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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

### **The South West Lowdown**



*Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again*



Dear brethren,

Welcome to the latest South West Lowdown, in which we cover a number of stories from our area. With meetings back up and running we hope you are enjoying Freemasonry again. And for those who still are unable to attend meetings we hope this newsletter helps keep you in touch.

Remembrance Day was marked by many Brethren, we are delighted that the Grand Master has signed the Armed Forces Covenant. We know how many serving and former military personnel there are within this area's membership.

***W. Bro. Leon Whitfield, APGM, and Chris Lockwood, Area Chairman***



## The Armed Forces Covenant



*The Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent and Major General Simon Graham sign the Armed Forces Covenant*

The Armed Forces Covenant was signed during a ceremony at Freemasons' Hall in Covent Garden, London, led by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent. It was particularly welcome in our province which has a number of military lodges and many members and former members of the military.

The partnership aims to support members of the armed forces and ensure they have the same access to government and commercial services and products as any other person. By signing the covenant, the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) will be able to demonstrate its support to members of the armed forces in a number of areas. These include education, family wellbeing, getting a home, starting a new career, access to healthcare, financial assistance and discounted services.



***We will remember them***

Many well-known military personnel have been Freemasons. They include Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Francis Rawden-Hastings, 1st Marquess of Hastings, Captain Robert Falcon Scott, General Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum, Lieutenant Elias Henry Jones, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Cyril Louis Norton Newall, Commodore Wilfred Henderson and Thomas William Gould VC.

### The MCF saved my life



The Worshipful Master of Bourne Lodge, Adam Lee, never believed he would reach the chair after being diagnosed a decade ago with a rare form of cancer. But thanks to his lodge and the MCF, Adam is now in the hot seat at his lodge that meets in Knole Road, Bournemouth. Adam said:

***'I was diagnosed with cancer of the stomach lining when I was 28. It is super-rare and it took a long time to diagnose and a longer time for the treatment to work'. 'The NHS treatment had a side-effect that meant all my internal organs were damaged; my liver, spleen, kidneys... everything'.***

***'My health was awful and I couldn't return to work and was sacked from my job and lost my home'. 'I was able to move in with my girlfriend with my three children but then developed a vomiting syndrome which meant I was sick 12 or more times a day'.***

***'I had to take a lot of painkillers and my memory suffered. The NHS said I would just have to live with the condition. However, my lodge almoner contacted the MCF who were amazing. They helped me financially and then organised an appointment with a private doctor'.***

***'Lots of tests were done and it was discovered that there was treatment available which I could have on the NHS and slowly I began to recover and my memory started improving'. As I was recovering I lost my dad and then my mum was given a month to live and wanted to see me married – so I married to my girlfriend Christa in very quick time'.***

***'Because I never thought I'd be able to work again at one stage the MCF helped fund Christa's degree as well and now I have started working again – for myself – and I'd say I'm 85 per cent back to full health and happiness thanks the help by the Masonry and the MCF.***



***'I got so well that I have even taken part in a professional wrestling match under the name Wessex Knight'. "I never thought I'd ever reach the chair of the lodge but am now so proud to have done so with the help of the Lodge members and the MCF.***



***'At one stage things were so bad I thanked the MCF for their help but said they could now stop helping'. 'Luckily for me they ignored me and carried on helping anyway'. 'My message would be for people not to be ashamed or afraid to ask for help'.***

***'The MCF has honestly saved my life and every penny we raise will help someone like me, just another Brother and one who was in need of assistance. So I'd urge everyone to get behind the 2027 festival, and I'd be more than happy to speak to anyone about it in person. The MCF do really good things, lets help keep that going'.***

The work that Masonry does and the expert care given by the MCF is testament enough why we are freemasons.

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Bournemouth Masonic Holiday 2022 at the Mayfair Hotel

# mayfair

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire & Isle of Wight is once again organising the Bournemouth Masonic Holiday to be held at the Mayfair Hotel in Bournemouth from **Saturday 25 June to Saturday 9 July 2022**.

This important initiative, which offers much needed respite for those in need is celebrating its 44th anniversary this year. It is organised by the Bournemouth Masonic Holiday Committee and provides a two-week break for those who would not otherwise be able to enjoy a holiday without assistance.

The Province is sponsoring a number of applicants and is now seeking Lodge Almoners in identifying suitable brethren, their wives, partners or widows from their lodges who are either financially, medically or socially disadvantaged and are in need of a break.

