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WESTOE LODGE

No. 4750

Annual Geordie Nite



The 'Little Waster' will not be there but there'll be a few who may be wearing that flat cap, made famous not only by him but many a 'Geordie'.

On Friday 5th June 2009, Westoe Lodge will be holding their Regular Lodge meeting with the festive board reserved for a little less formality where the brethren celebrate the 'Geordieness' of our town, with connections to masonry in the guise of various 'Geordie Masonic' speeches, harmony and traditional fare.

The Lodge has been holding their Geordie nights for many a year now and they are awfully good fun!

Cloth Caps and Mufflers to be worn

Tickets £10 Festive Board 8.30pm

Late Licence (12 midnight)

Ye knaa what ah mean leik!

will be providing further examples. Thomas Bilton Appleby was initiated into Caledonian Lodge No 254, Scottish Constitution, where his occupation was recorded as Comedian.



He became a joining member of Hadrian Lodge No 1970 in September 1890 and was a founder of Hedworth Lodge No 2418 and was the first Senior Warden. However due to his untimely death, he never reached the chair. It was reported that at his funeral, over 200 freemasons and 100 members of the public attended.

INSCRIPTION READS

SACRED to the MEMORY of
Bro T. B. APPLEBY
LESSEE of the THEATRE ROYAL
SOUTH SHIELDS and FIRST
SENIOR WARDEN of the
HEDWORTH LODGE of FREEMASONS
DIED on 7th NOV. 1892
AGED 47YRS.

Those in the know will notice that the epitaph erected is a 'broken column' many versions of the reasons behind the meaning of the broken column exist and we will leave the reasons behind this particular epitaph to those who speculate.

"Most Departed"

"Most Haunted but with a Masonic Edge"

A walk through our cemeteries will produce many an example of our Masonic ancestors who were obviously respected in their lives for their family and friends to ensure that their dying wishes were observed in their love for their fraternity and Lodges by erecting suitable epitaphs to their memories. Over the coming months "D S Acorah Dunn"



FREEMASONS' HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The pace of change continues with work re-commencing on the external walls to bring the building exterior up to scratch!



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
SOCIETY



The occasion was the presentation of a cheque for £500 to the local branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at Millfield Sunderland at their AGM on Wednesday 20th May 2009.

The photograph shows W Bro Ernest Dockwray, PPrGSwdB, WM of Hedworth Lodge 2418, presenting the cheque to the MS Branch Chairman Tony Watson, attended by W Bro Kevin Carter, PPrSGD, Almoner and W Bro Gary McDanielson, PPrJGD, Secretary

50 Years Membership

Bro. Norman Bell of Tyne Dock Lodge No. 4218 on his 50 year Presentation, pictured receiving his Certificate from the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Kenneth Edward Coatsworth Howe, PSGD.



Bro Bell was Initiated 9th May 1959, and prior to retirement was an ex-policeman of distinction.

Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be held at the at the Borough Hall, Headland, Hartlepool on Saturday 27th June 2009.



A Luncheon will be held in the Mayfair, Seaton Carew, at 2.00pm. Applications for tickets, with remittance of £18.00 and S.A.E. (cheques made payable to 'to The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham') be sent to W Bro D Bambrough, 5 Dudley Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 8HD.

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FREEMASONS' HALL



JUNE 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
John Readhead 3217 1 <small>Karate</small>	Hadrian 1970 2		Tyne Dock 4218 3 <small>Karate</small>	Westoe 4750 4 "Geordie Night" Caer Urfa Instruction Lodge (Small Temple) <small>Karate</small>	5	6
St Hilda 240 8 <small>Karate</small>		Caer Urfa 4345 9 <small>Karate</small>		Caer Urfa Lodge 11 Committee Lord Barnard Lodge of Instruction <small>Karate</small>	12  Lifeboat Coffee Morning	13 14
	15 Lord Barnard 2935 16 <small>Karate</small>		17 St Michaels & All Angels R 891 <small>Karate</small>		19	20 FHMC (10.30am) 21
St Lawrence Mark 22 <small>Karate</small>		23	24 <small>Karate</small>	25 St. Hilda Lodge of Instruction <small>Karate</small>	26	27 28
	29 <small>Karate</small>	30				

KEY BLUE Craft RED Chapter GREEN Side/Higher Degrees BROWN Instruction/Practice BLACK Meetings PURPLE Karate

All events start at 7.00pm precisely unless otherwise stated - All Information Given In Good Faith - Please check in event of a visit

JULY 2009 - pre-view

Day	Masonic Organisation	No.
2nd Monday	St. Hilda Lodge	240
4th Wednesday	Lodge of Fellowship	9694



LIFEBOAT fundraisers are hoping the generosity of South Tynesiders will help keep them afloat.

Made up of just seven members, the South Shields Ladies' Lifeboat Committee, has raised thousands of pounds over the last decade and is hoping the credit crunch won't stop people donating towards the upkeep of Britain's essential network of lifeboats.

