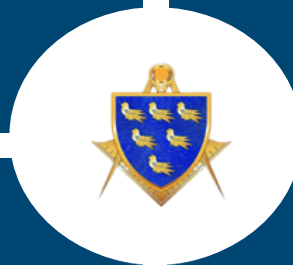




Sussex Freemasons - West Group

'The West Wing'
(Bognor, Chichester, Clapham, Littlehampton,
Midhurst, Pulborough, Steyning and Worthing)



THIRD RISING

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
WEST GROUP - SUSSEX FREEMASONS



Brethren All,

Welcome to the second edition of 'The Third Rising', a publication intended to complement our other communication channels across The West Wing. Our Group Secretary Ian collates each month, news and events and delivers them to your Inbox. If you have a Flyer for an event which you would like to publicise just let Ian have a copy in the first couple of weeks of the month and he will do the rest!

This edition features the current status of 'The One Challenge', news from around The West Wing over the last month and a look forward to forthcoming events.

Onwards & Upwards!

*John Spence
West Group Chairman*

Contents

'The One Challenge'	3
Royal Arch Masonry in the West	4
Portal	6
The Worthing Community Food Hub	7
Regalia & Book Sale at the Gordon Centre	7
J Spence meets J Spence	8
Congratulations Graham!.....	9
Mentor's Workshop in Pulborough	10
Remote Lodge of Education	11
Charity Football Match in Worthing.....	12
PSA testing at Chichester Masonic Hall.....	13
Track Day at Goodwood.....	14
Pagham Lodge Breakfast.....	15

'The One Challenge'

Our Provincial Grand Master has set the challenge of each Lodge in the Province having one additional member at the end of December 2026 compared to membership at 1st January 2026. Of course, if we experience resignations or passings to the Grand Lodge above this increases the need for Initiates or Joining Members.

After the first two months of 2026 here are the current positions;

		MEMBERS @ 01/01/26	MEMBERS @ 27/02/26	+1 CHALLENGE From 01/01/26
Pentalpha	3164	34	36	2
Cissbury	5237	30	31	1
Ordinges	6866	40	41	1
Owers Light	7756	24	25	1
Sussex Motorcycling	9871	20	21	1
Artemis	9964	12	13	1
Lodge of Union	38	32	32	0
Worthing Lodge of Frie	851	29	29	0
Stanford	1947	36	36	0
St Mary of the Harbour	2591	32	32	0
Thomas á Becket	3352	23	23	0
Midhurst	4460	45	45	0
St Andrew's	4655	34	34	0
Petworth	5547	24	24	0
Arundel	5822	32	32	0
Bognor Regis	6295	26	26	0
Chanctonbury	6296	27	27	0
Heene Lodge of Peace	6350	22	22	0
Lancing	6352	13	13	0
Rustington	6490	20	20	0
Mount Caburn	6811	14	14	0
Fiscian	7461	14	14	0
Bishop Edward Story	8256	36	36	0
Shoreham Beach	8303	21	21	0
Sompting	8450	48	48	0
Witterings	8863	28	28	0
Ferring Contemporary	9976	17	17	0
Classic Motoring	10004	23	23	0
Howard Lodge of Broth	56	43	42	-1
Gordon	1726	10	9	-1
Felpham	5413	38	37	-1
Wayfarers	7995	56	55	-1
Bond of Friendship	9117	35	33	-2
Pagham	8280	40	36	-4
				-3

Royal Arch Masonry in the West



Royal Arch Masonry in the West.



Simon Fyfe

In October 2025 the Royal Arch became fully integrated into the Group Structure and it became official in January 2026. The appointed West Group Lead, Ex Comp. **Simon Fyfe**, who was invested in October by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Neil Austin, appointed Ex Comp.



Steve Goulding

Steve Goulding as his deputy.

The remit is to encourage Craft Masons to complete their journey in "Pure Ancient Freemasonry". That is to say to show them that the Royal Arch ceremony is the completion of that journey.

<i>Current Craft Membership in the West =</i>	<i>975</i>
<i>Current Royal Arch Membership =</i>	<i>463</i>
<i>How many exaltations since October, 2025 =</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>How many joining members since October 2025 =</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Our goal is to have 50% of Craft Masons in the Royal Arch</i>	
<i>Current percentage in the Royal Arch =</i>	<i>47.5%</i>

Improving this figure means looking at every part of our Masonic experience: awareness, understanding, enjoyment, cost and availability of Chapters that feel like the right fit.

