



# The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## 1. **Freemasonry in the Community - 2012**

Grand Lodge have asked Provinces and Centres to promote and publicise freemasonry by participating as Freemasons in events taking place in our communities; by undertaking a community project or by holding an annual event that might both benefit the local community and also feature in the local media.

Those 14 Centres that did not hold an Open Day last year will be encouraged to do so in 2012. A brief, based on the experiences of those 12 Centres who held an 'open to the public' day last year, will be sent to Information Officers whose lodges were not involved in an Open Day in their Centre. May I ask them to meet and consider holding such an event this year?

Those Centres/Lodges who were involved in the successful programme of Open Days in 2011 are asked to consider mounting *Freemasonry in the Community* projects in their own areas. Again, a brief will be sent to all LIOs for consideration.

All Somerset LIOs are requested to consider taking the lead in either of these projects as their main priority for 2012.

## 2. **Somerset Masonic Charities Committee donations**

*The SMC has donated to:*

*The Burnham Disabled Swimming Club - £1,000.*

*The Somerset Care and Repair Potting Shed Project - £500. This presentation is displayed via the Provincial web-site on [www.pglsomerset.org.uk](http://www.pglsomerset.org.uk)*

*David Maddern, the Asst.Pr.GChStwd, has asked lodges in the Midsomer Norton area to consider supporting this admirable project.*

*Child Victims of Crime - £500*

*Ups & Downs SW (Downs Syndrome) -*

*£1000*

*Safe Stronger Neighbourhoods - £500*

*Wells Vineyard - £500*

*PALS Water Activity Club (disabled people from West Somerset swimming at St. Audries Bay Holiday Camp) - £500*

*Young People Frome - £500*

*Any Lodges wishing to have local charities considered for support from the Somerset Masonic Charities Committee should submit requests and details to: W.Bro. Roger Poynton PrGChStwd.*



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### Grand Charity Grants

Four Hospices in Somerset have recently benefited from grants from The Grand Charity:

**St. Margaret's Hospice, Taunton.** Cheque for £3272 presented by W.Bro. John Cottrell and W.Bro. Terry Hayes on December 9, 2011.

**Children's Hospice SW (Wraxall).** Cheque for £1913 presented by W.Bro. David Mason and W.Bro. Phil Giorgetti.

**St. Margaret's Hospice, Yeovil.** Cheque for £3272 presented by W.Bro. Justin Martin, W.Bro. John R C Cole and W.Bro. Barry Scott on December 15, 2011.

**Weston Hospicecare.** Cheque for £2420 presented by RW Bro Stuart Hadler, W.Bro. Fred Body, W.Bro. Perry Vou and W.Bro. John Cole on Monday January 9, 2012.

All these presentations have been the subject of a press release. It would be appreciated if anyone seeing these reports in their local press would send me a copy.



### 4. Bi-annual Church Service

**The Masonic Church Service at Wells Cathedral** is to be held on **Sunday April 15, 2012 at 5.30pm.** The PGM will invite all WMs in office to attend with their wives/partners. These WMs will be requested to wear their collars for the Cathedral service.

### Provincial Diary of Events

#### 2012

|                     |                                                                     |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday January 10, | Dedication of Tracing Boards Ceremony - Tyntesfield Lodge, Nailsea. |
| Saturday Feb. 11    | 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Royal Sussex Lodge, Bath.           |
| Wednesday March 14  | Team Visit - Somersetshire Lodge                                    |
| Thursday March 29   | <b>Provincial AGM</b> - Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare at 2.30pm |
| Sunday April 15     | Provincial Church Service at Wells Cathedral - 5.30pm               |
| Monday April 30     | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting - John de Clivedon Lodge       |
| Wednesday May 9     | 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting - Connaught Lodge             |

*These dates and other news can be found on the Provincial website: [www.pglsomerset.org.uk](http://www.pglsomerset.org.uk)*

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**All Lodge Information Officers are requested to pass on the above information to their Lodge members, by email 'forward', and/or verbally at their next meeting. This Bulletin is also being circulated to all Lodge Secretaries 'for information only'.**

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