

On The Palace Square

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Old Palace gets Royal Appointment



How do you think this well served award came about?

Not much to tell really Eric it's all a bit secretive and well organised. Someone or some people need to nominate a name to the Prime Minister's office and through that nomination and research take a view and recommend to Her Majesty.

I understand the scrutiny is quite rigorous and detailed so I was lucky to get through!!

Why do you think you were awarded this great honour?

It's to do of course with my work that it came from for my involvement in Music and Arts at the Fairfield Halls and of course its great from my family who clearly are all so proud-- as of course are my friends who threw a small party for me and you can see from the attached photo how they responded.

When are you able to add the Honorary to your name?

As soon as it was announced

When will you be invested?

I don't know yet when the investiture is. Buckingham Palace apparently write and give me a couple of dates but we think it will be October or November .



So that's going to cost a new hat and dress for her indoors and both my son and daughter are touting, no pleading, to come as its held in Buckingham Palace!!

What does it mean to you?

So that's about it-- I am very lucky to have had such a successful career and made friends and acquaintances along the way who have felt strong enough about my efforts to put me forward for this award. It's also a great tribute to my long suffering staff!! I am not sure what else I can say about it really except I was delighted to get it.

The Royal Arch Tie

At the recent annual investiture the MW The Grand Master announced that the new Royal Arch tie, approved by the Committee of General Purposes of Supreme Grand Chapter, could be worn in future in Craft Lodges, and that further guidance would be given on the appropriate wearing of the tie. The Board is anxious to emphasise the indissoluble link that exists in English Freemasonry between the Craft and the Royal Arch, and accordingly recommends that Qualified Royal Arch Companions should be permitted, and indeed encouraged, to wear the new tie in Private Lodges. **Have you joined yet?**

DETAILS OF OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on October 13th 2010. We will be honoured with the presence of Worshipful Brother Colin Palmer APGM. We will be starting at 4.30 pm and we will be initiating 2 candidates. If you are not a member of Old Palace and wish to attend either contact your normal host or give me a call. We would be pleased to see you. Eric's contact details are above

DINING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The menu will be
Starter Smoked Chicken & Cherizio on a bed of crisp salad leaves drizzled with Dijon mustard vinaigrette
Main Course Roast Rib of Beef with Yorkshire Puddings, roast potatoes, baton carrots and roast parsnips
Dessert Lavish Lemon Lace Dessert followed by
Cheese and Biscuits.
Coffee



Dining Arrangements

If you wish to dine you will need to let W Bro Andy Fox know by Wednesday 6th October and please also let him know by this date how many guests you will be bringing.

Late requests will not be accepted.

Any changes after that date cannot be guaranteed. Alternative meals can be provided as well as any dietary needs.

Dining Cost £22.00

The Headley Court Go Kart Endurance event



This year Old Palace entered three teams with the intention of blinding the opposition with our superb driving, (or just knock them off the track through sheer numbers!)

Our teams consisted of

The Old Palace Racers

Peter Ashton
Brendan Glynn
Leo Hopkins

The Old Palace Flyers

Bryan Taylor
Andy Barker
Bradley Barker

The Barnes Four

Nick Barnes
Jack Barnes
James Natrass
James Natrass Jnr

Unfortunately Ian Fernandez turned up too late to take part so we thought we would escape without any black flags this year. Unfortunately, due to an overzealous marshal, Peter still managed to keep the tradition going and got black flagged during the initial laps, (honest Guv I only gave him a small tap to make him move out of the way!). This put the Old Palace Racers back down the placings. They managed to fight back and were up to 5th place but unfortunately an engine problem a couple of laps before the end meant they finished 7th overall.

As was expected, there was a lot of rivalry between the teams but we all managed to keep out of everyone's way and all finished in one piece!

The Barnes Four team was a mixture of the big lads, (Dads), and the smaller lads, (Sons).

They were in 12th place after the first lap and managed to get up to 9th but sheer weight held them back despite James senior trying to find out where the blue lights and sirens were to try and get everyone in front of him to move over!

Unfortunately The Old Palace Flyers, being more used to large articulated lorries and white vans, were a bit lost without a multitude of gears and air brakes and were in 11th place after the first lap. But, despite the best efforts of Andy's son Bradley who they put in to drive last as they thought, being the lightest he would be the fastest, could only manage 9th place overall.

