



Membership Events Team Newsletter

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

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Demelza Hospice Summer Ball

We were very pleased to support this fund raising event to which we were asked to provide the marquee, complete with all of the seating, tables lighting and dance floor. An incredible £35,000 was raised for Demelza at a ball hosted by Demelza President Richard Oldfield, his wife Alicia, and Demelza supporters and sponsors, Paul and Patsy Barrett. The sizzling summer weather added authentic atmosphere to the Indian themed ball, held at Donnington House on Saturday 17th June. Guests enjoyed an Indian feast followed by dancing and acrobatics from Guvinder Sandher and his group.



The evening featured a very successful auction, and included a prize from Googlebox's Mary Killen to have lunch with her and husband, Giles Wood, at the Ritz in London.

We have subsequently received an email from James Morgan, one of the organisers:

"The event went better than we could ever have dreamed, thank you so much for all your work to make our event possible. We are so, so grateful!"

I have since spoken with the organisers who have informed me that the children are preparing a special handmade card to say thank you.

I will of course, share this with you once it has been received. So, it would seem that in addition to the support the the Provincial membership team is providing to the many tercentenary events this year, word is obviously spreading throughout the local communities that East Kent Freemasons are always willing to give support in many ways.



Showdown In Sittingbourne



Morgan and Wyatt Earp together with 'Doc' Holiday attended the Sittingbourne Wild West Carnival on Saturday 17th June and were well received by the public, the media and the organisers.

We are not sure if the town was relieved to have the US Marshall and his deputies keeping the peace or if it was because we were the only cowboys in town?



Meanwhile on the same day, the mobile display unit was out with the 'A' team at the Quex Park Classic Car and Military show. This was a two day event and Ron Carter advised that the attendance was good but enquiries were not forthcoming with only one genuine enquiry being taken over the two days. Wyatt and his gang meanwhile, managed to attract three genuine enquirers. We did tell Ron that dressing up makes all the difference.



And then of course, we should mention that on the same day the Big 300 celebration party was held at Tovil. Once again the events team were pleased to assist by providing the seating tables, marquees, lighting and bunting, so, in effect, over the weekend of the 17th & 18th June we managed to support four events!

I did some maths and came up with the following statistics: Personnel over the two days= 18. Vehicles: Range Rover, Two 3.5 tonne with tail lifts. One 7.5 Tonne Lorry. It is a fantastic effort and a credit to all of our team members. We were a well organised military style operation and I am proud to be part of such an excellent team! Well done to all!



Collaborative working with other Provinces.

Further to my research it appears that in many provinces, the activity of Pro-active recruitment now falls under the management of the newly appointed Provincial Membership Officer, (PMO). This post holder, if we look at the Province of Cornwall for example, is supported by three Area Membership Coordinators positioned equally throughout Cornwall. The Area Membership Coordinators, in turn each have four Lodge Membership Coordinators to assist them.



The Provincial Exhibition unit is used at every opportunity to maximize public image and allow the general public to meet with freemasons face to face. The Provincial Membership teamwork in close conjunction with the Provincial Communication Team. We should probably watch the development of the strategy with interest.

I am in the process of communicating with all of the Exhibition team leaders within the Provinces of West Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hertfordshire and Berkshire to arrange a meeting to discuss our methods of operations together with exploring the possibilities of collaborative working and best practices. I will report again shortly.

Uniform Changes

In preparation for the winter, we will shortly be issuing new uniforms. The Polo shirts will remain unchanged but, the fleeces will be replaced with Polotherm Jackets (see image below). These of course, will be embroidered with the events team logo in white.



Ron will shortly be taking your orders so that we can source them during the summer. We are also going to obtain some Hi Viz jackets with the EKP logo which should be worn during set-up and dismantling.

You should receive a uniform request form shortly.

2017 events diary updated

Saturday	1st	JULY	Capel Fete
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Sunday	2nd	JULY	Demelza Hospice Summer Fete.
Saturday	8th	JULY	Paddock Wood
Saturday	29th	JULY	New Romney
Wednesday	16th	AUG	Hythe Venetian Fair
Saturday	19th	AUG	Hythe Hythe Carnival
Saturday	19th	AUG	Biddenden Tractorfest
Sunday	20th	AUG	Biddenden Tractorfest
Saturday	26th	AUG	Dover Regatta
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
Saturday	7th	OCT	Cranbrook Apple Fair
Sunday	8th	OCT	Gillingham Tree Planting picnic
Saturday	4th	NOV	Chatham Dockside Outlet Centre
Saturday	11th	NOV	Canterbury Whitefriars Centre.
Saturday	25th	NOV	Dover De Bradleigh Wharf
Saturday	9th	DEC	Medway Hempstead Valley
Saturday	16th	DEC	Thanet Westwood Cross
Friday	22nd	DEC	Gravesend Thamesgate
Saturday	23rd	DEC	Gravesend Thamesgate
Sunday	24th	DEC	Gravesend Thamesgate



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