

The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners



The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners is controlled by a body styled 'The Grand Master's Royal Ark Council', which is under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The Order has two ceremonies: the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, by which a brother is admitted (or elevated) to the Order, and the ceremony of Installation by which the Commander Elect is installed in the Chair of a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.

The ceremony of Elevation is a delightful one with many unique features. It is based on the story of Noah and his Ark and teaches that the virtuous and industrious will prosper.

The Flood is a story of cleansing and rebirth, where the wicked and impenitent perished in the deluge while the faithful and the good, represented by Noah and his family, were saved to repopulate the earth. The Installation ceremony is equally special and quite different from that of other orders.



In common with other Masonic orders, the origin of the Royal Ark Mariner degree is not certain. There are several references to the Noah and his Ark in early manuscripts, including Anderson's constitutions of 1723. Actual degrees with a Noachite theme emerged later, for example Patriarch Noachite or Prussian Knight in the 1760s, now the 21st Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. However, the earliest authenticated record of a Royal Ark Mariner Degree being worked in England, in a form that we would recognise, is 1790.

Several attempts at establishing a "Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners" came to nothing. Eventually, in 1871, the Order was taken under the wing of the Mark Grand Lodge. Prior to this the degree was worked in Craft and Mark Lodges and elsewhere.

Today the Order is thriving. In the Mark Province of Surrey, nearly all the Mark Lodges have a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge attached, and most meet on the same day.

Article by Michael F Barnes, R.A.M.G.R., P.Dep.Prov.G.M.

If you are a Mark Master Mason but not yet a Royal Ark Mariner and want to learn more about this beautiful degree please speak to the Secretary of your Mark Lodge, who is probably also the Scribe of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.

Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

Thursday the 11th of April was a busy day for the Brethren of Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 808. Not only did they install a Worshipful Commander, but they also had another Candidate for Elevation.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W. Bro. John Fleetwood, R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed everyone, especially our visitors. Bro. Scribe read the Dispensation for change of date due to the usual meeting date falling over Easter.



After the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed by the Worshipful Commander, W. Bro. Tim Ford, R.A.M.G.R., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, presented the Worshipful Commander with a Grand Patron MBF Collarette thanking the Lodge for their support for the 2022 Festival. This was unable to be presented at the time due to Covid-19.



The Worshipful Commander invited W. Bro. Tim Ford to conduct the Ceremony of Installation. W. Bro. Mike Ellis was invited to act as Senior Warden, W. Bro. Malcolm Clarke to act as Junior Warden and W. Bro. Garth Blanchard to act as Guardian.

W. Bro. Tim Ford installed Bro. Roger Tutton as Worshipful Commander for the ensuing year in a most sincere manner.



The Worshipful Commander appointed his Officers and invested those present: The Address to the Worshipful Commander was given in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Tim Ford.

A ballot was taken for a Candidate for Elevation, Brother James Agnew of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons. This proved in his favour and Bro. Jim was Elevated to the Honourable Degree of Royal Ark Mariner in a most sincere manner by the new Worshipful Commander, W. Bro. Roger Tutton, assisted by W. Bro. Tim Ford who explained the signs and gave the final Address in his usual excellent and personal manner. Chris and Mike acted as Deacons, which was very special as they know Jim very well.

Bro. Jim was welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Commander, who thanked W. Bro. Tim, and all those who filled offices for assisting with the ceremony. from his unit's meeting at Sutton.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and, after the customary photographs, we retired to the bar for refreshments.



Suitably refreshed we made our way into the Crescent Room for a most enjoyable Royal Ark Mariner festive board.



Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners is one of only a few RAM Lodges that hold a separate RAM installation meeting so the new Commander, as well as any candidates, can fully enjoy and appreciate this beautiful degree.

In his toast to the Worshipful Commander W.Bro. John Fleetwood as the IPC shared with us some pearls of Wisdom - don't know what happened to Strength and Beauty!

At our June RAM meeting we hope to Elevate the two brothers from Nonesuch Park Craft Lodge who we Advanced at our last Mark meeting.





