**

The West Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge are pleased to be hosting a talk from W. Bro Dr John Reuther, PJGD, PProvSGW, Vice-President of the RMBI, entitled 'Freemasonry during the Great War.'

Dr Reuther is an accomplished speaker and will deliver a very entertaining and informative talk. After, he will take questions and I am sure give us much to think about in this, the centennial year of the ending of the Great War.

You are very welcome to attend this meeting and bring your personal guests. You may wish to bring the Brethren you are mentoring. If you want to attend without dining, there will be no charge, but you will need to send a reply so we can arrange enough seating in the Temple. If you wish to dine, please follow the instructions on the attached dining return slip and ensure payment has been made prior to the meeting.

Please complete the form below and return to:-

The Assistant Secretary, Tim Perrin on [asec@wkpgs.org.uk](mailto:asec@wkpgs.org.uk) to arrive no later than Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

At the time of booking would you please state any dietary requirements (i.e. diabetic, vegetarian, allergies, etc.).

The cost of dining is £26 per person (including wine), and the menu for the day will be:-

Parsnip & Ginger Soup  
Cumberland Sausages with Grain Mustard Mash & Onion Gravy;  
Individual Cheese & Biscuits  
Coffee or Tea

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting, you will be made very welcome.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

**W. Bro Hari Williams  
Secretary**

**West Kent Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge N<sup>o</sup>. 8565  
Guest Dining Return Slip – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Full Name & Masonic Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email & Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Sit with \_\_\_\_\_

It is my intention to be present at the next meeting (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018)  
I **shall / shall not** dine.

Please reserve lunch for me and \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s), for which I enclose the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dining charge £26.00 inclusive of wine). Please note the name(s) of guests and their ranks below.

- (1) .....
- (2) .....
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- (5) .....
- (6) .....

The preferred payment method is by Bacs on-line transfer using:-

Sort Code: 40-15-05      Account No: 21005715.      Please quote your full name as reference.

Or post your cheque (with this slip) to arrive no later than Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Cheques payable to "West Kent Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No. 8565" and sent to:

Assistant Secretary: Tim Perrin, 52 Barfield, Sutton-at-Hone, Dartford, Kent, DA4 9EL.

Telephone: 01322 864226, Mobile: 07931 522 223, Email: [asec@wkpgs.org.uk](mailto:asec@wkpgs.org.uk)

(Important - All email dining requests will be replied to. Please ensure you have received a reply)



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST KENT

### **Membership Pathway Presentation**

at

**Dartford Masonic Hall, 71 West Hill, Dartford, Kent, DA1 2HJ**

**On Monday 29th of October 2018**

**Start Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm**

#### **Aim of the Presentation**

- To introduce the Pathway 11 Steps.
- To introduce the role of Lodge Membership Officer.
- To provide lodges with access to the Pathway material and resources designed to help Lodges attract, introduce & retain members.

**To book your place please contact:**

**Martin White-Peart**

**Email: [martin\\_white\\_peart@hotmail.com](mailto:martin_white_peart@hotmail.com)**

**Tel: 07796873029**

This evening is open to all masons interested in understanding the UGLE Membership Pathway guidance for creating a successful lodge, we would especially encourage lodge almoners, mentors and secretaries to attend.



THE KENT MUSEUM  
OF FREEMASONRY

## **THE 2018 CORNWALLIS LECTURE**

### **THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY: Evolution & Change**

**Written & Delivered  
by  
A.D.G. Harvey PPGReg**

**16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 - OAKLEY HOUSE, BROMLEY**



Companions, the first West Kent delivery of the 2018 Cornwallis Lecture will be on Friday 16th November 2018, at a regular convocation of the West Kent First Principals' Chapter No.5778. They meet at Oakley House, Bromley, BR2 8HA, and the meeting will start at 5:30pm.

In his talk Tony Harvey examines the nature of change and evolution in major organisations, particularly Freemasonry. Drawing upon his knowledge of change management and Masonic history, he demonstrates how Freemasonry has evolved to survive for over 300 years.

Looking to the future, he believes that to attract and retain new members our lodges need to actively reconnect with their local communities, and be managed in a way that is relevant to today's world.

To book to hear this fascinating talk please contact E. Comp Roger Friend, Email: [rogerfriend@sky.com](mailto:rogerfriend@sky.com) or telephone: 020 3380 4187 or 07796 310117.