At Craft ceremonies recently Mentors have read from our new '**Building Together**' cards. These remind every Brother, at each stage of their journey, that "Pure Ancient Freemasonry" consists of '**three degrees including 'Exaltation' into the Royal Arch**'. While there are many valued side orders, the Royal Arch is unique in that it shares the same Constitution as the Craft

It is now essential that the Lodge Royal Arch Representative attend candidate interviews to explain this clearly, including the important point that the Exaltation fee is now included within the Initiation fee.

Enjoy your Masonry. Complete the Journey.

Enjoy your Freemasonry and consider completing the full journey of "Pure Ancient Freemasonry". It is a journey to move from a state of symbolic ruin (Craft) to one of divine revelation (Royal Arch).

- A narrative and allegorical completion; from cliff-hanger to a complete saga.
- The Recovery of the Central Masonic Secret: from substitute to the genuine.
- A shift from moral to spiritual knowledge: From building character to seeking communion.
- The Fulfillment of Masonic Symbolism: the 'keystone' that completes the 'Arch'.

If you have any questions, ideas, or simply want to talk about the Royal Arch, we would be delighted to hear from you.

A Thought.

As the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent recently said, an Olympic 400 metre runner does not stop at 300 metres. The satisfaction is going the distance. It is a wonderful analogy for completing all four ceremonies, rather than stepping off the track early, and one that resonates strongly with Royal Arch Companions.



Simon Fyfe

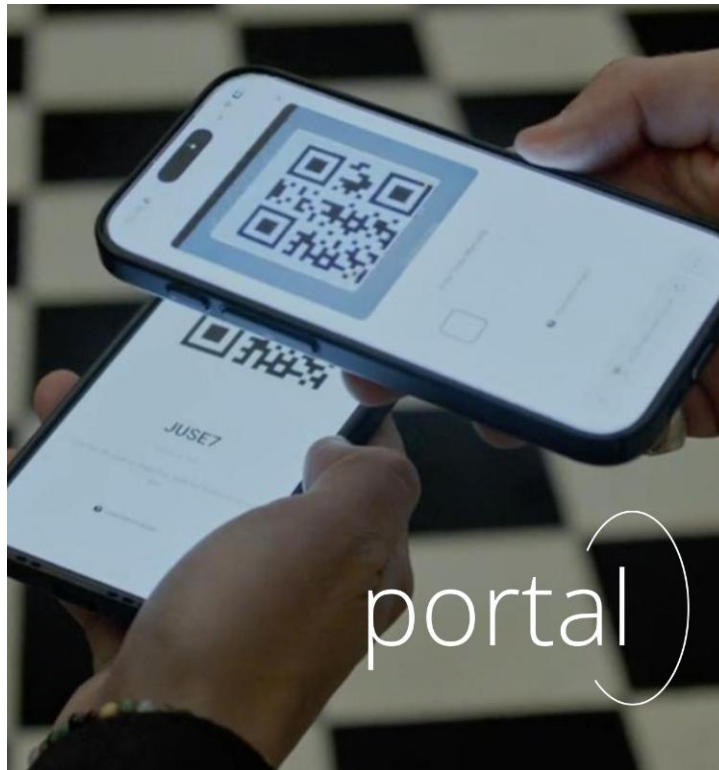
West Group Royal Arch Lead

Steve Goulding

West Group Royal Arch Deputy Lead

Portal

Portals Latest Features



Portal is your gateway to a more connected Masonic journey - [accessible anytime, anywhere, from any device!](#)

Portal is not just a tool that will help you find Lodges and Chapters to visit, it introduces enhanced privacy controls, enabling you to manage who can view your personal data within your own profile.

Exciting new features include **My Friends**, making it easier than ever to stay in touch with Brethren and Companions you meet along the way. [See how it works!](#)

Additionally, the **Quick Links section** serves as a central repository for key digital resources, bringing together *Solomon*, *Craftcast*, *the Book of Constitutions*, and many others.

If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. Over 60,000 Brethren are already on board — join them!

Adrian Marsh
Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe Ezra

The Worthing Community Food Hub

The Worthing Community Food Hub at the Charmandean Centre is set to continue for another year, thanks to the ongoing support of West Group Freemasons. The hub is a collaborative initiative between UKHarvest and West Sussex County Council (WSCC), aimed at tackling food waste and food insecurity across the county supported by West Sussex Freemasons. Fantastic work by Centre Manager, WBro Trevor England and his Charmandean team!



