

## The London Mallet - September 2020

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### **The PGM Writes...**

Before writing this particular letter, Brethren, I've had a look back at previous *London Mallets* and 'PGM Writes' articles. This is now my 4<sup>th</sup> 'PGM Writes' since lockdown started and I will start by thanking Chris James and his team for their magnificent efforts in publishing our very special *London Mallet* and distributing the several news items which emanate regularly from Provincial and other sources. Since the first lockdown publication in April there have been so many successes and achievements...



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**50-50 Club donates to the Aagoonoree Trust Fund**

£2,200 has been donated to The Aagoonoree Trust Fund. The Fund was founded in 1947 to enable Scouts with special needs to enjoy a summer camp and every year since then they have been holding annual Aagoonoree camps for approximately 40 Scouts. [Read more](#)

**London Mark donates to The Silver Line**

London Mark Masons have donated £1,000 to a charity called The Silver Line. Founded by Ester Rantzen and now part of Age UK, The Silver Line is a free confidential telephone helpline offering information, friendship and advice to older people in the UK – a service that is available 24 hours a day. [Read more](#)



**London Mark donates to Suited & Booted**



**WLMC passes its 10,000 meals target!**

London Mark has donated £1,000 to Suited & Booted, a charity that helps vulnerable, ex-offenders, unemployed and low-income men (some of whom are homeless) into employment by providing interview clothing and interview advice.

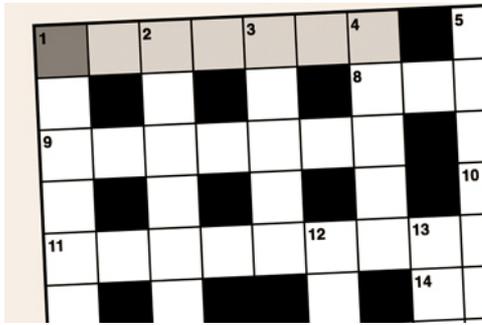
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The West London Masonic Centre has broken its target and is still going strong. Bob Hancock, Chairman of WLMC, said "This is a fantastic achievement by our magnificent kitchen staff...ably supported by...W.Bro John Holdsworth and the Board of Directors..." [Read more](#)



### Volunteering in Action

Over the past 6 months our Facebook Group and *London Mallet* posts and articles have abounded with many heart-warming stories and photographs of London Mark Brethren assisting the poor and vulnerable in our communities, in a wide variety of ways during the Covid-19 pandemic. [Here](#) is a special piece from W. Bro. Don McGarr – a brother well known across the Province - giving us an insight into an aspect of his character, which demonstrates the truly generous spirit of Freemasonry and illustrates so well the various charges and exhortations in our rituals – to relieve the necessities of our fellow creatures.



**Crossword Competition Winner**

Back in June, the PGM compiled a crossword as a "boredom buster" and offered a prize to the winner. All the correct entries were noted, names recorded and put into a hat. The winning name was drawn out and a cheque from the Provincial Grand Master was very shortly on its way to the happy recipient. Congratulations, Oliver Coddington!

**Photo Competition Winner**

Also back in June, we ran a Provincial photo competition. We had a very good response with a very high standard of photographic composition and the winner of the bottle of whisky was Andy Button, the current WM of Tuscan 454. The photo was taken in Paris, earlier this year. You can a selection of the entries [here](#).



**London Mark Rugby Football Club**

Over the last few months, the London Mark Rugby Football Club has been founded with John Ellis APGM as Chairman, and the Club now needs your help - either as a player or as a supporter. The Club's Director of Rugby, Sammy Harman, tells us more about it... [Read more](#)

**Advancement in Masonic Knowledge**

Masons from all over the world are joining a weekly Zoom meeting, hosted by 2 London Mark Masons. So far members of the Executive have presented, as well as Dr David Staples and Christine Chapman of the HFAF. For details on how to join please contact Ameet Watts (ameet.watts@hotmail.com).



### **Traditional Scottish tablet**

Continuing our recipe of the month, this time we have a very sweet recipe from the equally sweet Mrs Eunice Quinn (can I have a promotion? - Ed.).

You can view the recipe [here](#).

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### **Dates for your Diary (may be subject to change)**

16-18 April, 2021 - St. George's Weekend

8 November, 2021 - Provincial "30th" Anniversary Celebration Dinner

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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) as well as updates from Mark Masons' Hall on all the Progressive Orders by visiting the Provincial website - <http://www.markprovinceoflondon.com/>

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