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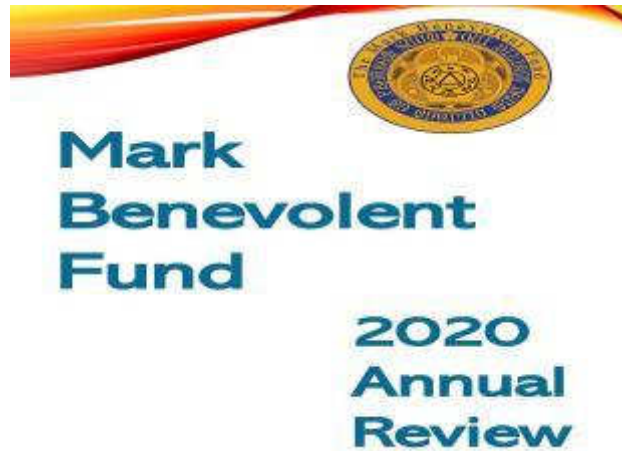
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## The Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Review



The MBF Annual Review gives a clear overview of the activities of the MBF in 2020 and is the first time we have put all of the information in one document.

As you will see from the information within, even in a year not without its challenges the generosity and continued hard work of our Mark Brethren shines through.

Thank you for supporting the MBF with such great enthusiasm. Your dedication to charitable causes makes the MBF the success that it is.

You can read the full review by clicking [Here](#)<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/mbf-annual-review-2020-2/viewdocument>

# Mark Benevolent Fund Laptop Donation



**Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons**  
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## Mark Benevolent Fund Laptop Donation

A recent application by our Provincial Almoner, W Bro Ken Archer, to the **Worthy Causes Committee** of the Mark Benevolent Fund resulted in a grant to the Province of some £25,000 to purchase laptop computers for disadvantaged primary school pupils. The Provincial MBF added a further £5,000 bringing the total to £30,000. 115 Laptop Computers, a mixture of Dell, Lenovo and HP, were purchased, all pre-loaded with Windows 10 and all displaying adhesive graphics to signify the donation from both Grand Lodge and the Province. The distribution of the Laptops has been left in the safe hands of the Education Authorities who have been briefed on the geographical extent of our Masonic Province.

Featured at the Beacon Hill Community School presentation are V W Bro: Barry Kirkbride, DPGM, R W Bro, Keith Hodgson, PGM, Jonathan Surber, the Quality of Education Lead in Cumbria Futures Education, W Bro Douglas Sanderson, APGM, W Bro Ken Archer, ProvGAlmoner.



Yours sincerely,

David R. Robinson (Secretary of the Province)

## Laptops gift to schoolchildren

By Tom Beattie

DESPITE the Government's pledge to supply all school children in England and Wales with the necessary technology to participate in remote lessons during the national lock down, the delayed response has meant that members of the public have stepped in to assist.

Keneth Archer, of the Freemasons, is the latest benefactor to organise the donation of laptops to schoolchildren lacking the means of accessing their online lessons during this period.

A total of 52 laptops were delivered to Beacon Hill School, Wigton, this week on behalf of the local branch of the Freemasons organisation.

"I feel compelled to help all the time," he explained.

"Everybody in the country is doing their best to help in very difficult times. We are no different.

"I approached Mark Fryer of Cumbria Recycling CIC, as



**School receives donation**

... as if he could obtain any re-furnished computers for the children and he's obtained around 115 computers in all. The first 52 were in the depot waiting to be donated."

He has received £25,000 from a national fund as part of the organisation's Worthy Causes committee, which will be donated to schools in various guises to help with the region's response. Apart from the donation, the local branch of Freemasons has also pledged to donate a further £5,000.

This is added to other donations from the organisation in the area during the pandemic, which includes the gifting of PPE to the staff of 206 plastic face-masks to the Valley Hospital, West Cumbria Hospital in Horw, a medical practice in Workington, and Cumbria Green and more.

Further to this, the organisation has also provided donations to a number of charities and friends, including the Cash for Kids campaign, North Lakes Football and the latter Friends of Donella over the past year, Mr Archer said.

He also added his hope that the generosity of his organisation is recognised more widely in the future.

"I feel Freemasons still has a stigma attached to it in some people's eyes but it is just a force for good," he stated.