Committee secretary Joan Stephenson, the wife of W Bro Duncan Stephenson, Worshipful Master of Hadrian Lodge No. 1970 said: "The RNLI isn't Government helped - it's only through the generosity of the public it keeps going."

Though donations are down, she is confident they can top last year's total of more than £10,000.

With events planned such as a coffee morning and antiques evaluation at **Ingham Hall, Ingham Street, South Shields, on June 13**, and a stall outside Ocean Road Community Centre at the Cookson Parade on July 4, the ladies hope it will be a bumper collection year.

But the biggest event of the year for the charity looks set to be South Shields's Flag Day, on August 15.

Mrs Stephenson added: "On Flag Day, when we have the collection boxes, very few people walk past without giving something. We are looking for volunteers to come along and help."

If you want an antique valued (not your better half) then pop along on Saturday 13 June 2009—and support a worthy cause.

Temporarily Missing??

"You couldn't miss it! It was there in March! Where has it gone? Has someone locked it in their cupboards? Do we have talented ghosts who are tinkling the ivories somewhere to get a chance of fame?"



These, and a few other questions have been asked following the strange case of the disappearing St. Lawrence Rose Croix portable electric organ (Casio) which was in a black carrying case, and left with other Rose Croix furniture behind the Senior Warden's chair in the Temple.

If you have an inkling as to where the confounded item is then please arrange for its return as soon as possible so that it can be put to the use that it was originally intended for.



Many thanks in anticipation of a successful and swift resolution to this unusual occurrence in our hall.

S. Holmes

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THURSDAY 14TH OF MAY 2009



The Hadrian Hit Squad have struck again, on Thursday 14th May 2009 nine members of Hadrian Lodge No 1970 travelled to Wigan, Province of West Lancashire to accompany



and Lancashire Pudding with vegetables and good Apple Pie and Custard.



There was a number of Brethren who provided harmony and the whole evening went off well.

Back at the hotel, W Bro Stephenson, WM provided more harmony together with the aid of W Bro Pentland.

Our host; Nikki, was that impressed that she joined in and wanted to hear more



Another good Masonic visit bringing the friendship of the Province of Durham to others



Not many people know this but no less than 35 Freemasons have been Mayor of Wigan on a total of 52 occasions !



W Bro John Watkins, Past Master of Borsdane Lodge No 6406 to their Annual Olde English Night.

W Bro Duncan Stephenson, W Bro Duncan Pentland, W Bro Keith Hind, W Bro David S Dunn, Bro Ian Reeves, Bro Steve Phillips, Bro Peter Chapman, Bro Alan Cowell and Bro Shaun Hagan all attended.

The Olde English Night refers to the meal that is provided, on this occasion thick pea and ham soup, Roast Beef

Boundary Court, Bishop Auckland



Boundary Court - a newly built private retirement housing complex of 48 two bedroom apartments in South West Durham.

It is a Masonic Community, for independent retired individuals and couples, close to the Masonic Hall & within walking distance of supermarkets, post office, health centre, hospital, train & bus station.

Facilities include home manager, excellent security, CCTV, door entry system viewable on residents own TV's, emergency call system in each apartment & communal areas:

- resident's lounge, library, sun lounge
- craft/hobby room, internet room
- laundry & drying rooms
- assisted bathroom
- hairdressing & beauty salon
- landscaped grounds, car parking for residents and visitor
- en suite guest room for residents' family & friends

The last remaining 9 apartments are available on a 70:30 shared ownership basis, prices range from £63,000 to £87,500



Applications for residence are considered by the Durham Masonic Benevolent Fund. For further details or to arrange a no obligation viewing of the complex and available apartments contact:-

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham
8 The Esplanade
Sunderland SR2 7BH
Tel: 0191 5675365

email: pgl@pgldurham.org

website: www.durhamfreemasons.org

Raby Gala²⁰⁰⁹

Saturday 4th July, Raby Castle,
Staindrop, Co. Durham, DL2 3AY

Patron: The Lord Barnard. TD.



A great family day out!

ENTRY BROCHURE
ADMITS ONE CAR AND PASSENGERS
£10.00

This brochure is your entrance ticket to the above event. Keep it in a safe place and present it on entry to the Gala. See map for directions.

Details of 'What's on' available on entry.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute, a registered charity.
See back page of The Freemason for further details—>
Organised by the Freemasons of the Province of Durham

NEW MASTER' OF LODGE OF FELLOWSHIP No. 9694

Last month South Shields celebrated on the morning of 22nd April 2009 the installation of W Bro Paul Perkins, as Worshipful Master of Lodge of Fellowship No 9694. At the time of printing a picture was unavailable of W Bro Paul so here he is.



W Bro Paul Perkins
Master, Lodge of Fellowship No. 9694

Provincial Grand Lodge Deputation

W Bro Perkins will have the pleasure of receiving a deputation of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers at his Lodge's Regular Meeting when it celebrates its 10th Anniversary on Wednesday 22 July 2009, the day-time Lodge commences at 10.30 am.

