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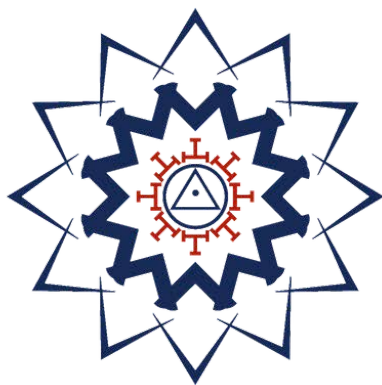


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**BUILDING
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Attracting Members – Growing Freemasonry



From the Provincial Grand Master & Grand Superintendent

Brethren and Companions,

When I was exalted into Pillars of Kent Chapter No. 9012 in 2005, I could never have imagined the remarkable journey ahead. It has brought friendship, learning, personal growth and immense privilege, and continues to enrich my Masonic life.

Since then, I have twice served as First Principal and received Provincial and Supreme Grand Chapter appointments, culminating in my installation as Grand Superintendent in October 2025. Above all, I will always treasure installing my son, James, into each of the three Principal's Chairs — Joshua, Haggai and Zerubbabel.

For me, the Royal Arch has never been about rank or appointment, but belonging. It is not an optional extra, but the natural continuation of the journey begun in the Craft, bringing deeper meaning and appreciation of the principles we first learn as Entered Apprentices.

That word, continue, is central to Building Together. We should support every Brother in discovering opportunities beyond the Craft, ensuring he never feels his journey has reached its destination. The Royal Arch offers companionship, learning, enjoyment and understanding, strengthening the friendships that make Freemasonry so special.

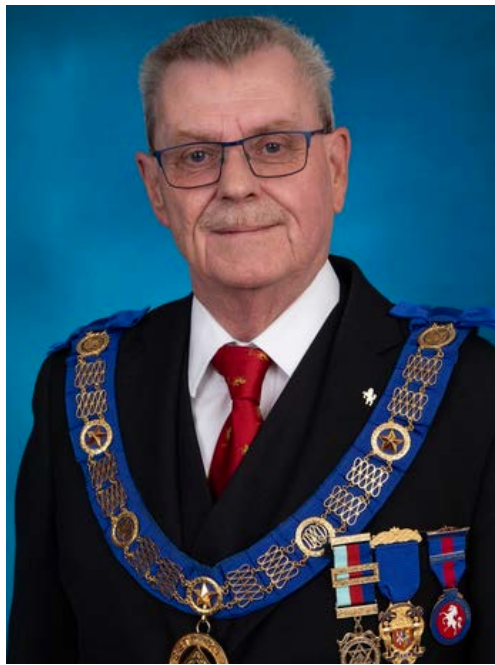
Most Companions remember the Brother who encouraged them to take that next step. "Come and see what the Royal Arch is all about." That invitation changed my Masonic life, and I hope each of us will extend it to others.

If you are already a Companion, I encourage you to visit, support your Chapter, welcome new members and share your enthusiasm. Our Chapters thrive when every Companion feels valued and able to contribute. If you have not yet joined, I encourage you to discover the Royal Arch for yourself. Speak to a Companion, ask questions and accept an invitation to learn more. I am confident you will find it one of the most rewarding experiences Freemasonry has to offer.

I remain deeply grateful for all that the Royal Arch has given me. Its friendships, experiences and lessons have shaped my Masonic life in countless ways.

I sincerely hope it will do the same for you.

Sincerest Fraternal regards,
Andrew



From the Deputy Provincial Grand Master

As we approach the end of this masonic year, I find myself looking forward to the summer break, with hopefully some good weather, a bit cooler than of late, and recharging the batteries for the start of the next masonic year.

The year has flown by, very busy with the launch of the building together program and the final push of the 2026 festival. What a great total and yet again the members of the province excelled themselves in the aid of charity, as they always have done.