If you wish to dine afterwards, the cost is £24; when booking please advise on any dietary requirements.

If you cannot make this meeting, the next official West Kent presentation will be in Bromley on Thursday 17th January 2019.



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF WEST KENT

PROVINCE OF WEST KENT PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS

September 2018

**P**revent **S**ilent **A**ssassin

Brethren, once again we are pleased to announce that the PGM has agreed to support further testing for Prostate Cancer within the Province. Following previous sessions at Oakley House, Dartford and Tonbridge Wells we are moving our initiative to the Masonic Centre at Wrotham.

Our Provincial Grand Master has requested that we again lower the minimum age limit to 40, and this time invite those Brethren who were previously tested 12 months or more ago to be re-tested. This is further good news for our Province who are leading the way in Male Healthcare within Freemasonry.

We are well aware of the daily advancement being made in prostate cancer research and early detection, but these new discoveries are two or three years away from being available to us.

PSA testing still remains the only method of getting an early indication of Prostate problems. We know that the test is not 100% accurate but speak to the 18 Brethren discovered so far from this initiative who we have tested and have been given positive results and they will confirm the necessity and urgency of this simple test.

Brethren, we have mentioned before that we owe it to our partners, children and grand-children to be tested against this 'silent assassin'. Support the Province, our PGM and the PSA team in leading the way in male healthcare throughout West Kent.

Join the 1200 Brethren already tested by putting Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November in your diaries to attend our next testing session at Wrotham Masonic Centre, St Marys Road. Wrotham, TN15 7AN between 10.00 and 13.00.

Testing is limited to 300 people on a first come first served basis so booking is essential.

Make a reservation by emailing Colin Wright at [colinw69@sky.com](mailto:colinw69@sky.com) providing your Lodge and contact details. If you have any queries on this subject contact Colin and he will do his best to assist.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

*Philip May*

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Provincial Grand Lodge, Oakley House, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HA

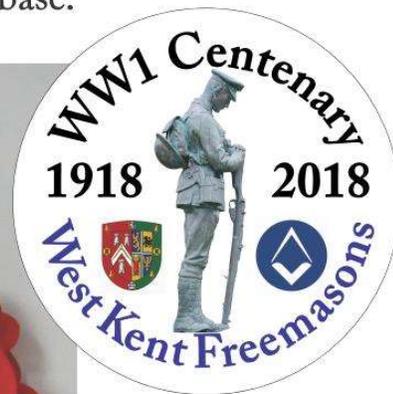
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# WEST KENT FREEMASONS CENTENARY BADGE

To order individual Wreaths for your Lodge or Chapter, please see the details below and specifically request a 'Type C Wreath with the West Kent Freemasons one off Centenary Badge'. This is a one off commemorative badge so will not appear on the Royal British Legion database.



Cost  
**£18.50**  
payable with  
order

## Poppy Appeal

Telephone: 01622 717172

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Royal British Legion Village

Aylesford

Kent ME20 7NX

## **SUPPORT FOR FIVE OUTSTANDING YOUNG SCOUTS – A MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.**

The synergies between Freemasonry and Scouting are often mentioned and are well known to our members, as is the concept of support for those less fortunate than others.

I was recently honoured to assist the fundraising of Shannon Pearson, an outstanding Scout Explorer and Young Leader, who had been one of a small group to have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia in 2019.

The cost of this event is £3,800 per attendee, a sum which is way beyond the reach of those who are in financial hardship. On your behalf, I was able to present a cheque for £1,000 on behalf of the Province of West Kent to aid her in her fundraising endeavours.

Whilst it was a privilege to be able to help Shannon with her own fund raising efforts, I have been advised by the Country Commissioner's office that there are five other young scouts in similar circumstances within our Province - who have also been lucky enough to have been selected to attend and are also hoping to attend to World Scout Jamboree in America, but will be unable to raise the necessary funds themselves.

This is in no way an announcement of a further Provincial Appeal - quite the contrary - I simply wanted to share with you the opportunity for individual members, Lodges and Chapters to consider whether they would like to help support, and mould, the likely future leaders of a well ordered and principled society, with such obvious synergies to our own.

Any donations to help these five scouts in their endeavours would doubtless be warmly appreciated - and can be directed to: W.Bro Roland Stokes who can be contacted on [roland.stokes1@btinternet.com](mailto:roland.stokes1@btinternet.com)

On an individual note, I am personally very much aware how attendance - or otherwise - of a landmark, life changing event such as this, can impact on a committed young person. It would be a travesty if the financial circumstances of any young Scout prevented them from achieving their full potential, and making the most positive contribution possible to their local communities thereafter.

