



## Membership Events Team Newsletter

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### Stepping up a gear!

The tercentenary celebrations planned within the Province are gathering pace and many of the event organisers of these celebrations have turned to the Membership Events team for help. Not just help in supporting the events with our hospitality units but also with the loan of our vast range of equipment.



On Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> we held an exhibition at Tovill for all the centres and Lodges in the Province to exhibit what we have available for free loan to them. Although we did not have many people in attendance we are already supplying marquees, outdoor furniture and seating, sound systems and lighting to a number of the events that are taking place.



Events that we are supporting: "It's A Knockout", "300" Celebration at Tovill. Cobham Hall BBQ and Fun Day and the Demelza Hospice Care for children fund raising day. We are supplying a large, fully equipped banqueting marquee.

We have also taken enquiries from Lodges who are planning events later in the year.

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The items of specialist equipment that Lodges and Centres can loan from us are pictured left and are in addition to our normal hospitality units, pop-up, banners, flags and bunting. So, for example, The "It's a Knockout" tournament at Aylesford Bulls Rugby Club required 200 chairs and 50 tables to be used around the arena and in the market display area. We have also supplied all of the sound systems and a Sound Engineer in the guise of our own diary manager Allan Jones. All loan items are delivered and collected to and from the door.

Martin Lane has taken up the challenge of co-ordinating this new enterprise and has certainly got to grips with the task. We are supporting the Tenterden open days taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Martin is attending to support the sterling efforts of one of our own team; David Chapman, who is organising the event. It does look as though we are going to be busy through this year, not only on our own diary of events but also supporting those lodges and centres who are intending to pro-actively recruit potential new initiates through the mechanism of open days and awareness events.

## TV or not TV?!



Since the broadcast of the five part television documentary series "Inside the Freemasons" during April and May, there has been a fairly significant increase in enquirers via the UGLE website. Having spoken with Barry Deverece, our membership adviser manager, he reported that we received 22 enquiries in April, 16 of which arrived after the first episode was broadcast on the 17th April. And following the broadcast on May 19<sup>th</sup> we received 26. If you look back at the numbers prior to April they were; 9 in January, 13 in February and 11 in March. But did you see Barry making his debut on the TV?



## The team goes 'Wild' this month.



### Event: The "Wild West Carnival" at Sittingbourne.

On Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> June, the MDU makes an appearance at the carnival and, as you can probably guess, we will be blending in with the surroundings! Ken Manners, David Hiscock and myself will be suitably attired and well-armed to boot!

In addition to the East Kent Province Membership Teams' representation of the famous peacekeepers; Wyatt and Morgan Earp together with their able partner: John Henry 'Doc' Holiday, we will be providing our guests with suitable beverages including Sarsaparilla and of course, 'Chuck Wagon' coffee.



Ken, David and myself will also be providing renditions of the great old cowboy songs: 'Oh Lonesome Me', 'Home On the Range' and 'High Noon' to name but a few! Our accompaniment will be provided by the **Biggin Hill Hillbillies**. (Pictured left) This is definitely one not to be missed! If you are looking for an entertaining event to volunteer for this is the one to pick!



### Event: Quex Park Classic Car show 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Ron Carter and Ian Ireland, on the other hand, have chosen to support the car show, I understand that Ron does not fancy himself as a cowboy! This two day event is normally well supported and we have become a regular visitor to the show.

I can remind you that the 'Widows Sons' will be there to support the event and to represent motorcycling Freemasons. I am sure that this will attract many members of the public who are motorcycle enthusiasts and should prove to be a very successful couple of days for enquiries. Although, I personally think that the wild west team will definitely 'Out-gun' the motorcycle boys.

## 2017 events diary updated

Friday	2nd	JUNE	Tenterden & Open day
Saturday	3rd	JUNE	Tenterden & Open day
Sunday	4th	JUNE	"It's a Knockout" Aylesford
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Ashford Conningbrook Hotel</b>
Saturday	10th	JUNE	Harrietsham Community Centre
Saturday	10th	JUNE	Rochester Gandulf Square Open Day
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Maidstone The Business Terrace</b>
Saturday	17th	JUNE	Sittingbourne The Wild West Carnival
Saturday	17th	JUNE	Quex Park
Saturday	17th	JUNE	Big 300 <sup>th</sup> Party Tovill (equipment loan)
Sunday	18th	JUNE	Cobham Hall Gravesend
Sunday	18th	JUNE	Quex Park
Saturday	24th	JUNE	Sittingbourne Armed Forces Day
Saturday	1st	JULY	Demelza Hospice Summer Fete.
Saturday	1st	JULY	Capel Fete
Saturday	1st	JULY	Sheerness Fete
Sunday	2nd	JULY	Demelza Hospice Summer Fete.
Saturday	8th	JULY	Paddock Wood
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>JULY</b>	<b>Folkestone Burlington Hotel</b>
Saturday	29th	JULY	New Romney
Wednesday	16th	AUG	Hythe Venetian Fair
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>Maidstone Coniston Hotel</b>
Saturday	19th	AUG	Hythe Hythe Carnival
Saturday	19th	AUG	Biddenden Tractorfest
Sunday	20th	AUG	Biddenden Tractorfest
Saturday	26th	AUG	Dover Regatta
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>Hythe Imperial Hotel</b>
Thursday	14th	SEP	Ashford County Square
Friday	15th	SEP	Ashford County Square
Saturday	16th	SEP	Ashford County Square
Sunday	17th	SEP	Brands Hatch Cycle Race
Saturday	30th	SEP	Sittingbourne Medieval Mops Fair
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>Ashford Conningbrook Hotel</b>
Saturday	7th	OCT	Cranbrook Apple Fair
Sunday	8th	OCT	Gillingham Tree Planting picnic
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>Hollingbourne Mercure Hotel</b>
Saturday	4th	NOV	Chatham Dockside Outlet Centre
Saturday	11th	NOV	Canterbury Whitefriars Centre.
Saturday	25th	NOV	Dover De Bradleigh Wharf
Saturday	2nd	DEC	Gravesend Thamesgate
Saturday	9th	DEC	Medway Hempstead Valley
Saturday	16th	DEC	Thanet Westwood Cross

**PLEASE KEEP ON VOLUNTEERING! Your support is very much appreciated!**