Looking at the Building Together program and “one organisation, one journey” it made me reflect on the fact I joined the Royal Arch as a young freemason. I had only been in the craft for 3 years when I joined the royal arch, and reflecting back I was glad I joined so early in my masonic journey. No pressure to take office and competing my journey in pure and ancient freemasonry at an early stage. I had the time to learn what the royal arch was about, and progress at my own pace through the offices becoming MEZ at the correct time for me. I was lucky to be MEZ with two close friends being the other two principals made it more enjoyable. I was lucky to be a provincial officer some 3 years out of the MEZ’s chair and progressing on to become an APGP which gave me the chance to promote the royal arch at a senior level.

This quarter has been busy with many visits to lodges within the province and our sister provinces which have all been most enjoyable. Quite a few community events attended to promote masonry within West Kent. The chance to present quite a few Long service citations, celebrating over 300 years of service to the craft.

June brought the annual investiture meeting at Great Queen St and I congratulate, all those who received preferment supported by their brethren, family and friends, and as the PGM said its you’re meeting so please try to again support this event next year.

Brethren, have a good break and I look forward to meeting you on the circuit in the new season.

Graham



CONVERSATION WITH JAMES MARSH

Deputy Grand Superintendent the Royal Arch

interview by Gordon Rollo ProvGCO

When is the right time for a Master Mason to join the Royal Arch, and why?

This is a difficult question to answer; I don't think that there is a 'standard' right time. When I wanted to join the Royal Arch, which was soon after I was Raised, members of my Mother Lodge advised me that Master Masons should wait until they had completed their year as Master of the Lodge before contemplating the Royal Arch. I was pleased that I did not take that advice and was exalted a couple of years after I was Raised.

I would advise that a Master Mason joins the Order as soon as is practicable for them – of course in a perfect world this would be soon after they are Raised. However, there may be personal circumstances (for instance family or work commitments) where a Brother feels he has to wait before joining.

My message to those not yet in the Royal Arch is to speak with your Lodge Mentor and RA Liaison Officer to discuss your journey into the Royal Arch. This conversation is absolutely critical to ensure that a Brother joins the right Royal Arch Chapter for him - I want those who join the Royal Arch to remain as RA Companions and to enjoy their Royal Arch masonry.



What is the Royal Arch, and how would you explain it to someone who has never heard of it before?

I would hope that with the work undertaken by the Craft and Royal Arch Executive, the VO's and other senior members of the Province, all Master Masons are aware of the Royal Arch. It has been Provincial policy for some time that in West Kent the Royal Arch is explained from day one of a Brother's masonic journey and this is now underlined in Building Together.

Freemasonry under UGLE has four ceremonies, each with a different story to tell and each contributing in a different way to a brother's knowledge of our wonderful order. The Royal Arch is the fourth part of that process; if we liken masonry to a four-part television series or a book of four volumes, if you have enjoyed the first three parts, why would you not want to watch the fourth part of the series or not read the fourth book?

What do you think is the biggest misconception that Master Masons have about the Royal Arch?

When I speak to Brethren not yet in the Royal Arch, the main concern I hear is that they have been told that the ritual is long and difficult to learn.

There have been seismic changes. We no longer expect our members to deliver long chunks of ritual; the ritual can now be shared between several Companions in manageable slices. This not only makes the ritual more accessible, it also allows more Companions to take part in the ceremony without it losing its meaning and gravity.

What do you think surprises new Companions the most when they experience their Exaltation?

Without a doubt, (without giving away any surprises to those not yet in the Royal Arch) it is the beautiful, colourful ceremony depicting a strong moral story. For me, the exaltation ceremony is perhaps the most stunning in Freemasonry.

What has been the most rewarding part of your own Royal Arch journey, both as a Companion and now as Deputy Grand Superintendent?

The most rewarding part of my journey as a Companion was when I had the privilege of leading my brother Peter around the Temple when he was exalted into the Royal Arch – that was a very moving experience.

As Deputy Superintendent, I have had so many wonderful experiences, from representing our Province at other Provincial Meetings, to being able to visit so many West Kent Chapters and to meet so many of our Companions – it is a privilege to be a part of this wonderful Province.