Who is going to take home the Travelling Keystone?



The Travelling Keystone is currently held by the brethren of the Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge No 1569.

Their next meeting is being held on **Thursday the 13th of June at Surbiton**. This will be an Installation meeting, so why not put together a raiding party from your Lodge to take home the Keystone.



A Grape and Grain Lodge Social

Brother Andrew Bushe of the Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge No 1569 has organised a visit to Pilgrim Brewery in Reigate on the 2nd of June at 12 midday. The tour cost is £15 p.p. and includes a sample of their beers.



Andrew has booked 12 spaces but he may be able to increase. There is a train service from Redhill or Dorking/Guildford in the other direction.

This is a starter for their brewery/vineyard/distillery tours and they are happy welcome guests along.

Let Andrew know if you would like to be booked in by emailing him at andrewbushe99@btinternet.com



PILGRIM BREWERY

Reigate Est: 1982

Pilgrim Brewery is located in the market town of Reigate and was established in 1982, making it the oldest craft brewery in the South East.

Reigate is on the old pilgrimage route between Winchester to Canterbury and there are records of beer being brewed in the town for hundreds of years.



A Double Advancement for Bond of Friendship Lodge

The last William Howes Mark Class of Instruction of the season was held at Nutfield Masonic Centre last week. They had a useful run through of the Senior Deacon work for the ceremony of advancement. This proved very useful as Bond of Friendship Mark Lodge held an Advancement Ceremony a few days later.

On Saturday the 4th of May Bond of Friendship Lodge No. 1576 Advanced two candidates into the Degree of Mark Master Mason. Here are the two newly Advanced Brethren, Bernie Searle and Chris Kojie, who experience an excellent ceremony shared between the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Tony Rastell, and the omniscient W.Bro. Mike Neville.

The Deacons who did an excellent job of taking the Candidates round were Bros. John Thurley and Steve Smith, who I am sure found the Class of Instruction most useful.



The William Howes Mark Class of Instruction is held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7pm at Nutfield. The programme is flexible. For more information email Paul Wicking on wicking.paul@gmail.com

Congratulations to our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master



At the recent Annual Meeting of Grand Senatus in the Order of the Scarlet Cord our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes, received a high honour in the Order from the Grand Summus. M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans.

M.Dist.Comp. Ian said he had a special appointment to make, to someone who has contributed much to the Order. He asked the

Grand Director of Ceremonies to escort R.Dist.Comp. Mik Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Summus of Surrey, to him. He then had much pleasure in investing R.Dist.Comp. Mik with his Chain of Office as Grand Regent Vicarious.



Bon Voyage to W.Bro. Derek Harrington



Bitter Sweet - no, not the M25 thing but a visit of importance for members and visitors of a fairly new lodge consecrated in 2005.

We started with a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge meeting led by W.Bro. Roger Short. Prior to this, we had met in the bar and various conversations impinged upon me. A good friend has a very poorly wife and we chatted about that. One of the top men let it slip that he was present with a health problem. Both of these chaps carried on with the meeting in remarkable fine

style. No one would have known about their private thoughts.



The Provincial Grand Master was officially welcomed into the Lodge and the meeting continued. The mood lifted with the presentation of a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Stephen Nicklin, the ballot for a joining member, Bro. Ian Doy, the election of the new Commander, W.Bro. Adam Spevack, and the election of the Treasurer, Bro. W Smith, with the re-election of Bro. Arthur Lewer as Warder concluding business.



Well not really. In recognition of the fine work of W.Bro. Derek Harrington, **R.A.M.G.R.**, the Scribe of this Lodge, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark proposed that W.Bro. Derek Harrington be made an Honorary Member of Ditton Lodge No 1857 following his resignation and subsequent move to Bulgaria at the end of April. This was passed unanimously. We all understood and appreciated the hard work of this gentleman and wished him all the best for his future in a foreign land.



A brief sojourn to the bar for tea and coffee was followed by the opening of the Mark Lodge by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Colin Smith.

