



Chairman's Report

Brethren all, I trust you have had a good summer and the favourable weather giving opportunity to get out and about on the bikes. Certainly, for some there has been some very long rides and am sure Surrey President Steve Dixon is writing up his experiences to share with you all as I type! The Son is now back on track and guidelines for submitting articles will be circulated and included in the edition. The News Team, news@wsmba.uk, are happy for articles to be sent in as they are drafted and can be lined up for future editions. If something is date critical a flyer can be circulated by the National Secretary, secretary@wsmba.uk

Although a few months have passed, on behalf of the WSMBA I would like to record our congratulations and appreciation to the South West Chapters in Region 7, Brycgstow,

Pilgrims, Quarrymen, Stonecutters and Wyvern, for hosting an excellent National Rally. Even more special as it marked the 20th Anniversary of the WSMBA being formed. Good attendance from the Chapters, plenty of Masonic guests and the novelty of a Bucking Bronco added to the fun. Also great to see Riff in action and living up to his road name!

Our next National Rally is being organised by Region 6, being Anglia, Beda, Cobblestones, Hallstone, Icen, Norfolk, Oxonian and Shires. They have hit the ground running so pencil in the date, 25th-27th July 2025. Better still buy tickets!. The event is being held at Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club, Leighton Road, Stanbridge, LU7 9HR. There will be bands, Hog Roast, Vendors, a Ride Out and of course the Widows Sons Lodge meeting. A dedicated email address has been set up to handle any queries as follows: info2025@rally.wsmba.uk

The Branding weekend is agreed and all communication and queries should be via secretary@wsmba.uk with Gavin being the point of contact. Please do not go direct to WSS as they get inundated and it adds unnecessary pressure for the organisers.

Portugal has grown significantly and is now in the process of creating their own PGB to manage the Chapters. Made up of the reigning Presidents and a Chairman to oversee the agenda. They will appoint other officers to their back office as they grow. Always a warm welcome to visiting Widows Sons, just let them know you are coming.

Patches, the Alliance Patch is redundant and the PGB agreed that it should be removed. Sadly many are still sporting it, despite the agreement not to wear it. What is the point of having the PGB agreeing a decision if the Association members are going to ignore it? You wouldn't wear a Provincial tie that was no longer valid, so please remove the patch and am sure the space can be filled with something more appropriate.

I am no longer surprised that there is an element within our ranks that think their

behaviour is of no consequence. Fortunately issues are few and far between, but they happen and sometimes on the radar of our masonic Rulers. To date Brethren have rolled their sleeves up to tackle the issues and kept me informed. They know who they are and on behalf of the WSMBA am grateful for their actions. No one has a right to be a Widows Son; it has to be earned by adhering to our Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. So please keep it tight Brethren as we all know how to keep a secret.

We are continuing to be recognised as a positive element within Freemasonry and that is down to the way all of you raise funds for good causes and keep your Provincial Officers in the loop. Keep up the good work!

In the meantime ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours

W. Bro. Gregory Kirby SLGR.



Digital Donations

You are, no doubt, all aware that we are collecting for Lifelites over the next few years and aim to raise £20,000 by the end of 2025. To aid this we have opened a relief chest with the Masonic Charities Fund which means we can claim the 25% gift aid for every applicable donation. To make collecting for relief chests easier the MCF have created a QR code for us that you can see here.

This QR code will make collecting from chapters, lodges and individuals much easier, all you have to do is take a photo of this card, keep it on your phone and show it to people when they say they want to donate. Use this wherever and wherever you are, so long as you have an Internet connection!

The benefits of Digital Donations

- No need to hold cash or have unnecessary physical contact.
- Fast and simple donation process.
- Donate before, during or after all Masonic and non-Masonic events as and when convenient (in the middle of a lodge meeting might be frowned on, for example).
- Donors can keep a record of all their donations by requesting email receipts.

Whether you use the QR code or follow the URL <https://gtap.uk/e1072> you will be taken to a web page where you need to provide certain details. The following will help you to help those who are filling those details in.

- The address details are obvious.
- Name of Lodge/Chapter – This is the donor's lodge and is used to keep tabs on how much a given lodge or chapter has donated. If the donor is not a freemason then just put your own lodge.
- Number of Lodge/Chapter to be credited – The number of the lodge or chapter they provided in the previous box.
- Appeal name – This can be left blank since we are only collecting for Lifelites.