Who has had the biggest influence on your Masonic and Royal Arch journey, and what impact did they have on you?

My biggest influence is a Companion named Bob Foreman who regrettably is no longer with us; he mentored me after I was exalted and he became a great friend. He took the time to answer my questions about the Craft and to explain the Royal Arch to me – it is because of him that I became so passionate about Freemasonry and from whom I learned why good mentoring is vital.

What advice would you give to a Master Mason who is undecided about joining the Royal Arch or who feels they should 'wait a little longer'?

As I said earlier, a Brother who is not yet in the Royal Arch should take advice on when to join and which unit would best suit him. Further, of course, I am always happy to speak with any brother should he want to talk about the Royal Arch, I can be contacted on dgsupt@westkentmasons.org.uk





Membership Update

Companions

We stand today at a pivotal point in Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of West Kent.

We have an unrivalled opportunity for growth, in real numerical terms, afforded by the rollout and adoption of Building Together, the single most determinant factor for our success, both now and in the future.

Be under no misapprehension; BT is nothing less than a quantum shift in Freemasonry and we must-and will-deploy every AI enabled strategy, tactic and tool it provides within its comprehensive arsenal to ensure that our Chapters thrive, both in the short and long term.

We are successfully meeting our RA membership challenge through the combined effort of our Provincial Building Together Team and the membership teams of the chapters they so assiduously support. Please engage fully with your PMO, who is there to assist and guide you to be the very best version of yourselves you can.

Specifically, the emphasis on the Shape, Attract and Continue hubs is a critical element for our Chapters. It invites them to honestly reflect on their current situation and take proactive steps to improve their value proposition, to both potential new and existing members.

Real growth in our numbers, like the protection of democracy, is achieved only at the price of eternal vigilance; we can never rest on our laurels. It is a four-pronged endeavour, comprising attraction, retention, engagement and where possible, retrieval. Any one of these is incomplete without the other, which is why the RA focused members of the Provincial BT Team report jointly to me and my counterpart Tim Perrin as ProvGMentor.

It is precisely this holistic approach, as part of a unified membership team and effort, that will prove crucial in the time to come.

We look forward to the journey with you.

James Ashmore
ProvRAMO.

Companions,

As Provincial Grand Mentor, I work alongside James Ashmore, Provincial Royal Arch Membership Officer and together with our team of Provincial Membership Officers (PMOs), our aim is to help our West Kent Royal Arch Units grow and thrive through the application of our Provincial Building Together Strategy. Our team has a particular focus on the elements within the Continue and Engage Hubs, which together with the elements of the Shape and Attract Hubs provide the essential components for membership growth and the building of sustainable units.

Each unit has a PMO assigned to support the unit membership team by providing the guidance, encouragement and practical tools needed to review their current membership profile, identify opportunities for improvement and build a growing, sustainable, vibrant Chapter.

By building a positive working relationship with your PMO, your Chapter will be better equipped to select the elements from the Building Together Digital Quick Start Guide most relevant to your circumstances. He will be able to share ideas, help overcome challenges and guide towards planning confidently to offer every Companion the opportunity to experience and enjoy the unique beauty of the Royal Arch.

I am delighted to report that the response to our engagement in recent months has been extremely positive. After all, every Chapter should aspire to thrive and become the very best version of itself for the benefit and enjoyment of its members.

One of our recent initiatives has been the introduction of the Royal Arch Welcome Booklet, which has already been very well received, with more than a third of our Chapters requesting their personalised version to hand to new Exaltees.

The Welcome Booklet has been designed specifically for the newly exalted Companion with essential information from the outset, including details of key officers and their roles, Chapter meeting dates, guidance on using Solomon, together with useful notes on Royal Arch procedures and protocols. By providing this information early in a Companion's journey, we aim to help new members feel informed, confident and welcomed, encouraging them to participate fully in Chapter life.

