

# The CAMBRIDGESHIRE MASON



## Memorial Lecture

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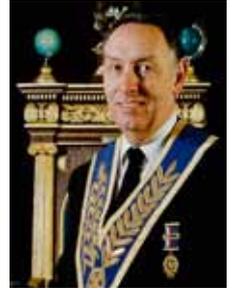
The first Chris Godden Memorial Lecture was given at Kynaston Lodge on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 to an audience of almost 70 brethren. The evening was a presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sections of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree of Craft lectures.

WBro. Bob Sculthorpe, ADC of Nourse Lodge directed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section with the participation of WBro. David Parker, Bros Shaun Williams and Ted Ridway Watt of Kynaston Lodge and from Nourse Lodge, WBro. Charlie Brown and Bro. John Jones.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Section of the Lecture, involved WBro. Mark Upex of Kynaston Lodge, WBro. David Cameron and Bro. Matt Coniam of Nourse Lodge all assisted by WBro. Tony Compton, DC of Kynaston Lodge.

In his response to the Toast to the Visitors, Chris Godden's brother-in-law, WBro. Peter Vipers said:



*"I know Chris would have felt extremely honoured to have known that he was to be remembered in such a way. On behalf of the family I would like to offer our sincere thanks to all members of our two Lodges for taking these dedicated joint meetings on board"*

We look forward to the second annual lecture that will be hosted by Nourse Lodge in 2012.

**Brian Elliott**

*(L to R) Bro. Ridway Watt, Bro. Williams, WBros. Upex, Parker, Compton, Sculthorpe, Bros. Jones, Coniam, WBros Cameron and Brown*

## The Freemasons' Grand Charity

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011, a General Meeting chaired by RWBro. Jonathan Spence, Deputy Grand Master, was held at Freemasons' Hall in Cambridge to welcome Trustees and officers of The Grand Charity.

### Approved grants included:

- £166,000 to organisations providing youth opportunities
- £510,000 to trusts and organisations providing services to vulnerable people
- £250,000, the largest grant in the latter category, to Parkinson's UK. This is to be distributed among Provincial Grand Lodges throughout the country. Cambridgeshire has 4 branches and 3 smaller groups. The £5,000 receivable is likely to be spent on an open access day offering information and addressing the needs of people with Parkinson's

Representatives of the Scout Association and Cambridge Foundation, both of which had received grants, addressed the meeting. Gail Scott-Spicer, Director of Marketing and Communications of the Scout Association explained the benefit the grant had provided, and both Abi Collier and Jay Walker spoke eloquently on the increased self-confidence and purpose to their lives that membership of the Association had given them.

On behalf of the Cambridge Foundation, Dr Coles, who is conducting final trials into the side effects of a new drug to treat Multiple Sclerosis added his thanks. At the conclusion of the meeting, every body adjourned to an excellent buffet lunch.

**Peter Sutton**



*Jay Walker, Gail Scott-Spicer and Abi Collier  
(Photography courtesy Phillip Waterson)*

## Message from the Provincial Grand Master



Congratulations to the Editor and his Board on another brilliant Newsletter!

With our new season now well under way, that wonderful sense of Masonic fellowship within our Cambridgeshire Lodges and Chapters is clearly as evident as ever. We are I believe so lucky to be such a small Province, because we can act together as a united and happy family in everything we do. This is particularly true when we consider the efforts for our 2012 Festival for The Freemasons Grand Charity (the details of the closing banquet on 26 September 2012 are shown on page 8 in this newsletter) - not only in the two highly successful and enjoyable Great Fen Walks, but in all the other remarkable individual Lodge events that have been so well supported throughout the Province.

As we embark on our final thrust for the Festival I make no apology for again urging everyone of us to continue to do all we can to ensure that we produce a magnificent total of which all Cambridgeshire brethren will be justly proud.

**Rodney Wolverson**

## Inter Provincial Bowls Tournament

The bowls competition for the Mace Trophy was held at the Watford Bowls Club in August. The contest was the brainchild of the Grand Metropolitan Lodge and this year was organised by WBro. Ian Keech, who is keen to keep the competition going as so many associations have folded in recent years with the exception of Cambridgeshire.

Eighteen teams from 12 provinces, including two from Cambridgeshire took part, which involved four initial matches for each team followed by semi-finals and the final. Cambridgeshire did not win the cup, but each of its teams won two matches to the delight of our ProvGM who was on hand to give moral support. Middlesex won the day.

