

Provincial Newsletter

Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall

WHEN WE MEET AGAIN: A Message From W Bro David G Leaity PSGD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master



We saw the suspension of Freemasonry lifted in July and we have been encouraged, by UGLE, to recommence meetings as soon as possible. While I am sure we have all missed our Freemasonry and are eager to return, the safety of our members and our families should remain our number one priority. The trustees and management committees of our lodge facilities have been wrestling with the practicalities of opening, while adhering to strict Government guidelines, and ultimately how to keep us safe. In all cases, our buildings across the Province currently remain closed. These are not easy decisions to take and we must fully support those that represent us in the knowledge that this judgement has been made for the right reason – our safety.

The work of Freemasons during this pandemic has been a great source of pride for me, from UGLE/MCF through the Provincial Grand Lodge, our eighty Craft Lodges and from individual members. Supporting those in need either with time, talent or money is a fundamental part of being a Freemason. It has been an honour to highlight some of this work in recent newsletters, but they are a drop in the ocean of the support the Masonic family has given to society. It has been encouraging to see this support positively reported in the media via radio interviews and with articles in the Times and Sun newspapers amongst others.

It is important that we continue to contribute to the MCF, through our Festival2024 Appeal, and to our local charities. Without our financial support the MCF would not have been able to make vital donations to various charities during the pandemic. Please continue to support your Charity Stewards as they help your lodge raise funds for good causes. We've heard of some innovative fundraising ideas that have been trialled during the lockdown period and would like to hear of more. One Mason's brilliant idea multiplied by eighty Craft Lodges can go a long way!

Brethren, this is the fourth issue of our new Provincial Newsletter. I hope you have found the first three interesting and informative. As an Executive, we wanted to try to promote and maintain a link across the Province during these challenging times. Grateful thanks must go to Sebastian Oakley for his work in designing the newsletter and I would like to thank my wife, Karen, for her eagle-eyed proof reading to pick up my errors! If you have material that you would like included in a future edition of the newsletter, please send it to me.

It has been a strange few months, hasn't it? While my job usually involves frequent travel, I have been grounded since February and working from home combined with no lodge meetings, I've been at home pretty much all the time. We've managed to complete some much-needed painting and gardening and I've found a new hobby, building a large garden gate, recycling container and a vegetable trough. Challenging though lockdown may have been it's shown that, when I retire in a few years, we'll probably be able to cope!

Finally Brethren, I wish you and your families well and hope that we will be able to meet once more, as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime we can take comfort in this – every masonic festive board missed is a lamentable event, but our suits and aprons will fit all the better when we meet again!

Worshipful Brother David G. Leaity PSGD

Assistant Provincial Grand Master



FREEMASONRY ON SCILLY SINCE 1755



The first record of Freemasonry in these islands was that of the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scilly and the Adjacent Isles in consequence of a deputation from the Grand Master Masons in England, James Bridges, Marquis of Carnarvon. In those days the word deputation did not have the same meaning as now but meant that the Grand Master deputed someone to act as a Provincial Grand Master on his behalf. On the 25th of November 1755, Isaac Head, the Collector of Customs in Scilly, was deputed as the first Provincial Grand Master. According to the Provincial Year Book this was only four years after the first Lodge, the Premier Lodge at Falmouth, was Warranted and three years after the first Provincial Grand Master was appointed in Cornwall. So it can be said that these islands were amongst the earliest centres of Freemasonry in the eighteenth century.

The following year, in 1756, the Dolphin Lodge, No 365, was Warranted in the Isles of Scilly by non-other than Isaac Head, Provincial Grand Master of Scilly. There are names of fourteen members annexed to the Bye Laws of this Lodge.

We now jump a few years, the Dolphin Lodge became the Godolphin Lodge, No 281, in 1783 and remained in existence until it was erased from Grand Lodge in 1851. However, the Bye Laws dated 1799 bear the Lodge No 235 and the returns to United Grand Lodge in 1817 bear the Lodge No 295. There are no records of Lodge No's 235 and 295 in the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall but we understand from the Librarian at Grand Lodge that there was much renumbering at this time due to Lodges being erased during the formation of United Grand Lodge in 1813.



We now move forward 110 years to 1961 when the present Godolphin Lodge No 7790 received its Charter, obtained a dedicated masonic hall and continued the long and fascinating history of Freemasonry on the islands. The present temple is simple but reverent and displays some of Godolphin's exciting history. During his year in King Solomons Chair, Worshipful Brother Ron Crawford recovered the Charter, Regalia and a painting of Augustus John Smith MP Lord Protector of the Islands and Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Cornwall from 1863 to 1872. These had been stored, rather badly, in Tresco Abbey and sadly the Charter and painting were very badly water damaged but the regalia is framed and displayed on the wall behind the Junior Warden's chair.

Today Godolphin is thriving and can boast a membership that includes two Bards of Cornwall, an OBE and an MBE and a strong waiting list of young men 'champing at the bit' to continue in the footsteps of their Masonic forefathers.

A booklet telling the full fascinating history of the Lodge can be obtained from the Secretary W Bro Tim Guthrie for £10 inc postage just email w.b.timguthrie@scilly.me

CORNWALL 2024 FESTIVAL NEWS – #FEST2024

I'm sure many members throughout the Province look with intrigue at Grand Lodge's "First Rising", social media posts and general internet articles, wondering what 'COVID Secure' meetings are like, taking place in some parts of the country. Of course our Lodges, whilst not meeting physically are still in the forefront of our minds either with regular video conferences, or socially distanced 'Get Together'.

