



Membership Events Team Newsletter

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In the next issue: 'A message from our leader' Our boss, W.Bro. David Graeme APMG will be submitting an article on the new membership team

If you would like to make a contribution to our next issue please contact David King at:

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On Borrowed Time

This month saw the launch of our new initiative: 'EQUIPMENT LOAN.' We are now offering to support centres and lodges by providing a comprehensive equipment loan service on a free of charge basis. This will enable centres and lodges to host open days or events utilising the most up-to-date audio visual and marketing media. Some of the equipment that is available to loan includes: Sound and lighting systems, projection and visual displays, stage lighting, portable staging, marquees, Gazebos, Pop-ups and public address systems.

We have organised an exhibition of our entire portfolio at the Cornwallis centre in Tovill on Sunday 28th May 2017 from 10am to 1pm. We hope that you will come along to lend your support?

Supreme Beings?

We recently experienced an issue that raised some difficult questions when an enquirer was asked if he believed in a supreme being by a team member. This, as you know, is the first of two questions that must be answered prior to processing an enquiry. The answer to this question was "Yes" but it was later discovered by the membership adviser that the enquirers belief was in the sun god Ra. (*pictured right*) After much debate, the matter was referred to Grand Lodge and the answer that we received was that entities that are more aligned to myth rather than religion cannot be considered as a Supreme Being in the true sense of the word.



I would like to suggest that when clarifying the belief in a supreme being with a potential enquirer, we add the following statement to the question: "Are you prepared to take an obligation that is to be sworn on the bible or other religious book." If the answer is in the negative then we should not process the enquiry.



Happy to meet, sorry to part....



Our diary events manager, Graham Sanders (*left*), has sadly stepped down from the role as most of you already know. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking him for his tremendous efforts over the past few years and to wish him well for the future. Graham is taking a well-earned rest for a few months. I am sure we will be seeing Graham around the province during our travels.



Graham's replacement is Allan Jones, (*pictured left*) and I am sure that you would likewise wish to join me in welcoming him to the team. Allan and Graham have met recently to complete the handover and Allan is now in post and working hard! There is an awful lot of planning to be done for our new diary for the end of the year and we are also planning to attend a number of new venues. Allan will be circulating his contact details to you all shortly.

Call to Arms!!

Whilst mentioning our diary in the article above, most of you will have seen my recent plea for help. We are in desperate need of an increase in our volunteering. Please, please, please put your name down for as many events as you can spare the time for. We are struggling to field enough teams each week and, with the Sky TV broadcasts on freemasonry in April, we do expect much more interest from the public. In addition, you will be aware that we are fielding two teams on the same day at a number of events this year so, we will need at least eight team members on a number of occasions.

Where are they now?

I had planned to give you an update on those people that had been initiated into freemasonry through our efforts within the events team for last year. I am afraid that I have not been very successful in gathering this information. What I can tell you though, is that we had nine initiations from our enquiries and according to the province, these independent enquirers do seem to stay with freemasonry and progress.



Diary Dates Update.

1st April: Ramsgate Market

6th to 8th April: Ashford, County Square

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

2nd May: Campanile Hotel, Dartford

11th May: Campanile Hotel, Dartford

16th May: Aspinalls Bluewater

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

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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

