



Vivary News

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VIVARY LODGE No. 8654

Province of Somerset English Constitution

Our New Worshipful Master

W Bro John Rudge was installed as our 43rd Master at our October meeting, which was attended by W Bro Darren L Sinclair, *PJGW*, representing the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David J Medlock *DL*.



This is the fourth time that John has occupied the Chair of King Solomon but this is his first time as Worshipful Master of Vivary Lodge.

John had the pleasure of investing “light blues” in all the progressive offices of the Lodge which is an indication of Vivary’s stability for the future. This was further enforced by four candidates being proposed for Initiation

Double Welcome

April’s well attended and successful Gentlemen’s Evening held by the Lodge brought forward a number of people who expressed a desire to enter Freemasonry and Vivary in particular. As a result our November meeting saw a double initiation with Jon Cresswell and Andy Hayes being welcomed into Vivary Lodge in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, David Medlock.



Although not unique this double initiation was the first carried out by the Lodge for a number of decades and such was the success of the Gentleman's evening we will be carrying out another double initiation in February next year.

2020 Festival

November's meeting saw Vivary Lodge being awarded with its fourth Ashlar, in respect of the contributions made toward the 2020 Festival. The Ashlar was presented by the Provincial Grand Master, David Medlock and received on behalf of the Lodge by W Bro Henry Besley our hard working Charity Steward.



In Memoriam



In July our Lodge was sad to hear of the death of W. Bro Samuel Barnes who earlier in the summer had been presented with a Fifty Year Certificate and Pin by W Bro Barry Woodside JGD.

Sam was extremely passionate about his Freemasonry. He was initiated into Eliot Lodge No. 1164 at St Germans in Cornwall on the 13th February 1969 and Exalted at Looe into St Anne's Chapter No. 970 on the 21st December 1971.

Sam served in the Royal Navy during World War II and saw action in Normandy in the summer of 1944 aboard the battle cruiser HMS Ceres. He later served in Atlantic waters aboard HMS Royal Ulsterman. Afterwards Sam joined the civil service in Cornwall and in 1974 Sam was appointed the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's Divisional Field Officer for the counties of Somerset and Dorset and was transferred to Taunton.

Once in Taunton by Sam joined Vivary Lodge No. 8654 and became Worshipful Master in 1988. Following his year as IPM he served in the office of Almoner for a period of ten years an office he excelled in providing comfort and assistance to both brethren and widows alike, in 1994 Sam received a Provincial rank of PPrSGD in the Province of Somerset.

Remembrance Sunday

Taunton's Remembrance Sunday Service held at the town's War Memorial in Vivary Park was attended by Brother Ed Richings, a member of Vivary Lodge No. 8654 and also a serving Warrant Officer 1 in the Royal Navy, who laid a wreath on behalf of all of Taunton's Masonic Lodges.

Strawberries, Hoops, Mallets and Balls

On a typical English summer's afternoon the sounds of mallet on ball drifted across the Langaller landscape as Vivary's Summer Event took place with an afternoon of croquet, cream teas and strawberries. Our hosts were Lodge Charity Steward W. Bro Henry Besley and his wife, Dianne who met their guests with welcoming glasses of home-made elderflower cordial which were just the thing for a hot summer's day and complemented by the strawberries which were supplied by Bro. Edwin Quick.

Henry supervised and coached the members and their partners in the mysteries and techniques of the game of croquet. Different grips on the mallets were used some conventional and others not so.



Bro Ed Richings looks on apprehensively as Bro Richard Wilson lines up his shot. Note the grip!

The afternoon included a Raffle and plant sales all of which contributed to £290 raised, of which £145 has been given to the MS Society and £145 to Cancer Research.

All about Communication

W Bro Peter Light Lodge Information Officer, originator and compiler of this Vivary Newsletter has after providing the Lodge with an excellent information service for the past five years has now passed over the role to Bro Mike Marshall.

However Mike is now the Lodge Communications Officer, a change in title introduced to help develop more effective communication both inside and outside the Province and to emphasis the need for two way communication not just the dispensing information.

The new Provincial Website is up and running, so that you will now be better able to access matters PGL. the address is. www.pglsom.org

Just for Fun

Vivary Lodge received a mention in the nationally distributed Freemasonry Today magazine when W Bro Peter Light shared the details of a text he received from a Brother while awaiting an operation to have a stone removed. "He expressed his concern for my problem, offered to help in any way and wished me a speedy recovery. He did go on to ask if I could ascertain if the stone being removed was a rough or smooth one, and said he was pleased it was being removed by the more expert workman!"

Contributions for future editions will be welcome by the Lodge Communication Officer – mikejohnmarshall@btinternet.com Back numbers of Vivary News can be viewed on Vivary Lodge web page on the Provincial web site www.pglsom.org. If any recipient does not wish to be included in the (e)mailing list for Vivary News then please contact the LCO.