The continued break is obviously having an impact on all Masonic activity, not least our charitable efforts. I mentioned in the July edition that, without the regular income into the 2024 Festival that would normally occur from Lodge donations at Installations, (we have missed seventeen Installations to date and with the a new season that was due to start soon) we have had to look to innovative ways of raising funds.

As part of the ongoing support to local charities, the MCF have provided the Eden Trust with a grant for £51,245. The Eden Trust is helping disadvantaged young children and their parents access a free, twelve week programme of outdoor learning and play. Playing outdoors has been proven to be great for children's wellbeing, creativity and learning abilities, which is why we think every child should have the opportunity to get muddy and experience the living world.

In the June newsletter I highlighted the presentation of the first Lodge Festival Honorific to Phoenix Lodge of Honor and Prudence. I know that Lodges like to know how they compare with their peers, so here goes:

Percentage of Members achieving Vice Patron (£500 donated to the Festival)		
Position	Lodge Name	Lodge Number
1	Phoenix Lodge of Honor and Prudence	331
2	Greystone Border	9449
3	Granville	3405
4	Tewington	5698
5	One and All	330
6	Sir Humphry Davy	9327
7	St Gluvias	7936
8	Roseland	8734
9	Saint Mary's	8892
10	Trevaunance	4668

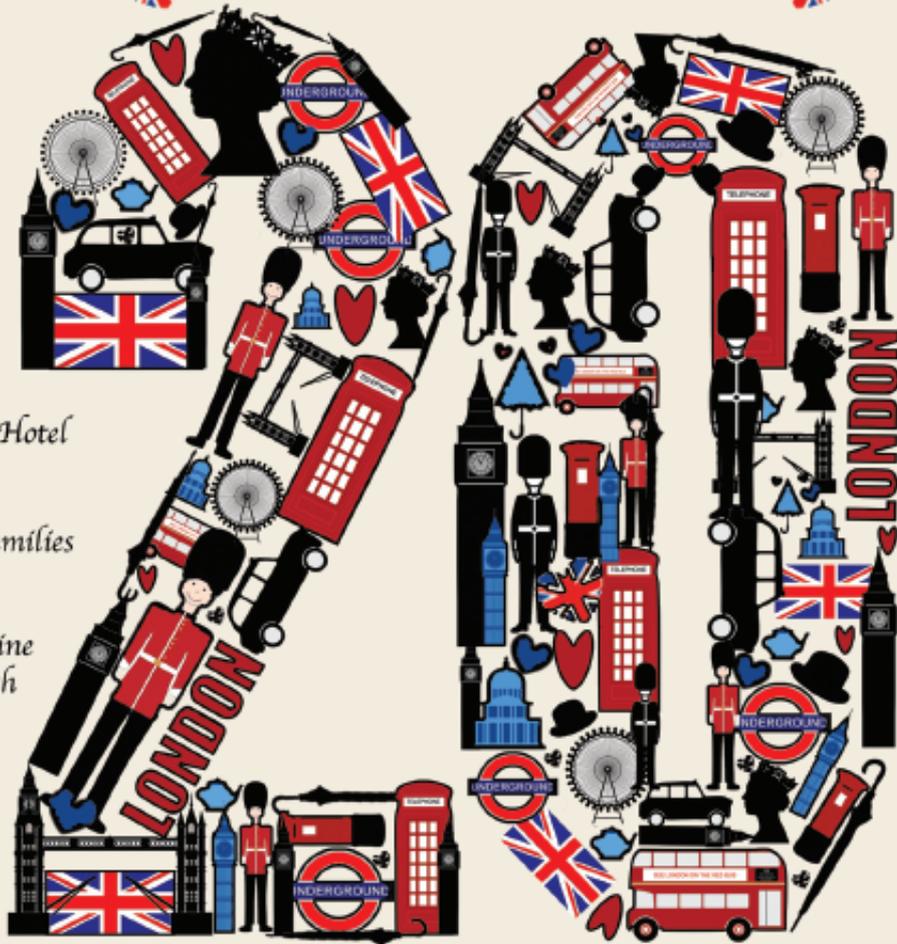
Total Amount Donated by a Lodge		
Position	Lodge Name	Lodge Number
1	Mount Sinai	121
2	Roseland	8734
3	Penhellaz	7680
4	Granville	3405
5	Tewington	5698
6	Greystone Border	9449
7	King Arthur	7134
8	Phoenix Lodge of Honor and Prudence	331
9	Sir Humphry Davy	9327
10	St Martin's	510

As mentioned in previous editions, if you wish to make a single donation or set up a regular payment plan to qualify as a Festival Steward please visit: <https://mcf.org.uk/donate/?festivalId=1263>

For information on how to support the 2024Festival, the 1 to 2024 club or the MCF in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing me at: fest2024@pglcornwall.org.uk



20th Annual London Trip



-  2 nights at 4* Hotel near Windsor
-  Partners & Families Welcome
-  Free Pasties, wine & Beer on coach

— Years —
LONDONWEEKEND

26th - 28th February 2021

Travel by luxury coach with pick-ups across Cornwall

SATURDAY

Morning: Victoria & Albert Museum

Afternoon: Choice of Covent Garden or Tour of Grand Lodge

Evening: Choice of West End Musical or visit the Cornish Lodge No. 2369

SUNDAY

Morning: Shopping at Swindon Designer Outlet

Afternoon: Sunday Carvery Lunch and visit Sanders Garden World in Somerset

All tickets and meals included

£225 pp

To book, contact:- John Penpraze Tel. 07812990453 email:- jpenpraze@btinternet.com

BREANICK 20TH ANNIVERSARY LONDON WEEKEND

26TH TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2021



We often hear our Provincial Grand Master or another Presiding Officer say at an installation that the year will pass quickly. How true, but to me, the past 20 years have also flown by!