To complement the Welcome Booklet, we have also produced a template for a Chapter Information Sheet, which can be personalised with their unique characteristics to share with potential applicants looking to become members. This provides a concise reference guide containing key information, traditions, meeting details and key points of contact for potential members. Used alongside the Welcome Booklet, it provides information for new and existing Companions with an accessible source of information and helps foster a stronger sense of belonging within the Chapter.

Recognising that not every meeting includes an Exaltation ceremony, we have also produced a resource entitled "What to Do When You Have Nothing to Do." This practical guide offers a range of ideas to enhance Chapter meetings, including educational papers, question-and-answer sessions, guest speakers, Red Table meetings, presentations from the Provincial Grand Stewards Demonstration Team and links to additional resources. We continue to encourage the Chapter Mentors to appoint Personal Mentors, ensuring that every Companion has a dedicated source of guidance and support. Effective mentoring helps manage expectations, strengthens engagement and supports Companions throughout their Royal Arch journey. By fostering meaningful engagement, providing consistent support and embracing these initiatives, we can improve retention, enhance the membership experience and encourage our Companions to become enthusiastic ambassadors for the Royal Arch.

Thank you to everyone who has embraced these initiatives and contributed to their success. Your commitment to Building Together is helping to create stronger, more vibrant Chapters across the Province.

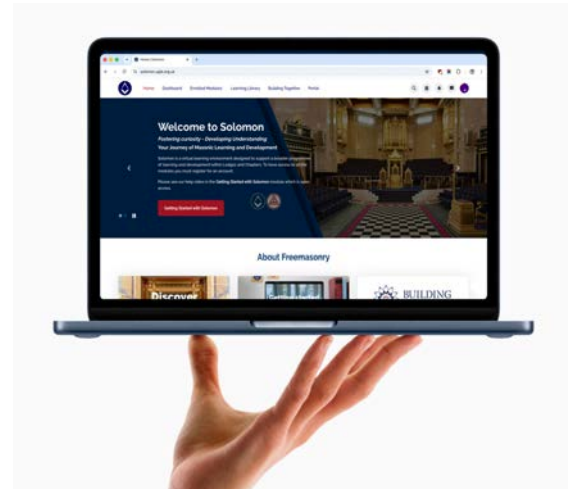
Tim Perrin
Provincial Grand Mentor

SOLOMON

The Essential Resource for Every Royal Arch Companion

If you haven't visited Solomon yet, you're missing out on one of the best things the UGLE has produced in years — and if you're a Royal Arch Companion, it's absolutely essential.

Solomon is the UGLE's dedicated online learning platform, built for every Freemason at every stage of his journey. What makes it special is that it has always embraced both the Craft and the Royal Arch equally, promoting the "One Journey, One Organisation" message that sits at the heart of modern Freemasonry. The content is vast, covering symbolism, history, ceremony, and much more, and it's all free, accessible, and available at your own pace. No deadlines, no pressure, just genuine curiosity rewarded.



For Companions of the Holy Royal Arch, Solomon is particularly valuable. The Royal Arch is the completion of the Masonic story, the degree that answers the questions the three Craft degrees leave open. Yet so many Companions pass through Exaltation and never fully explore the extraordinary depth of symbolism and history they've just encountered. Solomon gives you the space to do exactly that. Whether you want to reflect on the ceremony you've just experienced, dig deeper into the historical narrative behind the degree, or explore its rich symbolism layer by layer, it's all there waiting for you. Many Companions find that returning to familiar material through Solomon gives them genuine "aha" moments, things they've heard many times but never fully understood suddenly click into place.

One of the real joys of Solomon is just how varied the content is. It's not dry textbook learning, far from it. Solomon Live is a brilliant series of video interviews with Freemasons who have genuinely fascinating stories to tell, and it's the kind of content you'll find yourself watching well past the time you planned to stop. There are beautifully produced presentations on symbolism that bring the imagery of our ceremonies to life in ways that are genuinely surprising and memorable. The historical content is rich and engaging, connecting the world of the Royal Arch to real events and real places in ways that make the degree feel vivid and alive. There's also SolomonGPT, an AI tool built into the platform, that lets you ask questions and explore topics interactively, making the whole experience feel genuinely personal and responsive.

