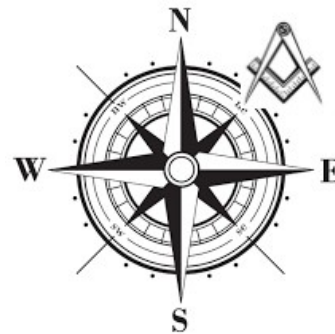


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A Newsletter for Bath Freemasons

To our Readers

Here is the 5th edition of this informal newsletter for Bath Freemasons. As always it is a mixed bag of events, opinions and articles of interest (we hope).

I am grateful to those who have sent items and I ask you all to keep doing so. A special lodge or chapter event, a recent meeting that was special, a social event that needs wider support – just let us know and we will try to let all Bath masons know about it.

Keep up the good work – a newsletter needs news!

Thanks

Editor

An important charitable event of interest to all of us

Worrying news: One in eight men in the UK will get prostate cancer. That is a fact!

Look around the Brethren that you know, and you will find that more than a few of them have been affected by this condition.

One of the worrying things is that often the condition goes 'undiagnosed.' That is as a result of the individual having no symptoms until the condition is at a very advanced stage and often still, they have no symptoms. The only way of diagnosing the condition is by a simple blood test. Unfortunately, there is no 'national' NHS testing program.

Good news: Royal Albert Edward Lodge is holding a fund-raising Sunday Lunch to assist in the funding of Blood testing for the condition for Freemasons in Bath and Somerset.

14th April is the date.

Tickets include a donation to the course. Friends and family are of course welcome.

The monies raised from the lunch along with a generous donation from the Mark Degree will fund a series of testing events, organised by the Graham Fulford Trust, later in the year.

Contact: W Bro Richard Cooper (cooperman@masafish.com) to not only treat someone to a good meal at Cumberwell Golf Club but also enjoy good company and make a positive contribution to the physical health of Freemasons in Somerset.

Important Meeting for St Luke's Lodge No 6540 – Again !!

At St Luke's Lodge (No. 6540) Installation Meeting on 19 October 2018, RW Bro. Stuart Hadler (then Provincial Grand Master for Somerset) was due to present W. Bro Gerald Bryant with a 60 Years in Freemasonry Certificate. Unfortunately, this presentation had to be postponed, as Gerald was taken ill with Pancreatitis shortly before the Meeting, from which it has taken him several months to recover his health again.

Fast forward 6 months and Gerald, ever the fighter (he served in the Army during WWII), is planning to attend St Luke's Lodge final Meeting of the 2018/19 season on Tuesday 23 April, when arrangements have been made for VW Bro. Ray Guthrie (Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master) to present him with his 60th Certificate.

Gerald, who was Initiated into St Luke's on 17 October 1958, is the Senior Past Master not only of St Luke's Lodge, but also Royal Naval Lodge (No. 2761) which he helped transfer from Malta back to Yeovil in the 1980's.

Gerald is well known within Bath as, in addition to St Luke's Lodge, he is also a long-serving member of the Royal Arch (St Luke's Chapter No. 6540), Rose Croix (St Peter and St Paul Chapter No. 6) and Knight Templar (Bladud Preceptory No. 40).

It is therefore hoped that as many Bath based Brethren as possible will consider attending on 23 April to support Gerald as, all being well, he finally receives his 60th Certificate to mark a significant achievement.

Any enquiries about St Luke's Lodge Meeting on 23 April, or to be booked for dining at the Festive Board etc, can be referred to

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WE HAVE OUR OWN MASONIC AUTHOR IN BATH AND HERE IS NEWS OF HIS LATEST WORK

PRESS RELEASE FOR NEW BOOK - 1ST OCTOBER 2018

CepenPark Publishing is pleased to announce the release of the latest book by Bath historian Malcolm Toogood. The book is a factual history and tells the early story of the building in York Street that, since 1866, has been the Friends' Meeting House, but up to 1843 was Bath's first Masonic Hall.

