

# Trip to Mablethorpe Holiday Home

Wednesday 1st July 2015, proved to be a day to remember in more ways than one. A luxury coach picked up the majority of travellers from Syston, while some made their own way by car. The journey, both there and back, was comfortable, quick and without any holdups. On arrival, we were greeted by our hosts with outdoor refreshments, before being shown round the Holiday Centre. The use of the home was fully explained and was ready to receive the first group of children the following week. The new play equipment, provided by the grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund, was put to the test by some of the more energetic visitors, as can be seen in the photographs. A delicious four course meal, served to the 51 visitors and cooked on the premises by the staff, was enjoyed by all. After the meal, the President of the Holiday Centre, Mrs. Stephanie Brown gave a brief talk on the History of the Home and relayed some of her past memories of children she had encountered. Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison, our Provincial Grand Master and organiser, then said a few words of thanks and pledged support for the Home in the future.

WBro. John Burnham presented a cheque for £300 to the Home, from the Brethren of the Fowke Lodge No. 19. A raffle for a large teddy bear, provided by WBro. Michael Potter, was won by WBro. Stephen Johnson, who then kindly donated it for use in the Home. The proceeds of the raffle, which totalled £230, was presented by the Provincial Grand Master to Mrs. Brown.

After lunch, many visitors then took the opportunity to kick off their shoes and made their way, through the dunes, to the beach. Some then braved the North Sea and went for a paddle.

The journey home allowed some to have a snooze, following the energy used up during the course of the day. A welcome G & T and other drinks were offered to the weary passengers to round off a great occasion.

On arriving back at Syston, at 6pm. the driver warned us all to prepare for a huge rise in temperature upon leaving the air conditioned coach. The temperature in Mablethorpe had been a pleasant 24 degrees, with a cooling breeze. To be met by a staggering 34 degrees was overpowering to say the least. Congratulations to all those who made the trip so enjoyable and so worthwhile.

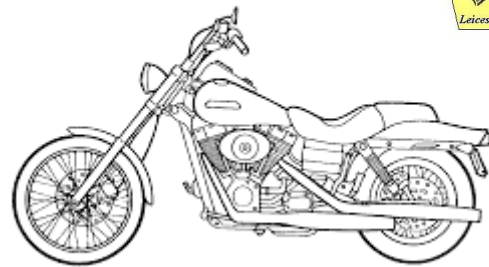


# Multum in Parvo Hog Roast

The Worshipful Master, of the Multum in Parvo Lodge No. 1775, Bro. Anthony R. Sibson, held a fund raising event in the form of a Hog Roast, on Sunday 14th June. The weather wasn't perfect, but that did not detract from it being a very successful day. A Jazz band trio entertained 65 Brethren and their partners and friends. There was an auction, with many worthwhile donations. Together with the tickets for the event, £820 was raised for the Air Ambulance Charity.



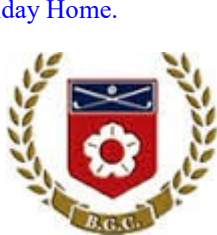
# Joey Dunlop Mark Visit Horsham



The Peripatetic Joey Dunlop Mark Lodge No. 1881 held their meeting on Saturday 13th June 2015 at Horsham in Sussex. They were Honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, RWBro. Charles Martin Wilson, together with his Provincial team. The ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Mike Fahey, assisted by some of the Officers of the Lodge and some of the visiting Officers. Bro. David Sean Cole was duly Advanced into the Order. The photograph shows the WM at the festive board with the PGM of Sussex and the Lodge Treasurer WBro. Mark Pierpoint.

# Fowke Lunch at Birstall Golf Club

A Sunday lunch was held at the Birstall Golf Club on 14th June 2015. Ninety one attended, including the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Anthony Morris, the Provincial Grand Master Designate, WBro. Stephen Davison and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate, VWBro. Ghanshyam M. Patel. The guests enjoyed a superb meal and the Worshipful Master, Bro. Roger Peutril presented a cheque for £300 to the PGM for the Mablethorpe Holiday Home.





# Mark Festival



The Mark Province of Worcestershire held the 147th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival at the Chateau Impney, Droitwich Spa on Saturday 4th July 2015. The event was attended by 800 Mark masons and their partners, including representatives from Leics. & Rutland, who witnessed the announcement of the total amount raised of £561,577. The Festivals, which generate income for the MBF, are held annually at a different Province around the country. Leics. & Rutland held theirs in 2008 at the Walkers (now King Power) stadium, where a magnificent sum of over £640,000 was raised.

## Howe Operative MMM Labour of Love



Monday 8th June 2015, saw the commencement of renovation work to the frontage of our London Road Headquarters, under the supervision of the Craft Provincial Grand Superintendent of the Works, Bro. Fred Harris and his son Bro. Fred junior, both members of the Howe Lodge No. 21. The works included new cast iron guttering, replacement window sills and complete repainting of the façade of the building and railings. Readers who have already seen the completed job will no doubt agree what a splendid result has been achieved.



## Hog Roast at Burbage



On Sunday 14th June, Bro. Peter Faulkner held a very successful Hog Roast to raise money for four different charities. The venue was in his garden in Burbage, next to a fishing lake. Marquees were erected and a variety of games were set up to entertain the guests. There was also a raffle, tombola and a silent auction. A donation of a VIP day out with the Red Arrows, sold for £1500. Our PGM, RWBro. Anthony Morris was in attendance with his Deputy, WBro. Stephen Davison, both who can be seen enjoying themselves in the photo opposite. The whole event raised in excess of £7000, to be divided between the charities: Clair's Wishes, Midland Air Ambulance, Rainbows and Shericliffe. A concert by the lake is scheduled for 28th August. Congratulations to all those who made the occasion so successful.

# £1,933 Donated to the British Heart Foundation



The photograph shows WBro. David Carter of the Simon de Montfort Mark Lodge No. 194 presenting a cheque for £1933 to Carl Jones of the British Heart Foundation. Also shown is WBro. Keith Harkness, the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Mark degree. The money was raised by the Brethren of the Leics. & Rutland Province and the Derbys. Province, attending the Annual Fly Fishing Day at the Eyebrook reservoir, the donation of £250 from the Mark PGM's Discretionary Fund and a donation of £500 from Bro. Peter Westerman.

The winner was WBro. Robert Surman of the Wiclif Mark Lodge No. 1068 with a weighty trout of 9lb 15ozs.

Congratulations to WBro. David Carter and his wife Rose for the organisation of this annual event and to all who gave support.

## Dates for your Diaries – 2015

Mark Ladies Dining, London Road,	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2015
Mark Sandbanks weekend	Fri-Sun 4-6 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
Provincial visit to Simon de Montfort Lodge of RAM No 194 (PGM will occupy the Chair)	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
Mark Grand Officers Mess	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
Provincial visit to St George's Lodge No 1133 (200 <sup>th</sup> meeting)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Provincial visit to Howe Lodge of RAM No 21 (50 year Anniversary)	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
RAM Grand Assembly, Great Queen Street.	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
Mark Christmas Lunch, London Road.	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2015

*The Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy would be pleased to receive the support of members at the above Provincial visits. Please contact the Provincial Grand Secretary – W Bro Don Peacock for details.*