The ever-smiling Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, was duly led in having been preceded by his escorting officers.

He thanked the latter group, even uttering a few words in French to one of the escorting officers.

An important part of the meeting was the deliverance of the eulogy to W.Bro. Stephen Wigmore, P.Prov.G.J.W., who had passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 17th of January. The Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Martin Baker, gave a very moving eulogy to W.Bro. Steve. It was obvious to the listener that W.Bro. Martin was a good friend of the deceased and the comments about that person's life were delivered with fine meaning. The Director of Ceremonies was present at the funeral service, which was very well attended, a fine testament to a worthy Mason.

After the presentation of the accounts, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Colin Smith, installed Bro. Stephen Nicklin into the Chair of King Solomon in a meaningful ceremony. Officers were appointed, auditors elected, an Almoner's report presented, and the Charity Steward gave his report.



Finally, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark proposed that W.Bro. Derek Harrington, **P.A.G.D.C.**, P.Prov.G.S.W., be made an Honorary Member of the Mark Lodge in recognition of his dedication to the continuing life of Ditton Lodge No 1857. W.Bro. Derek thanked all concerned and concluded by promising to remain in touch with Ditton members, and offered his help wherever he could. A fine way to end two very meaningful and very warming meetings in the impressive setting of the Masonic Centre in Surbiton.

The bar welcomed us, and we not only had a welcome drink but those well expected sausages too. The dining room was immaculately laid out, the food served efficiently, and the lovely touch of a digestive interlude made for an impressive dinner. Thank you, Ditton Lodge and the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Thanks to Michael Fenech



Our Provincial Grand Master visits Pride of Surrey Lodge



On Thursday the 21st of March our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, made a visit to Pride of Surrey Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges meeting at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



The afternoon started with a meeting of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Christopher Watts, Prov.R.A.M.G.R, who welcomed everyone, especially the RW Provincial Grand Master.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the RW Provincial Grand Master was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Nael Clarke, who had been elevated at the previous meeting.

W.Bro. Christopher Watts was declared as the Worshipful Commander for the ensuing year and W.Bro. Peter Kipps as Treasurer.



The Lodge was then closed, and the Temple rearranged for the Mark meeting to follow. Sadly, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ron Scarlett was unwell so V.W.Bro. Chris Eley volunteered to act as Worshipful Master.



The Lodge was opened and after a report on the door the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Les Smith, **P.G.Stwd.**, entered and advised the Worshipful Master that the RW Provincial Grand Master was outside and demanded admission. Our Provincial Grand Master's face was a picture when he entered and saw V.W.Bro. Chris in the Chair. He was welcomed into the Lodge and accepted the gavel.

The RW Provincial Grand Master said how pleased he was to be visiting Pride of Surrey Lodge, introduced the Provincial team, spoke about forthcoming events such as the Golf Day and the Inter Province Cricket Match, took the minutes and vacated the Chair.

W.Bro. Ron Scarlett was declared Worshipful Master for a further year. V.W.Bro. Chris invested the Officers on behalf of the Worshipful Master.



The Lodge was closed and after refreshments the Brethren of the Pride of Surrey Lodge and their guests dined together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



The Fiftieth Anniversary meeting of Lingfield Mark Lodge

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lingfield Mark Lodge the Lodge was honoured by a visit from our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French and several Provincial Officers of the year. The meeting was held at the Nutfield Masonic Centre on Friday the 5th of April.



The afternoon started with a meeting of the Lingfield Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 1419.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. David Planner, Prov.R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Master. Right Worshipful Brothers John French and Ian Clark were saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Les Smith, **R.A.M.G.R.**



After a report on the door the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Les Smith, **P.G.Stwd.**, entered and advised the Worshipful Master that the RW Provincial Grand Master was outside and demanded admission.



The main item on the agenda was to install Chris Da-Silva-Skinner as Worshipful Commander. Two Honorary Members of the Lodge acted as Wardens. W.Bro. Tim Ford and Senior Warden and W.Bro. Chris Eley as Junior Warden. The Address to the Worshipful Commander was given by W.Bro. Tim Ford.

