

North East Corner

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A Newsletter for Bath Freemasons

To Our Readers

A year ago, when I first agreed to try and launch a Bath Mason's newsletter, I confess that I doubted its survival. As a secretary myself I know how reluctant I am to find time to send news and share events, so I do understand that for many it is a bit of a nuisance.

However – here we are with the sixth edition and the second this month! Some of you are willing to send me items and I am delighted to do all I can to spread news and share photos, events and ideas.

The next edition will be in September so please do let me know of important meetings in the autumn. How about a page all about a side degree? I look forward to hearing from you.

Alan Morsley – Editor.

Many of us were privileged to be at the recent Annual Meeting of the Province of Somerset. We had the pleasure of seeing a great Bath mason, David Medlock DL installed as Provincial Grand Master by The Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Jonathan Spence.

The Team from London were scarily efficient but did a super job and it was impressive to see.

We all feel lucky and happy that our new Provincial Grand Master is from Bath and we all wish him every success.

W Bro David Hogg has written a super article about him on the next page and we have a great photo courtesy of Barry Davies of Compass Magazine.

The work done by the team of helpers at the BMH (the guides, the trustees, the furniture movers and the festival organisers etc) do such a great job that we are only paying in our subs about 40% of the cost of the upkeep of the Hall.

So to that team—THANK YOU!

Rt W Bro David J Medlock DL ProvGM



David was born in Bath and attended King Edwards School before moving to Salford University to study Environmental Health. Upon graduating he worked for Tameside Borough Council of Greater Manchester. He served the Borough as an Environmental Health Officer. In 1979 he changed careers and joined the family engineering firm in Bath, The Hebron and Medlock Group. The company started by his father Leonard in 1951 which now is known as Sitec Ltd, a leading engineering design business employs over 1000 people. David started off as a management trainee in the company; his senior positions in the company have been Finance Director, Managing Director and continues now as Chairman.

The Medlock charitable trusts have contributed over £40 million to various charities throughout the country; especially those connected with social deprivation and educational organisations. His charitable work in Bath continues in the managing of the charitable trusts and has been active in the voluntary sector for over 40 years.

In 2007 David served as The High Sheriff of Somerset, an annually appointed office dating back 900 years, which represents the Sovereign in the County of Somerset. He has been Deputy Lieutenant of the county since 2008 and has also served 6 years as Vice Lord Lieutenant.

David was a Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of Bath for 11 years and has been a member of its Council for 14 years. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from the University in 2016.

He was Initiated into St Alphege Lodge in October 1977, Installed as Worshipful Master in 1992, Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 2001 and Assistant Provincial Grand Master from 2006 until 2011.

He has been Chairman of the 2020 Festival since 2011.

At the end of May and into early June there is a Bath Fringe Festival—some of the events take place in the Old Theatre Royal (our Masonic Hall) and your support for those events is much needed. Here is the poster for the events. The man organising these events is

W Bro Malcolm Toogood and the website for more information is <https://oldtheatreroyal.com/performance/fringe-at-the-otr-2019/>

 <p>fringe@theOTR 2019</p>	<p>Monday 27th May 7.30pm £8</p>  <p>THE BOOKSHOP BAND with support RED CAROUSEL</p>	<p>Tuesday 28th May 7pm £5</p>  <p>IMPROLECTUALS</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th May 8.15pm £5</p>  <p>ROBERT LANE</p>	<p>Wednesday 29th May 8pm £8</p>  <p>BRIAN MADIGAN THINK OF A CONCLUSION</p>	<p>Thursday 30th May 8pm £5</p>  <p>PHOENIX RIVER BAND with support THE SHIPMATES</p>
<p>Friday 31st May 7.30pm £7.50</p>  <p>DIMENSION 50 DJ PAUL MALLON</p>	<p>Saturday 1st June 1pm £10</p>  <p>THOMAS CAMERON An Afternoon of Musical Theatre</p>	<p>Saturday 1st June 8pm £11</p>  <p>THE UNRAVELLING WILBURYS</p>
<p>Sunday 2nd June 8pm £8</p>  <p>CURTIS ELLER'S AMERICAN CIRCUS</p>	<p>Monday 3rd June 7pm £8</p>  <p>IRANTZU AGIRRE-ARRIZUBIETA</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th June 8pm £5</p>  <p>SALLY-ANNE HAYWARD WORK IN PROGRESS</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th June 8pm £8</p>  <p>THE INVISIBLE OPERA COMPANY OF TIBET</p>	<p>Thursday 6th June 8pm £12</p>  <p>SLIM CHANCE</p>	<p>Friday 7th June 1pm £5</p>  <p>CASTING AN IMPRESSION MARTIN DIMERY</p>
<p>Friday 7th June 7.30pm £10</p>  <p>CINDY STRATTON ELLIE FRANK / ROSINA KARI</p>	<p>Sunday 9th June 7.30pm £10</p>  <p>THUNDERBRIDGE BLUEGRASS BAND</p>	<p>OLD ORCHARD STREET BATH BA1 1JU (behind Marks & Spencer) oldtheatreroyal.com TICKETS: bathboxoffice.org.uk 01225 463362</p>

£6000 to local charities from a Bath Lodge

At the annual Installation Meeting in April, St Alphege Lodge was pleased to present three local charities with £2,000 each.

The Bath Branch of the Somerset Widows' Association

The Bath Branch of the Samaritans

First Steps Bath, a community nursery and early years centre



Left to Right



David Hayward – outgoing Master of St Alphege Lodge

Jill Beresford – Treasurer Somerset Masonic Widows Association (Bath)

Ann Gardiner-Bryan – Chair Somerset Masonic Widows Association (Bath)

Doreen Tink – Social Secretary Somerset Masonic Widows Association (Bath)

Sara King – Samaritans Bath Branch

Roz Lambert – CEO First Steps Bath,

Brian Mogg – St Alphege Charity Steward