It seems only recently when in 2001, I was installed as Master of Breanick Lodge No. 8610. Like most Masters, I wanted to do something special with our members and having heard so much about Grand Lodge in London, decided to arrange a visit and tour. While researching this, I discovered that there was a Cornish Lodge No. 2369 in London which at that time met in Clerkenwell.

Realising that we would be unlikely to fill a coach or even a minibus with Breanick members, we invited Brethren from neighbouring Lodges to come with us. 17 Brethren joined us for that first visit and we were made so welcome by the Cornish Lodge that we decided to return the following year.

Rather than only be a Masonic visit for Brethren, it was decided to give the trip a second purpose which would be a weekend in London for family and friends. This proved to be so popular that it was the start of our annual visits to London and the Cornish Lodge and we are now looking forward to our 20th anniversary weekend in February 2021.

Our relationship with the members of the Cornish Lodge has grown and we now have many friends there. Some of their members come to Cornwall to visit Breanick Lodge every June and several Cornish Brethren now regularly attend other meetings of the Cornish Lodge during the year.

Participating in the weekend are still the same mix of around 4-6 Breanick members plus members of other Lodges across the Province.

Most years we take about 20-24 Brethren and 30-32 non-Masonic family and friends.

Each year about 70% of those going on the trip are "regulars" who have been before and the rest are new participants, some of whom become regulars. The Cornish Lodge has moved from Clerkenwell to Grand Lodge, but the arrangements for the weekend have remained much the same over the years.

On Friday late afternoon we have pickups across Cornwall and travel by Hopleys coach to Windsor where we stay two nights in a four star hotel. Saturday morning we travel into London where there is always a featured visit, in the past this has included the London Eye, London Zoo, Greenwich, riverboat trips, markets and museums. This year we will be visiting the V&A Museum.

On Saturday afternoon there is a choice of either a tour of Grand Lodge or shopping in the West End. In the late afternoon and evening Brethren visit the Cornish Lodge followed by a Festive Board, whilst the non-Masons go to a West End theatre. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we have not yet booked tickets for the 2021 show but expect to do so during September. It is always a top musical.

As a guide, in the past the shows we have seen include:- Mama Mia, Dirty Dancing, Wicked, Grease, Hairspray, We will Rock You, Chicago, Cats, & Juliet, Les Miserables, Aladdin, Motown the Musical, The Lion King, Memphis the Musical, Jersey Boys and Matilda.

On Sunday morning we stop off at another attraction on the return journey. This time it will be shopping at Swindon Designer Outlet, followed by a carvery lunch at Sanders Garden World in Somerset. We arrive back in Cornwall on Sunday early evening.

This has always been organised as a fun weekend in London for Brethren, family and friends, so we aim to just break even on costs and not make a profit. This means that it is good value as the price of the trip includes almost everything required for the weekend including all tickets and meals, and the festive board. There are even free pasties, beer, wine and soft drinks for the coach journey.

Speaking of the coach journey, we realise that this can be boring for some, so there are a couple of fun raffles to pass the time. This has surprised us with the added benefit that although raffle tickets are only £1 each, we have raised £6,999.65 for local charities in the past 19 years. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

As this will be the 20th visit to the Cornish Lodge, we have been invited to do an exchange working of the 2nd Degree with them and will be presenting them with a memento, which I cannot tell you about yet, but which will include a copy of a permanent memorial to our visits which will be displayed at a location that anyone can visit near the centre of Cornwall.

Places for this weekend usually sell out quickly, but due to the uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus situation, we currently still have 9 places available.

If you would like to join us, or would like to know more, contact John Penpraze. Tel. 07812990453 or Email:

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KING ARTHUR'S GREAT HALLS, FORE STREET, TINTAGEL, KING ARTHUR LODGE

To visit the 'Great Halls' is to share in the vision of an astonishing individual, Frederick Thomas Glasscock.

Mr Glasscock was a partner in the firm of 'Monk And Glass Custard', the 'Glass' being Glasscock himself and 'Monk' being the grandfather of comedian Bob Monkhouse. The company was hugely successful and was eventually sold for great profit to Birds Custard. Mr Glasscock however was said to have done rather better out of the deal as it has been rumoured that he was the man who invented 'Hundreds And Thousands'.

He was indeed a very energetic Mason and belonged to no fewer than three London lodges, his business being in Clerkenwell.

It has been suggested that he came to Tintagel in 1913, the village being a place dear to both himself and his wife. After the 'Great War' of 1914-18 he started to do the ground-work for an order of chivalry that would be available to all good men and also women. This raised some eyebrows but it was an idea that was dear to him, being a forward thinker for his time, his dream was 'Inclusivity' as opposed to 'Exclusivity'.

He purchased Trevena House, which had been built in the 1860's and proceeded to develop the building into the Great Halls as we see them today.

Employing stone masons, builders, carpenters and every allied craftsmen, the building took shape. The famous stained glass artist Veronica Whall, a prize student of William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones, was commissioned to provide the windows of the Halls which are justifiably world famous for their excellence. William Hatherill, RI, was commissioned to execute the paintings that hang in the First Hall which acts as an ante-chamber prior to entering the Great Hall itself.

