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If you would like to make a contribution to our next issue please contact Graham Sanders at:

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The Pop-up Pops Out...

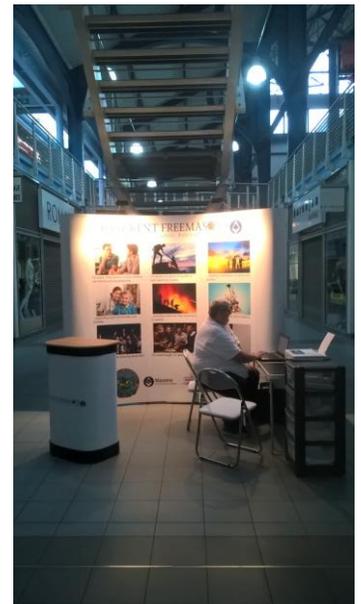
On Saturday 25th February our Portable display unit made its debut at the dockside outlet centre in Chatham. There have been quite a few opinions and views on the subject of whether or not people would stop to speak with us in an indoor shopping complex. We were not ideally placed so we only had 50% of the footfall but, never-the-less we had 36 people who did stop to talk to us.

What we have found is that at every event that we have attended This year, over 50% of our visitors are already freemasons. Whilst we have also had a good number of UK based non-masons. So, what about Chatham?...

We did take one enquiry, we were inside in the warm and the display unit did look the part. Graham Sanders is going to attempt to book us back later in the year and see if we can get a good slot.

I am sure that those of you that have worked on the MDU & Marquee in the high streets and markets during the winter period will agree that if we can be inside during the winter then so much the better?

I think that the real challenge comes when we are at the Folkestone, Bouverie Place Shopping Mall for three days in April (28th - 30th), If we are able to confirm the validity of attending shopping malls then, this is the place to prove or disprove the theory.



Talking Freemasonry

A couple of weeks ago, David Graeme and I went to meet with the Invicta Chamber of Commerce at a networking event in the Campanile Hotel Dartford. Our mission was to establish with the organisers the possibility of giving a number of talks about freemasonry at their meetings. I am pleased to say that those negotiations were successful and we are planning to present Freemasonry at six events during the course of the summer and Autumn.



W.Bro. Ray Hudson will be presenting together with 'yours truly!' and I really think it is worth coming along to them if you have time. Interestingly, Whilst David and I were waiting to meet with the event organisers, we did speak with a number of the attendees and, three people showed interest in making an enquiry. Two were West Kent enquirers but one, a chap from Whitstable, arranged to meet David in Whitstable.

Graham Sanders is currently in discussions with the organisers and we will be publishing the dates as soon as Graham has concluded his negotiations.

We are also in discussions with the Young Businessman Foundation and the 41 clubs in Kent with a view to arrange similar presentations and talks at their respective meetings over the next nine months. This is an evolving strategy that will enable us to reach the younger enquirer and hopefully, attract the next generation of Freemasons. Graham Sanders will be commencing negotiations with these organisations as soon as I have had the opportunity to meet with their executive early in March.



Support For Centres & Lodges



Martin Lane, (*left*) membership events team member who is responsible for the support and co-ordination of Centre & Lodge open days and other promotional events is about to launch a new initiative that will enable Centres & Lodges to loan a wide range of equipment from our inventory including sound and lighting systems, portable stage units, TV monitors & projection systems. This is a free loan service to lodges and centres and is designed to reduce the costs when a centre or lodge is planning their next public event.

Graham Sanders has already sent out a circular to the group chairman with a request that the information is sent to all the centres and lodges throughout the province. What this does mean, of course, that we will be offering to provide experienced personnel from our team to staff the MDU, Marquee and Equipment packs when we are requested by the centres and lodges to provide resource.

Equipment available for centre or lodge use:

Mobile Hospitality Unit. (Trailer) Staff Compliment 2 - 4

Static Hospitality Unit (Marquee) Staff Compliment 2 - 4

Static Hospitality Unit (Marquee) Self staffing

Portable display Unit (Pop-up) Staff Compliment 2.

PA & Sound Systems – Public Address and full sound scape

Stage Lighting Systems – LED Stage lighting and FX Projection.

Portable Staging – Various sizes and units.

TV Monitors on Stands

Projection Systems – data and back projection and portable screens

Provincial flags and banners – Numerous.

If you would like to have more information on this new service I am sure that Martin would be pleased to provide you with more detail. You can find Martin's details from the membership events team directory that you should already have a copy of?

If your lodge or centre is thinking of running an event, please advise them that they need to contact Martin, he has the key to the Kingdom and can make their day a huge success by the support and resource he and we are able to provide.



The Membership Team has arrived!...

We are on the page at last!! If you go to the provincial website, the next time you are surfing the net, you will find that we now have our own page.... The Membership Team. Thanks to the work of Graham Sanders and Andrew Notley with some editorial expertise from the boss...David Graeme.

PS. Martin, we could do with a head and shoulders shot of you for the rogues gallery.. You are conspicuous by your absence!

Diary Dates Update.

4th March: Maidstone, Jubilee Square,

11th March: Rainham Outside Shoe Zone Main

1st April: Ramsgate Market

6th to 8th April: Ashford, County Square

22nd April : St George's Day Parade High Street Sittingbourne

28th to 30th April: Folkestone, Bouverie Place Shopping Mall

2nd & 3rd June: Open Day, Weald of Kent Lodge No 1854, Tenterden Town Hall

17th June: Wild West Carnival- High Street Sittingbourne

17th June and 18th June: Quex Park Classic Car Rally.

24th June: Armed Forces Day: Sittingbourne

1st July: Sheerness Fete

1st July: Chapel Fete, Five Oak Green,

29th July: New Romney Marsh Fete

12th and 13th August: Whitstable Regatta Tankerton Slopes

19th & 20th August: Biddenden Tractorfest,

19th August: Hythe Festival

27th August: Dover Regatta, Dover Quay,

17th September: Brands Hatch

30th September: Sittingbourne Mops Fayre High St

7th October: Cranbrook Applefest

8th October: Gillingham Park - picnic and tree planting

