

DO WE REALLY NEED A BAR?

Bro. Mike Hart - Vice Chairman Stowmarket Masonic Association



The Stowmarket Masonic Association (SMA) is considering a proposal to remodel the bar area at the Masonic Centre in Violet Hill Road. The question has to be asked - is it worth the hassle?

The present facility is costly to run. It is time consuming - ordering supplies, moving stock, stock taking, banking and maintaining the accounts. Then also there is the fridge and ice maker running 24/7, a glass washer to maintain and breakages to replace. All of this for one to two hours use a week for just eight months in the Masonic Season.

The current plan is to undertake some exploratory works in early January to establish how and what the existing walls are constructed of. Then we can consider the feasibility of removing walls and opening up into the dining room to increase the floor area and allow better movement in and out.

On conclusion of this operation, and taking into account the results of the investigations, a master plan can be drawn up. From here on, it can get expensive! A new curved bar, modern bottle coolers, mirrors, bar fittings, security grills, new

lighting, laminate flooring, curtains, decorations - and more

At present no-one has any idea what the finished article should look like! Do you think it should look like:

A gentleman's club complete with leather chairs and dark oak panelling?

A country pub with make believe wooden beams and horse brasses?

A modern city centre bar with flashing coloured lights and mirrors all round?

Now is YOUR chance to have a say in what we do! I want you, please, to do three things -

FIRST - please send me (Mike Hart) an Email suggesting how we could best improve the Dining Room/Bar facilities at the Masonic Centre. My Email address is mike.hart1@btinternet.com

SECONDLY - PLEASE do come to the SMA AGM on 21st March to discuss your and other ideas about the way forward. If you want your money spent well, spend two hours on March 21st to ensure it is spent wisely. Who knows - if your ideas are taken up the new banqueting suite could be named after you!

THIRDLY - please do not leave it to other people to do the thinking! Whether or not you are a regular attendee at the Masonic Centre, share your ideas with us.

Congratulations...

Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk Appointments and Promotions 2012

PHOENIX *Appointment:* J Shaw *PPJGD*, R Rednall *PPASB*,

Promotion: B Lloyd, PPSwdB

ALA *Appointment:* R Mullins *PPADC*, M Hall *PPAGStB*, M Hart *PPAGStB*

Promotions: J Kirk *PPG Registrar*, B Chapman, *PPSGD*, B Williams *PPSGD*, P Wright *PPJGB*,

BOSMERE *Appointment:* J Ford *PPJGD*

Promotion: A Parsons *PPADC*

Provincial Grand Chapter of Suffolk Appointments and Promotions 2012

PHOENIX & ALA *Appointments:* R Rednall *PPAssGDC*, B Chapman, *PPGStB*

Promotion: R Goodall *GSoj*

EDITORIAL

by W.Bro. Ian Finch

Although we are urged to save trees by only printing essential documents, there is a good case for keeping printed or 'hard' copies of Oracle for future reference. Quick online 'scanning' can easily miss small but very important snippets of information. A proper 'read', at a more leisurely pace, gives a much better perspective of the total contents – and will hopefully lead to greater reader enjoyment.

The Masonic Season is now in full swing and it is very encouraging to see that the numbers attending our Lodges have not, so far, been hit by Recession. There is however no room for complacency as that situation can change very rapidly.

There will always be 'natural wastage' so perhaps we should measure the 'net gain' or 'net loss' of 'comers and goers'. Looked at another way – if a Lodge with fifty members loses four Brothers who were not replaced by Initiates or Joining Members, that 8% downturn in membership is significant. If that became an ongoing trend, one asks for how long could that be sustainable?

Conversely, an encouraging trend is that the number of 'younger' masons who are eager to 'progress' is increasing. Having so said, there may still be unavoidable reasons why a Lodge has to 'recycle' a Past Master to hold an office for a second term. One such was W Bro David Boon who bravely took the Phoenix Chair at the eleventh hour – and also managed to convert Hertfordshire to Phoenix workings!