*(L to R) Jim Burt, Ron Nutt, Roy Luff, Gordon Stuttard, Rodney Wolverson, David Belfield, Wilys Mason, Geoff Shelton, David Mason*

A grand raffle raised £2000 for the development of 'Cyberknife' that is currently being used at Bart's Hospital in London to dissolve cancerous tumours by laser beam.



## Changes to Provincial Personnel

The Provincial Grand Master was delighted to announce the following changes. At the October 2012 meeting of Cambridgeshire Installed Masters Lodge:

- VWBro. Tim Pearce Higgins DProvGM, who will have been responsible for the Festival Banquet in September will retire and WBro. Bill Dastur will be appointed DProvGM
- WBro. Stuart Lingard Prov G Ch Stwd and Chairman of CMBA will retire, to be succeeded by WBro. Paul Gillingwater, and WBro. Neil McKittrick will take over as Secretary of the CMBA.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting in June 2012, WBro. Bill Dastur will retire as Prov G Treasurer and will be succeeded by WBro. David Blair

At the Provincial Grand Chapter Meeting in June 2012, the Dept G Superintendent E Comp Roger Impey will retire, to be succeeded by E Comp Russell Jackson, and E Comp Pat Kilby will be appointed Prov G Scribe E.

The Editor and the Editorial Board send their best wishes and congratulations to all the deserving recipients.

## Letter from the Editor

Third time lucky! I must congratulate and thank all contributors to our Issue No.3. Articles have been sent in straight after events, with photographs, and have made my task much easier and more pleasurable.

Please keep any article to around the 200/300 words and my job will almost be obsolete. At the same time, I must apologize if your article is not appearing in this issue. Regrettably space did not allow for it and I promise it will appear in the next issue.

In future I hope to include a Personal column in the newsletter with news about weddings, births, the arrival of grandchildren, anniversaries, etc. Please send in your happy memories.



**Michael Allan Tel: 01638 744050**

## Bank Holiday Beer Festival Pays Off

On his fifth annual August Bank Holiday Beer Festival, held at The Fox public house in Burwell, landlord Bro. Bob Taylor, Inner Guard of Etheldreda Lodge 2107, raised over £1000 for charity.

The main recipient of this year will be Help for Heroes. Nevertheless a cheque of £300 was presented to WBro. Clive Arnold, Worshipful Master of Etheldreda Lodge, to be donated to the Festival 2012.



*Bro. Bob Taylor presenting the cheque to WBro. Clive Arnold and Junior Warden Bro. Andy Fuller*

## Promises have to be kept

At an Auction of Promises organized by the Gild of St Mary Lodge, the ProvGM 'promised' to mow a lawn. The ProvGMentor purchased that 'promise' and the picture shows our ProvGM keeping his word and as a true mason is stepping off with his left foot!!

**Jeremy Miller**



## Cantabrigia Celebrates Centenary



Cantabrigia was consecrated on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1911 and became the fifth Lodge in Cambridge and the ninth in the Province. In his Oration, VWBro. Canon Gray hoped that Cantabrigia would be a link between the two town Lodges (Scientific and Three Grand Principles) and the two University Lodges (Isaac Newton and Alma Mater), where most of the Founders came from. The University links have been lost, but new ones have been made with Anglia Ruskin.

The Lodge met 7 times a year at the Lion Hotel in Petty Cury. The Subscription was two guineas equivalent of £184 in today's money. Membership suffered in the early days, but recovered after the Great War with retired Forces' Officers.

In 1925 the Lodge founded the Cantabrigia Royal Arch Chapter and in 1939 became the Mother Lodge of Kynaston. During World War II American Masons were frequent visitors and the Lodge carried out several ceremonies on behalf of the American Constitutions.

In 1959, the Lodge Secretary, WBro. Eric Wright asked Sir Henry Thirkill, CBE, MC the ProvGM permission to form a committee to find a permanent home for Freemasonry in Cambridge. After some hard toil and perseverance our splendid building in Bateman Street was acquired. and the effort of WBro. Wright is recognized by his name above the entrance of the dining room.

In 1964, it was the turn of Virtute et Fide Lodge to become the second Daughter Lodge of Cantabrigia. Its members were mainly drawn from the old boys of the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys, nowadays known as Hills Road VI Form College. The Centenary Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011 was very well attended. The DC read the Warrant of the Lodge, the Secretary read the Minutes of the Consecration Meeting and gave a talk on the history of the Lodge, the ProvGChap delivered an Oration and the ProvGM presented the WM with the Centenary Warrant and a Centenary Jewel.