Busy Weekend for Legge Lodge and the Staffordshire Widows Sons

On Saturday 17th August, the Compass Suites Building that hosts a number of lodges in Aldridge had an open house to invite people who are interested in freemasonry to drop by for a cup or tea or coffee and biscuits and have a relaxed chat to discuss being a mason and what that would entail

Legge Lodge No 2784 which is supported by Staffordshire Chapter was in attendance with W. Bro Andy Sawyer his officers and brethren along with Associate members nicknamed "Bad Pennies".

The weather was kind and the day went extremely well with 4 people expressing interest in joining a lodge plus some other genuine interest. Out of those 4 individuals 2 were interested in joining Legge Lodge which means good growth for Legge and 2 more members for the Widows Sons Staffordshire Chapter.

It was a superb and friendly event, and a great opportunity for the Aldridge Lodges to socialise together and build friendships and visiting opportunities into the future.

The Compass Suites are planning an open evening on the 25th September, for which an even better response is anticipated.

Sunday 18th August, Staffordshire Chapter headed off to the Hurricane Café at Shobdon in Herefordshire for what turned out to be a mini Widows Sons Rally! 5 Chapters were in attendance – Staffordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Wyvern. The purpose was to offer support to the Masons in Hereford that were looking to setup a new chapter. I think the turnout demonstrated that we have a strong fraternal brotherhood that comes together or maybe it was just the excuse to have a great ride followed by a fried breakfast!



Beda Chapter Update

2024 has been a busy year for Beda Chapter so far with rideouts, social and charity events .

We supported the Province of Bedfordshire in delivering Easter Eggs to the children's wards at Bedford and Luton Hospitals and donated boxes of TLC Bears to the Hospitals and the Keech Hospice. We assisted SERV Bloodbikes in delivering test sample boxes to the Keech hospice.



We have continued to run the monthly "Crazy Legs Draw" at our social events to support local charities including the Bedfordshire 2026 Festival, SERV Bloodbikes, Keech Hospice, Respite Care at Home, Saturday Outreach Service Bedford, Faces, Azalea and Leighton Linslade Helpers.

Beda members are keen volunteers, e.g. supporting Kids in Action activities for children with disabilities, and SoS Bedford feeding and providing care to the homeless Bedford. In the last 12 months, 4 BEDA members in SERV have made 311 free urgent deliveries of life saving blood products, patient samples, Human Donor Milk, medical equipment and drugs.

We have run rideouts to France and Belgium, Boxmoor, Grafham Water and Warwick , met neighbouring Chapters, attended the National Rally and will shortly be returning to Wales for our annual tour. Our members supported Dave Day, The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride and the Army Benevolent Fund ride.

We continue to welcome new members and patched Rocksteady and Ploughman with our now traditional ceremony delivered by our President at The Keep, the Bedfordshire Masonic HQ. All the new Freemasons introduced to Freemasonry by Beda since 2018 are progressing well in their Masonic careers, while our Associate Members, or "Clangers", are helping to develop and grow Beda in key ways showing how inclusive our association really is.





The 21st National Rally 2025 will be hosted 25th to 27th July by Beda at Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club supported by the Cobblestones, Hallstone, Icenorfolk, Oxonian, Shires and Suffolk Chapters. We are looking forward to a really memorable and enjoyable event. Tickets are available here:

<https://beda.wsmmba.uk/National%20Rally2025.html>

Please contact **info2025@rally.wsmmba.uk** if you have any questions.

Worcestershire Roundup

Although the summer seems to have been a bit varied in the weather, Worcestershire have been out and about as usual with our 2nd Sunday rides, and regular weekly informal rides, plus many rideouts to meet up with other chapter brethren – including of course big support to the national rally in Newton Abbot, and our annual Pilgrims sojourn down in Exeter. Several fundraising BBQ's and other Chapter events continue to be enjoyed by our members, associates and families

Membership continues to increase steadily, with both new non-masons and joining members, including our Past PGM who is now an honorary member - as we receive fantastic support from our provincial rulers and officers.