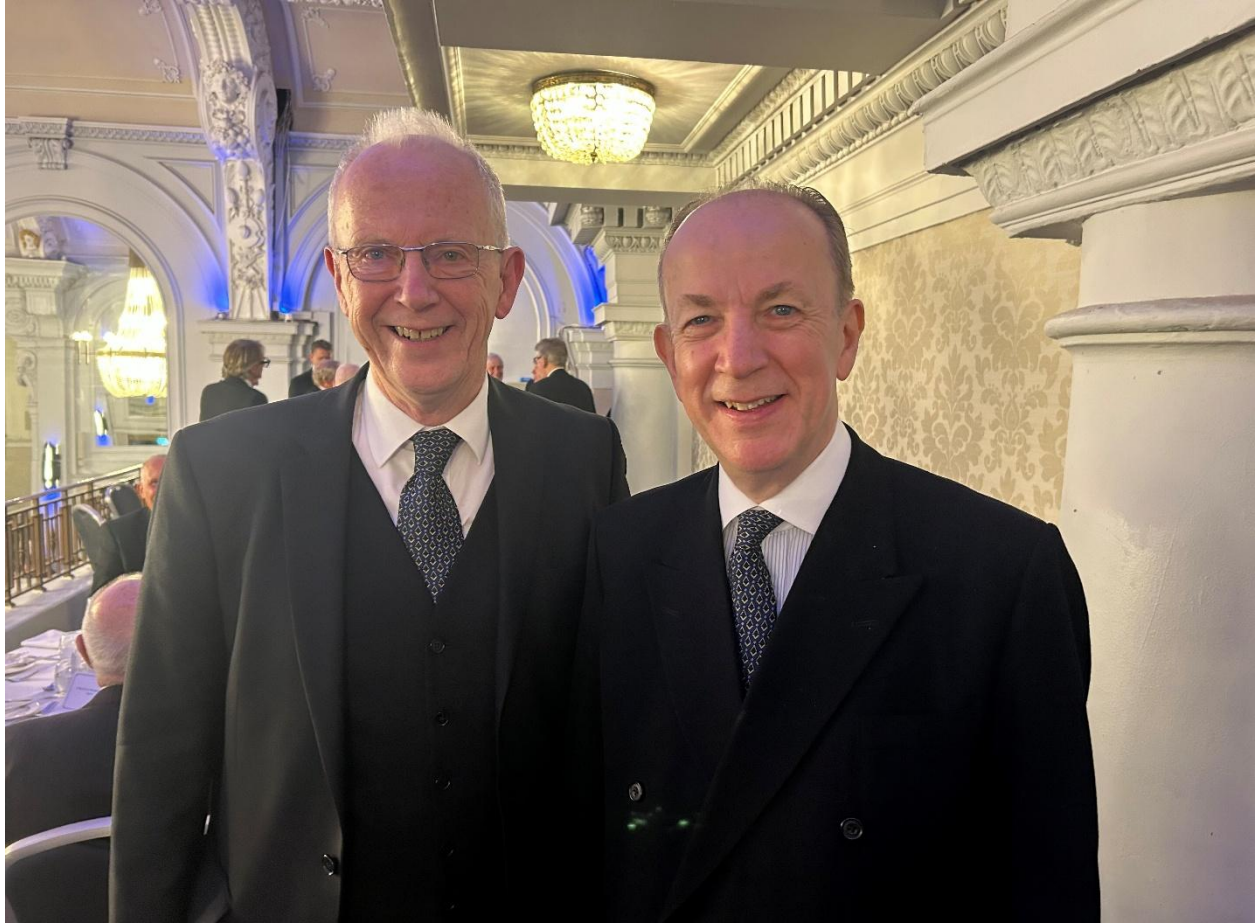
Regalia & Book Sale at the Gordon Centre

A fantastic result! The sale organised by West Group Deputy Chairman, WBro Gary West on Saturday 7th March raised over £5,000 which will provide a valuable boost to the Gordon Centre building fund



J Spence meets J Spence

Thanks to an introduction by WBro Graham Smith our West Group Chairman got to meet the Pro Grand Master at the March Quarterly Communications meeting at Freemasons Hall



Congratulations Graham!

WBro Graham Watson of Felpham Lodge receives his 12-year voluntary service certificate as Chairman of the Chichester Sea Cadets



Mentor's Workshop in Pulborough



Sussex Freemasons - West Group

'The West Wing'
(Bognor, Chichester, Clapham, Littlehampton,
Midhurst, Pulborough, Steyning and Worthing)

THE WEST WING LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM
PRESENTS

MENTORS WORKSHOP

DATE

SATURDAY, 2ND MAY, 2026.

TIME

10AM TO 12.00 NOON

VENUE

PULBOROUGH MASONIC HALL
STATION ROAD, RH20 1AH

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

**This workshop is open to all Lodge Officers, specifically
Preceptors, Lodge & Personal Mentors
and any Brother interested in discovering more about Mentoring
in Freemasonry**

TO ENROLL PLEASE CONTACT,
W. Bro. Stephen J. Goulding, ProvSGD, SLGCR
stevegoulding@sussexmasons.org.uk

Remote Lodge of Education



The West Group Learning and Development Team

Remote Lodge of 'Education'.