This fabulous holiday consists of 14 nights bed, breakfast and evening meal, evening entertainment, 4 coach trips out to local attractions and a Gala Diner on the last night and is free for attendees.

The Provincial Almoner will soon be writing to all Hampshire and IOW Almoners and asking for them to nominate suitable nominations to attend the holiday. If individuals would like to be considered for the holiday please speak to your Almoner.



***The Mayfair Hotel Bournemouth***

The Mayfair Hotel Bournemouth is centrally situated, within easy walking distance of the Town Centre and with ample car parking. The Mayfair Hotel offers a choice of rooms and is the ideal venue for a variety of occasions. The Mayfair is part of the Bournemouth's OCEANA HOTELS resort and together with their dedicated and friendly team, will ensure the success of your stay.

The chairman of the holiday committee is looking for enthusiastic masons and their wives to help organise and run the holiday. The commitment is not arduous and will mainly involve joining the holiday makers during their coach trips out and attending some evening entertainments.

If anybody is interested in this very rewarding charity work please contact Paul Berry on 07889 921016 or [paulberry1958@gmail.com](mailto:paulberry1958@gmail.com)

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Bro. Roger Adock's Surprise Promotion - Lentune Lodge 8743



Bro. Roger Adock completed 70 years as a Freemason last July and to honour this event Barry Hills (Secretary of Lentune Lodge) obtained a certificate and lapel badge and asked V.W. Bro. David Perkis DPGM to present it to him during his Official visit to the Lodge on 12th October 2021.



The news of what was to happen reached the ears of our new PGM who suggested that Roger should also receive a provincial first appointment to PPAGStdB this was kept secret from everybody so was a complete surprise to Roger who was somewhat overwhelmed by it all.

Because of the short time he had to arrange it all David Perkis could only come up with a collar and jewel which he duly presented. Ron Mabey, who was visiting Lentune at the time spoke to me after the ceremony and said he thought he had the appropriate apron/badge and collar jewel at home which he said he would love to donate to Roger.

We altered the apron to suit, adding rosettes and removing the squares and obtaining a brand new case to keep it all in. Ron Maybe visited Lentune once again on Tuesday 9th November and in conjunction with the Lodge presented a set of full dress regalia to Roger.

We were lucky to be hosting a visit from the SW Tourists (including Leon Whitfield APMG and Chris Lockwood) with the rest of the 'Nomads' so the applause for Roger, when he appeared fully dressed in all his new regalia was thunderous and the look on his face was great to see.

Roger is 94 years old and he told us he was going to dress up in his new regalia when he got home and show it off to his wife!

Roger is a Southampton man, born in Rownhams on 21st March 1927 He was Initiated on 12th July 1951 into the Royal Gloucester Lodge No 130 who meet in Southampton. He has also been a member of St Vincent Lodge No 1404 and St Peter's Lodge No 1125 before joining Lentune on 8th March 2011. If I remember

correctly Roger became a member of Royal Gloucester because his father was a member of the Lodge. He has never progressed but joined purely for the social side of it.

He has also acted as a Steward when asked and for a short time played the organ. When he sat down at the organ for the first time and looking at all the knobs and keys said **'I have never played an organ before only a piano'**, what a great night that was!