Our main charity highlight of course, was the raising of £20,000 in just 8 months, for the donation of a blood bike to Severn freewheelers at the Prescott motorbike festival – achieved in the main from our members, and through sponsored lodge visits with our President talking about the Widows Sons, along with a donation of £4k from Province and the MCF. This has also appeared on the front page of the Worcestershire Quarterly newsletter (the "Source"), highlighting the great charity work of the Widows Sons.

To hear more about it, watch this link!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s7XS-WjMac>

Andy "monte" Philpott

President Worcestershire Chapter

Article appearing in Worcestershire Source:

Community Service: Blood Biking

Worcestershire, like so many other parts of the UK, is now seeing unprecedented demands on the NHS in respect of the transport of blood, platelets, samples, surgical instruments, human donor milk and many other clinical products. There is an immediate answer to this need. It takes the form of a local community 'Blood Bike'.

In Worcestershire and the surrounding area, this falls to the 'Severn Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service', Chaired by Paul Fairbank, which is totally funded from local private charitable donations and fundraising efforts - A quite magnificent achievement that has earned it's moniker of 'small charity, big achiever' status. It is part of the National Association of Blood Bikes, that ensures that the UK has 'coast to

coast' blood bike service coverage.

When you see a 'blood bike' on the road, remember that the rider is an unpaid volunteer, working to professional standards and providing the service to the NHS, free of charge. They are one of the 'Third Sector Charities' within the UK, that makes a difference to the well being to citizens on a daily basis. This is all due to the incredible teamwork and commitment made by every member, spread across every county in the UK.

Current estimates suggest that the volunteering and charitable work carried out by all the UK Third Sector Charities, creates an annual value equivalent of 15 percent of UK gross domestic product of approximately £324 billion per year. More specifically, the work of the 'Blood Bikes' is in the top 1% of critical value, generated by services in this sector.



With its roots going back over half a century, the concept of a rapid response motorcycle based charity, run by volunteers has an impressive track record. It can proudly demonstrate decades of service to the NHS and the wider community. It has become an integral part of the NHS front line services, delivering an efficient and effective 'cost friendly' free service. Thus removing the burden on the NHS from being forced to use expensive taxi or alternative unregulated ad-hoc based transport mechanisms, for the movement of emergency supplies.

The riders (who are all Advanced trained Riders), dispatchers, supporters and fundraisers come from a variety of backgrounds. Hence its ability to meet the increase in demands, and the need to diversify its services, to respond to the time sensitive and life saving challenges that the NHS faces on an hourly basis. But all of this needs to be covered through voluntary fund raising. It is here that Freemasons

of the Province of Worcestershire are making a difference. At the 2024 Prescott Bike Festival, Andy Philpott, on behalf of Worcestershire Widows Sons and Worcestershire Freemasons, and as founding President of the Worcester Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association, along with David Dey (ProvGCS) presented a brand new blood bike to the Severn Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service.

Proudly, it has been named 'The Widows Son' and has already been put into service. In particular the bike has been used on routine and urgent replenishment of the 'blood on board' of the Midland Air Ambulance. It will also be used to work with other charitable organisations such as 'The Human Milk Foundation' for transporting donor milk to treat babies that may be in intensive care.



'Delivering Service from every twist of the throttle': Andy Philpott

Worcester Masons are keeping a 'very keen eye in their rear view mirrors' at it makes its rounds in the Province. It is fully 'logo'd' and liveried in Widows Sons and the logos from the Chapter, and of Worcestershire Freemasons, making it a standout proof point of 'masonry in action'. More importantly, it is a tangible example of the community service that masons do.

'Since entering service in June it has already completed 100's of essential tasks and covered over 8,000 miles in doing so': Paul Fairbank

This achievement was the result of raising over £20,000, the majority from the Widows Son Chapter members and associates. It also involved various events and talks from the Widows Sons to many of the lodges in the Province, who were all enthusiastic to support the initiative. It saw a range of generous donations from many lodges, including £4,000

from the Worcestershire Province and the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF).

Amazingly, this was all achieved within 8 months! It is a fantastic achievement from the initial ambitious goal setting (of raising the funds within a year) by the Chapter at its AGM in June 2023 (almost the equivalent of a Masonic 'moon shot'), for a charity which is close to the hearts of so many masons, the biking fraternity and the local community. This is simply what Freemasonry in Worcestershire is about. Even more astonishingly, the Widows Sons surpassed their target in just eight months! To gather such donations, by Masonic driven private actions, involving no 'tin rattling' is a supreme achievement.

