



## Mark Well – Mark Wells

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons Advanced another candidate to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason, Brother Mark Wells. This brings the number of subscribing members of the Lodge to 37.

The afternoon started with the RAM Lodge, which was opened in due form by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Nick Butterworth, who welcomed everyone, especially our Official Visitor, W.Bro. John Rollason, who was on a private visit.

The next item was to elect the Worshipful Commander and Treasurer for the ensuing year. W.Bro. Nick Butterworth and W.Bro. John Fitzgerald being the only members nominated for these offices and no one having called for a ballot the Worshipful Commander declared the election in favour of the nominated Brethren.



The Lodge was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Mark meeting.

The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Allan Steele, who welcomed everyone, especially our Official Visitor, W.Bro. John Rollason, P.Prov.G.J.D., on a private visit, and W.Bro. Tim Ford, P.G.J.D. P.A.Prov.G.M., on his first Masonic meeting on his return from his travels around the world.



V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M., gave a moving tribute to our well-beloved and highly respected Pro Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Herbert Prizeman, who passed to his eternal rest on the morning of 22 January 2026. at the age of 79.

We will all remember the dignified way he presented W.Bro. John Fleetwood with our Centenary certificate but, more importantly, the relaxed and informal way he went round to speak to every member of the Lodge afterwards, especially the new brethren.

A ballot was taken for Brother Mark Andrew Wells as a Candidate for Advancement.



This proved in his favour and the Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. John Fitzgerald, G.Stwd., Prov.G.Reg., to conduct the first part of the ceremony.

Brother Mark was Advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Mason in an excellent and enjoyable manner.

The Senior Deacon was Bro. Steve Traynor, Bro. Mark's proposer, and the Junior Deacon was V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, his seconder.





When the Workmen returned from the quarries they found W.Bro. Tim Ford back from his travels in the Chair to conduct the remainder of the ceremony. To round off a most enjoyable ceremony W.Bro. Andrew Banks presented the Working Tools.

Afterwards Brother Mark was congratulated by the Worshipful Master and welcomed into the Lodge. W.Bro. John Rollason also congratulated him and welcomed him into the Order. and the Province of Surrey.





After the Charity had presented his report, the Lodge voted to donate the sum of £500 to the Surrey Mark Benevolent Fund. V.W.Bro. Chris then had much pleasure in presenting Brother Brian with his Vice Patron collarette and certificate thanking him for his support for the Mark Benevolent Fund.



After a very successful and enjoyable meeting, the Lodge was closed and, after refreshments, the Brethren of Richmond Lodge and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



# A tribute to W.Bro. Harry Winter, P.Prov.G.S.W.

It was with great sadness that we learnt that our dear Brother Harry Thomas Winter, Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden, passed away peacefully in the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, aged 103.

Harry lived a truly remarkable life. During the Second World War he served as a Wireless Operator/Air Gunner with 431 and 427 Squadrons, flying Halifax bombers.



On the night of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1943, while on operations to Kassel, his aircraft was shot down over Hameln. Four members of his crew were tragically killed, and Harry himself sustained serious injuries to both legs. He survived and became a prisoner of war, avoiding summary execution only through the intervention of a German Army Medical Officer.

In January 1945, Harry was forced onto the infamous Long March, enduring six weeks in bitter winter conditions, during which time he lost almost two stone in weight.



Harry was a deeply dedicated Freemason, being a member of three Mark and 3 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. Remarkably, he continued to practise ritual at the James Terry Court Lodge of Instruction right up to the very end, a testament to his commitment, sharpness of mind, and love for Freemasonry.

At last year's Craft Annual Meeting, W.Bro. Norman Jones had the honour of wheeling W.Bro. Harry into the Temple to the sound of the Dam Busters March. For those of us who were there it was a very moving experience to see Harry enter the Grand Temple to a standing Ovation and be received by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Nick Burger.

Harry's last major time with us was at the Provincial Cathedral Service, kindly arranged by Bro. Steve Traynor of Richmond Mark Lodge.

W.Bro. Harry was one of the last of those who gave so much that we can be free. We owe him and his colleagues so much.

Despite all he experienced, Harry remained a kind, dignified, and much-loved Brother, and an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His courage, resilience, and quiet humility will not be forgotten.

Our thoughts, prayers, and heartfelt condolences are with Harry's family, friends, and all who mourn his passing.





# Weald of Surrey RAM and Mark Lodge Meetings



**On Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 Weald of Surrey Lodge of Mark Master Masons had a Candidate for Advancement.**

This is a lovely Lodge to visit as among its members are the 'Tooting Boys' who give great support everywhere they go in Freemasonry.

The afternoon started with the RAM Lodge, which was opened in due form by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Len Hillier, who welcomed everyone.