**Tell us**  
How are you finding home schooling?  
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## Yorkshire Air Ambulance welcomes two new Rapid Response Vehicles to their fleet



When dealing with the most serious major traumas in Yorkshire, time is of the essence and it is paramount that the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Critical Care Team can reach their patients in the quickest way possible.

Yorkshire Air Ambulance is delighted to announce that they have introduced two custom-built Skoda Kodiaq Rapid Response Vehicles to their fleet of life-saving vehicles which will enable the Charity to extend its operations during adverse weather conditions, when their aircraft are offline for routine servicing and when, in some circumstances, it is quicker to get to the patient by road than by air.



The two new vehicles were custom-built to meet the needs of the air ambulance service and they are fully capable of carrying the same life-saving equipment found in both our helicopters, enabling the Yorkshire Air Ambulance crew to bring the same expert care to the scene of an incident as they do with their aircraft.

One of the vehicles will be based at the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Nostell airbase and the other at their North Yorkshire Topcliffe airbase, allowing the Charity to service the entirety of Yorkshire when patients require the specialist skills of their Critical Care Team.

Peter Sunderland, Yorkshire Air Ambulance Chairman, said: "We are absolutely delighted to welcome two new rapid response cars to our fleet of life-saving vehicles. These cars will make a huge difference to our operations in adverse weather conditions and in places unreachable by aircraft, enabling us to provide swift medical interventions that could have a major impact on a patient's chance of survival and subsequent quality of life.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Henry Surtees Foundation, Morrisons Foundation and the Tesco Bags of Help scheme in York, who have kindly sponsored the vehicles."





Matt Syrat, YAA Clinical Operations Manager, said: “The capabilities of our new rapid response vehicles will allow us to be able to get to patients during periods of aircraft downtime or extreme weather which render flying impossible, ensuring we can deliver prehospital care in the right place and at the right time.”

Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager at the Mark Benevolent Fund, said: “The Mark Benevolent Fund is delighted to have joined forces once again with our partners at the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. This all-important project and the vehicle provided reach deep into the heart of your community and will be a certain lifeline to many. The Mark Benevolent Fund is the official charity of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the third largest branch of Freemasonry. Our 35,000 members will be pleased to know that their donations are being used wisely, helping those in need and saving lives right across Yorkshire.”

Nick Smith, Executive Director of Operations at Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, said: “The long-standing partnership we have with YAA is a great asset for the Yorkshire region and the addition of these two rapid response vehicles at YAA will extend the reach of the Critical Care Team to treat more patients who are in a serious or life-threatening condition.”

Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) serves 5 million people across Yorkshire and carries out over 1,500 missions every year. The Charity operates two, state-of-the-art Airbus H145 helicopters and needs to raise £12,000 every day to keep saving lives.



**For more information, please contact Yorkshire Air Ambulance PR and Communications Officer, Jessica McDonnell on [j.mcdonnell@yaa.org.uk](mailto:j.mcdonnell@yaa.org.uk)**

- YAA is an independent Charity which needs to raise £12,000 every single day to keep both of Yorkshire's air ambulances in the air and maintained. This is equivalent to £4.4million each year.
- The YAA provides a lifesaving rapid response emergency service to 5 million people across 4 million acres of Yorkshire.
- The YAA operates two Airbus H145 Helicopters, G-YAAC and G-YOAA, from Nostell Priory near Wakefield and from RAF Topcliffe near Thirsk.
- The service is operational 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- Trauma patients are transferred to the nearest major trauma centre, flying at speeds of up to 160mph.
- The Yorkshire Air Ambulance paramedics are seconded from Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.
- The Yorkshire Air Ambulance is currently starring in the Discovery Channel series 'Helicopter ER' which is broadcast on Channel Really.
- The YAA currently attends well over 1,500 incidents a year, an average of 4 every single day.
- To date over 8,000 patients have been carried to relevant treatment centres, often for life-saving treatment.
- Each of the YAA helicopters is currently available for an average of 10 hours per day, with availability extending to 15 hours per day during the summer months.
- The average dispatch time is around 2 to 3 minutes. This is from the 999 call coming in to the helicopter taking off for departure.
- 90% of Yorkshire inhabitants live within a 20-minute flying time from either of the YAA's two airbases.
- If every adult in Yorkshire gave the YAA £1 per year, they would have the money needed to keep them in the air and saving lives.