**Keith Dixon**

## Kynaston keeps the money rolling in...

### Jolly Boating Weather ...

An Armada of small boats gave brethren of Kynaston Lodge, their families and friends an evening to remember on the river Cam courtesy of some of the members of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club at Clayhithe. It was evening sunshine all the way and together with a cold buffet, good wine and a raffle a total of £630 was raised towards the Festival Appeal.



WBro. Geoff Parrish, WBro. Bob Wordsworth, WBro. Peter Brindle

Special thanks were given to Bro. Hugh Wynne and his partner Shirley who arranged the event. The Lodge was also indebted to the skippers and crews including WBros. Geoff Parrish, Don Bowles, Brian Higgins, Roy Wood and Bro. Geoff Sandell.

**Brian Elliott**

### Lodge Annual Golf Day

A few weeks later, the Kynaston Lodge Annual Golf Day was held at Girton Golf Club, Cambridge. Nineteen golfers took part. WBro. Ian Wilson won the Lodge Cup, and WBro. Trevor Smith took second place. The Visitors Cup went to WBro. Mick Wisbey and runner-up WBro. Jim Stokes. WBro. Martin Crutchley had the Longest Drive and Bro. Simon Whitmore the distinction of achieving 'nearest to the pin' on both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes. The event ended with a meal and raised £220.

**Trevor Smith**



Martin Crutchley, Tony Copping, Martin Fell, Simon Whitmore, Jim Stokes, Mick Wisbey, Peter Brindle, Trevor Smith, Ian Wilson and Tony Whitmore.

## The Great Fen Walk – The Return of the Gavel

In 2010 some people said that it was madness to walk 84 miles from Cambridge to Wisbech via each Masonic Centre just to take a gavel. Goodness knows what was said when it was announced that the gavel was going to be taken back to Cambridge via the same torturous route.



Well, on a cool Friday morning in June 2011 ten walkers set off from the Masonic Hall in Wisbech. By the time they reached Cambridge over 120 walkers had braved the varying elements with four of them completing the whole distance over three days – WBro. Brian Kett (809), WBro. Bob

Hammett (441), WBro. Mike Callaghan (441) and a non-mason - Mark Robinson - a friend of WBro. Callaghan.

So many people – walkers, supporters or sponsors - made the event a success that the list is too long to quote. However, a particular thank must go to WBro. Graham Turner who was the constant support driver and first aid administrator throughout the weekend.

**Justin Curtis**



## Year of Honour for Kynaston - five active Provincial Officers

This year WBro. Peter Brindle was appointed Metropolitan Grand Sword Bearer with a promotion to Senior London Grand Rank, while in the Province of Cambridgeshire WBro. Brian Fenton is Provincial Senior Grand Warden; WBro. Brian Elliott is Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; WBro. Peter Langran is Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and Bro. Geoff Sandell is a Provincial Grand Steward.

Is this a record?

**Brian Elliott**

Photo (L to R) Bro Geoff Sandell, WBros. Peter Langran, Peter Brindle, Brian Elliott and Brian Fenton



## Bateman Street rivals Royal Ascot ...

Bateman Street is now recognized, over Royal Ascot and the Derby, as the venue of choice for the discerning race-goer. The fundraising partnership between Kynaston and Nourse Lodges has provided many social events in the past and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 was no exception.



*David Smith celebrates a race win with Jimmy the Jockey, Bob the Fixer and his winning horse.*

The Charity Horse Racing Night was held to raise funds for the 2012 Festival. Eighty-three 'punters' had an evening of fun under the directorship of MC, WBro. Jim 'Jimmy the Jockey' Burt of Kynaston and WBro. Bob 'The Fixer' Sculthorpe of Nourse. Assistance came from everywhere, but a special mention is due to Graham Gardner of Thirkill, who always personified the winning horse's head.

A Fish and Chip supper supplied via Graham's sister-in-law at the Viking in Milton Road was a welcome break after financial losses by so many.

Mike and Peggy Rose, Tote-Meisters extraordinaire, must be thanked for their bookmaker skills and ensuring the raising of £1200 after expenses. That sum equally shared between the two Lodges will be presented to them at their respective meetings in September and October. A donation of £100 was made to Peggy Rose to be presented to the breast cancer charity.

Finally, WBro. David Cameron proposed a special vote of thanks to both Jim and Bob for their hard work.

**Brian Elliott**

## An Indoor Royal Street Party



The idea of a Street Party to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton was thought up by Bro. Mike Allen. Tables were lined up, flags, bunting, balloons were draped in the Masonic Centre to simulate a street. Bro. Peter Crussell organized the entertainment, and the organist of St. Audrey's Lodge, WBro. Dr Alan Brown provided the sing-along accompaniment.