After a short business meeting the Lodge was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Mark meeting.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Alan Boniface, who welcomed everyone, wishing them an enjoyable afternoon.

A ballot was taken for Brother Jack Walter Holland as a Candidate for Advancement. This proved in his favour and Brother Jack was Advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Mason in an excellent and enjoyable manner. The Senior Deacon was V.W.Bro. Chris Eley and the Junior Deacon was W.Bro. Allan Thompson.

Afterwards Brother Mark was congratulated by the Worshipful Master and welcomed into the Lodge.

W.Bro. Jeff Flint was declared Worshipful Master, and W.Bro. David Lawrence was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.



**The Tooting Boys**

After a very successful meeting, the Lodge was closed and, after refreshments in the Miller Bar, the Brethren of Weald of Surrey Lodge and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



# Lingfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons

In January 2026 the Installation meeting of the Lingfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1419 was held at the Nutfield Masonic Centre, Redhill, in the presence of W.Bro. John Massey, OBE, P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master.



After opening the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Christopher Da-Silva Skinner, P.Prov.A.G.St.B., had much pleasure in receiving and welcoming the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and offered him the gavel.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master was saluted with five under the direction of the Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Brett Willingale, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. He responded by saying how pleased he was to be visiting Lingfield Lodge.

He then introduced the Provincial Officers who had accompanied him, spoke about several Provincial initiatives, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Lodge had work to do.

The main item on the agenda was to Install Bro. Dale Brunt as Worshipful Master.

The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Bob Soper, P.G.St.B., Provincial Grand Organist, to conduct the Ceremony of Installation. This was done in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Bob Soper.



As a good friend of Dale, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M., gave the Address to the Master. The Officers were then appointed and invested.



After the Lodge was closed the Worshipful Master, accompanying the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, retired in procession under the direction of the Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Brethren of Lingfield Lodge and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.



# Pride of Surrey RAM and Mark Lodge Meetings

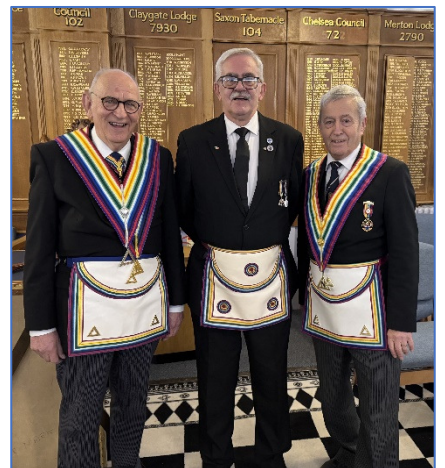


On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 Pride of Surrey Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No 1738, Advanced a candidate to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason, Brother Hassan Hamdani of Nonesuch Park Lodge. V.W.Bro Chris Eley had Raised Bro. Has in his Craft Lodge three months earlier so was pleased to be invited to act as JD.

The afternoon started with the RAM Lodge, which was opened in due form by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Paul Haycock, who welcomed everyone, especially their Official Visitor, W.Bro. Alan Boniface, representing the RW Provincial Grand Master.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting that followed.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Mark Carter, who welcomed everyone, especially their Official Visitor, W.Bro. Alan Boniface, P.G.St.B., P.Prov.G.J.W., representing the RW Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro. Alan was saluted with three and responded accordingly.



A ballot was taken for Brother Hassan Shah Hamdani as a Candidate for Advancement. This proved in his favour and the Worshipful Master conducted the ceremony of Advancement in an excellent and enjoyable manner assisted by his two Deacons, V.W.Bros. Bob Hurworth and Chris Eley.



Afterwards Brother Mark was congratulated by the Worshipful Master and welcomed into the Lodge. W.Bro. Alan Boniface also congratulated him and welcomed him into the Order. and the Province of Surrey.



V.W.Bro. Chris Eley was then invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Michael Capitelli, which he did in his own unique way

After a very successful and enjoyable meeting, the Lodge was closed and, after refreshments, the Brethren of the Pride of Surrey Lodge and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.





# Sutton Surrey Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners



On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 Sutton Surrey Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners were pleased to receive W.Bro. Bill Caughie, R.A.M.G.R., Assistant Provincial Grand Master. and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The RAM Lodge was opened in due form by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Paul Blakemore, who welcomed everyone, especially the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, wishing everyone an enjoyable afternoon.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed W.Bro. Mike Neville, R.A.M.G.R., gave one of his short but very interesting talks; this one was on the Porphyry Stone.



The Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting that followed.

