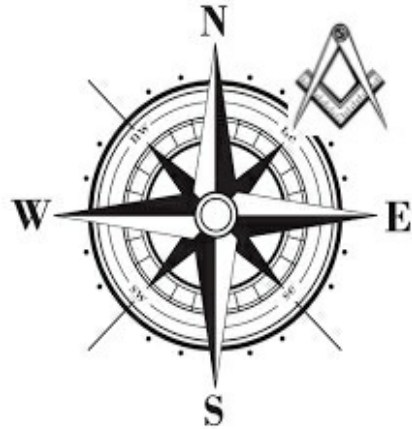


North East Corner

May 2018



A Newsletter for Bath Freemasons

Let me introduce myself – I am Alan Morsley and secretary of Royal Cumberland Lodge.

I was approached at a Festive Board by the Assistant PGM for this part of the Province and asked if I would try and produce a newsletter for Bath Freemasons. In a moment of madness (and probably whilst enjoying a good meal) I said that I would indeed endeavour to do this. I sent out a tentative e-mail to all the secretaries of lodges, chapters etc with the idea and somewhat to my surprise, had quite a lot of support and even one or two articles for this first edition.

My aim is to send out this letter three times a year – May (for the summer), September (for the first half of the Masonic year) and December (for the rest of the year).

The style will be light-hearted, and I will try to avoid learned theses, long reports and also not copy other publications that do an excellent job already. There is no fixed length – if I have lots of articles then great, but if not then it will be short and sweet!

Initially it will be in electronic form - later it may be a printed document as well but one step at a time.

So what articles would be good? Forward notice of a different lodge evening that you would like to encourage others to attend, a report of a special evening or having done something different, a brief introduction to a side degree, news from the Bath Masonic Hall or the Friends and Widows Association.

So please, as the summer progresses just give a thought to anything you would like to include and send it to me at alanmorsley@btinternet.com and I will do my best to include it.

PS The name, North East Corner, was suggested by a member of the Hall Committee – not original but good!

A LODGE THAT HAD A GREAT EVENING AND WANTS TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE

ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD LODGE No 906 25th April 2018

A most enjoyable evening last night, with a well conducted ritual, Richard Cooper's First Degree tracing board was faultless and well presented, (6 pages of ritual, how do you do it?). The Treasurer's and Charity Steward's Accounts both showing healthy balances were presented and well received. Wonderful to see Jason back in harness after his illness carrying out the WM's work with style, well done. He thanked those brethren who had held the fort whilst he was recuperating.

A fun filled and very happy Festive Board; we welcomed 4 representatives from Bath and Keynsham lodges. A simple and very tasty meal, more than adequate at a late hour. Summer holidays now and we look forward to a new season.

Brian Chappill

BATH MASONIC HALL TRUST

The great guys who run the Masonic Hall held the Annual Meeting on April 23rd. Quite a good attendance and quite good news!

The finances are in decent shape and there is no plan to increase rents to lodges and chapters for the moment.

How do they do it? By the hard work of a few – organising events, moving the furniture, putting it back, doing tours, running a museum – all voluntary and all time consuming.

They are not moaning **but they do want more help**. OK the plans to ask lodges etc to name people to help didn't take off but the main issue is still there – more masons need to sign up and offer some work – not all lifting and carrying - some bar work, ticket collecting or ushering.

Yes they could recruit labour from outside but the charges for events would then be non-competitive.

The rents lodges pay is just 38% of the income of the Hall! The efforts of the trustees and the small band of helpers raise half as much again with rents from properties making up the rest

PLEASE TRY TO HELP - LET YOUR SECRETARY KNOW AND HE WILL PUT YOU IN TOUCH.

PROVINCE OF SOMERSET 250 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR

250 Years ago in 1768 W Bro John Smith was appointed the first Provincial Grand Master for Somerset and the Province was born. Only two lodges that were around at that time have survived – the Royal Cumberland 41 and the Lodge of Perpetual Friendship 135. They are playing their part in the celebrations of this anniversary.

There are three dates ahead that you might want to know about and be involved with.