David Deverson set up a stall similar to "Tubby Isaac" of Petticoat Lane fame, and dispensed jellied eels, cockles, mussels, winkles and shrimps to all and sundry. While later, the refined ladies served a finger buffet, culminating in distribution of wedding cake.

WBro. John Surbey auctioned a professional photographer's framed picture of a Kingfisher "and WBro. John Williams still thinks it is a Parrot" Together with a raffle, £750 was raised for the Festival Fund.

WBro. John Williams proposed the toast to the Royal Couple followed by a mini rendering of the "Last Night of the Proms", ending with the National Anthem.

Members of the Ely Lodges and their guests enjoyed a great evening. Thanks are due to so many that it is impossible to name them all. Those who dressed in Red, White and Blue, therefore resulting in a further donation to the Festival, created a great ambiance.

**John Williams**

## Word search



There are the names of twenty prominent members of our Province in this word search. Answers will be in the next issue.

## Norfolk Ornithologists' Association

WBro Roger Impey is the sponsorship coordinator of the Norfolk Ornithologists Association (NOA) and he would be most grateful to any brother who works for a company that can offer sponsorship to help if they can.



The NOA has four reserves, including coastal and woodland walks. One of their main activities is bird ringing to understand bird migration. The Warden, Sophie Barker, at Holme-next-sea takes parties of up to 12 people around the reserve and includes a ringing demonstration. Coffee and biscuits provided. It would make a great day out. Please help if you can.

For further information contact Roger on 01553 811043

## Isaac Newton University Lodge celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Isaac Newton University lodge spread the Sesquicentennial celebrations over much of 2011. We began in January with the first delivery of the 2011 Prestonian Lecture on Christopher Wren, given by our IPM, Dr. James Campbell. After a Lodge meeting at Bateman Street, members and visitors moved to Queens' College for the lecture and dinner afterwards.

At the March meeting brethren from Apollo (Oxford) and from Loge Robert de Sorbon (Paris) visited in force for a celebratory meeting and a splendid if boisterous dinner.



The June meeting was brief, which was perhaps just as well since, for that one-off occasion, the customary Court Dress and sober suits were replaced by blazers, slacks and College ties. However, boaters and panamas were not worn in Lodge.

We just got out of the temple by six, which was the designated start time of the 'family and friends' Garden Party where we were joined by many more members, guests and friends old and new, including the Assistant Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master with their ladies. (Only one each!)

The 'official' celebration of the anniversary was an Emergency Meeting on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at which the principal guest was the Deputy Grand Master, Jonathan Spence. The prime purpose of the meeting was to make the substantial charitable donations that the Lodge had decided should be our principal aim.

In all, the Lodge plans to donate £1,000 for each year of its existence - £50,000 to the Grand Charity, through the Provincial Festival; £50,000 to the other masonic charities and £50,000 to a number of non-masonic charities, to be drawn from suggestions/requests made by Lodge members.

Cheques were presented to the Assistant Grand Master, the Metropolitan Grand Master, and to the Presidents of the RMBI, MSF and RMTGB. The Provincial Grand Master received the cheque for the Festival on behalf of the Grand Charity. The final 'non-masonic' distribution is to be done in December. After a champagne and canapés reception on the lawn, the brethren moved to Queens' College Old Hall for a splendid banquet.

**J.M.Whitehead - 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011**



*Above - Isaac Newton University Lodge members and guests dining at Queens' College in January.  
Below - Guests of Isaac Newton University Lodge being entertained at Bateman Street in June*



## A Fine Day for the Fairways

Bourn Golf Club was the venue for the Cambridgeshire Masonic Golf Club Association's golf day on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Forty-three golfers took part and Simon Whitmore of Scientific Lodge won the Roy Perks Memorial Trophy. This is awarded to the player with the highest Stableford score in the morning individual competition.

At the Annual General Meeting held before dinner, it was agreed that £2,500 should be donated to the Festival Appeal 2012, making a total donation of £7,500.

**Jim Stokes**



*Simon Whitmore, fourth from right, is pictured with other winners of the day: Andy Brown, Dale Smith, Bill Dastur, Alan Coughlan, Dave Robertson, David Warham, Richard Rowlett and Dave Simpson.*

## Helping hand ? – Ask the Almoner

This year the Province has experienced a huge demand in enquiries. Some of the reasons appear to be the increase in NHS waiting lists, spiralling costs for private dental treatment and the lack of provision of mobility aids and equipment by the Local Authority due to budget constraint.

