

The London Mallet - April 2020

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The PGM Writes...

Brethren of London, right at the very start I will say that I make no apologies for the length of this article. If you intend to bear with me and read to the end, I suggest you pause here, go make yourself a cup of tea, get yourselves comfortable and continue reading!

[Read more](#)



Suspension of Masonic Activities

Last month, the Provincial Grand Master sent a letter to all members of the Province regarding the suspension of all Masonic activity. If you missed it, you can read it [here](#).



Volunteering

Bro Carl Fazackerley, a member of Loyalty Mark No.1989, has thrown himself into the frontline with St. John since the closure of his workplace due to Covid-19. [Read more](#)



Almoner Guidance

With many of us supporting our fellow brethren through the current situation, Mark Masons' Hall has published some guidance notes for Almoners and those brethren involved in almoner-related activities.

[Data protection FAQs for Almoners](#)
[Guidance Notes](#)



Advancement in Masonic Knowledge

Masons from all over the world are joining the London Mark weekly Zoom meetings. So far we have had an APGM, the ProvGM and the DepProvGM presenting and on 28 April WBro Chris James will talk about Rudyard Kipling. Email [Mahir Kilic](#) for details on how to join.



Olive Branch Pin for an Excellent Elevation

The rules governing an attempt at the Olive Branch Pin have been relaxed until July 2022 to enable a Past Commander of a Lodge to apply to win this novel award. [Read more.](#)



Off out again, delivering food supplies

Home for the last 25 years for Paul Brown, Secretary/Scribe of Foundation No.921 Mark & RAM, has been a small village outside Tetbury in the Cotswolds (home to Prince Charles etc.). Here with a business partner, Paul set up a wine merchants which was formed in February of this year when another local merchant went into liquidation... [Read more](#)

Three BEMs in the Family!

On 26 February, VW Bro Bob Hancock of Equator Lodge No.1889 was present at Loseley Hall to witness his wife Brid being invested with her BEM. [Read more](#)



New Equipment for LFB

Last month, it was the PGM's great pleasure to attend the Metropolitan Grand Lodge Annual Meeting as a guest and to represent London Mark. Who and what should he bump into at the door? None other than our Provincial Grand Joint Charity Steward, Marios Stylianides, surveying one of his latest acquisitions... [Read more](#)



Tea at 3

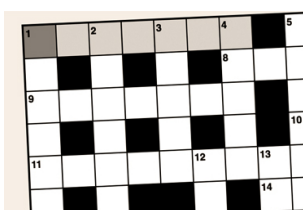
An initiative from Grand Lodge, T@3 is about taking time out of your day to have a cuppa and perhaps ring a few brethren to check on their welfare and to have a general natter.

The ProvGM combined his superb singing voice and skill at lyric writing to send us a special message. Click [here](#).

Photo Competition

During these trying times, a competition has been launched which may assist in keeping your spirits up! We'd like you to send us digital prints of anything you have photographed

during the past 6 months – whether it be a pet, landscape, person, inanimate object or just a beautiful view of your garden - anything which could bring joy to those many members who are feeling the strain of lockdown. [Read more](#)



Tom's Boredom Buster

To help you while away the hours of lockdown, here is a crossword and the winner will receive a prize of £25 courtesy of the Provincial Grand Master. [Read more.](#)

Other Ways to Survive Lockdown

Mental well-being tips from the NHS can be found [here](#).

The [National Theatre](#) is streaming some of its past productions such as Jane Eyre and Treasure Island.

Physical exercise is important during lockdown - you can find some examples [here](#).



Opportunities to help your Province

We have some interesting vacancies which we are asking members to have a look at to see if your experience could be used on a voluntary basis assisting the Provincial Communications Team in their work keeping the members of the Province as up to date as possible.

We are looking for a Year Book Editor, web / social media content managers and photographers. For further information about

these high-profile roles, please contact [Chris James](#).



Dates for your Diary (may be subject to change)

17 September, 2020 - Mark Provincial Golf Day

8 October, 2020 - Provincial Officer's Mess Luncheon

17 November, 2020 - Provincial 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

15 - 17 January, 2021 - Burns Weekend

You can keep up to date with all the News and Events from across the Province - including the galleries containing pictures of all the Executive visits to our Lodges - by visiting the Provincial website - <http://www.markprovinceoflondon.com/>

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