The first is in Bridgwater and this is the summary from the Provincial DC

The biennial Provincial Church service will be held at St Mary's Church, St Mary St, Bridgwater at 15:00hrs on Sunday 24th June 2018. The theme of the service will be to mark and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset. The service will be preceded by a full regalia procession from the Masonic Centre, King Square, Bridgwater and followed in the church by a complimentary strawberry cream tea, courtesy of the Freemasons of Bridgwater.

If you would like to attend tell your secretary as he has the booking form.

The second is in Bath and although these are early days here is W Bro David Hogg's summary

Sunday 30th September 2018 – public procession to the Friends' Meeting House in York Street, Bath (the original Masonic Hall) for a talk on its history and back to the current Masonic Hall in Old Orchard Street, for Tea.

The Third is a rather special Lodge meeting

Thursday 1st November 2018 - The Royal Cumberland Lodge 41 Regular Meeting will be open to all Bath Lodges for a Quatuor Coronati lecture and a dedication of the Tracing Boards by the Provincial Team. Although this a meeting of 41 we would love to see all lodges taking part and taking the opportunity to mark the 250th.

The Bath Fringe Festival takes place during late May and early June.

The Hall plays a major part in the events and here is a list for you to choose from

<p>Tuesday 29th May 8pm £5</p>  <p>SALLY-ANNE HAYWARD COMEDIENNE-ESS</p>	 <p>fringe@theOTR 2018</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th May 7.30pm £7</p>  <p>GEOFF ROBB CELTIC & SPANISH GUITAR MUSIC FROM THE HEART</p>
<p>Thursday 31st May 8pm £5</p>  <p>PHOENIX RIVER BAND with support HIGGS BISON</p>	<p>Friday 1st June 8pm £5</p>  <p>FUNKINSTEINS with special guest BASHEMA</p>	<p>Saturday 2nd June 8pm £5</p>  <p>WASUREMONO from BBC Introducing</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd June 7.30pm £9</p>  <p>CECILIA LE POER POWER with AMADOU DIAGNE</p>	<p>Monday 4th June 8pm £4</p>  <p>ALI GEORGE with TOM ALLEN</p>	<p>Wednesday 6th June 8pm £8</p>  <p>BRIAN MADIGAN THINK OF A SEQUEL</p>
<p>Thursday 7th June 7.30pm £10</p>  <p>RICHARD RILEY I CAN'T TELL YOU with AUDREY RILEY & guests</p>	<p>Friday 8th June 7pm £5</p>  <p>JUDITH GORE JANE AUSTEN & the PIANO</p>	<p>Friday 8th June 7.30pm £5</p>  <p>DIMENSION 50 60s/70s Disco with Soul Train Radio DJ PAUL MALLON</p>
<p>Saturday 9th June 7.30pm £10</p>  <p>THE UNRAVELLING WILBURYS</p>	<p>OLD ORCHARD STREET BATH BA1 1JU (behind Marks & Spencer) www.oldtheatroyal.com TICKETS www.bathboxoffice.org.uk 01225 463362 Sponsored by </p>	<p>Sunday 10th June 8pm £7</p>  <p>HAT & FEATHER FOREVER with SHAK SHAK, SU HART, LEON HUNT, HODMADODDERY & more</p>

Quatuor Coronati

There is a reference to this in the celebration of 250 years of the Province. Martin Cox has written this for extra information. You can contact him at martindcox@hotmail.co.uk

Following a visit by Dr Ric Berman, Prestonian Lecturer for 2016 we started talking about Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle and he asked if I would take on the role of "Roving Local Secretary for South Wales and the South West" as others in this role have become dormant or are no longer active.

This title relates to my connections with lodges in Somerset, Wiltshire and South Wales. The role is primarily to acquaint brethren with the correspondence circle should they wish to learn about the papers on various subject matters that full members have issued. You can only qualify as a full member by being voted in following the publication of papers given in lodges and at the QC lodge itself. The QCCC is advertised in the Somerset Masonic Reference Book and online. If anyone is interested they can speak to me about it. As Local Secretary I will be happy to assist.

Our lecture at the Royal Cumberland meeting in November is entitled "Freemasonry and the Royal Family". This will be given by Dr Paul Calderwood, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076 which meets in Freemasons Hall, London. His lecture will parallel freemasonry during the reigns of the various monarchs over the last three hundred years. As Before there will be visual aids so a good evening in prospect. All masons will be welcome so it will be excellent if we can advertise and have brethren put the date in their diaries.