



6988 NEWS IN BRIEF OCTOBER 2018



Sadly, on 11th July at a Thanksgiving Service, many current and past members of Queen's Lodge and wives joined family and friends to say 'farewell' to **WBro Ian Gibson** who lost his fight against cancer and who in 2015 aged 80 received a certificate marking his 50 years as a member of Queen's Lodge. **Peter Whittingham (OQ 1950-56)** gave the eulogy.

CADOGAN COURT, Exeter – On 16th June the 30th Annual Grand Summer Fair for RMBI



The Taunton Flower Show, 3-4th August - *the oldest in Europe and second oldest in the world, celebrated its 187th year.* Taunton Freemasons used the Provincial Gazebo to meet many of the 15,000 who visited the show. St George's has a candidate. Thanks to **WBros Keith Pickavance** and **Geoff Perrin** who represented Queen's Lodge



Federation of School Lodges on Saturday 1st September, it was the turn of Taunton School Lodge to host the annual meeting which Queen's did in 1967 and in 2000 in our 50th year when 430 were entertained at School. This coincided with celebrations for their 50th anniversary marked by the presence of special guest Sir David Hugh Wootton, Assistant Grand Master. It seems some from Queen's Lodge even managed to reach the bar!



On 15th September **Bro Dr Lindsay Edmunds** was invested as Master of Tivoli Lodge in Weston Super Mare. After the ceremony, Queen's Master, **WBro Alan Watkins** congratulated **WBro Lindsay** supported by 8 members of Queen's Lodge with their wives.

SMFA Sunday Lunch Sunday 7th October - to mark 250 years of Masonry in Somerset at the Cricket Club.

Lodge meeting 4 pm Saturday 13th October, 2nd Degree Ceremony. To receive Travelling Trowel from Royal Philanthropic Lodge 291.

Sunday 4th November – **Masonic Remembrance Event** at Wells Cathedral

Tuesday 6th November – pass Travelling Trowel on to St. Dunstan's Lodge 7973, Glastonbury

Saturday 8th December – **Lodge Meeting AM**. With our Ladies and guests.

Saturday 16th March 2019 – **Installation Meeting PM**.

BURNS SUPPER, Friday 25th January 2019 at TMC. **Please note date**; details will follow. During the last two years the Taunton Masonic Liaison Group has organised a St George's Supper which has proved very successful. This year, for a change, we propose to celebrate that grand old Freemason Robert Burns.

Taunton Masonic Hall Co Notes

- The lease for our new tenant in No 20* took effect from 1st May 2018 to Beaux Health & Beauty.
- The Board is to make a suitable cupboard available for the storage of donated regalia. W Bro Mark Coray will manage it.
- Mistakes in the spelling of some names on the Honours Boards will be corrected soon. Some honours boards need additional “wings”.
- Investigations regarding the complicated question of disabled access are on-going.
- A fully commercial cooker capable of cooking more meals in a shorter time has been purchased at a cost of £10,000.
- The Treasurer’s report estimated a breakeven situation for the y/e 30th June 2018.

NOTE - Geoff Bisson, senior historian at Queen’s, has discovered that in 1844, the School, then located at Castle House needed extra space to house boarders so they rented No. 20* The Crescent for 3 years. Small world!

OLD QUEENIANS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN NEWSLETTER:

<https://www.queenscollege.org.uk/uploads/files/oq-autumn-2018.pdf>

See Lodge page 22. 175th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, November 10th, at Queen’s College.