The work took many years to complete, Mr Glasscock's mission for excellence was unyielding, until finally on Monday 5th June 1933 the Halls was opened and declared complete.

It was proudly announced as the home of the 'Order Of The Fellowship Of The Knights Of The Round Table Of King Arthur', the order Glasscock had created, the original founding date of the order being 1927.



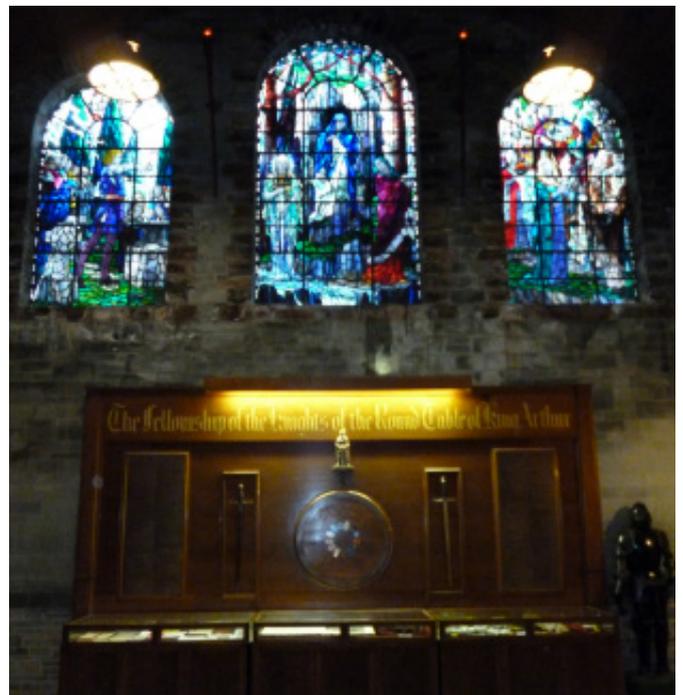
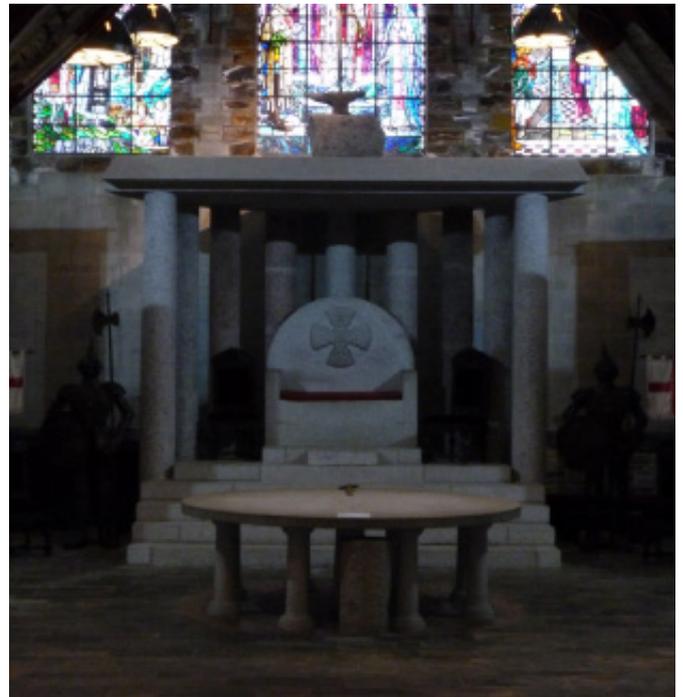
During the opening ceremony the building was consecrated by the, then, Bishop of Launceston, enabling the Halls to be used in divers ceremonies and services.

The 'First Hall' was used for preparation rituals prior to ascending into the 'Great Hall' for ceremonies. On each side of the throne may be seen the two chapels of contemplation used by initiates, as well as full knights, for preparation.

The 'Great Hall' houses most of the incredible stained glass windows and they are viewed as a progression from the dark 'Merlin' windows along to the throne and windows of light or 'Grail' windows. Literally a journey from darkness into light.

Glasscock died at sea in 1934 returning from a recruitment drive in America. He was buried at sea (although a bronze plate at the Halls states he was buried in the local church yard. This is not so).

At his passing membership had rocketed to, according to some sources, 19,000, although some newspaper reports had the global number closer to 250,000. Although his widow tried to maintain the order this was not an unqualified success and in 1952, the year of the Queen's accession, the building was purchased by the Freemasons by whom it is still owned.



It has remained the lodge rooms of King Arthur Lodge to this day and owing to the incredible setting is very popular with visiting masons.

During the 1990's it was opened to the general public and is ranked as one of the county's top attractions.

It also remains the spiritual home of the order that Glasscock founded, now known as the Fellowship Of The Knights Of The Round Table Of King Arthur who hold their annual dinner at the Halls.

The Halls remain a tribute to an astonishing man with an incredible vision.

Bro. Dr. Roland Rotherham
King Arthur Lodge.

Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Cornwall



The next project for the charity focuses on increasing capacity for our research nurses; it will mean that men will have more medical trials on offer to them in the region, in particular those men who have been given a terminal prostate cancer diagnosis. Perhaps one of these trials could offer a breakthrough or maybe give a patient more time with loved ones. We aim to increase hours for the research nurses based in the region as and when restrictions are lifted."