The Lodge was closed, and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. David Planner, P.Prov.G.S.W., who welcomed everyone to this special meeting.





The RW Provincial Grand Master entered in procession and accepted the gavel. He said how good it was to celebrate with the members of Lingfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons this milestone in the history of the Lodge. He introduced the Provincial team and spoke about what was happening in the world 50 years ago. He then took the minutes and handed the gavel back to the Worshipful Master.

A ballot was taken for Bro. Lawrence Simmons of Dorking Lodge No. 1149 as a candidate for advancement. This proved in his favour and the Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. John Beer, P.Prov.A.G.D.C. (Lon), to conduct the ceremony of advancement. Once again, the two Honorary Members of the Lodge, W.Bro. Tim Ford as Senior Warden, and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley as Master Overseer. W.Bro. Bob Soper acted as Senior Deacon.

Bro Lawrence was advanced to the honourable degree of a Mark Master Mason by W.Bro. John Beer in an excellent manner, able assisted by his Officers. The Working Tools were presented by W.Bro. David Planner.

After the ceremony Bro. Lawrence was welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and into the Order and the Province of Surrey by the RW Provincial Grand Master.



W.Bro. Bob Soper thanked Bro. Peter Long for his hard work in making Honour Boards for the RAM and Mark Lodges to be hung in the Derek Barr Temple.



Bro. Secretary, W.Bro. Bob Soper, then read extracts from the Oration given at the Consecration of the Lodge 50 years ago.

The Lodge was then closed and several 50th Anniversary photographs were taken.





The Lodge was closed, and we retired to the bar for refreshments.



The Brethren of Lingfield Lodge and their guests then dined in perfect harmony at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.



At the festive board we were all given Lingfield Mark napkins. Looks like the Surrey AMD napkins have some competition.



Sussex by the Sea



The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex took place on Tuesday 9th of April at The Charmandean Centre in Worthing.



After an uneventful journey down to the South Coast the Surrey delegation were pleased to be able to enjoy the coffee and get together with Brethren from Sussex and many other Provinces.

There were honoured guests from many Provinces and other Masonic Orders in Sussex.



By 2.40 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 2.50 pm the Brethren were called to order by W.Bro. Mark Hoare, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.



The meeting was called to order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year. The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Roger Richardson, led by the Keystone Bearer and the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearers, entered in procession.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Master then received a delegation of Royal Ark Mariners.

Before approving the minutes of the previous meeting, those present remembered the Brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last annual meeting.

The Provincial Grand Master then individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders, thanking them for their support for Sussex Mark.



After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been completed, he announced the re-appointment of W.Bro. David Brian Dumigan, **P.G.S. D.** as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. Adrian Leonard Verco, **P.G.J.D.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

After appointing or promoting Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year the Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge.

He then invited Right Worshipful Brother, Archie Torrance, President of the Mark Benevolent Fund to give a short talk on the MBF and the Grand Masters Keystone fund.

He said how good it was to have the support of the Sussex Craft at his Annual Meeting and invited the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, V.W.Bro. Chris Moore, **P.G.M.O.**, to receive a donation towards his 2028 Craft Festival,

saying that this was a second instalment. He then presented a donation to Worshipful Brother Bernard Marchant, District Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters in Sussex a donation towards the 150th Anniversary Fund. Finally, he presented R.W.Bro. Gary Horstman, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Cheshire with a donation towards his 2024 festival.

He said that the bond between the Craft, Royal Arch and the Companion Orders is stronger than ever and that we must continue to support our Craft Lodges. There's never been a better time to bring Craft Masons into the Mark. He finished by thanking everyone for their support over the past year, and at today's Annual Meeting

The meeting was then called to order and closed in due form. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests, and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession, greeting their guests on the way out.