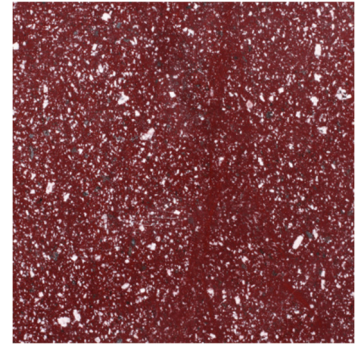
# The Porphyry Stone

Porphyry is an igneous rock formed by cooling and solidifying of magma or lava. The name is derived from the ancient Greek word for “purple” and this being the colour of royalty, it came to be known in the Roman world as “Imperial Pophyry”.

The actual stone is found in Egypt and was used in Rome and later Byzantine Empire for important buildings and monuments. For example, in Constantinople (modern day Istanbul) it was used in the Hagia Sophia and for the Column of Constantine – both of which can still be seen today.

It is not mentioned in the Bible and it is only used in the Royal Ark Mariner degree in England and Wales. Its use is unknown in Scotland or North America. The famous Masonic author, the Reverend Neville Barker-Cryer, notes that in an early version of the Royal Arch ritual, a sacred stone is placed in King Solomon’s Temple.

The ritual has various uses for the Porphyry Stone, including those noted in the RAM Senior Warden’s ritual in the opening. Perhaps the Porphyry Stone is used in RAM in an attempt to link Noachite Masonry to that concerned with stonework.



## Crystal Palace Lodge of Mark Master Masons



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Mike Neville, P.G.J.D., who welcomed everyone, wishing them an enjoyable afternoon.



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

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master entered in procession, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master and took the Chair. He said how much he was looking forward to visiting his Lodge and to see yet another candidate for Advancement. V.W.Bro. Bill was saluted with five under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of

Ceremonies and responded accordingly. He then introduced the Provincial Officers that had accompanied him, spoke about what was happening in the Province, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Lodge had an Advancement to do.

A ballot was taken for Brother Conrad 'Tiny' Watton as a Candidate for Advancement. This proved in his favour and the Worshipful Master conducted the ceremony of Advancement in Mike's usual entertaining manner assisted by the Wardens, W.Bro. Stephen Dingvean, P.G.S.D., and W.Bro. Ian Holden, P.Prov.G.S.D; and the two Deacons, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley and Bro. Barry Horne.

Afterwards Brother Tiny was congratulated by the Worshipful Master and welcomed into the Lodge. V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie also congratulated him and welcomed him into the Order. and the Province of Surrey.



After a very enjoyable meeting, the Lodge was closed and, after the customary photographs and refreshments, the Brethren of the Crystal Palace Lodge and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.



In 1892, the Crystal Palace Mark Lodge was consecrated at Croydon. It continued to meet in venues in Croydon until 1919, when it moved to Sutton. With the change of location, the name was changed to Sutton Surrey Lodge.

The Royal Ark Mariner lodge was founded in 1929 and took that title. In 1990, the Mark Lodge returned to its original name, leaving the units as the only Mark and RAM Lodges in the Province with the same number, but different titles.



# Table Fellowship RAM and Mark Lodge Meetings



On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 the Table Fellowship Lodges were pleased to receive a visit from our Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. John French and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The RAM Lodge was opened in due form by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. David Willmott, **R.A.M.G.R.**, P.A.Prov.GM., who welcomed everyone, especially the Provincial Grand Master, wishing everyone an enjoyable afternoon.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed a ballot was taken for a Candidate for Elevation, Bro. Stephen Underwood, a member of Table Fellowship Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

This proved in his favour and the Worshipful Commander conducted the ceremony of Elevation in a very sincere manner.



Afterwards Brother Stephen was congratulated by the Worshipful Commander and welcomed into the Lodge. R.W.Bro. John French also congratulated him and welcomed him into the Fraternity.

The RAM Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark Installation meeting.



After opening the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Michael Prentice, **P.G.St.B.**, P.Prov.G.J.W., had much pleasure in receiving and welcoming the Provincial Grand Master and offered him the gavel.

The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with seven under the direction of the Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Andrew Lynch, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

He responded by saying how pleased he was to be visiting Table Fellowship Lodge.



He then introduced the Provincial Officers that had accompanied him, spoke about several Provincial initiatives, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Lodge had work to do.



The Lodge Banner was paraded round the Lodge, and the Junior Warden gave a brief Address on the History of the Banner.

The main item on the agenda was to Install Bro. Robert Dickinson as Worshipful Master. The Ceremony of Installation was conducted in a very sincere manner by the Worshipful Master. Afterwards our Provincial Grand Master congratulated W.Bro. Robert wishing him a successful and enjoyable year in the Chair of Table Fellowship Lodge.

The Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year were appointed and those present invested. The Address to the Master was given by W.Bro. Michael Prentice; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Ralph Nabarro; to the Overseers by W.Bro. John Bryant; and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. John French.



Our Provincial Grand Master was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Anthony Willis congratulating him and wishing him many happy years in our Order.