There's also a strong social dimension to Solomon that's easy to overlook. Mentor's Corner gives mentors the tools they need to have richer, more meaningful conversations with the Companions in their care, making those relationships more rewarding for everyone involved. Chapters that actively encourage Solomon find that it sparks real conversations at meetings, gives members shared reference points, and builds a genuine culture of curiosity and enthusiasm.

And then there's Solomon Academy, the structured achievement programme that adds a fun, motivating layer to everything. Work through the Welcome modules, earn badges as you go, and pass the quizzes to receive beautifully produced certificates. Complete all four and you earn the Solomon Academy Diploma, signed by the Assistant Grand Master and the Third Grand Principal. Some Chapters have introduced friendly competitions to see who can earn their certificates first; the formal presentation of diplomas at Chapter meetings has become a real occasion, something members are genuinely proud of.

Solomon isn't just a website — it's a window into everything that makes the Royal Arch so special. Register at solomon.ugle.org.uk, set aside half an hour, and start exploring. I'm confident you'll still be there an hour later.

Eric Lewis – Provincial Grand Learning and Development Officer

MCF HONOURS BOARD AT GREAT QUEENS STREET

On 10th December last year, Freemasons' Hall in London hosted both the December Quarterly Communications meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England and the Annual General Meeting of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Following the conclusion of the general business of the MCF meeting board members and a small group of invited guests attended a special dedication ceremony. Being honoured were those Masonic units who have gained Grand Patronage of the Foundation since its formation. Now nestled in a corner of Lodge Room 16 on the third floor at Freemasons Hall hangs a newly erected honours board listing those units who to date have reached that level of patronage. Proudly amongst the names of 11 Lodges sits a single Chapter name. Well done the "West Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter No 8565".



Lodges & Chapters		
May 2020	UNIVERSITIES LODGE	2332
October 2020	ESSEX MASTERS LODGE	3256
May 2021	EVENING STAR LODGE	1719
July 2022	EASTERFORD LODGE	2342
December 2022	WESTERN DISTRICT UNITED SERVICE LODGE	2258
August 2023	ISAAC NEWTON UNIVERSITY LODGE	839
November 2024	EUSTON LODGE WEST KENT PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS' CHAPTER	2283 8365
February 2025	VILLERICA LODGE VENTURER LODGE	4053 7897
May 2025	GRAND STEWARDS' LODGE	
November 2025	CAERFYRDDIN LODGE	7997
Other Grand Patron Groups		
May 2018	LADIES GIFT FUND FOR MASONIC CHARITIES	

CHARITY BEYOND THE 2026 FESTIVAL

Proud and humble members of The Lodge of Highcroft Crockenhill kicked off the post festival charity giving by donating to Abigail's Footsteps.



When Installed in March the Worshipful Master choose Abigail's Footsteps as his chosen Charity and proposed that the Lodge donated £500 towards the purchase of an Abi Cooling Cot. After the death of a baby, families often need space to hold, see and spend precious moments with their baby. The Abi Cooling Cot is a specially designed refrigerated cot which helps to maintain baby's temperature, allowing parents to stay close, make memories, and say goodbye in a way that feels right for them and aids the grieving process.

Abigail's Footsteps was launched in 2010 by parents Jo and David Ward following the death of their daughter, Abigail Ward, who was stillborn at 41 weeks gestation in April 2009. Sadly, stillbirths and neonatal deaths occur daily. The charity works to improve the way families are cared for by hospitals and to better support professionals who care for parents, following a pregnancy loss and when a baby dies.



THE CHARITY HAS 4 AIMS...