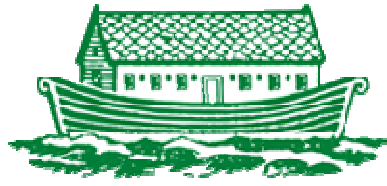
The Brethren of the Mark Province of Sussex and their guests then retired to the bar. After refreshments the Brethren of the Province of Sussex and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the Charmandean Centre.



We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable day at Sussex by the Sea.



Addiscombe Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners



Congratulations to our Worshipful Commander, his 4th time in the Chair of Addiscombe Lodge of RAM 1320 and a warm welcome to Bro Russell Sparshott.

A busy and happy meeting had by all!

Thanks to Alan Prior



A Candidate for Noel Royal Ark Mariner Lodge

Monday 18th March saw Noel Lodge 505 elevate their newest member, Dan Lambert.

Dan was advanced in November, so this completed his journey into Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Masonry, having attended his first Provincial meeting on the previous Saturday.



Adventures of a Grand Steward



I was asked to put down a few recollections of my time as a Grand Steward during the past year.

It all started in March 2023 when I received a letter from the Grand Secretary offering me an appointment to Grand Steward which I accepted by return. This was followed in June where I attended the investiture meeting at Great Queen Street where along with a further 21 new Grand Stewards from around the country I was invested by the Grand Master in front of a packed Grand Temple.

Since then, I have attended a further two Mark Grand Lodge meetings, with the September meeting dealing with promotions in Grand Rank where the Stewards were responsible for the carousel of the recipients. At the December RAM

Grand Assembly we assisted as the Grand Master invested all those who had been promoted to RAM Grand Rank which included three members from Surrey.

I was also fortunate to be the Provincial Grand Junior Warden so I have also been out and about in Surrey supporting the Executive lodge visits, where I been encouraged to wear 'my chain' at all of the meetings. In true Mark spirit wherever I have gone the welcome from the Lodge members has been so friendly with very many enjoyable meetings and festive boards.

Additionally, I been able to attend a number of Provincial Annual Meetings where again the welcome I have received has been superb, and it gave me the opportunity to meet up with some of my fellow Grand Stewards as well as representing the Province.

I have also ventured out into other Provinces. My last outing was attending the installation meeting of the Hungerford Mark Lodge along with the Percy Lodge Master, Stuart Hogarth as guests of V.W.Bro. Steve Berkshire. Here is a photo of me with Stuart and the newly installed master Ian Atkinson. Steve is missing from the picture as he was keen to get to the bar!

So, I'm nearing the end of my year as an active Grand Officer. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and I hope that David Clark has an equally good year following his investiture in June.

Thanks to Tony Callister





Weyside Lodge

Weyside RAM/MMM No. 442 which was consecrated in 1934 meets at Guildford has relatively few members but what they lack in numbers is more than made up by their Masonic knowledge and willingness to have a good time.

Over the past couple of years the Lodge have been able to advance some younger blood into the Lodge, and it is pleasing to see how enthusiastic they have been in getting involved in the ritual and general running of the Lodge. There are further candidates in the pipeline, and I sense a quiet confidence that the future for the Lodge bodes well.

At their recent meeting on Friday 5 April, they installed Alick Stevenson into the MMM chair. For a number of reasons it has taken him 42 years since his advancement to achieve this important office, although he is a Past Commander in the RAM.



Graham Rawlinson performed the ceremony in his own style, while all the addresses were given by various members equally eloquently. They are also looking to buddy up with the other Mark Lodges who meet at Guildford (*Hiram, Percy and Collingwood*) to encourage more visiting within the Lodges.

