



Welcome to the first edition of The Mercury Lite. This is extra to the bi-annual Provincial magazine, The Mercury, and will be available on a very regular basis, to keep you up-to-date with many events in our Province.

This online 'Lite' version will promote and report on many events, but not all. Please look on the Provincial website - www.pgim.org.uk for details of all events happening in and around the Province.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE ANNUAL MEETING



Tuesday 9 May was the Provincial Annual meeting for Craft, which was held as usual in the Grand Temple, Freemasons Hall. It was, once again, a splendid occasion with most, if not all, lodges in Middlesex represented.

Congratulations to everyone who received appointments/promotions and if you have not been before, it is certainly one of the must do events in the calendar. Put the date in your diary now for next year - you won't be disappointed!

• Tuesday 8 May 2018 •

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION



As the previous venue for the Royal Arch Annual Meeting, the Imperial Sports Club, was no longer available a new venue had to be found at relatively short notice and it was decided that for this year we would go to Freemasons Hall in London. Plans were going well with the decision to have the meeting in the very interesting Temple 10. Interesting because it is also referred to as the Egyptian Temple due to its decor. About a month before the meeting however, Freemasons Hall decided that Temple 10 was going to have some refurbishment work done and that it would no longer be available on that date. The only room big enough, therefore, was the Grand Temple. As most of you will know the Grand Temple is not wrongly named, it is a fair size, and it was important to try to make us feel comfortable in such a large room. By careful seating arrangements we were able to have a really enjoyable meeting in that wonderful Temple. The plan is to find an alternative venue back in the Province for 2018, so look out for announcements of the date and venue. To see all the photos click on the photo above.

To celebrate the 300 year anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Masonic Provinces of Hertfordshire & Middlesex are proud to present.....

'THE PARTY IN THE PARK'



This once in a lifetime event will be held on the 22nd July 2017 at
The Royal Masonic School for Girls,
Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 4HF

12 Noon till 7.30pm

Free Entry on the day



The Middlesex Grand Family Fete this year has changed its name!

Middlesex has joined with Hertfordshire to make it even bigger and better

**SATURDAY
22 JULY**

- FUN FAIR
- FOOD STALLS
- HAVE A GO ACTIVITIES
- LASER SHOOTS
- SHEEP SHOW
- MARCHING BAND
- LIVE TRIBUTE ACTS TO INCLUDE: BUDDY HOLLY, BEE GEES & ABBA
- BIRD OF PREY DEMONSTRATIONS
- CLASSIC CARS
- MANY GAMES AND CHALLENGES
- FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

EVEN DURING A FESTIVAL, LODGES ARE STILL DONATING TO NON-MASONIC CHARITIES



It is good to see that Lodges are still donating money to non-masonic charities during the five year period of our Festival. Here are a couple of examples: On the left, Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support Charity being presented a cheque from Royal Middlesex Chapter and on the right, Ruislip St Martin's Lodge presents a cheque to Fr Simon Evans, Vicar of St Martin's Church, to cover the cost of upgrading the surveillance cameras and control equipment installed to keep the church and its congregation secure.

THE 2020 FESTIVAL REACHES £2.6 MILLION

At the Provincial Craft Annual Meeting, in recognition of the 300th year of United Grand Lodge, two of our Middlesex charities presented £300,000 to Les Hutchinson of the RMTGB toward The 2020 Festival. The Middlesex Province Relief Fund gave £200,000 and the Middlesex Masonic Charity gave £100,000. These amazing contributions took the amount raised for The 2020 Festival to £2.6m. This is an incredible way to mark and celebrate the 300th Anniversary, by recognising the importance of charity to Freemasonry.

DAVID BONNER LODGE HOSTS THE 2017 EUROPEAN MASONIC MEETING



Over the first weekend of June, David Bonner Lodge No.9678 played host to some 140 Masons and their guests from France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany, Norway, Romania and, of course, the UK. The event was the 15th European Masonic meeting to be held - but the first time in the UK. The Europeans were particularly happy to celebrate in Middlesex in the tercentenary year. Saturday 3rd was the official meeting held at Cole Court, Twickenham. It began with guests arriving by coach and mingling on the lawn, entertained by a West Indian steel band. Having been

called into the Norman Moore Temple they were welcomed and then sang the many songs which are used in Middlesex Lodges. The Middlesex Masonic Choir, under its leader Fred Chandler, were there to lend support. Guest of honour was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Simon Thoday with his wife Pam and as well as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Paul Huggins.

David Bonner is the musician's Lodge for Middlesex so it was appropriate that music should play a central part for the event. After the official business of the meeting had been conducted with just Masons present, all enjoyed a Champagne reception on the lawn. Full regalia was worn by all Masons from the various constitutions, and this proved a splendid sight. Dinner followed, and the party took over the main dining room and the whole bar area. Music and dancing was provided by, Michael Buble tribute singer, Mikey JC and a great night was had by all. This was just one of the many events organised for our visitors. Visits to Great Queen Street with sightseeing of central London, Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace preceeded a barbecue at the hotel on Friday evening, with the KGB Jazz Trio and the UKUkes entertaining. Many chose to shop and dine in Weybridge on other days, and the German contingent also managed a day trip to Brighton. All agreed it was a splendid weekend. Thanks go especially to Peter Leatherbarrow, Keith Gardiner and Mike Kearsley who formed the main committee of organisers. We all meet again next year in Maastricht, Holland courtesy of the Gen Pershing Lodge, Netherland Constitution. See www.emm-2017.uk for full details.

If your Lodge is having an event which is interesting or maybe different and you think others would like to know about it please email me the details so it can be considered for inclusion into The Mercury Lite.

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