The charity has also set up support groups who hold online meetings. To quote the website "The aim of the meetings is to support each other, as in real life, it's a patient led support group, so you tell us what you need and we'll be there to help you for as long as you need. It's also a great opportunity to meet other people from across the region who are going through, or have gone through the same procedures as you.

Fundraising to support the Chestnut Appeal was launched in 2016 at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter. Lesley-Ann Simpson (pictured above receiving flowers from the Grand Superintendent E Comp David Pascoe) addressed Cornish First Principals Chapter explaining that the goal at that time was to bring state of the art equipment for prostate cancer diagnosis to Treliske Hospital.

This group is open to patients, family and friends. Anyone who wants to gain knowledge and access support is very welcome. So grab yourself a drink and join us at one of our meetings. You might be surprised just how easy it is!"

For further details go to:

<https://support.chestnutappeal.org.uk/>

The Ultrasound-MRi Fusion diagnostic equipment, costing some £111,000 was subsequently installed, providing precise targeting and biopsy.

Tony Evans, Deputy Grand Superintendent

Whilst fundraising within the Holy Royal Arch is now concentrating on the Provincial Grand Master's Festival Appeal, Freemasons in Cornwall have continued to support the Appeal and have to date raised the impressive total of £79,525.

The Province has continued to keep in touch with the charity and recently received the following update from Lesley Ann:

"The help from the Freemasons really does make a big difference, and as I'm sure you are aware, cancer referrals are down by 75% which could equate to an extra 18,000 lives lost over the next 12 months due to cancer as a result of #COVID19. Cancer hasn't stopped because of the Coronavirus, and neither have we. Your local charity is sadly needed more than ever. I thought I would let you know what YOUR kind donation will go towards.





This year the effects of the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown have filtered into every aspect of normal society including classic and vintage vehicle community. Most, if not all, of the planned classic vehicle shows, vintage rallies and events have either been cancelled or postponed this year.

Whilst the lockdown has had many draw backs, the extra time at home has created the opportunity for many to spend some time buffing, polishing and getting those niggly little jobs done that have been put on the back burner for a few months if not years in many cases.

With all this pampering going on, many of the vehicles will be looking the best they have for years, so it was decided to hold a Province wide virtual classic vehicle show.

With it being a virtual vehicle show it will not clash with any other show, distance will not be an issue as this can be done from your driveway and of course the weather for once will not matter.

This has proved the case with a large and diverse number of entrants that would not be possible under normal event circumstances. This includes vehicles from as far as Devon with Kit Le Marquand's 1961 Rover P4/100 all the way down to the far West with Simon Mann's selection of air cooled cars.

Some of the entrants have lasting family connections with their vehicles like Chris Uglow's 1939 Marshall 7.5 tonne roller which he remembers, as a youngster going out in with his grandfather, as well as Geoffrey Steer's 1939 Standard Fordson N Tractor which has been in his family for over 70 years. Other vehicles have been with their current owners for decades. This includes John Penpraze's 1972 A.C. Cobra Replica, Mike Smith's M.G. Midget, Tim Carter's M.G.B.G.T and Paul Sleeman who has owned an Austin sevens for over 30 years.

Amongst the motorbikes are Phil Venning's 1961 Vespa 15L2, which was one of the last bikes to come out of the Vespa Douglas factory in Bristol and Steve Allmett's 35th Anniversary Dyna Superglide which was designed by the last living Davidson, Willie G Davidson, and is number 3225 of a limited 3500 bikes produced.

Virtual Classic Vehicle Show

July 2020



Cecil Duvalle
1959 Austin Healey 100-6



Cecil Duvalle
1966 E-Type



Cecil Duvalle
1969 MG GT



Tony Hoskings
Gentry built between '96-'98



Chris Bryant
MG 1100 MK2



Stephen Michell
Velocette Viper



Peter Blackwell-Smyth
MGA



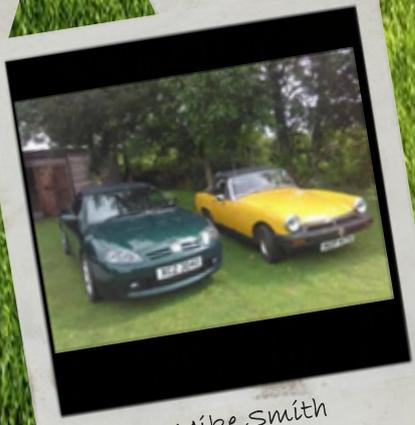
Chris Uglow
2014 Porsche Cayman



Chris Uglow
2015 Victory Boardwalk



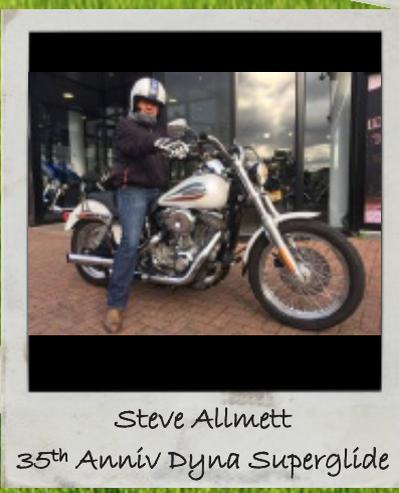
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1939 Marshall Roller