In all 12 teams took part on the day and Old Palace unfortunately didn't manage to pick up any trophies but everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year to try and improve their performances.

Our final results were as follows

7th place – Old Palace Racers – Best Lap 52.81 secs
9th place – Old Palace Flyers – Best Lap 53.05 secs
10th place – The Barnes Four – Best Lap 52.70 secs

This event will take place again next year if there is enough interest from everyone so if you want to join us please contact either Bryan Taylor or Peter Ashton for details.



Another member of Kurt's very talented family,



Our member in Mauritius The Very Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Mauritius Kurt Barnes made one of his rare visits to the UK. Back in June. On this occasion it was to see his daughter perform. His visit was so short notice we were unable to get him exalted into Royal Arch Chapter but I am hopeful we will achieve it one day.

Ariane Barnes, Kurt's daughter, who studies at Rosebruford in Kent for a BA Hons Acting is graduating on the 23 September. Kurt will be over for this.

She was picked to represent the school at a very prestigious Musical Theatre singing competition "The Sondheim Society Student Performer Prize"

There were prizes for best performer and song on the stage of The Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London - home of Les Miserables. Hear her sing by clicking on her picture or going on facebook page.

We wish her luck in her career.



Congratulations Peter!

Millwall's Player of the Year Alan Dunne is pictured here presenting Peter Ashton with a pair of tickets for England's international-match against Mexico at Wembley. Peter was the lucky winner of their 1885 Club competition

There's Hope in the Cape

As Richard, my son, and I left Heathrow back in June to fly to Cape Town we wondered what to expect and felt a little uneasy about our safety. Prior to this I rang up the claims department of my travel insurers to find out their experience in RSA.

Nothing out of the ordinary except to say to be wary of pick pockets who try to create a distraction who operate at airport lounges, act as though they are drunk touching you as well as scantily clad women to draw your attention-no luck there though!!! We need not have bothered because our hosts had gone out of the way to make us feel at home. We stayed in Camps Bay about 5 miles from Cape Town which is like Sandbanks, as a place where the rich live. We then flew up to Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein for the games against Germany and Slovenia and watched the Algeria game in Cape Town. They certainly pulled it off and showed the world that they are capable of hosting the world's biggest public events after all the doubts whether the stadiums and transport infra structures would be ready. We did the usual tourist stuff. We visited Robben Island, Table Mountain, Stellenbosch Vineyards, Cape of Good Hope as well as the Open Top bus tour of Cape Town.

As we left Cape Town airport we saw our first of many townships. We have all seen pictures on TV but the sight of them makes you feel depressed but the Government there is rehousing these inhabitants in to sixties style tower blocks. However as in the UK these families miss the community spirit of the townships.

The football was a little disappointing, the England team poor but we did not feel we had wasted our money. There was so much to see and do, impressive scenery and plenty of bars and restaurants eager to take our money. We met Harry Redknapp, John Motson and Chris Kamara and best of all some Palace fans.



Every black person we met had hope for the future. There are TV adverts encouraging children to go to school sitting in front of PCs. We felt that it showed to us visitors and maybe to the country itself that there is no shortage of intelligent and capable young people that given a chance a bright and viable future can be built. They have come a long way since Nelson Mandela was released from Robben Island in 1990 and became President of Republic of S Africa in 1994 of the ANC party.

Middle class homes in Cape Town were surrounded by razor wire and CCTV and are patrolled by armed security guards. An extra 41000 police were on the streets to reduce the likelihood of embarrassing incidents involving foreign visitors. There are definite tourist spots which were heavily policed but in a very pleasant manner. There was no trouble whatsoever at any of the games that I went to or during my stay in South Africa. There are 11 languages spoken in RSA with South African English and Afrikaans the most used. Afrikaans is seen as a hangover from the Dutch colonial days. The British are very well liked for all their work earlier in the last century around missionaries, schools and engineering. Also in the 70/80s we stopped buying S African goods as a protest against apartheid.

I had a wonderful time and would go back any time as would every one I spoke to when I was there.