## Leicestershire & Rutland Mark donate £2,000 to Guide Dogs

Peter Gibson-Leitch writes: At a 2019 meeting of The Progress Lodge of Installed Mark Masters No. 1786, the then Worshipful Master, Bro. John Reynolds held a raffle which raised £300 with the intention of donating it to Guide Dogs (formerly known as Guide Dogs for the Blind) whose representatives were due to pay a visit to the April 2020 'white table' meeting of the Lodge to talk about the wonderful work they do. Sadly, the impacts of the pandemic prompted a postponement.

Whilst it remains the firm intention to host Guide Dogs as soon as it's feasible and safe to do so, the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Phil Mann, wishing to supplement the original £300 by a further £1,700 from the Provincial Grand Master's Discretionary Fund, didn't wish to delay any longer in getting the donation to the Guide Dogs so they can apply it straight away to where it's needed; and a total donation of £2,000 has now been sent to Frank Lynn who represents the Guide Dogs Volunteer Group in this area.

In Frank's thank you letter to John Reynolds he expresses his delight .....*"On behalf of Guide Dogs, please convey a massive thank you to everyone at your Lodge for the wonderful donation of £2,000, it is greatly appreciated particularly during these very difficult times. Guide Dogs are almost entirely funded by voluntary donations and receive only a small amount of Government funding, so your donation is extremely helpful, and will be used to help support a Guide Dog puppy through it's first stage of training to become a fully qualified Guide Dog, which will give a partially sighted person the freedom and independence they deserve. On average it costs Guide Dogs around £55,000 to breed, train and support each Guide Dog through its entire working life, so once again many, many thanks for your support."*

When a date is finally confirmed for Frank and his colleagues and dogs to pay their visit to one of Progress Lodge's meetings, an invitation will be extended to Mark Masons and their wives and partners to join the Lodge members at what promises to be a heart-warming gathering - and a chance to fuss over the dogs - followed by a luncheon.

R.W.Bro. Phil expresses his thanks to the members of The Progress Lodge and also to many other of our Mark Masons for their generous contributions to the Discretionary Fund which has made this donation



possible. Yet another marvellous gesture from the Mark Master Masons of Leicestershire and Rutland.....thank you all.....you have Marked Well.



## TLC touches MMH's Finance Assistant




Mark Masons' Hall Finance Assistant, Millie Pilson, was delighted to hear how the simple gift of a TCL teddy made such a big difference at a difficult time.

Millie writes: "The nurses gave my friend's daughter this gift when, at 3 years old, she contracted COVID symptoms. She was so happy and even wanted to give her little baby friend one, so the nurse kindly gave her two. It meant so much to them all. A big thank you for this donation and well done to Mayday hospital for looking after her.

Thanks a million to the Freemasons who support this great endeavour. You're very kind x".




Essex Mark Brethren prepare to immerse themselves in the Flood

 **Provincial Grand Lodge of  
Mark Master Masons  
ESSEX**

Presenting the third in a series of Zoom lectures to  
interest and inform.  
Starting at 7.30pm on the 26th February 2021 with  
a fascinating talk from  
R.W. Bro Brian Vickers, P.G.J.W, P.Prov.G.S.W, R.A.M.G.R.  
entitled:

***A brief History of the  
Ancient and Honourable Degree of  
Royal Ark Mariner &  
Matters relating  
to the Flood***



This presentation is open to all and is limited to  
a maximum of 100 attendees. Invitations will be  
issued on a first come, first served basis.  
To book your place on this presentation, email to  
[EssexMarkComms@gmail.com](mailto:EssexMarkComms@gmail.com)

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### Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Mark Risings



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# Devon & Cornwall RCC's Constantine Times



News & Military Notes of the Red Cross of  
Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and  
of the Order of the Dragon  
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## The Constantine Times



### From our Intendant General



I was sitting on the sofa with a book in my hand when I was sent the announcement photo by a fellow Red Cross Grand Dependent Grand, although the picture dates to 2008 in Birmingham at the Red Cross Grand meeting and Richard Wallis was installed as Grand Sovereign. Later that year I was installed as Deputy Intendant General for The Division of Devon and Cornwall. So this was my last appearance on the Grand Grand. I was asked by the then Intendant General Sir Denis & Cornwall if I would consider becoming a Grand Dependent Grand in 2009 and of course we were delighted to accept. In those days there were two Grand Dependent Grand positions because Her Majesty's Palace had wasn't big enough to get all the W. Ma. in, so at the May meeting I was duly collected at my own monthly house, 50 York in the morning, by our then Intendant