Oracle is essentially an in-house masonic newsletter, if not a magazine, with a fairly narrow focus. Without in any way compromising Oracle's raison d'être, reader interest could be enhanced if we slightly broadened the horizon. We could include a few articles of general interest. For example, some more 'mature' Brethren really struggle with rapidly changing IT (or computer technology). In our next edition we are going to trial an 'IT Corner' where an anonymous IT-expert Brother will give us some useful hints and tips.

Oracle is circulated to all the members in every Lodge that uses the Stowmarket Masonic Centre. It is also posted on the Provincial website that can be found at www.suffolkfreemason.org Click on Craft Lodges, then 'Select by Lodge Name or Number'. Scroll down and click on 516 - and there you can select Oracle. Thus our little in-house newsletter can theoretically be read by 3,000 or so Suffolk Freemasons – and by millions across the world!

You may be familiar with the acronym 'WYSIWYG'. Can you work out what 'WWYLTSIO' means? The answer lies in an article of that name in this newsletter!

'WWYLTSIO' -

(What Would YOU Like To See In Oracle?)

We have had very little feedback about what you, the Brethren, think of Oracle. Do you read it? Do you like what you see? Would you like to see different themes developed? Is it too 'stuffy'? Is it a waste of time trying to promote it?

So far we have assembled various articles that we think might interest you, but are we right? The biggest mistake a salesman can make is to tell a potential customer what he (the Rep) thinks the customer ought to want. We do NOT want to adopt the rather cavalier 'WYSIWYG' ('What You See Is What You Get') attitude.

In the next edition of Oracle we will include a Questionnaire for you to tell us what you want out of Oracle. In the meantime, please also ask yourself if you could become a contributor? You have a lot of skills out there and it would be a great pity if you were unable to share those skills with our readership.

The Editorial Team

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Three Lodges Carol Service

A record seventy four people attended the Carol Service held at the Stowmarket Masonic Centre on Monday 12th December 2011. I was privileged to lead the service of six Lessons and Carols. The shorter-than-normal service proved a good idea as there were quite a few little people in the congregation.

The lessons were read by Officers from the three Lodges. Every seat had an 'Order of Service' on it to help the congregation to more easily find the right page in the Carol Books (that had been donated by Bosmere in the previous year).

After the Carol Service we went downstairs for a fantastic array of 'nibbles' that had been generously given by the Bosmere Lodge wives. Barbara Mullins did a huge amount of work behind the scenes in the kitchen and we wrote to thank her for all her hard work.

We all went home with music in our ears and fortified by the refreshments. It was an evening to remember and hopefully the format may be one to repeat in the future.

*W Bro Alan Parsons
IPM, Bosmere Lodge*



THE FORGET-ME-NOT

The story behind this beloved emblem of Freemasonry

In early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the "Grand Lodge of the Sun" (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave dangers involved, adopted the little

blue Forget-Me-Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses. It was felt the flower would provide brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale

confiscation of all Masonic Lodge properties. Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness.

During the ensuing decade of Nazi power a little blue Forget-Me-Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby brethren could identify each other in public, and in cities and concentration camps throughout Europe. The Forget-Me-Not distinguished the lapels of countless brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished.

When the 'Grand Lodge of the Sun' was reopened in Bayreuth in 1947, by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little pin in the shape of a Forget-Me-Not was officially adopted as the emblem of that first annual convention of the brethren who had survived the bitter years of semi-darkness to rekindle the Masonic Light.

At the first Annual Convent of the new United Grand Lodge of Germany AF&AM (VGLvD), in 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem in honour of the thousands of valiant Brethren who carried on their Masonic work under adverse conditions.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a symbol of the fraternity, and become perhaps the most widely worn emblem among Freemasons in Germany - and abroad.

The pin used to be presented to Initiates in Germany, America and Canada. Nearer to home the little blue lapel badge is sometimes presented to widows of Freemasons - thus continuing the tradition but in peace-time. *Ian Finch*

Mentors and mentoring *W Bro John Pursglove*



Grand Lodge have recently made a big decision which will affect us all regarding the rank of Mentor.