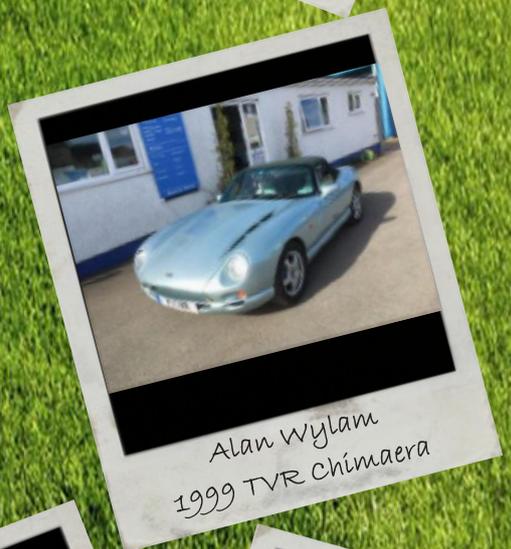
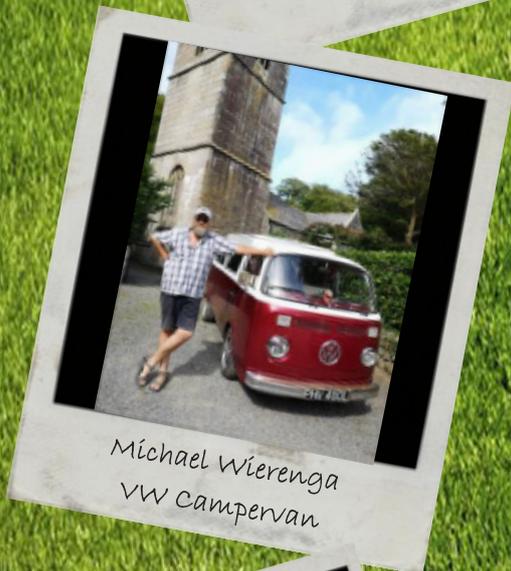
Mike Smith
MGTF and MG Midget



John Penpraze
1972 AC Cobra Replica



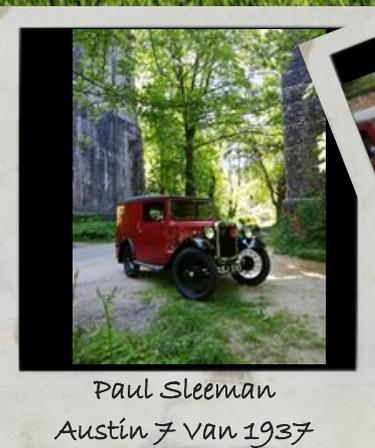
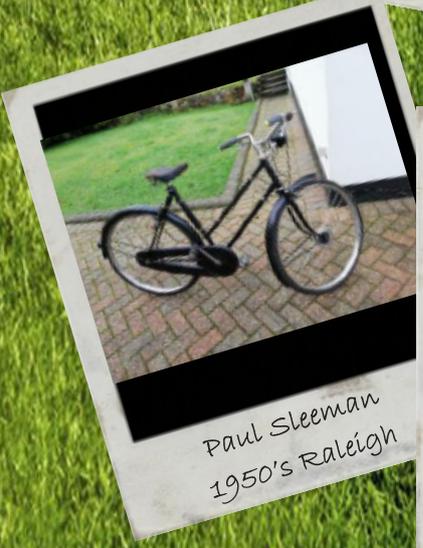
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35th Anniv Dyna Superglide



Michael Wierenga
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Malcolm Frost
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Alan Wylam
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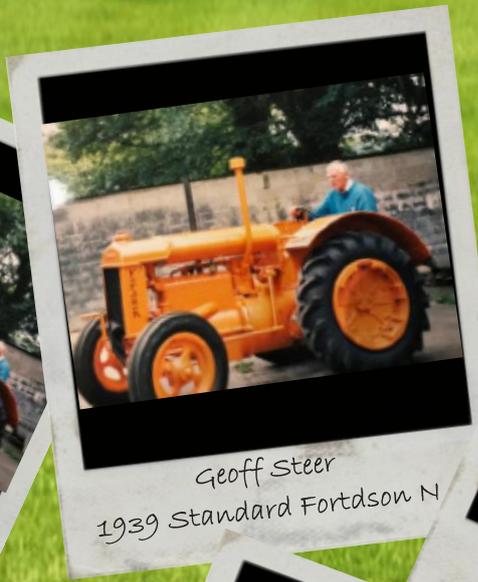
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Austin 7 van 1937

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Paul Sleeman
Austin 7 Box Saloon 1933



Geoff Steer



Geoff Steer
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Tim Carter



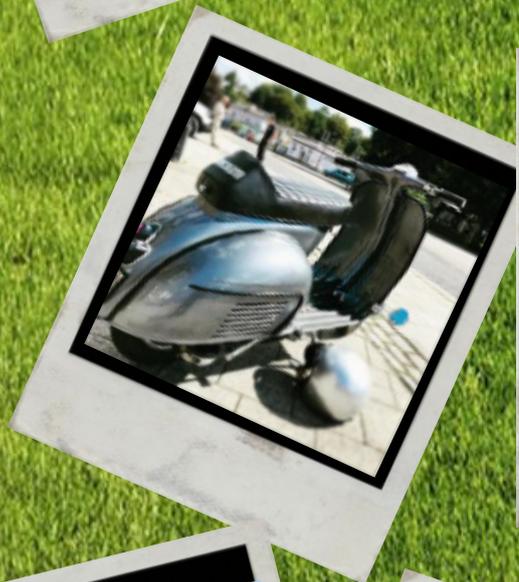
Peter Warrick
MGB



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Robin Wotton
Triumph Stag and TR5



Phil Venning
1961 Vespa 152L2



Simon Mann
VW Karmann Ghia T34



Simon Mann
VW Karmann Ghia T14



Simon Mann
1994 Porsche 993



Kit Le Marquand
1961 Rover P4/100

EARL OF ST GERMANS LODGE 7031

THE HOME OF THE WIDOWS SONS SW – KERNOW



How the imminent closing of the Earl of St Germans Lodge 7031 gave the Widows Sons Southwest Chapter an opportunity to form a Motorcycling Lodge.

