



HALL STONE OBSERVER

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of our Buckinghamshire Provincial newsletter. This new publication marks an exciting step forward in how we share news, celebrate achievements, and stay connected across our Province and beyond. Through these pages, we aim to shine a light on the events and work being done by our Lodges and Brethren — both within Freemasonry and in the wider community. From charitable endeavours to upcoming events, new initiatives, and personal milestones, this newsletter is for you to share with guests, friends and families. I hope you find it both informative and inspiring, and I encourage you to contribute and be part of this shared voice for Freemasonry in Buckinghamshire.

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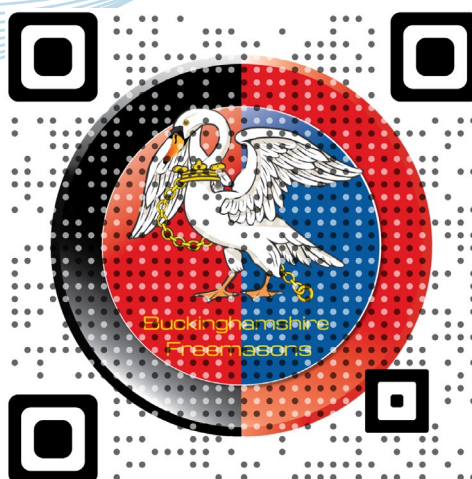
Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire



Special Interest Lodges



Let's meet the
Buckinghamshire Classic
Car Lodge



Our Social Media channels

Stay up to date on what the Buckinghamshire Freemasons' are doing. By clicking or scanning this QR code, you can find our channels.

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The North East Corner Club is a Freemasonry club within our Province. It focuses on social, educational and networking events for Freemasons including away days and noisemakers. The NECC have a strong emphasis on Freemasonry values, such as charity and humility. The club is set up to help and guide joining members in the world of Freemasonry. Although there is an emphasis on newer members, all Freemasons are welcome to attend NECC events and promotions.



NECC Saturday Socials start with a bang!

The fantastic day out saw 30 Brethren and guests representing 18 Lodges from across the Province descend upon Common Leys Shooting Ground for a morning of scaring clay pigeons. The glorious weather and the amazing staff at Common Leys only helped to make the day more enjoyable.

Fund raising

With all of the guns, fun and sun we managed to raise £270 for the NECC charity of the years the Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund. If you missed this event not to worry as work is already underway for an even bigger and better event at Common Leys Shooting Grounds later in the Summer with the Light Blues clubs from our neighbouring Provinces.



YOU CAN JOIN IN

More events have been planned. These are open to all – you don't need to be a Freemason.

Book in for future events via our Secretary here: necc@buckspgl.org



Fundraising for Camphill

Rod Shepherd and Dave Todd from Manor of Swanburn Lodge literally took charity fundraisers to new heights when they successfully abseiled down The National Lift Tower in Northampton. The Lift Tower is a unique lift testing facility that stands at 128 metres (over 400ft) up into the sky. The intrepid pair have so far raised over £2000 for Camphill in Milton Keynes. Further donations can be made at www.donate.giveatop.co.uk/f/masonic-charitablefoundation/l8647-manor-of-swanburn-lodge/rod-shepherd-camphill-abseil.



Can you lend a hand?

Volunteers are required for the Walk of Light 2025 in support of Florence Nightingale Hospice. The event takes place at Waddesdon Manor on the evening of the 13th June. Please come and support this amazing charity by donating your time as a volunteer marshal. All equipment and training will be provided on the day.

Please contact

www.fnhospice.org.uk/event/walk-of-light-2025

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

DON'T GET CAUGHT BY THE NUMBER 1 MEN'S CANCER!

Slough Masonic Centre Sunday 18 May 2025
Access code for Slough is 'Slough'

Bletchley Masonic Centre Sunday 25 May 2025
Access code for Bletchley is 'Bletchley'

Both sessions from **10.00am - 1.00pm**
£70 per test

Scan here or Click here to book your test
or visit <https://chaps-uk.org/book-event-main>

BOOK A SIMPLE PSA BLOOD TEST NOW

BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

- YOU MUST book an appointment to be tested (no walk-ins)
- YOU SHOULD have your NHS Number to book an appointment
- YOU MUST FIRST 'OPEN AN ACCOUNT' on <https://chaps-uk.org/book-event-main>
- YOU MUST book online at <https://chaps-uk.org/book-event-main>
- YOU MUST print out and bring your appointment confirmation

NB: PSA screening blood tests are for men aged 40-80 who are not already on treatment or under care for a known prostate condition. Screening is strongly recommended for men of black African and Caribbean heritage and men with a family history of prostate cancer, breast or ovarian cancer who are at high risk from prostate cancer.

Event supported and sponsored by:

Screening dates announced

Prostate Cancer is the most common cancer in men in the UK and can affect anyone at any age, though the risk increases in men over 50. Early diagnosis, as with all cancers, is essential and increases the chance of surviving. The province are supporting Prostate screening at Slough (18th May) and Bletchley (25th May). You must book an appointment which can be done online. Details are below, remember early detection saves lives.



Spotlight on Special Interest Lodges in Buckinghamshire

Do you love the shape of an Aston Martin DB5? Have a secret yearning for an E-type Jaguar? Or even want to re-live your youth with a Mk1 Ford Capri. Then the Bucks Classic Car Lodge is definitely a club that would interest you. It is a specialist lodge for those who love the sound of a V8, the intricacies of a fuel injection system or even the lines of a Ford Sierra.



You can join this lodge.

You don't have to be the owner of a Classic Car to join, just have a love of admiring, maintaining and if you're very lucky driving them. Our members have a variety of cars that they show at car club meets or visit planned events such as hill climb races and events like Goodwood. We meet at different centres across the province (gives us a chance to drive there) throughout the year. If you would like to know more about us, please contact our Secretary here: secretary9945@gmail.com



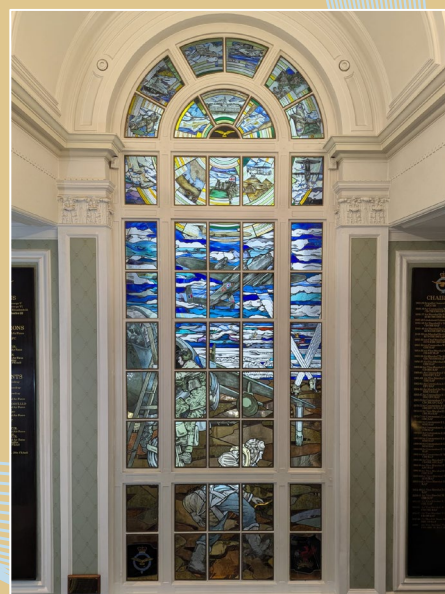


A Spring Walk with Stephens Lodge

Stephens 'Walking' Lodge held their Spring Walk, finishing with a well-earned refreshment at the Rebellion Brewery in Marlow Bottom. They were joined on the walk by friends, family and many new guests. Their next walk will be held on Sunday 29th June with a lunch hosted by our new PGM. Details to follow. If you enjoy the walking, you can join this lodge by emailing the secretary here: davidclark25@icloud.com

Exploring the History of Aviation

Our aviation specialisation Lodge of Concorde spent a day exploring the Imperial War Museum in Lambeth before resting their aching feet, enjoying a relaxing evening at the Royal Air Force Club on Piccadilly.



YOU CAN JOIN IN

If you have an interest in aviation through a career or hobby why not join us. You can contact the secretary by scanning with your phone or clicking on this QR code.

