## North East Corner

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## A Newsletter for Bath Freemasons

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS COME TO BATH

2018 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset and there have been various events to mark this important landmark.

In June there was a service at Bridgwater with a masonic procession and well over 200 attended.

Now the party comes to Bath!

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September there will be a special event in the city. Masons will gather at the Masonic Hall around 2pm and after a briefing a procession will set off making its way to the Friend's Meeting House (at one time the masonic hall of Bath) to arrive at 3pm. Distinguished guests will be there to greet the party and this will be followed by a presentation by Malcolm Toogood which will be about the 250 years of the Province.

Afterwards all will return to the Masonic Hall and a cream tea will be had by all!

The procession will include Provincial Officers, masters or representatives of local lodges (Bath, Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Frome etc) and as many local masons as possible.

There is a limit as the Friends Meeting House can only hold just over a hundred so the procession and event there will be limited to masons and invited guests. Masons' guests, partners and friends will be able to be entertained at the Masonic Hall with a tour and then to join with the procession returning for tea.

The official invitations from the Provincial Grand Master are now being sent to your lodge or chapter secretary and replies have to be sent through the secretaries to the Province. If you would like to be with us on that day do reply early so as to gain a place in the procession.

This is Bath's chance to play its part in this important year so please do try and support if you can.

On Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> at the meeting of the Royal Cumberland Lodge there will be two special events.

Dr Paul Calderwood, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge (the leading lodge of masonic research) will give a talk on "Freemasonry and the Royal Family".

The Provincial Grand Master will lead his team of Provincial Officers to dedicate the three wonderful tracing boards that we acquired a year or so ago as a result of a generous gift by the late Dennis Mosley.

This will a special evening and we want all Bath Lodges to feel involved and we welcome all Bath Masons to be with us.

The summons and details will go out in October so please keep an eye open and remember to book a place.