After the Lodge was closed the Worshipful Master, accompanying the Provincial Grand Master, retired in procession under the direction of the Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Brethren of Table Fellowship Lodge and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Mall.



# The 2026 Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2026 at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

The meeting will commence at 10.30 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m.

*Brethren should be seated by 10.10*



# Bond of Friendship in Benidorm

The Grand Assembly weekend of the District of Spain Mark was held on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at the Gran Hotel Bali, La Cala, Playa Poniente (Benidorm), Alicante, Spain.



The weekend's activities started on **Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February** with an illustrated and informative talk by W.Bro. Mike Neville who is a retired Detective Chief Inspector from New Scotland Yard. Mike has unparalleled expertise in using imagery, such as CCTV, to catch criminals.

He founded the world's first Super Recogniser unit, revolutionising offender identification, and now assists law enforcement agencies in locating their own Super Recognisers.

Following W.Bro. Mike Neville; the District Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, invited all Mark men and their families and friends who attended the District weekend to a welcome drinks reception within the Gran Bali Hotel. This was an informal get together and was a great



chance to catch up with old friends, as well as make new ones.

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February the Grand Assembly of the Mark District of Spain's meeting was held in the Crystal Auditorium of the Gran Bali Hotel.

After the meeting there was a Festive Board held in the Gran Hotel Bali. Brethren enjoyed a tapas selection followed by a lemon sorbet with cava, before a main course of beef sirloin steak with sautéed asparagus and gratin potato millefeuille, or a fish option of sole filled with shrimps. The meal concluded with a three-chocolate dessert and coffee.



While the Brethren enjoyed their meeting and Festive Board on Saturday, partners and friends were invited to join a delightful excursion and meal. Departing from Hotel Gran Bali in the morning and returning later in the afternoon, this event was a wonderful day out for all. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore and appreciate the hidden gems and unique facilities near the area that tourists often overlook.

Details of forthcoming events can be found on the Events page of the web site:



<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/events-master>



## THE SURREY KEYSTONE CLUB

INVITES YOU TO A

### Social Evening at 'The Light', Redhill

A great opportunity to catch up informally with Mark brethren from across the province.

**EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Friday 06 March 2026 🕒

Venue: The Light, 3-11 Galley Walk, Redhill RH1 1RU 🏠

From 19:00 onwards

**HOW TO GET THERE:**

Redhill Railway Station: 200 metres

**FREE PARKING:**

At the BELFRY CAR PARK, St Matthew's Road, RH 15f after 6pm, grab, bring your ticket, bring you, activate at The Light bar counter and depart before midnight!

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey requests the pleasure of your company at the

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## Magic of the Mark

Surrey Provincial Greek Night

Saturday 20th June 2026

Arrival	Dinner
6:30pm	7:00pm

**The Greek Vine Restaurant**  
Ross Parade, Wallington, SM6 8QF


Traditional meze ♦ Plate smashing ♦ Greek dancing ♦ Disco until late

PRICE	CAPACITY	DRESS CODE
<b>£28</b> <small>per person (inc. gratuity)</small>	<b>125</b> <small>places available</small>	<b>Summer Casual</b> <small>Cool and comfy</small>


*Family, friends & prospective candidates all welcome*

The Greek Vine is exclusively ours for the evening


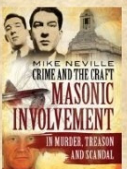
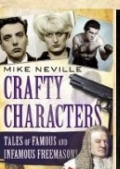
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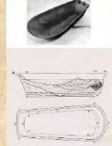



## MURDER & THE MARK!



MARK LINKS TO FAMOUS CASES OF MURDER & ROBBERY  
JACK THE RIPPER & THE MARK DETECTIVE  
THE MARK MAN WHO WAS "THE REAL SHERLOCK HOLMES"  
MASONIC SIGNS AT THE OLD BAILEY –THE SENTENCE??  
THE MARK MASON & THE CLEVELAND STREET SCANDAL...

*"MANY THANKS FOR AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION... IT WAS INFORMATIVE, LIVELY AND ENTERTAINING. ALL OF THE MEMBERS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED IT AND WERE DISCUSSING IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY ALL EVENING".*

PUBLISHED AUTHOR & RETIRED SCOTLAND YARD DCI, WBRO MIKE NEVILLE, WILL DELIVER AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON HIS BOOKS AT:

AT COULSDON LOYALTY MARK LODGE  
ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

Contact: Les Smith [les@smithfamily.uk.com](mailto:les@smithfamily.uk.com)



## Surrey Mark Officers Mess

### Social Evening

ProvGM's "Welcome and Thank You"

Friday 27 March 2026 at 6:45pm

Surbiton Masonic Centre - £39 pp

Magic of the Mark Entertainment

Reception fizz, canapes and buffet dinner

Mark Masons, partners and friends

[Click Here to Book Online](#)

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