Thanks to Tony Callister – Lodge OV

Lodge meeting dates in May

TABLE FELLOWSHIP LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS No. 1841 Conducting an Advancement on 8th May 2024 at Surbiton. For more information contact the Secretary at tflmmm1841@gmail.com

TABLE FELLOWSHIP LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS No. 1841 Conducting an Elevation on 8th May 2024 at Surbiton. For more information contact the Scribe at tflmmm1841@gmail.com

HIRAM LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS No. 13 Conducting an Advancement on 13th May at Guildford, plus an Installation of the Commander in the RAM. For more information contact the Secretary at Tjs131152@aol.com

CROYDON LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS No. 198 will be holding a Blue Table event on 16th May at Croydon. For more information contact the Secretary at jwoodville@aol.com

KINTORE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS No. 333 Conducting an Advancement on 20th May at Croydon, plus an Installation of the Commander in the RAM. For more information contact the Secretary at kintore.333@btinternet.com

Nigel's Nijmegen Walk

W.Bro. Nigel Feltham of Croydon Mark Lodge will be taking part in the famous Nijmegen Walk from the 16th to the 19th of July to raise funds for our Provincial Grand Master's preferred charity, the Prostate Project.



The International Four Day Marches Nijmegen, or in Dutch, *Internationale Vierdaagse Afstandsmarsen Nijmegen*, is the largest multiple day marching event in the world. It is organised every year in Nijmegen, Netherlands in mid-July as a means of promoting sport and exercise. Participants walk 19 miles, 25 miles, or 31 miles daily, depending on their age and gender and, on completion, receive a royally approved medal, Vierdaagsekrans.

The participants are mostly civilians, but there are also a few thousand military participants. The military participants' distance is 40 km, in uniform, carrying at least 10 kg (22 lb) marching weight for men aged 18–49; for women, the weight is optional.



Nigel says, “This will be my 9th Nijmegen March and each year I do it for charity.

I don't normally walk for the same Charity. Last year I walked for the Prostate Project as they were raising funds for a 'Man Van' -a mobile Unit to do PSA testing, which has now been purchased.

This year it needs to be kitted out and become operational. The Surrey Mark Executive have asked me to help raise funds for our Provincial Grand Master's chosen charity, and I am happy to take on the challenge”.

You can support Nigel by either donating through your Lodge by using the Sponsorship Forms that are passed around at the Festive Board, or giving directly using his justgiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/page/nigel-feltham-1713860030772>

If you want to learn more about the Prostate Project you can visit their web site: [Beating Prostate Cancer - Home - Prostate Project \(prostate-project.org.uk\)](http://Beating Prostate Cancer - Home - Prostate Project (prostate-project.org.uk))



Thanks to Nigel Feltham



A Donation to PSDS



PSDS are a Surrey based charity in Reigate providing exceptional support and specialist services for children and young people who have Down syndrome. They support families too by providing guidance, advice and friendship. By raising awareness about Down syndrome, they also raise expectations about what our children and young people can achieve.

They believe there should be no pre-conceived limit on what a person who just happens to have Down syndrome can achieve. No two people are exactly the same – we are all unique individuals with a range of talents and abilities; we each have areas where we need a helping hand or a bit of extra support. A person who has Down syndrome is no different!



On the 25th April our Provincial Grand Master, John French, his Deputy, Bill Barr, our Past Provincial Grand Master, Ian Clark, and Gary Chandler visited the PSDS, a charity which provides support for children and young people with Down Syndrome, for the opening of the charity’s first ever premises in Price’s Lane, Reigate, and a donation for £81,000 was presented.

This followed the application in February from the charity to the MBF, which was supported by the Surrey Mark. Province. We visited the newly acquired premises in February and found it to be a shell, with the interior stripped out, leaking, and covered in scaffolding. With the speed associated with the MBF, the application was submitted, approved and funds made available in double-quick time, to the extent that, by the time of the opening, the charity was already using the entire space to great effect.



Without the support of the MBF and the Surrey Mark, none of this would have been possible. The trustees of the charity expressed their surprise and delight at the speed with which their application passed through the system.

Originally conceived by three confused and worried mothers of new-born babies with Down Syndrome, the charity has grown from meeting for coffee for mutual support to what was on show at the opening. After years of booking village halls, unpacking and setting up their equipment then having to break it down and re-pack it, they find this new premises is a dream come true.

They located the building, a former doctors’ surgery which had been empty for ten years, persuaded a Surrey based charity to buy it and lease it back to them and were then stuck with the problem of taking a couple of years to repair and kit it out.