Looking backwards, in 2008 Grand Lodge approval was given to set up a Provincial rank of Grand Mentor. Before that time it was thought that mentoring was just an informal arrangement. Accordingly W Bro Keith Huxley was duly appointed to that post in Suffolk.

Following that Provincial appointment, each Lodge has appointed a Mentoring Co-ordinator, who in turn put in place a

formal mentoring arrangement for all Masons, new or old!

Grand Lodge has now recognised the importance of this Office in the Lodge, and recommended, at the December 2011 Quarterly Communication, that the Worshipful Master of each Lodge has the option of appointing a Brother as Mentor, to rank immediately before the Senior Deacon, to co-ordinate mentoring within the Lodge.

Accordingly rule 104 (d) will be amended to read:

The Officers of the Lodge shall take precedence for investiture and otherwise in the following order: Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of ceremonies, Almoner, Charity Steward, Mentor, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Ast Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Ast Secretary, Inner Guard, Steward and Tyler.

The emblem of the office will be; 'Two chisels in saltire'

We now await the implementation of this decision from the Province

At last the day arrived when I said 'goodbye' to my work colleagues of the last fifteen or so years. I must say that by then I was ready for the change in tempo and I retired to Suffolk. It is such a lovely county - and what a good decision that has turned out to be. I have had no regrets. Rattlesden, with its very communal way of life, welcomed and accepted me.

My next task was to find a local Lodge, knowing that the time would come when I would be unable to make the 160 miles round weekly trip to Cheshunt. At the 'local' I made the acquaintance of a retired Police Inspector and during the course of conversation we discovered we were both part of the Brotherhood, though he was without a Lodge having just left Northampton. He had, however, seen his next door neighbour trotting down the drive in dark suit and brief case on a regular basis.

That person, was, W. Brother Brian Balaam to whom I was introduced and our involvement started. Bro David White, now sadly departed, and I were so pleased to have found such a welcoming place in the Stowmarket Masonic Association and our new Lodge, Phoenix.

Not wanting to sit on the side lines, I was keen to develop my involvement and so started by attending LOIs and rehearsals, taking an all round interest in what was going on. Once I had mastered the new lessons of a singing Lodge I was very happy to bring old friends to join us on the odd occasion. These Brothers returned to the comfort of their own Lodges muttering about the weird ways of the 'Country Bumpkin Suffolk Masons'. Funnily enough they have all asked to come again! They said that very few Lodges - if any - could have been more welcoming.

My proudest moment here was when I was asked to be the Phoenix Master in 2011. Such an honour had never crossed my mind. I had thought that my Hertfordshire Mastership in 2003 was it - been there, done that, got the Past Master's jewel, the end of my active service!

Only after agreeing, if voted in, did the horrifying, thought that 'her indoors' would want a new outfit!

Ah, well, I was committed - or maybe should have been - and I would try my very best. The learning bits were cheating as they all came back after a bit of revision and my year progressed.

During the year of my office I have made many new friends and visited a lot of new (to me) Lodges.

I have felt the love and support of members, pushing me in the right direction. For that I will always feel eternally grateful, as but for them, things would not have run so smoothly.

It has been a very enjoyable time and I hope I was able to encourage newer Brothers to find the satisfaction that can come from the disciplines of the work - coupled with much fun when it comes to the raising of monies for - like last year - The Tree House Appeal. At this point I must thank all the Brethren affiliated to the S.M.A and their friends for their generosity and support of that Appeal.

Now as Past Master (and how quickly that Master's year sped by), I will continue to be involved with helping and support any Brothers who may need assistance and to support not only Phoenix but also the S.M.A. in any way I can.

I sincerely hope Worshipful Master Steve Perry will have as great a year in 2012 as I did and I know he is very committed to giving his all to Phoenix Lodge and it's Brethren.

David Boon, IPM Phoenix Lodge Jan 2012



Letter to the Editor

SIR

HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ON YOUR OWN

This is not a chain letter - but I am asking you to publish it for the benefit of readers who might otherwise not survive a Heart Attack when alone. Professional medical opinion generally agrees with the advice given below. The advice is often given to at-risk patients. Obviously there can be no guaranteed happy outcome - but the procedure could possibly save your life!