*Article kindly supplied by W. Bro Barry Hills*

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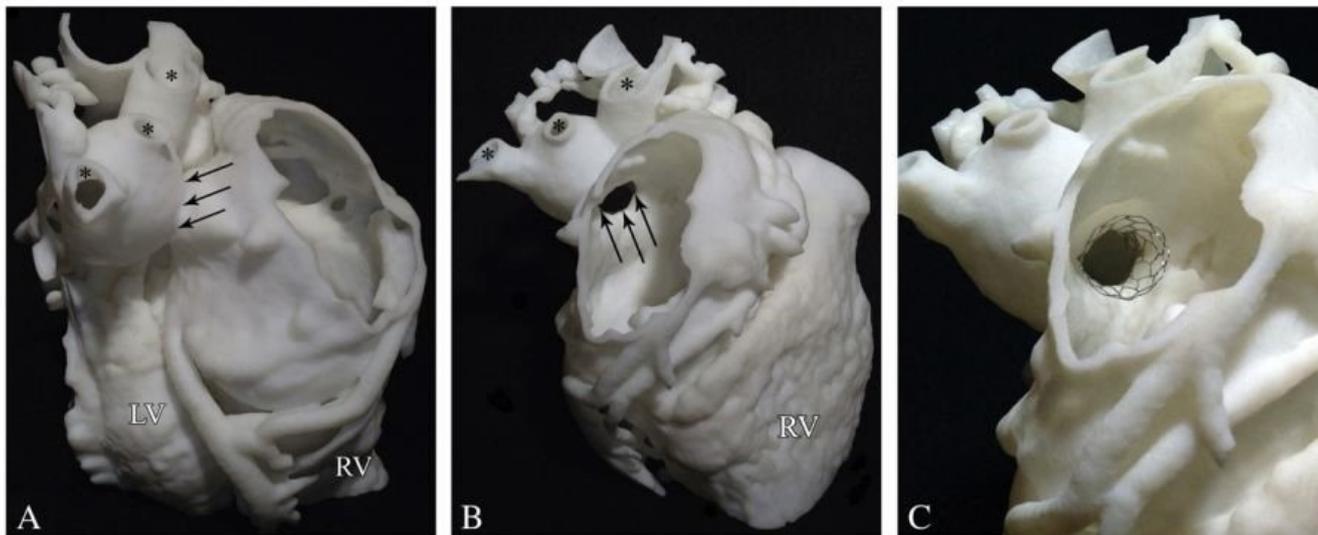
## Hythe Lodge Charity Triumph



You may remember that in June 2020 we reported on Hythe Lodge and their nominated charity the 'Wessex Heartbeat Appeal'.

If you recall Wessex Heartbeat provides support to the renowned Wessex Cardiac Centre based at Southampton General Hospital. They provide care for the 40'000 patients treated at the centre annually, including 4000 babies, children and young adults born with heart defects.

The charity provides funding for specialist medical equipment and also supports families and carers while their loved ones are in hospital. One such piece of equipment that Hythe Lodge supported is the technology for 3D modelling of hearts, which is proving decisive in treating patients, particular babies and children with heart defects.



With the use of this specialist cardiac modelling software, doctors can easily scan the patient's heart, using non invasive means like a CT scan or a MRI; creating a detailed blueprint of the organ, which can then be sent over to a 3D printer.

The Worshipful Master of Hythe Lodge 8546 can now report that the total sum raised for this ground breaking and worthy cause, from donations £4913.77 with a further £177.50 from Gift Aid. The total being £5091.27

The Lodge has received a letter from all the staff from Wessex Heartbeat thanking them for their fund raising help part of which is reproduced below.

***“Many thanks for all your hard work and support” and will be happy to attend the next FITC evening whenever that may be”.***

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### Knole Lodge 8996 in Bournemouth needs donated toys

A large wheelbarrow in The Knole has appeared again and the aim is to fill it with toys which will be given to disadvantaged children in the Bournemouth area this Christmas. The toys will be given to the Boscombe branch of the Salvation Army who will be distributing the toys to local children in need as part of their Christmas appeal.

If you are visiting the Knole please help out by placing a toy in the barrow.



***Alan Davies and Tony Drake of Knole Lodge***

Even the wheelbarrow is being raffled off. It's £1 a ticket and they are available from the bar at The Knole (see Bob) who will be happy to sell you some tickets.



Knole Lodge is also sponsoring 80 meals to be served at the Boscombe Salvation Army branch on Christmas Day to disadvantage local people who the Salvation Army will be caring for over the festive period.

## South West Tourists

The South West Tourist are made up with members from every lodge in our area. The opportunity to visit and support lodges within the South West Area - to meet new and likeminded Brethren - to make lasting friendships – is what it's all about.



There is no obligation or expectation on how many meetings you should attend – as a member you will be informed of those visits which are being planned. Visit lodges and centres outside of your regular lodge setting. Experience the differences which make up Freemasonry in support of each other with the aim of enjoyment for all.

**To join the South West Tourists or for more information.**

**Email your details to: [swareatourists@gmail.com](mailto:swareatourists@gmail.com)**

**Or call W. Bro. Peter Martin on 07801 133858**

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Visit Lodges at Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Christchurch, Lymington,  
New Milton and Ringwood Centre's.

### **Recent Tourist Visits**

Forest Villages 9405 on Monday 25th October

Lentune Lodge 8743 on Tuesday 9th November

### **Next Visit**

St. Michaels Lodge 3521 on Tuesday 23rd November - 3rd. Degree.