Along came the MBF and the job was done in a matter of months. The smiles and happy faces at the opening were testament to the fact that Surrey Mark Masons and the MBF really can make a difference.

Thanks to Bill Barr

A Donation to Mid Surrey Community Fridges



**MID SURREY
COMMUNITY FRIDGES**

The original Dorking Community Fridge was first opened by Clare Davies and Tony White in September 2017, after they were moved to act by an item on food waste on the Channel 4 Show 'Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast'.

Clare's and Tony's early ambitions were modest – maybe saving 5 tonnes of food in 2017 – and quickly surpassed as they processed 35 tonnes in the first year.



supply of good value, low-cost food is a godsend to many. They have also learned that they can play a valuable role in putting people in touch with other sources of help and support, from both statutory and voluntary organisations. They are part of the community and here for the long term.

R.W.Bro. Ian Clark was delighted to hand over a cheque for £42,702 from the Mark Benevolent Fund to the Mid Surrey Community Fridges based in Dorking, Surrey for a refrigerated van. The charity provides food to the needy at 14 locations around Leatherhead and Dorking.

The Dorking Town Centre Fridge was soon joined by one in the Goodwyns area of the town, with a community café attached, and then by another in Leatherhead. The first experiment in running a 'mobile fridge' to smaller villages proved hugely successful and now two vans make six stops weekly.

Early 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic saw them moving to a doorstep bag delivery service, working closely with professional and other local organisations to support vulnerable people in their homes. They grew rapidly and at the height of the first lockdown we delivered over 1000 parcels and over 10 tonnes of food each week.

Although the original intent of the first Fridge was to prevent food waste they quickly became aware that – even in the ostensibly affluent area of Surrey where they operate – there is real need.

They know, from the feedback they receive and from surveys they have undertaken, that a regular

Mike Neville's Walks and Talks

Sunday 12th May at 10.30am - A "Crime & The Craft Walk" including...Famous cases of murder, treason & robbery involving Freemasons good and bad...

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- Jack the Ripper – Jack the Mason?
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The Masons at the Siege of Sidney Street
Jack the Ripper – Jack the Mason? Visit the first murder scene...
The Elephant Man & his Masonic saviour
The Royal London Hospital & its Masonic links
How early forensic science sent a Mason to the gallows
The Mysterious Death of a Masonic Millionaire

Published author, Mason and retired DCI Mike Neville will guide you through the streets of Whitechapel, taking you back in time...

Meet outside the Blind Beggar Pub
(Nearest tube – Whitechapel) on Date at Time to suit you

Slow pace, lots of stops – suitable for all ages

Curry / Pub Meal also available
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2024 Mark Inter Province Cricket Match



On Sunday the 21st of July the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will host the Annual Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament between Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex at The Warren, the Metropolitan Police Sports Club in Hayes, Bromley.



The yearly competition and family day brings together teams and supporters from the Mark Provinces of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex, with each taking it in turns to host the day.



Timetable for the day

<i>The Big Toss Up</i> – to decide who plays who and when	09.45
1 st Game A versus B	10.15
2 nd Game C versus D	11.45
3 rd Game Third and fourth play offs	
Loser of Game 1 versus Loser of Game 2	13.30
4 th Game THE FINAL	
Winner of Game 1 versus Winner of Game 2	15.00
PRESENTATION CEREMONY	17.00



The Trophy presentation will be made by the Provincial Grand Master of Kent accompanied by Provincial Executive and their representatives from Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex

The timetable on the day may be subject to change due to various factors outside the control of the organisers.

Competition Rules:

Four matches of 10 overs duration each (2 innings of 10 overs per team). Five overs will be bowled consecutively from one end then the next 5 overs from the opposite end. The batsman will change ends at the completion of each over apart from the end of the 5th over. Two overs maximum per bowler and maximum 25 runs per batsman and then retire. If all wickets are lost the retiring batsmen may return.

The highest runs determine the winner in each match. In the event of a tie the least wickets lost is the winner. If still a tie the runs scored at the end of nine overs and then fewest wickets lost after nine overs etc.



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