Provincial Grand Chapter 2009

Companions from South Shields were the recipients of a promotion at the recent Provincial Grand Chapter meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2009 at the Mayfair Suite in Seaton Carew.



Ex Comp David S Dunn
PPrGSwdB
St Hilda RAC 240

Excellent Companion Dave was initiated into Hadrian Lodge No 1970 on 2nd April 1991, and within six years was its Master in 1996 and again in 2000, and in 2003 he was promoted to PPrGSWks.

David was exalted on 21st December 1994 into St Hilda RAC 240, rising to Z in 2004. A founder member of the Argent Lodge No 9824 in Northumberland, not content with being in the Craft and Chapter, E Comp Dave is busy in other Orders and is a member of Vane Tempest Chapter of Installed First Principals, and the KT. At the May 2009 meeting, E Comp Dave was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer—congratulations David!

Unfortunately at the time of going to press as they say, photographs and full info of the other lucky recipients of honours were not at hand, however the following South Shields masons were given honours; Ex Comp Michael Scott, PPrGSwdB, Ex Comp Ian Turnbull PPrAGS and Ex Comp Peter Octon PDGSwdB

Masonic Mentoring



Lodge Mentoring Co-ordinators and Mentors - supplies of the five booklets are available from Provincial Office, the guidance for prospective candidates is also available as a download at-
<http://www.durhamfreemasons.org/Reference/Intro%20into%20Freemasonry.pdf>

Second Chapter First Principal Board hits the Lodge Room



St Hilda Chapter of Royal Arch Masons dug deep into their pockets and came up with a stunning Past First Principal board, which was put into place to the right of the Senior Warden's (or to the left if you are looking at the Senior Warden!).

Anyway the board charts the names of the Past First Principals since the Chapter was consecrated in 1858.

This is the second Chapter board within the Lodge Room the first being the Caer Urfa Chapter board which sits at the left of the Senior Warden's (or to the right if you are looking at the Senior Warden!).

Lets hope that the wall holding the St Hilda board is significant in its construction, because I have to admit this is one cracking IPZ Board!

2009 Raby Gala Brochure

Entry to the Raby Gala on 4th July is by entry brochure with a cover price of £10 but for advance purchase the cost is only £5. This small cost admits a car and as many passengers as can (legally please) fit into it. The brochures have been circulated to Lodge Charity Stewards and Gala co-ordinators

Individuals should make early request to their Lodge Charity Steward for a brochure. All money from brochure sales will be credited to the selling lodges 2010 Festival Target. If your Lodge is intending to make a cash donation to the Festival why not buy brochures with it instead? Your Lodge will still be credited with the same amount but you will have a batch of brochures to give away to local people - perhaps residents of sheltered accommodation or anyone living close to your Masonic Hall.

Use it as an apology for the inconvenience of parking near their homes on Lodge nights or just as a good neighbourly gesture - this is real Freemasonry in the Community

Its a win-win situation. They get a free day out and we get more people at the gala to witness first hand the great things Freemasons do. For a donation of £200 your Lodge could give 40 local families a fantastic day out.

If your lodge wants to take advantage of this initiative, 'instead of making Festival Contribution cheques payable to Durham Benevolence Ltd. they should be made out to "Durham Provincial Gala"

Further supplies of the brochures are available from Provincial Office or the Raby Gala Coordinator WBro John Arthur - email: johnarthur7773@btinternet.com

Events and activities already confirmed for 4th July include:-

The Sealed Knot Society (Medieval village & battle display including interactive session for public & children), Brass Band, Hirdy Girdy, Great North Air Ambulance and other charity stalls. A specially built sports arena for mini bikes etc

Morris & Sword Dancers, Shodai Ryu (samurai sword display) and other martial arts demonstrations, Male Voice Choir, Swing Band and other entertainers; Fire Safety display, Fairground Rides, Bungee Jumping, Energy Conservation, 4x4 experience, Falconry Display and the Provincial Museum.

Over 60 Masonic lodges have agreed to provide stalls and attractions including:-

Coconut shies, bottle stalls/tombolas, sponge throwing, play your cards right, tower game, regalia stall, archery, air rifles, children's craft toys, golf bucket challenges, souvenir mugs, printed tee-shirts, mini railway, book stalls, photo portraits, climbing wall, laser shoot, RNLI, white gloves stall, Bric a brac, plants, bouncy castles, go karts, train rides, fell rescue, face painting, model aeroplanes

There will be a fully licensed bar, Hog Roast/pork sandwiches, cream teas, all day breakfasts, donuts, cakes, chips and burgers, soft drinks, tea and coffees, pancakes, a non alcoholic refreshment tent. Plenty to keep you going all day!

In addition to this lot we have a full blown craft fair where local artisans are selling their various items as well as a display of lace making, and antique machines