Imagine it is 6.15pm and you are going home - alone - after an unusually hard day at work. You are really tired, upset and frustrated.

Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that then starts to move into your arm - and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home but you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You have been trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), but the guy who ran the

course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

You may well be alone when you suffer a heart attack. If your heart is beating improperly and you begin to feel faint - you will only have about ten seconds left before you lose consciousness.

You can help yourself by coughing repeatedly - and very vigorously. Take a deep breath before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged (as when coughing up sputum from deep inside your chest).

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm.

The 'breath and cough' routine must be repeated every two seconds or so, without let-up, until help arrives or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. In this situation a heart attack survivor might be able to get to a nearby hospital.

A British Heart Foundation survey showed that un-witnessed heart attack survival rate was only 7% - or that only one in fourteen survived. In 2009 around one in five male deaths were from CHD (coronary heart disease), so the odds are against us.

The further you spread this advice the more likely you are to save a life.

IT COULD EVEN BE YOUR LIFE!

A tribute to Richard Tydeman



A tribute from the staff at Cornwallis Court following the presentation of a photograph of Richard Tydeman by W Bro Steve Perry - Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 516

Thank you all for attending today. It is both a sad and a happy occasion. We have joined together today so we can remember and reflect upon a biography of a well known, respected, intelligent, kind and

gentle man known to the staff and residents at Cornwallis as Mr Tydeman - and as Reverend Canon Richard Tydeman to the Brethren.

Each one of us holds special memories, treasured moments. We are thankful that he shared part of his life with us here at Cornwallis Court. Mr Tydeman often asked of others and to their well being. He put others before himself. He spent time writing on certain topics and enjoyed sharing it with us. Often he would recite poetry and include us in his prayers. He praised staff for all that they did for him, for the care they gave and for the way in which it was given. I know staff will agree and say it was a pleasure to have known him.



Mr Tydeman was a well-known, respected brother within the Brethren who thought it appropriate to dedicate a portrait in his memory. Each time each of us passes down the corridor we will look up at the portrait of Mr Tydeman. It will hold meaning for visitors, it will hold discussion - but most of all Mr Tydeman will have pride of place at Cornwallis Court and will not be forgotten.

Jeanette Boucheron

Assistant Manager, Cornwallis Court
7th January 2012

PHOENIX LODGE 516

AT THE MASONIC HALL
SATURDAY 3 MARCH 2011

ONLY £6.00 per person - Teams of Four

Open to all, including other lodges and friends

TICKETS - Must be pre-paid and booked for catering purposes from
Bro. Kevin Hobbs - 01449 677552
or W.Bro. Peter Green - 01449 736910

Quiz 'n Chips



The Role of the Lodge Representative

W. Bro. Traver Scarff P.A.G.D.C. (Eng)
Group 9 Representative

In the late seventies the Province of Suffolk decided to appoint a number of Lodge Representatives who would have a group of six to eight Lodges to visit two or three times during each Masonic year. The first time I recall we at Phoenix Lodge had a visit from our then representative, I was at that time a Deacon, our Secretary requested that we put on a good show that evening as he put it, 'we had a spy in the camp tonight'. This word went around the Province and for a time most Lodges believed it to be true. Nothing of course is further from the truth.

A Lodge representative is, as I see it, a liaison officer bringing news of Provincial events and other information from the Province to the Lodges in their respective groups - and helping in any way possible to convey any queries from Secretaries and Members might have back to the Province.

The Provincial Secretary has over sixty Lodges to communicate with, so it does help if some of the queries are channelled through the Group Representative. Another and more important part of the work done by the Reps is to chat with and get to know the newer members and make them feel welcome. I have always tried to attend an initiation ceremony and sit next to the candidate at the Festive Board to get to know him and present him with a Suffolk year book. For the rest of the meetings I attend I try to sit with some of the newer members.

Probably the most important part of the work done by the Group Representative is when it comes to the appointments and promotions as and when they come up. The Province of Suffolk has a very fair and balanced way of giving these honours out and all the reps are invited to the meeting where the various appointments are made and given the opportunity to have as much input as they wish together with most of the acting Provincial Officers.