The Widows Sons SW Chapter was founded over 10 years ago in 2009 and now has a membership of over 45 Brethren in Cornwall.

In 2014 The Widows Sons were approached by the Lodge of the Chisel Lodge No. 9398 which was failing and about to hand back its warrant. The brothers joined this lodge, helped it to grow, and during the first two years raised ten new Brothers, went on to become Widows Sons.

In 2018 The Province of Cornwall were considering having a University Lodge, it made sense that this be the Lodge of the Chisel, due to this lodge being originally founded as a learning and teaching lodge. The Lodge of the Chisel became Cornwall's University Lodge and moved to Falmouth, unfortunately the move made attending impractical for the majority of Brethren who were then made honorary members.

At that time, a sister lodge in Wadebridge, The Earl of St Germans No. 7031 was struggling and in danger of handing their Warrant back, so discussions were held with existing members with the intention of making this the Cornwall Motorcycling Lodge. This was well received by the existing members and the suggestion was warmly received by the Provincial team our PGM Rt.W.Bro. Stephen C Pearn.

At the 2019 October meeting the existing Secretary read out 25 joining applications for the Earl of St Germans Lodge an unprecedented event, and the temple was left a little empty when we all had to leave for the vote. Voting was favourable and the best meeting and festive board that the lodge had seen for many years followed.

Now work began in earnest. The November meeting was to be installation and the members of the Widows Sons needed to find a Master and put a team of Officers together.

It was important to the Widows Sons to uphold the Lodge's existing traditions and to have the right blend of new and old. Then Bro G Holtum was installed as the first Master of the new Motorcycling Lodge, with an attendance of nearly 100 Brethren and great support from the Province with virtually all the provincial team in attendance.

Into 2020, a busy start to the year for us with two new candidates, one currently an Entered Apprentice the other a Fellow Craft, and a very special raising planned. We intended to resume traditional links with other Lodges as were enjoyed many years ago with the Lodge proving to be successful for existing and new members and buzzing with excitement for all - but unfortunately Lodges are now on hold.

As Widows Sons we have been able to meet on a number of occasions to go for rides and continue charity events and are looking forward to when we can meet again in Lodge

We have a number of ceremonies planned for when we reopen including what will be a unique raising. I will be taking the chair for the evening, my two sons are Wardens and we will be raising my youngest son Bro. Craig Hallett, we do hope you will join us for this.

Please come and visit us and find out what we are all about, I know all members old and new will tell you what a thriving Lodge we now have. We are very fortunate that we can combine our two passions - Freemasonry and motorcycling and help charities in the process.

Please visit our Website (www.widowssonssw.co.uk) or Facebook (Widows sons SW Kernow Chapter) pages or contact me direct for more information:

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHARITY STEWARD

W. BRO MIKE PRITCHARD



I've been asked to introduce myself as a Freemason and my role as the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, so here goes. I was Initiated, Passed and Raised in 2005 in St Piran's Lodge No 7620 and installed into the Worshipful Master's Chair in January of 2012. I am currently the Worshipful Master of Robert Eliot Lodge (The Cornish Steward's Lodge) No. 9483, a member of Cornish Installed Masters No. 3324 and was installed as MEZ in the Rose of Sharon Chapter in December 2018.

I am active in other orders and none more so than in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Cornwall where I am the Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary. In 2019 I was also honoured with the Grand Rank of Steward. I am currently the Worshipful Master of Meridian Mark Lodge No. 73 and a member of 5 further Mark Lodges including my mother Mark Lodge Trevaunance No. 1023. In addition, I am a member of 2 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and in 2019 joined the Falmouth Chapter Rose Croix No. 770.

My first Provincial Grand Rank in the Craft came in April of 2016 when I was made a Provincial Grand Steward and consider myself lucky and proud to be part of the first team of fast track Stewards in Cornwall. In April 2017 I was appointed as Provincial Grand Charity Steward and was further honoured with the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in September 2019.

To better understand the role of Provincial Grand Charity Steward it is easier to break them down into different responsibilities which are:

- Reporting to the Provincial Grand Master and Full Provincial Executive

- The Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation (CMCF)
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- As a member of the MCF
- Part of the Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal Committee
- Teddies for Loving Care (TLC)
- Supporting Lodges and their Lodge Charity Stewards
- Reporting to the Provincial Grand Master and Full Provincial Executive

As part of the Executive it is my role to report to and update the Executive team on charitable matters to maximise the effectiveness of our work in this area. In addition, to assist the Executive to raise the profile of Freemasonry in the community and build relationships with local charitable organisations.

Every quarter the Full Provincial Executive meets and all members provide reports. My report consists of grants made, full statistics on the fundraising position in relation to the CMCF, the Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal and MCF matters in general and the status of any outstanding actions.