The book is the result of six-years of painstaking research during which time the author was granted unprecedented access to contemporary documentation, including minutes and correspondence in Masonic archives in Bath and London.

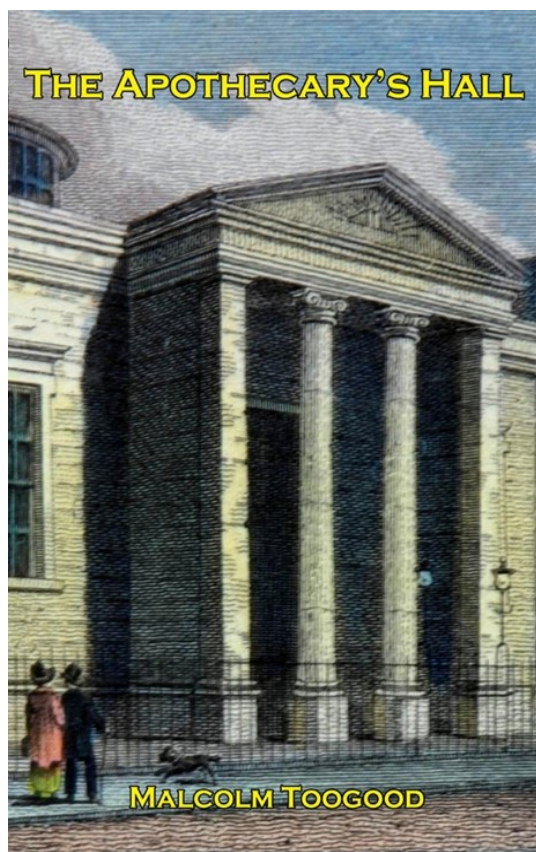
This 360-page paperback book contains over 120 illustrations, most in colour. The book is now available from all leading booksellers, including Waterstones and Foyles, plus local retailers including Moorland Road Bookshop in Bath. It can also be obtained online from Amazon.

THE APOTHECARY'S HALL

BY MALCOLM TOOGOOD

156MM X 234MM, 360 PAGES, 122 ILLUSTRATIONS - RRP £14.95

ISBN: 9780956423030




In 1816, an apothecary and a wine merchant decided to erect a prestigious Masonic Hall in the fashionable Spa City of Bath, enlisting the financial and political assistance of Dukes and Earls plus the services of a leading architect. They could not have imagined that within five years of a Royal dedication ceremony described as one of the grandest spectacles to be seen in the City, the building would close, with its contents confiscated and the owners facing bankruptcy.

Known locally as 'The Bath Furniture Incident', this debacle also resulted in the local Fraternity losing some of the finest Regency Masonic furniture and equipment ever assembled under one roof. History showed this was all the responsibility of one man, Charles Geary, but the discovery of documents languishing in archives for nearly 200 years threw a completely different light on his involvement.

"When I started this book," says the author Malcolm Toogood, "I had a completely different expectation of what I might find. But as more information began to emerge from the shadows of history, including individuals previously not considered as part of the story, some were revealed as having very murky backgrounds indeed."

FROM THE SAME AUTHOR

BATH'S OLD ORCHARD STREET THEATRE



THE READERS OF NORTH EAST CORNER
WARMLY CONGRATULATE
W BRO DAVID MEDLOCK PSGD, PPrAGM
Member of St Alphege Lodge No 4095
ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER
FOR SOMERSET

The next edition of this newsletter will have full details of the Bath Fringe Festival and the events that will take place in the Masonic Hall. But one item is mentioned in advance:-

“Dimension 50” Soul Disco run by our very own W.Bro Paul Mallon from Elizabethan Lodge 7296 on Friday 31st May.



It was a great success last year therefore returning again in 2019 .by popular demand, open to all. Ticket price to be confirmed but around £5 pp.