I was appointed as Representative for Group Nine which consist of seven Lodges namely Lodge of Virtue and Silence 332, Phoenix Lodge 516, Ala Lodge 5043, Round Table Lodge of Suffolk 9276, Rotary Lodge of Suffolk 9306, Bosmere Lodge 9460, and Brett Valley 9479



I was informed that it was for a minimum of five years but I am now well into my eighth year, so retirement cannot be far away.

However, it does take a while to get to know the Members and Officers of each Lodge. I was exceptionally fortunate in the Group that I inherited as I knew many of the members of the Stowmarket and Hadleigh Lodges. I knew very few members of the Round Table and Rotary Lodges, so it did take a little time to get to know them as they meet only four or five times each year.

I have always been made very welcome on my visits to all the Lodges in the Group and it has been very rewarding to witness a number of past masters achieving their first appointments to Provincial Grand Lodge and of course all those who have attained promotions. In all I have found this Appointment a very happy part of my Masonic career and I thank all the Lodges for their kindness during my time as their Representative.

I am very pleased to announce that W Bro Mike Richards will be taking over as Area 9 Representative with effect from Tuesday 1st May 2012. You will be in safe hands - and I wish him well.

PHENIX
LODGE
NO.516

New
Ritual
Book

Limited edition
now available from
W.Bro. Codge
Phoenix Lodge

The Phoenix Ritual Booklet

Compiled by W Bro Colin Barber

This little booklet is not just a Work of Art - it is an essential reference guide to anyone taking part in Phoenix ritual. It has taken literally years to complete and all the credit must go to 'Codge' for producing it.

Every Lodge has its own peculiar 'workings', as do Phoenix. Historically, these Phoenix mysteries may have been well known to the 'Elders' of the Lodge, but rarely so to those putting a first tentative step on the masonic ladder. How many of us have diligently learned what we believed to be the gospel according to 'the Little Blue Book'? Most of us have made a 'maiden speech' in a Rehearsal or LOI - only to be drowned by a chorus of 'WE DON'T DO IT THAT WAY - WE DO IT THIS WAY!'

All that, thanks to W Bro Barber, is now behind us. For further details and prices, contact W Bro Barber either in person or by (01449 675548 or by Email codge@btinternet.com



Almoner's Christmas Party

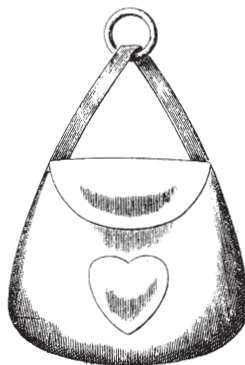
On Wednesday the 14th of December 2011 a Christmas meal was held for the widows of Phoenix, Ala and Bosmere Lodges at the Cedars Hotel Stowmarket. We were privileged to entertain a total of 17 widows and enjoyed a really nice filling Christmas meal.

Once the meal was finished all the widows were given Christmas gifts. Steve and Dot Marsden almoners from Ala Lodge organised the Stowmarket Operatic and Dramatic Society singers to entertain everybody and Ray Haslam who is to become the new Almoner for Bosmere Lodge did an excellent job of leading the singers. We all joined in with the singing and everybody had an enjoyable evening.

This is the fourth year this function has taken place and the total number has swelled to sixty seven people attending. It has become an event that all the widows look forward to from one year to the next.

Stephen Perry the newly Installed Master of Phoenix Lodge thanked all of the Almoners for organising the event which was planned in January of this year. He also very generously thanked me for the bulk of the organisation. I gave a brief update on the missing widows who were either in hospital or had just returned home.

Dorothy Hart, one of the widows from Bosmere lodge, then thanked all the lodges for a wonderful evening.



Keith Cople the Senior Warden from Phoenix Lodge is going to meet up with the almoner team in January to plan the 2012 Almoners Christmas meal.

Finally I would like to thank all those Brethren who have helped me in the last four years to develop this event to the point where so many people obviously enjoy themselves entertaining this wonderful group of ladies. Thank you all.

