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**BULLETIN No. 3/10 - July, 2010**

1. **Lodge Information Officers' meetings**

The meeting for LIOs in the Bath, Bruton, Clevedon, Frome, Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and Portishead areas on **Saturday July 24** has been moved from Bath to the Keynsham centre. Parking at the Bath centre is not too easy and Saturday morning is, on reflection, not a good time to get into Bath. Parking at the Keynsham centre is easy and there are plenty of spaces. I hope this change of venue is more convenient to those wishing to attend. Should you wish to attend but have not yet notified me, I look forward to hearing from you. Time remains at **10.30am - 12.00noon**.

The meeting for the Taunton/Bridgwater/Glastonbury/Yeovil area remains at 7.30pm on Thursday August 12 in Taunton. Minehead/Exmoor/Watchet meeting is still to be arranged.

2. **SSAFA**

*On June 9 the Grand Charity announced a grant of £250,000 to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association to support the excellent work that SSAFA does to help current and former members of the Armed Forces and their families Each Province will receive a cheque for £5,000 to be presented to their local SSAFA branch.*

*The Somerset SSAFA branch is holding a training day on Tuesday October 19 and, subject to confirmation, will invite a delegation from Somerset Province to present this cheque on that day. Full details when available.*

3. **Provincial Informal Lunch and Afternoon - September 19**

Please find att. an invitation for members, wives, friends and potential members to attend an informal lunch and afternoon at the Square & Compass pub on Sunday September 19.

I would request that LIOs forward this invite to all their own Lodge members. It is an opportunity for our wives and friends to meet in relaxed and comfortable circumstances and enjoy good food, good music and good conversation.

4. **Facebook**

*At the Weston and area meeting of LIOs, held on Saturday May 29, it was suggested by a younger member that one way to attract new, young people to join us was through 'Facebook' and he offered to launch a pilot scheme on behalf of his Lodge. He added that a lot of his friends and colleagues communicated in this way and that he could reach millions of Facebook subscribers - aged 20-35 very quickly. We agreed that this could only be achieved with the blessing of Province and UGLE.*

*Province have decided that at present this should not be used by Somerset Freemasons. Accepting and applauding the initiative shown, it is felt that not enough safeguards currently exist for Freemasonry.*

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**All Lodge Information Officers are requested to pass on the above information to their Lodge members, by email 'forward', or verbally at their next Lodge meeting. The electronic method is preferable as most Lodges will not meet again until the Autumn.**

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