General, Peter Heston, accompanied by Our First Intendant General Betty Jackson. We had an afternoon journey up to London and thought we would make for there for Norfolk, our designated time of arrival. I of course was very excited as I had heard much about the Grand but was desperate to get my hands on one of the Cloths they are so famous for. Our way as Jack would have it was not to be nearly one hour. The Captain of the Grand was not a happy man to put it mildly and a replacement came as soon as they or as Grand. Trying to explain that it was not my fault, the traffic was not what I had a passenger, but in any way, the Grand, it's not responsibility to be lost, but then there weren't enough Capes to go round. I was disappointed, all that

way to be but then not get through that then my luck changed, one of the Grand's had pulled a muscle and I was down to at the last minute. To be able to accompany our Grand Sovereign-designate Richard Wallis was an experience I shall never forget. All in all I had a wonderful day and indeed being a Grand Dependent Grand has been one of my most enjoyable days as a Mason. I will belong to the Grand to put him Grand Conclude and enjoy the Friendship and camaraderie that it brings.

Richard LG



### And From the Deputy....



When we think of the number of people who are involved in the Red Cross of Constantine, it is a truly remarkable figure. It is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our members and supporters. We have had some opportunity to work on the day to day requirements of our

order but we are not working on a regular basis. Richard and I have talked many times about the work that we do and about the work that we do. I am sure that many of our members will be able to help us in our work. We have had some opportunity to work on the day to day requirements of our

of the kind of Commission we provide. There are a number of ways in which we can help you. If you would like to know more about the work that we do, please contact Alan or Richard on the 27th. We would be very happy to help.

Divisional Recorder: VJLN Alan R. Cockman Phone: 01271 272318 Email: acockman@gnk.com www.redcrossofconstantine.org.uk





#### A MEMORY RECALLED MEMO George Evans

Through the post-aging with dozens of other Appeals for contributors, the name of Christmas time, came from the Salvation Army, to which I always respond as it needs to be a very vivid and strong memory of a middle-aged lady in a well worn Salvation Army uniform. I am not a Soboloff, but my meeting with this lady came at a very poignant moment in this and made an impression in me that will always remain.

What saving in HMS Nelson, immediately following the surrender of the Japanese who arrived in the Singapore road, myself, along with many other regular service communications were disembarked to assist with the operation of Alangi radio station, this delayed my return home to the UK at the end of the war by two years. At long last I was assigned to HMS Bermuda, having been absent for nearly three years. Then to add insult to injury, the long way home via the Panama Canal.

Part of the reason for this lengthy return was to allow for as many courtesy calls as many countries as possible to close the white pages. One of the most memorable calls after traveling the Japanese

Tokaido Sea was to secure alongside in the port of Yokohama. To my surprise we were met with a band and many colorful ladies in National costumes. The welcoming party were very polite and friendly and had an overall smile for the Ship Company and that I could be was to visit the city of Yokohama.

This city, along with the city of Nagasaki was deliberately bombed using atomic weapons for the first and hopefully the last time. Both of these cities, like most Japanese cities, consisted of domestic buildings, constructed in the main of paper and timber, the bombs being deliberately detonated in the air, creating a tremendous downward blast accompanied by extremely intense heat. The damage was all consuming, combined with the added after results of radiation damage which would last for many years. The death toll was estimated in the hundreds of thousands, which was still less than the damage and casualties of the Tokyo fire bombing with conventional weapons the previous March, the very real difference being that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were razed by single bombs.

Life had changed in the few months between the bombing of Yokohama and

my last shore pathways had been cleared to allow access through the ruins of totally wrecked houses and businesses. The sight of such total devastation was immense, but the thought of the hundreds of thousands of civilian deaths, women and children made the real impact. Ever in the full knowledge of the barbarous acts committed by the Japanese Armed forces, and the recent sight of the walking skeletons of POWs released from Chang Poom Camp in Singapore, it was to me very depressing and I felt ashamed to have been party to such a barbarous act, which was today in all the subject of a very active study into the ethical and moral use of an atomic weapon.