Tony France Almoner Phoenix Lodge (Retired).

Editor's note: The Almoner Team for next year's dinner will be Steve Marsden (Ala), Ray Haslam (Bosmere) and Ian Finch (Phoenix).

The Charity Steward's Marmalade

Hello every one I hope you are enjoying your Tawny marmalade, If like me you eventually do get loose change it slowly gets heavier and heavier as the pounds go into car parking machines and the purchases you do make end in 99p you gradually get a pocketful of the brown and low denominational silver coinage, I dump mine periodically into an old beer tankard, and then start again, I filled my jar up, and counted out every penny and there is just 4p short of £6 in there, so if I get all 60 jars back we could have £360 at the end of the day, of course you can put in larger amounts, far be it from me to limit your charitable feelings.

I look forward to October for the total

Sincerely & Fraternaly

W.Bro. Peter Green



STOWMARKET MASONIC ASSOCIATION

100 CLUB DRAW

A monthly payment of £2.00 will purchase a draw number which will be included in each monthly draw.

Participants, who must be Freemasons, can purchase as many numbers as they like. You can join at any time of the year. See a copy of the rules for full terms and conditions.

A total of twelve monthly draws will be held, ten with a chance to win one of three prizes (£15, £10 and £5) AND two six monthly draws, held in June and December, when the prizes will be £100, £30, £10 and two of £5.

All prizes will be dependant upon the level of participation.

The more numbers that are in the draw, the more money made for the Stowmarket Masonic Hall Development Fund.

For every 100 'numbers' sold - the Fund will benefit by £1,800 - money vital for the maintenance of our Masonic Hall building.

**IT IS EASY TO JOIN –
SO DO IT NOW !**

Please take a copy of the rules and the application form available from W.Bro. C. Davies or from the Masonic Hall

GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU

Phoenix Lodge Ladies Festival

Saturday 28th April 2012 - Belstead Brook Hotel

Dancing to 'The Shoes'

Tickets £37.50 per head

Limited special rate accommodation (first-come-first-served)

Festival Secretaries

John and Lizz Shaw

01449 675658 john.combs@tiscali.co.uk

Speakers Corner...

Learning your words

You need time, patience and perseverance to learn your words for masonic ritual or for set-piece or 'floor' working. Last-minute learning is the perfect recipe for panic and disaster. Allow plenty of time!

Here are some tips to help you:

- Read through what you have to learn at least ten times to really understand what it all means. If you understand the plot it is much easier to talk about it!
- Never learn one sentence or one paragraph in isolation.
- In your mind always link one sentence to the following sentence or paragraph to achieve continuity in your delivery.
- Learn sentence 1 and read two whole paragraphs ahead (of sentence 1).
- When you have really properly learned Sentence 1, then you can add and learn sentence 2, recapping on sentences 1 and 2 together before again reading two whole paragraphs ahead of the sentence(s) you are learning.
- Continue this process right through to the end of the ceremony or set piece.
- Practise your words out loud, standing up, even looking at yourself in a mirror!
- Finally, find someone who will help you learn your words.

Book these dates

Saturday 3 March 2012
'QUIZ AND CHIPS'

at Violet Hill Road

Open to members, wives or partners from Phoenix, Ala, Bosmere and St Edmundsbury (Ladies) Lodges. Hartismere RA Chapter etc.

Saturday 28 April 2012
PHENIX LADIES NIGHT
Belstead Brook Hotel

Editor's Note: Please will Ala and Bosmere Secretaries let us know when their Ladies Nights – and any other social functions – are due to take place so that we can widen the publicity for them. Email address idf@ianfinch.f9.co.uk

Diary Dates

(Masonic titles omitted to save space) - Dates and information correct at time of going to press

