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Clubs & Societies

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Introduction

Now that you are a Freemason we are sure you know about all the Craft side orders that are open to you to further your masonic knowledge.

But did you know there are lots of social masonic clubs that are available to you from fishing to shooting and the Light Blues Club.

These clubs are a perfect way to introduce yourself to fellow Brothers and to enjoy your hobby or even start a new one.

We have put this booklet together with all the details of the Masonic clubs within the Staffordshire Province and all the contact details at the bottom of each page.

We really hope this has been a benefit to you in finding beyond the Craft clubs to join.



Staffordshire LightBlues Club



Introduction

This group is for Staffordshire's Light Blues, with membership open to all from the day of your initiation all the way through the Chair up to Provincial Rank, offering mentoring, support and friendship - it is a group where Brethren can talk to others within our Province and also where the Staffordshire Light Blues Club members can keep you up to date on any news, informal and formal meetings and anything else which we all enjoy.

It is well supported by Province and can be considered a go-to support network alongside Provincial and UGLE resources - with access to a wealth of knowledge, all in a friendly and pleasant environment.

Visit us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/groups/stafflightblues



The Team

Part of the team that will be leading the Staffordshire Light Blues Club for the ensuing year:



(L-R) Bro Morgan Langard, Bro Jon Sealey, Bro Alex Hansen, Bro Chris Knapper & Bro Jason Bailey.

Should you see any of us while out visiting or should you like to join us on any of the group visits, please get in touch!





Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association

West Midlands Chapter



Brother, are you a biker?, then a friendly, warm and fraternal Greeting to you!

For the brethren who have never heard of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association (WSMBA), they are a group of Freemasons within Great Britain that happen to have a passion for riding motorcycles and hold with the idea of universal brotherhood. The WSMBA was formed in 2004 and has since grown to 39 established Chapters located all around the county with more chapters in the process of being formed. They are recognised by UGLE and each individual Province of the relevant Chapter. The word "Chapter" is commonly used by Masonic Biker groups defining a particular area - nothing more.

The Widows Sons is quite simply a motorcycle-riding club. They are a non-brand specific riding Association so no matter what brand of motorcycle you ride, as long as you are a Master Mason, in good standing, you are welcome as a member.

The goals of the WSMBA are:

- Introduce the sport of motorcycling to our Masonic brothers.
- Raise Masonic awareness in the world of motorcycling.
- Assist in Masonic and other worthy charities.
- Support the Craft through regular attendance.

The West Midlands chapter encompasses a non-exclusive 30 mile+ radius of M6 Junction 11, but welcome applications from anywhere in the Midlands. They have regular meetings and rideouts which you are welcome to attend as a guest, when the full concept of the WSMBA can be explained in full by the members of the Chapter regarding membership, qualification, charity and goals.

If you are interested, please contact either via the website:

www.widowssons-wmids.co.uk

or by the following email addresses:

President - president@widowssons-wmids.co.uk

or Secretary - secretary@widowssons-wmids.co.uk

Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association is a charitable organisation in keeping with true Masonic principles, and is recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England



Staffordshire Masonic Clay Shooting Association

The Staffordshire Masonic Clay Shooting Association meets on the first Sunday of the month, at Doveridge Clay Shooting Ground, Eaton Hall Farm, Upwoods Road, Doveridge, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5LN

We are a friendly group and our shoot meetings are informal and welcoming and most of all, fun! Most of the group are experienced shots and some are qualified Shotgun Coaches. You do not require previous experience to join us. Nor do you need to have your own gun. One of our members will be pleased to let you use their gun.



We usually meet around 09:30hrs for coffee, and shoot from 10:00hrs to circa 11:45hrs. Time then for another coffee and a chat before making our way to our respective domiciles for Sunday lunch!

Although full members have to be Masons, we welcome as guests of members, non-Masons, friends and families. Ladies are particularly welcome and there are a few who shoot regularly with us. Youngsters too will be made welcome but please let us know in advance so we can ensure that a suitable calibre of gun can be made available.

Someone will always be there to provide tuition and encouragement, and above all, ensure safety. Ear defenders and safety glasses are strongly recommended and with prior notice, can be borrowed for the day.

Our annual membership fee is £15 and there is a £2 cap, payable at each shoot.

You may bring your own cartridges or purchase them at the on-site shop.

The cost of the clays is equally divided between the number of shooters and a typical morning will cost around £17 plus cartridges.

Doveridge Clay Shooting Ground has a cafeteria on site where good food, coffee, tea etc, is available throughout the day.

Contact SMCSA

W. Bro. Chris Miles, Chairman E-mail: chris@executivedays.co.uk

Bro. Steve Watts, Treasurer E-mail: stephenwilliamwatts@yahoo.co.uk



Staffordshire Masonic Golf Society

Are you a member of a Lodge, and/or other Order, that meets in Staffordshire?

Do you play golf?

If the answers to these questions are both yes, then contact our Golf Society. This you can do via our Secretary/Treasurer, W.Bro. Mark Ashton, E: msg.ashton@gmail.com or M: 07889 580000.

For just £10 p.a. (our annual membership fee, payable each March) you get the opportunity to play in up to eight events, in our May to September calendar each year. They are;

Three events for our own Province;

The Spring Trophy, and Provincial Wardens' team event in May,

The Valon Cup and Denne Shield event in August,

The Provincial Grand Master's Trophy event, which concludes our season in September.