What has this to do with my middle-aged lady in a well worn Salvation Army uniform? She was the only person standing amid the ravaged city who with such simple compassion offered me a drink of water, the only human being standing amid such a visible demonstration of man's inhumanity towards his fellow human beings, she was, and always has been, a veritable beacon of hope.



#### Worthy Knight Colin

Patron of St Dunstons Cathedral, No. 342, has just had his sixteenth book published - 'Memories of RAF Masirah and RAF Sharjah' - telling the fascinating stories of these desert (and) RAF airfields in the Middle East: Masirah in Oman and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (but also included the Trucial Oman States in RAF days).

The book tells the stories of these remote airfields from their first branches with aviation in the very early 1920s until closure - Sharjah in 1975 and Masirah in 1977 and, illustrated by 250 photographs, covers these early days, the Second World War, the Cold War and more recently troubles in the wild remote corners of Oman.

Extensive in its coverage, the book covers aircraft, personnel,

buildings, local customs, vehicles (including fire service vehicles), personal anecdotes, shipwrecks, crashes, aircraft accidents, the Masirah narrow gauge railway, sport and a whole host more. The post-RAF situation at both sites is covered in detail, for example the Al Mahalla Aviation Museum in Sharjah City and the Royal Air Force of Oman flying training base at Masirah. With a foreword by leading aviation historian and military history lecturer Abdul-Ferguane, the book brings back memories of the yearning years of those who served there and is a font of knowledge of those interested in history of this troubled corner of the world.

Colin's other published books include a trilogy of books on Bermuda transportation (railways, flying boats,

the Isle of Wight Railway), an aviation quiz book and a range of local and military history books on his native Dorset. He has also narrated videos on the D-Day Battles, Weymouth through the Ages and Dorset at War and regularly writes book reviews for aviation and military history journals.

As Colin says, 'Keep me out of mischief and keep the grip motor active'.



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# A Shot in the Arm

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## Across Social Media

West Yorkshire post a new video highlighting the magic of the Mark



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On YouTube - London's Knights Templar receive a talk on the Teutonic Knights



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West Kent Freemasons explore the experiences of their Mark Brethren

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We can be found at:

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The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised over £45,500 and continues to grow



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You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. [Just Click Here<sup>13</sup>](#) or use the Text Donate facility below.

100% of donations will be given to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group to support their vital work. To recognise your generosity and support, The Great Priory of Knights Templar is sending a limited-edition Swift tie/lapel pin to every donor.

***The Swift pins are now being posted out but please bear with us as we are only in the office one day per week to carry out this task so some deliveries will take longer than others. Thank you for your patience.***

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The Knights Templar  
20 for 2020 Appeal



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## MBF Festival 2021



**East Lancashire Province**, hosts of the **153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival in 2021**, have produced a unique **Souvenir Festival Calendar** for the year **2021** and copies are now available.

These large, wall hanging calendars feature twelve contrasting prints of iconic sights in East Lancashire, commencing with the beauty of Pendle Hill in January and ending with Manchester's colourful Christmas Market in December. The 12 original watercolours were painted by Annette Young over the past four years specially for this calendar without cost to the Province. Calendars are priced at £10 each and all proceeds will go to the MBF.

So, let us brighten your kitchen or office wall and at the same time provide much needed support for our Mark Benevolent Fund. Why not purchase several more copies to send to friends and family at Christmas?

**Thank you very much for your support.**





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Click Here<sup>15</sup> for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here<sup>16</sup> for the updated complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here<sup>17</sup>

## Helping to Combat Covid



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<sup>14</sup><mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

<sup>15</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Stewardship\\_Badge\\_Form.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf)

<sup>16</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete\\_Forms\\_Pack\\_Final\\_2021\\_-\\_Updated\\_18.01.2021\\_\(002\).pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete_Forms_Pack_Final_2021_-_Updated_18.01.2021_(002).pdf)

<sup>17</sup><http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

At the start of Lockdown the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W., shared the COVID Symptom Study<sup>18</sup> app.

As local lockdowns and UK cases increase, with over 4 million users, this app is a useful source of information regarding the situation in your area, as well as being a portal through which people of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID, support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

## Business as usual for the Staff@86



Staff from the 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall have returned to working from home but all departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support as usual.



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<sup>18</sup><https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

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