Receive your Tourists Lapel Pin when you attend your first meeting.

**It's Free to join – all are welcome - get in touch.**

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## Upcoming Official Visits

Why not book yourself onto an Official Visit. Active Provincial Officers should book in through Square Events. All others contact the Lodge Secretary.

8th December 2021 - Highcliffe Lodge 8054 - APMG W. Bro. Leon Whitfield

10th December 2021 - Brockenhurst Lodge 7040 - APMG W. Bro. Leon Whitfield

14th December 2021 - Lymington Lodge 7984 - APMG W. Bro. Leon Whitfield

15th December 2021 - Fernhill Lodge 7707 - PGM RW Bro. Jonathon Whitaker

11th January 2022 - Lyndhurst Lodge 8012 - PGM RW Bro. Jonathon Whitaker

## 2027 Festival Information



# Hampshire & Isle of Wight 2027 FESTIVAL

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Festival President** RWBro Jonathan C Whitaker PGM · **Festival Director** WBro Barrie C J Hewitt PSGD

*Area Festival Team Leader W. Bro. Barry Hills*  
Email: [pastmaster@uwclub.net](mailto:pastmaster@uwclub.net) Tel: 07563 631739.

An important message from the Festival Secretary with reference to Gift Aid envelopes

Due to current HMRC requirements and the way the MCF is required to process Gift Aid, when completing a Gift Aid envelope please quote the following information:

**GIVEN NAME**  
**FAMILY NAME**  
**FIRST LINE OF YOUR ADDRESS**  
**POSTCODE**

You can also donate by scanning the QR code with you phone camera or by text while at the dining table in the festive board **Text MCF2027 to 70500.**



To make a donation to the  
**Hampshire & Isle of Wight 2027 Festival Appeal**  
scan the QR code with your phone camera to open or  
visit the links below:

**Digital Donation**  
[gtap.uk/mcf2027](http://gtap.uk/mcf2027)



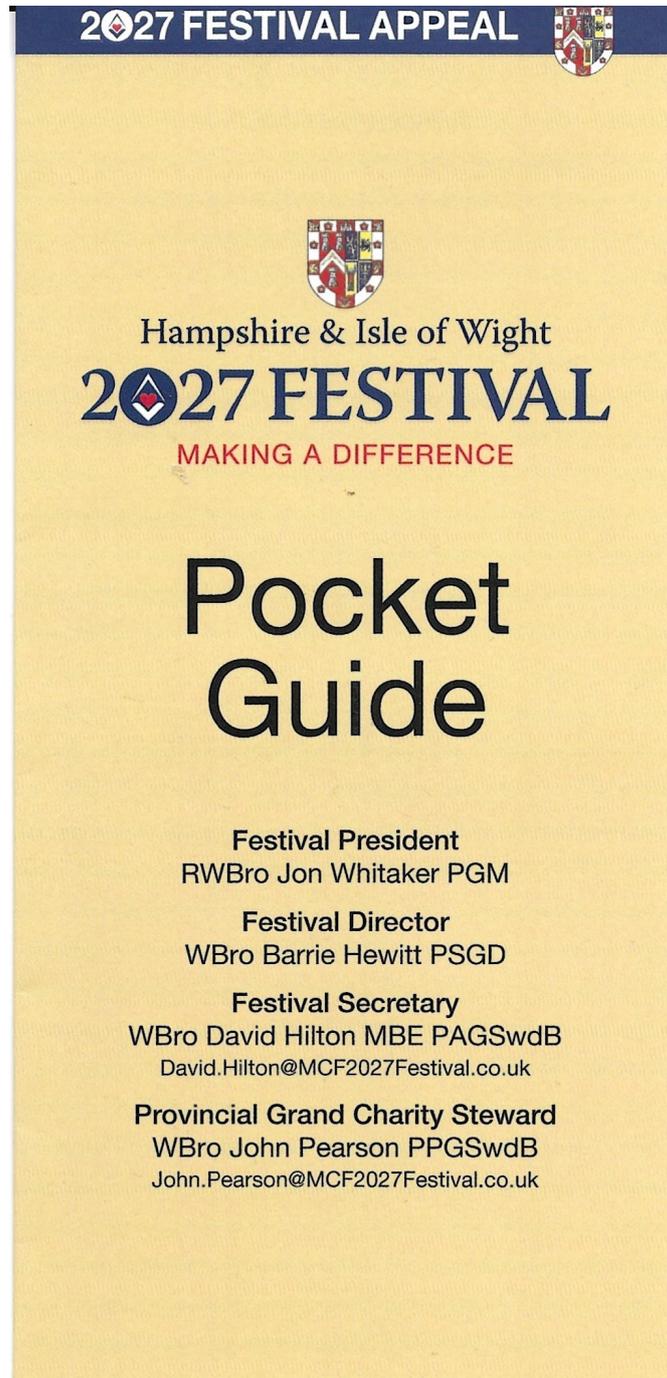
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**Also look our for this handy Pocket Guide**