The annual Six Counties competition;

Held in July, it is organised in rotation by the Provinces of Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Yorkshire-West Riding.

Four matches against seven of our near neighbour Provinces;

- Cheshire & North Wales,
- Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire,
- Shropshire

There's a hearty & fraternal welcome awaiting golfers of all handicaps.

Come along, join in the fun and good humour, meet Masons from across our Province, and raise funds for charities too. Our dedicated committee, who you'll get to know, comprises; Richard Archer, Mark Ashton, Brian Cockersole, John Derry, Rolph Jennings, Mark Mellor, Steve Mountford, Malcolm Phillips, Mike Rawle, Mike Smith, Kevin Spencer, Sandy Stewart.



Staffordshire Masonic Choir

The Staffordshire Masonic Choir has now been going strong for Twenty Years! It has presented its works in many places, and in many forms: Masonic and non-Masonic, Sacred and Secular, Serious and Frivolous. In and around the Province and sometimes outside, according to requests and opportunities.



Almost inevitably it is a male-voice choir, made up of Tenors and Basses. Its present strength is about 20 singers, but it is always happy to take on more. All are members of the Craft. If you fit this profile, you might like to get in touch - the Secretary will be more than happy to give further details.

Not all members read music to a high level: the most important aspect of it all is to be happy and communicate happiness - and where have we heard that before? Present members come from, among other places, Kidsgrove and Tamworth, Wolverhampton and Burton, and form as fraternal a mix found in any lodge, all cemented by an appreciation of music.

It meets for rehearsals once every month, at the Masonic Hall in Stafford. These start at 9.30, so as not to interfere with (most) lodge meetings and go on for an hour-and-a-half. Performances happen where and when they're wanted: to entertain in a lodge or at the Festive Board, at Carol Concerts and sing-alongs, or at the Provincial Service in Lichfield. As varied as you might expect. It has had three Musical Directors in its lifetime so far - Eric Bennett (now in Gloucestershire), Ian Wass (now in Cornwall) and Dudley Ray (still somewhere in Staffordshire).

It has a page in the Staffordshire Masonic Calendar, with formal details, but if you want to know more before looking at that, please ask the Secretary. He's David Leigh and he can be contacted through the Provincial Office.



Wolverhampton Masonic Study Circle

Who are we?

The WMSC was first formed in October 1925 under the Presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire, the 6th Earl of Dartmouth but only existed for two years. However, in 1973, under the leadership of the late W.Bro. Jack Bryan, PAGDC, PPrGW, the present Study Circle was reformed embracing its original aims: "To promote interest in, and discussion on, the history and symbolism of the Craft, not to interfere with the work of Lodges of Instruction or the rituals practiced in Lodges"



Who can attend?

The Study Circle is open to all Master Masons belonging to Lodges or Other Orders meeting in Wolverhampton and Master Masons of the Order of Women Freemasons (OWF). We also encourage qualified visitors from within Staffordshire and members of the OWF throughout the Midlands, doing all we can to make them most welcome. Please contact us via our Assistant Secretary, details below. We are also currently exploring how we might make some changes to the Circle and would be happy to receive any thoughts or ideas in relation to this.

What to expect?

Our meetings are addressed by eminent Masonic speakers on a wide range of subjects in a very relaxed learning environment. No Regalia or Ritual, smart casual dress and a good dose of "Masonic Daily Advancement" is what to expect.

Visit our website to see all upcoming meetings and Guest speakers

www.wolverhampton-masonic-study.co.uk

For any enquiries email – wolverhamptonmasonicstudy@gmail.com

PRESIDENT: W.Bro. D.M. Edwards PJGD, PPrSGW, PPrSGW (Worcs), PM2706, PM4004 (Hon Mem), PM4602, 5131, 6262, PM6415, PM6916, Founder & PM9213 (Hon Mem), 9504 (Hon Mem), Founder 9935.

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ASST TREASURER/SECRETARY: Bro R.L. Beaumont (7133, 7411)



The Masonic Fishing Charity

“The Masonic Fishing Charity’s aim is to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with special needs”.

It achieves this by running fishing events, both coarse and fly, at various fisheries and inviting participants from special needs schools and centres and people who have suffered trauma to come and join in.

This is far more than just a days fishing though! It enables mentally disabled people to gain in confidence, meet new challenges and achieve tangible results to take away; it helps disadvantaged people and those from harsh backgrounds to renew their confidence in meeting people and interacting with adults from outside their spheres; it helps physically disabled people (including war heroes and stroke victims) to participate and experience something that may otherwise be unavailable to them and it enables our volunteers to give back to the community and have some fun along the way.

The charity is completely run by volunteers and is a non profit making enterprise.

Whilst we are the Masonic Fishing Charity you do not have to be a freemason to help us or take part in our activities.

For details please contact: David Watt mentor@staffordshirefreemasons.org.uk



Masonic Fly Fishing Club

This is a informal fishing club that we can run alongside the Staffordshire Branch Of The MTSFC with Charity in mind.

The club is to bring together all the fishermen in the Province and hopefully attract a few more to the sport.

As a club we would like to offer:

- Meets to fish and chat fishing ect
- Lessons in casting and gear set up for newbies to the sport.
- Have raffles or donations to raise funds for the Staffordshire Branch of the MTSFC.

Please contact:

Bro Jon Sealey





Happy have we met,
Happy have we been,
Happy may we part,
Happy meet again,
so mote it be!

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