1. To ensure that parents receive the best possible care and support
2. Provide vital equipment in every maternity unit
3. Ensure that bereavement suites are located away from main maternity wards
4. Improve bereavement training and support for healthcare professionals

THEIR VISION

To work in partnership with the NHS to improve the bereavement care and support given to parents and families following the loss of a much-loved baby, both in the hospital and once they have returned home. To raise awareness of the gaps that exist in the provision of bereavement care in today's NHS. To build upon the excellent foundations forged since their existence to consolidate and continually improve our current service offering, moving into newer territory in our sector as a key influencer and challenger.

THEIR MISSION

To provide healthcare professionals with excellent bereavement care training and support. To provide the right hospital facilities and environment for bereaved parents and families. To provide parents with the right counselling and support. To provide professional reflective occupational practice to healthcare professionals.



The donation was discussed at the Committee Meeting with the members learning more about the Charity and the comfort it gives families in such awful times, it was unanimously agreed that the Lodge would give £3000 to purchase an Abi Cooling Cot and present the funds to representatives from the Charity in the June meeting.

The Light Blues of the Lodge felt the fulfilment of giving and, as such, are forming an events section within the Lodge to raise money to be able to give more than ever before.



Looking forward, some of the Highcroft members are going to restart the drive to raise money for TLC - Teddies for Loving Care. The TLC appeal has a simple objective – To raise funds for the supply of Teddies to Accident and Emergency Departments (A&E) for children in severe distress. Not every child visiting A&E will receive a bear. The medical staff use their discretion and will give a bear to a child that is suffering particularly from trauma, injury or illness. They use the bears to befriend the children, to reward them for being brave and in some cases to demonstrate what they are going to do.



This calms the child down and enables the doctors and nurses to provide medical treatment efficiently. Only by donations from West Kent Freemasons, directly from their Lodges and Chapters have we been able to supply over 30,000 TLC Bears to all 9 A&E Departments, Minor Injury Units and Urgent Care Centres throughout our Province.

CHARITY FESTIVAL FUTURE IS 2031

Get ahead of the 2031 Festival and be ready to receive honorifics as soon as the festival starts. The Freemasons' Continuous Giving scheme is a regular, automated donation program. It allows members to easily set up recurring contributions, such as monthly or annual pledges, which will count towards 2031 - look out for continuous giving, full details being released soon



TO 2031 AND BEYOND

SUPERCARS EVENT IN TONBRIDGE

Sunday 28th June was a super day in Tonbridge Kent for its community as over 180 Supercars 30 Classic Cars and 40 Super Motorcycles took part in a event like no other!

Starting at the Longmeads Football Ground, home of Tonbridge Angels, a gathering of invited Supercars, rare Classic Cars and Super Motorcycles took part in a "Closed Road" road drive of 1.2-mile trip to the main community area at the Racecourse behind Tonbridge High Street.

Freemasons proudly wearing High Viz with the " West Kent Province Freemasons" logo controlled the safe road closures for the Main High Street through the heart of Tonbridge. The route was past the core community areas that are the glue bringing Tonbridge together much as Freemasons do.



From the Football Ground past Tonbridge School, Tonbridge Castle, Medway River to the Racecourse Sports Ground were about to be brought to life, by the sound of powerful engines.

Thousands of the public along the route knew this was a special moment and waited safely thanks to the 40 Freemasons controlling the route. As the Supercars travelled the route the sound was amazing and in the words of several local residents a wonderful sight for people of all ages.

Freemasons from West Kent Province safely marshalled the 250 vehicles onto the show site, bringing together some £26 million of Supercars and Super Motorcycles to their place of rest and cool down!



Over 10,000 people from the local community, young and old, enjoyed a fun treat of music and entertainment while seeing dream cars at rest, much like the owners! While the vehicles were kept safe, the Freemason volunteers were clearly engaging with the wider community.

Several enquires have followed regarding Freemasonry, getting involved and Charity. The event raised nearly £15,000 for the "Mason Foundation" to assist in getting young disadvantaged adults into work and coping with the challenge of life, something we can all take for granted.

An excellent day, that could only have happened thanks to Freemasons of West Kent Province, The Mason Foundation and the people of Tonbridge.