**Of course, you can still use the old fashioned envelopes found on the dining table.**

## 2027 Festival Presentations - open to all (details to follow)

Expatriation Lodge 9290 - Christchurch Masonic Centre - 14th December at their Regular Meeting (Contact Lodge Secretary)

Lymington Masonic Hall - Thursday 20th January 2022 @ 7.00pm

Bournemouth Masonic Hall - Saturday 5th February 2022 @ 10.30am

Christchurch Masonic Hall - Saturday 19th February 2022 @ 10.30am

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## DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS 2021

In line with the area's expectations to get back to normality and to provide a stimulating programme of social activities, the following events are planned to take place.

***If you have any more to add please let us know.***

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Dorset Vs Hampshire & IOW Provincial Christmas Clay Shooting Competition



**Dorset Vs Hampshire & IOW Provincial Christmas Clay Shooting competition.**

**Saturday 4th December 2021 at Purbeck Shooting School.**

The price is £40.00 each. This includes 50 Clays, 50 Cartridges. Bacon Bap with Tea/Coffee on arrival.

0900hrs Arrival, sign in and breakfast bap with coffee.  
1000hrs Start shooting.  
1200hrs Turkey and Stuffing bap with drink.  
1230hrs Raffle  
1300hrs Depart.

Shooters of all levels are welcome, please let us know if you have never shot before so we can make sure you are placed in a suitable team. We have a few club guns if required, please contact Mike Collins for more info on this.

Booking for this event is via BACS ONLY. If you turn up on the day and want to pay cash it will be 45.00 (£5 extra towards the charity)

If you would like to be on the same team as someone else in particular please inform Dave or Mike.

There will be a raffle to raise funds for Helping Homeless Veterans UK. As always we will try our best to arrange some great prizes but please do feel free to bring a prize to go towards the raffle!

When paying via BACS please use your name as the reference to:

The Dorset Masonic Shooting Association:  
Account Number: 43207468  
Sort Code: 30-90-09  
Lloyds Bank

For more details please contact either:  
Dave Randall via email [dorsetmsa@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetmsa@gmail.com) or  
Mike Collins via email [info@mikethegun.co.uk](mailto:info@mikethegun.co.uk)

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11 December 2021 - Cerdic Lodge Christmas Disco / Buffet

Cerdic Lodge No 7030  
Christmas Disco / Buffet  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
at 7.00 pm  
Freemasons Hall, Knole Road,  
Bournemouth  
Cost £20 per head For Tickets,  
please contact Derek Hay on:  
Email: [derekhay47@sky.com](mailto:derekhay47@sky.com)  
Telephone: 01202 393610



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## 12 December 2021 - South West Area Christmas Carol Service

*The 2021 South West Area  
Christmas Carol Service is due  
to take place on **12th December**  
at Richmond Hill Church of St  
Andrews, 8 St. Stephens Road,  
Bournemouth, BH2 6JJ.*

*Further details to follow.*



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## *DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS 2022 (FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW)*

Classic Car Show - Bournemouth Knole - Sunday 15th May

South West Area Golf Day - Thursday 23rd. June @ Knighton Heath Golf Club

South West Area Garden Party - Sunday 17th July - Stable Family Home Trust, Bisterne,  
Ringwood.

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Help is available – don't hesitate to get in touch

If you need help please contact the area almoner or area chairman who will assist you.

South West Area Almoner  
**Rick Ashton**  
[rickashton21@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rickashton21@hotmail.co.uk)  
07730 956584

South West Area Chairman

**Chris Lockwood**

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07977 414597

Also, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has been active in helping brethren – if you are struggling or require assistance please contact them on 0800 035 6090.

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