Date	Event	Contact
FEBRUARY		
03 Fri	Columbyne Lodge of Mark Masons	G A Keer 01473 780341 Geoffrey.keer@mypostoffice.co.uk
06 Mon	Phoenix and Ala Chapter	R Jones 01449 770816 jennycrystal@fsmail.com
10 Fri	Phoenix Lodge	J Pursglove 01359 240376 secretary@phoenixlodge516.org.uk
15 Wed	SMA Committee	J Kirk 01284 768478 Johnkirk077@aol.com
17 Fri	Ala Lodge	J Kirk 01284 768478 Johnkirk077@aol.com
27 Mon	Bosmere Lodge	R Earey 01473 831159 robert.earey@btinternet.com
28 Tue	Round Table Lodge	M Harris 01473 735402 mike@mahout.net
29 Wed	Phoenix PC Meeting	J Pursglove 01359 240376
MARCH		
09 Fri	Phoenix Lodge	J Pursglove 01359 240376
16 Fri	Ala Lodge	J Kirk 01284 768478
21 Wed	Stowmarket Masonic Assoc AGM	J Kirk 01284 768478
23 Fri	Gipping Valley Rose Croix	R Hall 01449 613992 abbotsview43@gmail.com
26 Mon	Bosmere Lodge	R Earey 01473 831159
28 Wed	Hartismere Chapter	P Rosedale 01379 783311 peter.rosedale@btopenworld.com
APRIL		
13 Fri	Phoenix Lodge	J Pursglove 01359 240376
16 Mon	Bosmere Lodge	R Earey 01473 831159
20 Fri	Ala Lodge	J Kirk 01284 768478
24 Tue	Phoenix Permanent Committee	J Pursglove 01359 240376
28 Sat	Phoenix Ladies Night Belstead Brook	J Shaw 01449 675658 john.combs@tiscali.co.uk
30 Mon	Phoenix and Ala Chapter	R Jones 01449 770816
MAY		
04 Fri	Columbyne Lodge of Mark Masons	G A Keer 01473 780341
09 Wed	Ala Committee Meeting	J Kirk 01284 768478
10 Thu	Chapter Convocation	-
11 Fri	Phoenix Lodge	J Pursglove 01359 240376
18 Fri	Ala Lodge	J Kirk 01284 768478
21 Mon	Cyrius & Darius Allied Masonic	J Fry 01449 741171 jamesfry702@aol.com
23 Wed	SMA Committee	J Kirk 01284 768478
JUNE		
08 Fri	Provincial Grand Lodge, Holbrook Gipping Valley Rose Croix	T W Scarff 01449 737888 twscarff@aol.com R Hall 01449 613992
13 Wed	Hartismere Chapter	P Rosedale 01379 783311 July 2012
02 Mon	Cyrius & Darius Allied Masonic	J Fry 01449 741171
18 Wed	SMA Committee Meeting	J Kirk 01284 768478

Group 9 Lodge Meetings NOT being held in Stowmarket

W Bro Traver Scarff is the Provincial Representative for Group 9. If you wish to visit one of these Lodges you can either contact the relevant Secretary or W Bro Scarff on 01449 737888 or by Email at twscarff@aol.com

FEBRUARY			11 Wed	Virtue & Silence
08 Wed	Virtue & Silence (Hadleigh)		28 Fri	*Countryside Lodge (BSE) D Clarke 01473 254406 dca@dcaipswich.co.uk (not in group 9)
28 Tue	Round Table		MAY	
MARCH			09 Wed	Virtue and Silence
12 Mon	Rotary Inst		14 Mon	Rotary
14 Wed	Virtue & Silence		25 Fri	Brett Valley Inst
23 Fri	Brett Valley (Hadleigh)			
APRIL				
10 Tue	Round Table			

Thank you for all those who have kindly contributed to this edition.

We look forward to all those who use the facilities at Stowmarket and welcome contributions to Oracle for future issues.

Please feel free to submit any articles you may feel of importance for Oracle to W. Bro Finch or W. Bro. Codge codge@btinternet.com, your secretary, or to the Stowmarket Masonic Association.

THIS PUBLICATION WOULD WELCOME ANY ARTICLES FROM OTHER DEGREES WHO USE THE FACILITIES AT STOWMARKET

Please also feel free to submit any events your lodge may have arranged i.e. Ladies Nights etc.