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Temple Times

Changes at Saxon Hall

At the EGM on 17th November, plans were unveiled for a proposed new function room at Saxon Hall utilising the space vacated by our former tenants 'Cheeky Monsters'. At present Saxon Hall has become a very popular venue for functions and potential revenue is being turned down as we are full to capacity on many days.

Tentative plans are to provide a large function room for Weddings and Ladies' Nights, plus a bar and other facilities such that this area will enable the centre to keep external functions separate from those of a purely Masonic nature. Plans also include area that can be used for either Masonic purposes or used as an extension to the function room, with the result that the area can be used for very large external or Masonic functions.

Please forward any ideas or suggestions that you may have to the. The intention is to complete the ground floor as soon as possible and convert a new first floor area for use as offices or meeting rooms as soon as funds become available. There will be no specific appeal for funds for the alterations, but should Lodges or individuals wish to make donations, their contribution will be acknowledged by an appropriate donor or in memoriam plaque.

Saxon Hall Carol Evenings December 2011

Saxon Hall hosts two carol concerts each year and both are great events to get you in the festive spirit.

One Carol Concert is organised by the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, in conjunction with Leigh-on-Sea 4708, and this year it takes place on Tuesday 6th December 2011. After the concert there is a Chicken and Chips Supper at a cost of £11, which covers the meal plus a generous balance that goes to the Salvation Army who regally entertain every year. To book your place please e-mail W.Bro Colin Felton or tel 07850 292368.

Another Carol Concert will be held on Monday 19th December 2011. This is organised by the Southend and Essex Masonic Welfare Trust which takes place after the Widows Christmas Dinner. Each unit may send one widow to the dinner free of charge, whilst for all others the cost is £18.25. After the concert there is a free festive buffet, and all who attend the concert are asked to make a generous donation to the Southend and Essex Masonic Welfare Trust. The Fidelio Singers will again provide us with excellent entertainment. Reservations are only required for the dinner and these should be made via to W.Bro Len Parsons or telephone 01702 545554



News from units that meet at Saxon Hall

A new feature of the Temple Times is a section devoted to your news. If you have a social function or special Lodge meeting which needs additional publicity, then please send details to [Colin Towle](#) and we will try to include as many items as possible. At present the only information we have is on the following:-

Albert Lucking Lodge No 2717 will hold their 600th meeting on Saturday 21st January 2012 at which the 'Skillet and Trowel Lodge' No 981 from Ireland will give a demonstration of an Irish Initiation Ceremony, delivered with a sincere, relaxed and at times humorous approach by the Irish team. Book on line at www.albertlucking2717.org.uk or contact Bob Taylor on 0208 595 1940 or Email bobtaylor@albrtlucking2717.org.uk

Diary Dates

Please keep the following dates and functions in the diary leading up to Christmas.

Monday 19th December 2011 Saxon Hall Carol Concert: An evening of carols and music by the Fidelio Singers. Admission is free and includes a complementary buffet but donations to the Southend Masonic Welfare Trust would be welcome.

Opportunities to Meet Potential Masons

New freemasons are always welcome, providing of course that they are men who meet the standards expected from members of the Craft. The most obvious way of introducing prospective initiates is via social events, and you can advise others of your own social events at Saxon Hall through the Temple Times. Social events are a potential first step and via such events, many larger units continue to attract and recruit members and thus become even larger.

However smaller units are at a disadvantage if they are unable to host social functions and these could consider organising a combined event such as a Ladies Night or other special occasion. The Temple Times is your magazine that reaches over 2000 Freemasons and hence please forward all information on future events to W.Bro Colin Towle on 01702-353521 or e-mail colin.towle@virginmedia.com

Bristol workings at Southend in 2012

The Provincial Grand Masters of Essex and Bristol have given their joint approval for a demonstration of Bristol workings at Saxon Hall. The date will probably be July 14th 2012 and host Lodge will be Leigh-on-Sea 4708 for this cluster meeting. This event is going to be very popular and numbers will have to be restricted by the maximum that the Temple can hold. It is hoped that this will be a demonstration of a First Degree, followed by an excellent festive board. Full details will be available early in 2012 and it is hoped that every Lodge will be represented. A donation will be made to a charity chosen by the Bristol Team.



Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, we can all look forward to an additional Bank Holiday and it is the wish of Her Majesty that as many people as possible celebrate this milestone by holding 'Street Parties'. The chosen day is Sunday June 3rd and to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, Saxon Hall is hosting its own 'Street Party', which will be 'Indoor' or 'Outdoor' depending on the weather.

Tickets will be £5 each to cover the cost of a burger or hot dog and a soft drink. The new function room, which will include the new garden area, will be available from early in 2012 and hence when added to our existing rooms means that we have a large area to host a function that will be enjoyed by all. Still in the planning stages it is hoped that all Lodges will organise a stall or other attraction to make it a day to remember. To know more please contact [Robert Potter](#) or [Colin Felton](#)

Loyalty Cards

If you have any new members who have not received their Loyalty Cards, Saxon Hall is planning to have a new batch made early in 2012, which will include all new initiates and joining members. If you wish members of your order to be included please contact Robert Potter with details at rpotter@saxonhall.co.uk

Please note we require full name of card holders, the Masonic order to be credited including number and most importantly - the e-mail address if available.



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