It may be that from time to time members of the Exec are tasked with additional responsibilities. One such task given for me was to organise the new Provincial Coat of Arms. Working with the Rouge Croix Pursuivant at the College of Arms, in conjunction with UGLE and the Province of Devonshire, this project took many months to complete and was at times challenging, however, I hope you agree the end result of our Coat of Arms is something to be proud of. Also, I have recently accepted the role of Media Representative for our Province.

The Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundation (CMCF). As Secretary and Treasurer of the CMCF and Trustee, it is my responsibility to see the above objects are adhered to and to manage the funds raised by the brethren to ensure they are invested and working to produce a return, which in turn is used to provide grants. I am supported in this role by W. Bro Steve Franklin, our recently appointed Provincial Grand Treasurer, who is the Assistant Secretary and Treasurer for the CMCF.

Every year we received hundreds of enquiries from local charities and good causes for support. Those organisations registered at the Charity Commission the CMCF can support and, after due diligence of the charities accounts, recommendations of grants are proposed and put to the CMCF Committee for funding. Those organisations who are not registered, we normally forward the enquires to their local masonic lodges. The CMCF grants are distributed during the annual charity giving day now held in Tintagel. Although due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year they were transferred by BACs. As well as the distribution of grants we also look after the incoming donations from Brethren and ensure all donations, including Gift Aid are correct, recorded, banked and invested.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF both as a Member and our Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal)

When charitable initiatives are presented by UGLE as well as the MCF it is my responsibility to deliver these within Cornwall. This can be best illustrated when the COVID-19 lockdown and Masonic suspension happened, both UGLE and the MCF had COVID-19 initiatives to support charities and organisations particularly impacted by the pandemic. Through local Freemasons' recommendations we granted £12,000 from the UGLE and MCF funds to five local charities to support the supply of PPE, the homeless, vulnerable, a day care centre helping those shielding and the delivery of food for disadvantaged people and families.

MCF Member; this role can be summarised as follows:

- Provide a short annual report on MCF activities within our Province.
- Promote the MCF within our Province
- Visit charities within the Province, including those being considered for and those securing a grant from the MCF, both when the grant is awarded and after to monitor the progress in meeting the objective.
- Attend the two Members Meetings each year, one of which is the AGM.
- Provide feedback to MCF on behalf of our Provincial Grand Lodge and our Brethren.
- Contribute to the future strategy of MCF on behalf of our Provincial Grand Lodge and our Brethren.

Recent changes to the role mean I now have to vet applications prior to them being submitted to the MCF committee for approval. This gives us the opportunity to ensure local grants are in line with our objectives here in Cornwall. I am now responsible for due diligence of the charity applicant including their accounts, making sure publicity locally and from the MCF is carried out and, after the grant has been made, follow-up with more due diligence to make sure the monies were used for the correct purpose.

Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal; I support the Festival Director, W. Bro. David Trevains and am a member of the Festival Committee. Every month I update the Festival Director and Area Co-ordinators with information on members who have achieved honorific status and require a Jewel.

I provide the Full and Inner Exec with Festival statistics. I have also been involved in a software project for Relief Chests, including our 2024 Festival Relief Chest.

Teddies for Loving Care

I am responsible for ensuring the budget and funds available for the TLC initiative are maintained and support W. Bros Mike Eslick and Alan Powell in the delivery of Teddies to local hospitals within our Province. I also assist with local marketing activities, marketing media and local social media TLC stories

Supporting Lodges and their Lodge Charity Stewards

On top of charity and good causes contacting us daily the Provincial Office also receives enquiries from Brethren, Lodges and Lodge Charity Stewards. Our task is to help as much as ever possible and support both the members and lodges. Every two years we run a workshop for Lodge Charity Stewards and combine this with Lodge Almoners, the last of these being two years ago held in Truro. Due to COVID-19 I have also been making Zoom presentations about ongoing Charitable activities and will be happy to join any lodge zoom meeting for this purpose. Please contact me if you wish me to be part of a virtual meeting and I will be happy to make a presentation.

All in all, you could say that I am a busy Freemason! Everything I've outlined above cannot be done alone and I have mentioned some who are part of the team and contribute hugely, however, the one person not mentioned is Mr Ian Henwood who is employed by the CMCF, works from the Provincial Office in Truro and I speak with probably every working day. We are lucky to have Ian working for us all.

I am acutely aware that when carrying out my duties and responsibilities as the Provincial Grand Charity Steward that I represent every member within our Province as the money raised comes from us as members. I think about this constantly when we are asked to support charities, good causes and Freemasons to make sure any grant made is appropriate and is the best use of the donations we have received.

Although Charity is mentioned a lot during our Masonic activities and is a large part of our organisation, Charity alone is not what defines us, which is the same for me as a Freemason. Yes, I have a huge responsibility for all matters charitable but there is more to me in a Masonic sense. I, like many of you, have missed the Masonic meetings, the rehearsals, the ritual, the festive boards, the camaraderie travelling to meetings with friends and the fun. I very much look forward to resuming our activities, when the COVID-19 situation allows, and hope the above provides an insight into some of the responsibilities and roles I undertake as your Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

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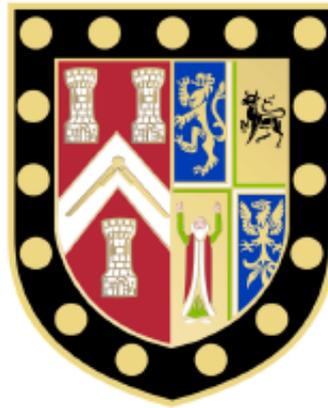
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