The Learning and Development Team are looking at holding a 'Remote' Lodge of Education, that is to say a discussion group using the Zoom platform. We are just putting feelers out right now to find if there is any interest in this project. It will be on a Tuesday evening once a month.

The program will look at a piece of ritual, analyse it and see how that can be used as a guide for personal development, a piece of philosophical interest or just to understand it as a stand-alone piece.

William Preston, the renowned 18th Century masonic researcher stated that the purpose of Freemasonry was 'to instruct'. To 'instruct' what? Instruct good men to be Freemasons. That could be our starting point on a journey of self-discovery.

Please register your interest by emailing me Steve Goulding
stevegoulding@sussexmasons.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely and fraternally.

Steve

W. Bro. Stephen J. Goulding, ProvSGD, SLGCR.

'The West Wing' Learning and Development Lead.



Charity Football Match in Worthing

Ticket sales here;

<https://www.martlets.org.uk/events/martlets-fc-vs-sussex-freemasons-fc/>



The poster features a background image of a football pitch with a stadium in the distance. The text 'CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH' is prominently displayed in the upper left, with 'CHARITY' in blue, 'FOOTBALL' in pink, and 'MATCH' in white. To the right, a red and blue banner reads 'BREAKING NEWS'. Below the text, the logos for Martlets Football Club (a blue bird with a heart) and Sussex Freemasons F.C. (a blue shield with three birds) are shown, separated by a 'V'. A blue box at the bottom contains event details.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

BREAKING NEWS

Martlets Football Club v **SUSSEX FREEMASONS F.C.**

WATCH THIS SPACE...!
A STAR STudded LINE UP OF EX PRO'S, SUSSEX CELEBS, ACTORS, MEDIA STARS, PROVINCIAL GRANDMASTER, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES & SURPRISE GUESTS!


GATES OPEN at 1pm - 2.30pm KO
Saturday May 30th at Worthing Football Club
TICKET NEWS TO FOLLOW

PSA testing at Chichester Masonic Hall

In the words of Past Deputy PGM Maurice Adams;
You owe it to yourself and your family and friends. Get tested.


FREE PUBLIC PROSTATE SCREENING

& DIABETES SCREENING SERVICE



**Sponsored by Sussex
Mark Masons**

Saturday 6th June 2026
**Chichester Masonic Hall, 7 S Pallant,
Chichester PO19 1SY**




Who's at higher risk

- Family History of Breast, Ovarian or Prostate Cancer
 - Slow or difficulty Urinating
 - African Caribbean Heritage



**If your 45-80 and want a
Prostate Screening - PSA test
must be Booked Online
(link below)**

PSA Testing & Events – PCaSO



**Diabetes Test
Walk in on the day**

**For more information
contact:**
John Hickman
john.hickman9@sky.com



Sussex Freemasons - West Group
www.wgsm.co.uk
'The West Wing'
(Bognor, Chichester, Clapham, Littlehampton,
Midhurst, Pulborough, Steyning and Worthing)

**Chichester Masonic Hall
Provided by the PCaSO
Reg'd charity 1170536**
<https://pcaso.org>

**Sponsored by
Sussex Mark Master Masons**
<https://sussexmark.org.uk>

Early Detection and Diagnosis saves lives!

Track Day at Goodwood

An event created by the Provincial Festival Fundraising Team.

Free for spectators!

Our Classic Motoring Lodge members will be attending with some of their 'pride and joys'



TRACK DAY

TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2026


**Second drivers, friends
& family welcome**

 **Masonic**
Charitable Foundation

For further information & to book please email Ray at raggioproperties@hotmail.com or call Robbie on 07770 431 331

Pagham Lodge Breakfast

If your interested in coming along to Pagham Lodge's breakfast, contact Bro Phil Sanders for menu's



**BREAKFAST
@ THE
WAVERLEY**

**SUNDAY 31TH MAY @ 09:30AM
THE WAVERLEY, MARINE DRIVE WEST
COME AND JOIN PAGHAM LODGE FOR
THEIR LOI BREAKFAST @ THE WAVERLEY.
ENJOY THE SEASIDE VIEWS, HAVE A
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST, COFFEE, TEA OR A
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE.**

**PLEASE CONTACT PHILL SANDERS ON 07931 396928
or phil63sanders@gmail.com**

**PAYMENT DETAILS:
PAGHAM 8280
SORT CODE: 30-90-09
A/C: 45465160
REF: SURNAME LOI**

Ian Gregory
West Group Secretary

West Group Facebook group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/443058108347143?locale=en_GB

West Group Website

www.wgsm.co.uk