Thanks to W.bro Peter Jones for the photographs.

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THE TRAVELLING MAUL

*A Journey of Fellowship and
£57,817.89 raised*

By W.Bro Neil Bevan

As the West Kent 2026 Festival Appeal reaches its grand finale, we look back not just at the major milestones of our £2.5 million target, but at the wonderful traditions that brought us together. Chief among these has been **The Travelling Maul**, a fantastic catalyst for fun, fellowship, and fraternal visiting across the province.



While the Maul's journey crossed from Dartford to Wrotham and Bromley to Sevenoaks, its real magic lay in how our Lodges and Chapters cemented their place in Provincial history. Each month, the Maul found a temporary home through dedicated monthly sponsorships.

Inside the Travelling Maul lies a hidden scroll—a living archive where every sponsoring unit had its name proudly inscribed. To mark their commitment, sponsors were presented with a commemorative certificate, which now hang proudly on Lodge and Chapter walls across West Kent.

Every time a unit "captured," sponsored, or handed over the Maul, it was accompanied by the true hallmark of a Freemason: charity. Through the incredible generosity of our members and those vital monthly sponsorships, the Travelling Maul raised an absolutely astonishing grand total of **£57,817.89** for the 2026 Festival Appeal.

These funds are already hard at work through the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), supporting vulnerable Masons and funding vital local non-Masonic charities across West Kent.

Thank you, Brethren and Companions, for keeping the Maul moving and showing that when we work together, the heart of West Kent beats incredibly strong.



THE MASONIC FISHING CHARITY

May 2026 Event Summary

Coaches gave hands on fishing with those able while others were assisted. After a lunch came the prizegiving – Certificates and a Goody Bag to round off their day with us.

The pictures show the volunteers and the Guest anglers certificate and goody bag that each child received.



11lb 11oz – caught by Ryan & caster: Mick
11lb 3oz – caught by Eli & caster: Sam
11lb 7oz – caught by Freddy & caster: Peter



A convivial lunch was provided which was followed by presentations to every child a framed certificate of achievement and a goody bag.

We caught a lot of Smiles! We respect the privacy of the children we host so we only show pictures of them if we are permitted.

No contribution from Rebecca Platt of The Nexus School:

If you are a fisherman and want to get involved, we have some donated fly & coarse equipment that can be used to learn on, then please contact George Buckberry at g.buckberry@outlook.com

Do you want to coach or help at these events? If so get in touch.



MTSFC AIMS

“The Masonic Fishing Charity’s aim is to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with special needs”. It achieves this by running fishing events, both coarse and fly and inviting participants with special needs to come and join in. This includes anyone over 11 years old with mental or physical disabilities, the disadvantaged or those who have suffered trauma.

We hope to ‘Catch The Smile’ along the way.

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Editor of this Edition of West Kent Magazine!

Here we are in summer, wearing a black 3-piece suit and my moustache melting in the scorching June heat of the Investitures!

This is my first edit of the West Kent Magazine. We are focusing on the Royal Arch in this edition. Our executive have shared their experiences of joining the Holy Royal Arch to continue their Masonic journey.

I joined Hereditary Chapter 3 years ago as soon as I became a Master Mason. The Chapter is an extension of my mother lodge. But I was keen to meet other companions that were not part of my Lodge, and to try and understand the “forth degree” and what was going on during the Convocations.

My exultation was amazing as I had thought my Third Degree was a spectacular event. This was even more so.

I don’t fully understand it all yet, as I am focused on my craft learning at the moment. But I shall get help from Solomon to do that. Each meeting we have a fabulous festive board and a great catch up with Masons who I only see at Chapter Convocations.

We have articles on the Travelling Maul, which has raised over £57,000 and the Lodge of Highcroft Crockenhill donating £3000 to Abigails Footsteps Charity.

West Kent Masons are always going good work in our community, please share with our Communications team so we can celebrate these wonderful acts of benevolence.

Thank you.
Matt The Tash.



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