I know that you will accept this message in the spirit that it is sent and sincerely hope that we will all be able to help these five young people in whatever measure you are able.

**Mark Estaugh**  
**Provincial Grand Master**



**The Manor of Bexley Chapter**

**No. 5977**

Consecrated 22nd November 1950

## **BANNER DEDICATION MEETING**

**10:30 am Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

Oakley House, Bromley Common BR2 8HA

**This is an Excellent opportunity to witness a very impressive and important Ceremony in our Province.**

Full details, A Summons & Booking Forms are available on the Provincial Website: [www.westkentmasons.org.uk](http://www.westkentmasons.org.uk)

or from The Scribe E, E. Comp Lee Curtis

Email: [lee.curtis6@btinternet.com](mailto:lee.curtis6@btinternet.com)

Tel: 07957 695289



The Provincial Grand Charity Steward



“Charity Matters”

## 2019 PANTOMIME

The pantomime season is fast approaching. We are again offering reduced-priced tickets for the Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January matinee performance of “Dick Whittington” at the Stag Theatre Sevenoaks.



I am sure you enjoyed last January’s pantomime, so to ensure tickets for the coming year, please reserve your seats now.

Several Lodges/Chapters donated pantomime tickets to local charities or societies as a Christmas or New Year gift and this worked well. So please take the time to discuss this with your Lodge/Chapter and lets fill the theatre!! Full details very soon.

Full details can be obtained from: [neildale1@outlook.com](mailto:neildale1@outlook.com)



**THE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS  
OF PRINCE GEORGE  
DUKE OF KENT COURT  
SHEPHERDS GREEN  
CHISLEHURST, KENT**



# **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER 2018  
10.30 TO 12.30**

**THE FAIR WILL BE OPENED BY  
W.Bro. Mark Robert Jason Eyles-Thomas  
Deputy P.G.M. for West Kent**

**RAFFLES DRAWN AT 12.30pm**

**ADMISSION ONLY £1**

**PARKING NEARBY**

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**All enquiries to [rayjstiles@aol.com](mailto:rayjstiles@aol.com)**

**ADMISSION  
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# Cinderella



**OAKLEY HOUSE**

**Friday 21st December 2018**

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Oakley House Banqueting Suite, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent BR2 8HA

Telephone: 020 8462 9292

[www.oakleyhouse.co.uk](http://www.oakleyhouse.co.uk) ~ E-mail: [info@oakleyhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@oakleyhouse.co.uk)



**WKLOC 9610**  
Sponsored Events



# MOTOWN DINNER DANCE

Friday 8th February 2019

6:30 for 7:30 Carriages at Midnight

**Ticket Price**  
**£50**  
**Per Person**  
**excluding**  
**wine**



**“Back by**  
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**The**  
**Barrowload**  
**of Booze**  
**Raffle**

**Dance the night away to live music by**

## **The Princes of Motown**

**This year we are at The Warren, Met Police Sports Club**  
**Croydon Road, Hayes, Kent, BR2 7AL.**

**Three Course Menu with Three choices on each course.**  
**plus Cheese Board, Tea and Coffee.**

**This event is organised by the West Kent Lodge of Charity 9610**  
**Further details from DARREN WALKER**

**Email: [darrenwalker007@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darrenwalker007@yahoo.co.uk) or Tel: 07774 816646**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **2018**

Provincial Grand Chapter	Friday 9 November	Freemasons Hall
Cornwallis Lecture	Friday 16 November	Oakley House
PSA Testing	Saturday 17 November	Wrotham Masonic Hall
Christmas Fair	Saturday 1 December	Prince George Duke of Kent Court
Oakley House Pantomime - Cinderella	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Oakley House

### **2019**

Provincial Pantomime "Dick Whittington"	Sunday 6 January	Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks
Motown Dinner Dance	Friday 8 February	The Warren
Provincial Quiz	Friday 29 March	Oakley House
Provincial Grand Lodge	Tuesday 7 May	Freemasons Hall
Provincial Church Service	Sunday 12 May	Rochester Cathedral
Provincial Film Night - "The Dish"	Sunday 21 July	Stage Theatre, Sevenoaks

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