To see photos go to S Africa <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=227503&id=685129082&l=13132d1efd>

The Road to Africa <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=229928&id=685129082&l=7c383e2ad7>



PETER'S QUIZ

The first all correct answer emailed to me will win a small prize at our next meeting. In the case of any disputes or disagreements my answer is final! (even if it is not correct!) peterashton@phoenixelectrical.co.uk

TRUE OR FALSE

- 1 In space it is impossible to cry?
- 2 "Copyrightable" is the longest word in the English language that can be written without repeating a letter?
- 3 Slugs don't have noses?
- 4 Most Eskimos have fridges?
- 5 An Ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain?
- 6 Thomas Edison, who invented the light bulb, was afraid of the dark?
- 7 There are no anagrams of the word stationed?
- 8 Taphephobia is the fear of losing your teeth?
- 9 Over 80,000 photographs are taken around the world every second?
- 10 The letter "t" is the second most common letter used in the English language?

Meet our new joining member

Our roving reporter talks to John

Who are you? John Richardson

How old are you? 42

Your occupation. National Logistics Manager

Have you had a career change? No, Wish I has sometimes!!

Previous jobs Operations / Logistics Management

Current employers? Bunzl

Best part of your job working with the team that I have

Worst part Telling people Off

Last major holiday Australia April 09

Your hobbies, I am a big Crystal Palace Fan and have a season ticket, Cycling Gardening, Eating out with Friends

Family Married to Katherine, We have three Children, Ben, Abbigale and Joshua

How long a member of Old Palace

Joined May 12th 2010

Why did you join I was forced too by Eric!! Only Joking, I am a local lad and after visiting I found that I liked what I saw and think it is a very progressive Lodge

What do you think of it so Far? Very Enjoyable

What sports do you play, Football, Golf, Cricket and Snooker

Ambitions – To be Happy

Other points of interest – I am a member of the Army & Navy Lodge 2738. (London)

A big welcome to you John and we hope you will enjoy being a member of Old Palace.

John at the finish of the London to Brighton cycle ride which some members sponsored him.



SUMMER BBQ

Another glorious day greeted all of the guests at the summer BBQ. Once again, thanks to Brendan Glynn making his house and garden available to us, we had a fantastic day watching the Biggin Hill Air Show.

Sunshades and suntan cream were the order of the day as the sun beamed down on all who managed to attend. There was a bouncy castle for the children and plenty to eat & drink thanks again to Brendan's generosity.

The only small downside to the day was the matter of a football match taking place in South Africa between England and the dreaded Germans! Those who were interested in the match gathered round several TV's and experienced the inevitable highs & lows of the match. Unfortunately we came off second best, again, to the Germans but we more than made up for it in the dogfight in the sky taking place between several spitfires, hurricanes and messerschmitts.

We witnessed the eurofighter going through its paces along with a parachute jump and the Red Arrows.

There was also a quiz to keep us amused and a raffle with loads of wonderful prizes donated by our members and friends. Thanks to everyone's hard work, both Old Palace members and some of our guests, especially Peter Callistan who pitched in with his own special quiz. We raised in the region of £950 on the day. This will be donated to a cancer charity and The Herbs Trust.

Thanks to everyone who came along and made it such a fantastic day.

If we can get the same amount of support, or better, then we hope to have another summer next year.

Editors Comments.

I spoke to Peter from S Africa and everyone seemed to be having fun.

This event was well supported but not by our own members. You

missed a first class event. Thanks

Brendan.

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Where were you?

Sunday 11th July saw the final cheque presentation for the Province's Haiti disaster appeal. This was at a lunch held at Nutfield Masonic Centre which incidentally is in itself excellent and good value for money. Worthy of a Lodge membership lunch time gathering. The Provincial Grand Master presented a cheque to a charity call Merlin being the balance of funds collected for this disaster.

Merlin is a medical aid charity who works in the front line of international disasters. [Medical Emergency Relief International | Merlin](#)

In total therefore the Province through Lodges including Old Palace gave £35,000 to the Haitian people to assist in coping with this disaster. The money purchased a mobile medical vehicle that can be taken around the country treating those in the more remote parts of Haiti.

Petit Goave, a coastal town west of the capital, two Merlin mobile teams travel for up to three hours a day through difficult terrain to provide health care to those living deep within the hills, a minimum five hour walk from basic health services. Each week we are making regular visits to eight villages.

During the presentation those in attendance were treated to a short talk from a nurse who had been one of the first into the country and who set up the first field hospital on a tennis court. Her experiences brought on occasions a tear to ones eye-- we Brit's are so lucky!!

Whilst the invitation was open to all lodge members Peter Ashton and his lady attended on behalf of Old Palace with Derek Barr also in attendance as chairman of the Provincial Charity Committee.

Editors Comments Thanks Peter for your support and representation!!