Cambridgeshire beneficiaries received £25,308 towards their healthcare from the Samaritan Fund up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. This is opposed to £9,536 in 2010.

Since the closure and sale of the Royal Masonic Hospital in 1996, the Masonic Samaritan Fund is the only Central Masonic Charity that funds the provision of medical care and support.

It helps those who:

- have an identified Medical, Dental or respite care need
- are waiting for or are unable to get treatment via the NHS or their Local Authority
- are unable to afford their own private treatment.

Support is available to Freemasons, their wives, partners, widows and dependants. Funding criteria is flexible depending on the cost of treatment. A panel of medical experts including doctors, surgeons and healthcare officials examine all cases.

If in doubt ask your Lodge Almoner or Tony Mason, the Provincial Grand Almoner, or direct to 'Freemasonry Care' Helpline 0800 035 60 90

**Tony Mason**

## Allied Masonic Degrees - the 'Paul Norman' bench

At the May coffee morning, the District Grand Prefect, RWBro. Tom Auber accompanied by his Deputy WBro. Chris Bowles and other members of the Allied Masonic Degrees assembled to present an oak bench to the Association of Friends of Cornwallis Court. This was in recognition of the services rendered by RWBro. Paul Norman to the District of East Anglia.

RWBro. Paul retired as DGP in 2010, five years after he was appointed ProvGM for Mark Master Mason in East Anglia. To mark his term as DGP, members of the District funded the bench that was designed and crafted by Bro. Paul Smith.

The bench bears a representation of the Grid Iron, the AMD's symbol, a brass plaque on the back to denote the dedication and the maker's Mark. Unfortunately, RWBro. Norman was unable to attend the May presentation, but a date in June was arranged for the photograph.

*Behind the bench (l to r) Chris Bowles, Tom Auber, Geoffrey Keer  
Sitting down Paul Norman and Mrs Linda Whittle (new house Manager)*



## The Boomerang Gavel from New South Wales - or the gavel that goes back and forth to Australia.

It would seem that WBro. Brian Freakley's greatest pleasure is to travel as much as he can around the world, and during his journeys he visits as many Lodges as possible. On each occasion he presents the travelling gavel to the WM and then takes it back to Lachlan Macquarie Lodge No 1042, where it belongs.

The last time he was in our area we witnessed the presentation of the gavel to our own ProvGM during the dinner at Queen's College following the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting in June.

**Editor**



*(L to R) John Sherriff, Rodney Wolverson ProvGM, Douglas Forsdyke,  
Brian Freakley, Chris Harper, John Bleet, Brian Elliott*

## Festival 2012 - What's coming up

2011 has also been another very eventful year. We've celebrated St George, there has been musical merriment all over the place, the Royal Wedding was not ignored - in the summer there has been cruising, racing, dancing, golfing, street partying and the Gavel that was sent from Cambridge to Wisbech by the slowest method was returned to its original starting place by the same torturous route.

### *So what's next?*

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011** - St Wendred Quiz Night

Including fish and chip supper at Newmarket Masonic Centre.

Contact: WBro. Paul Burton on 01953 737237

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011** - The Inter Lodge Texas Scramble at Gog Magog Golf Club, Cambridge.

Show off your Lodges' driving, chipping and putting skills

Contact: WBro. Jim Stokes on 07885 694426

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011** - The St Wendred Racing Festival at Newmarket Masonic Centre,

Contact: WBro. Paul Burton on 01953 737237

Finally, scratch cards are still available at £1 each with potential prizes of £1,000, £500, and £100.

Contact your Charity Steward

### *Also, did you know?*

There is still a brand new Kia car to be won in the amazing Provincial Draw - Tickets just at £1 each

Contact your Charity Steward NOW.

Draw at the 2012 Festival Dinner on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012** at Queens College, Cambridge.

## Hear Hear!

Current research in the Department of Experimental Psychology of the University of Cambridge investigates the effect of age on speech perception in adverse listening conditions (such as a noisy restaurant). The project, led by Dr. Christian Füllgrabe from the MRC Institute of Hearing Research in collaboration with Prof. Brian Moore, FRS, from the Hearing Lab at the University of Cambridge, uses behavioural tests to study changes across the adult lifespan in auditory and cognitive functions.

The results of this study will provide important insights into the consequences of the natural aging process of the brain on the understanding of speech in everyday listening situations, and contribute to the development of listening strategies in old age.

Interested readers aged 40 to 90 years with still (very) good hearing are invited to contact Dr. Füllgrabe for further details on volunteering for this study (email: cf277@cam.ac.uk).



WBro. Michael Allan going through the test

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