Andy (WS President), Severn Freewheeler Fund Raising Manager, Simon Grover and Chairman, Paul Fairbank were interviewed at the Prescott Festival, by our resident videographer, David Emery, as the actual Bike was handed over - click here to see the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6s7XS-WjMac>

The Widows Sons is a group open to any Freemason with an interest in Motorcycling. It is increasingly these Masonic related groups that are acting as the feeder organisations to grow our fraternity. Andy explained that, "when we are out and about on our Motorcycles, proudly displaying our Freemasons Logos. we often get approached (or indeed take the initiative!) to explain what Freemasonry is all about, and the camaraderie of the Widows Sons - which has resulted in a number of people joining us, and then on to a Worcestershire Lodge" - Proving that a passion, in the form of a special interest group attached to a lodge is the perfect step (or in this instance a friendly rideout) onto the square. It's the combination of new friendships and opportunities for genuine community service that are igniting a revived interest in masonry in Worcestershire.



The Stonecutters Round Up of 2024 so far...

2024 started with a conveyor belt like series of storms, bringing very dangerous road conditions to the South West of England. A few of our members managed to travel to The Green Dragon for our first Natter Night of the year, however, most members were unable to safely travel due to the flash floods caused by the storms. Although the weather curtailed our riding, it did not impact our Freemasonry.

On 25 January, members of the Stonecutters visited New Temple Lodge No. 8435 in Swindon to see one of our Masonic Cornerstones, "Princess" being passed to the Second Degree. We did not expect to visit again a month later for his Raising and to patch him a Widows Son! On 26 January, members of the Stonecutters visited Highworth Royal Arch Chapter No. 9009 to see "Spanner" being exalted into Royal Arch Freemasonry, while the non-Royal Arch Freemasons and our partners met for our monthly quiz night.

The Stonecutters held our Annual Easter Egg Run on Saturday 9th March, where we delivered Easter Eggs to Julia's House Children's Hospice in Devizes. It was great to see all our friends at Julia's House. The following weekend, four of our members travelled to Duncarron Medieval Fort, the home of the Branded Widows Son. The weather at Duncarron was very cold and wet, but that did not detract from the ceremony itself.

The Stonecutters assembled in the early hours of 24th March to meet up with members of our daughter Chapter, the Quarrymen (from Dorset) for a ride to Loomies Motorcycle Cafe. When we arrived, we were met by members of most Widows Sons Chapters that are based in the South of England. We had a great catch up over a bacon and egg butty and a tea or coffee. Finally, our Immediate Past President, "Ozzy" presented a cheque for £150 to the Dan Payne Memorial Fund which is a small, local cancer support charity.



On Sunday 21 April 2024, the Stonecutters gathered at Devizes Masonic Hall for our "Great Provincial Rideout." We visited every Masonic Hall that is currently in use in Wiltshire Province. We stopped at each Masonic Hall to take a group photograph as "proof" of our visit. The route was approximately 160 miles long and with photo stops, breaks and fuel stops took seven hours. The "Great Provincial Rideout" was in support of the Wiltshire 2028 Festival Appeal and raised £510 by the day. Kind donations can still be made at <http://tinyurl.com/stonecutter-2024>.



May was quite a blur of a month due to good weather resulting in more rides and quite a lot of masonic activity amongst our members. We started the month with a Raising of one of our Cornerstones, "Bambi" which coincided with the 20th Anniversary of the WSMBA. We patched "Standown!" a Widows Son during our Bank Holiday rideout. "Harley David(Son)" was installed as Master of his Lodge, while "Spanner" was Proclaimed in office for a second term. Our Royal Arch Masons also attended Provincial Grand Chapter and our Secretary was Exalted and a

further six Stonecutters became joining members of St Aldehelm Chapter No. 2888. We also rode to visit Weymouth Veterans Hub with our daughter Chapter, the Quarrymen.

In early June, the Stonecutters rode from Salisbury to Bournemouth for the annual Classics at the Knole show, which is a charity event held at Bournemouth Masonic Hall. It was quite a unique day which saw members of Southern, Stonecutters and Quarrymen Chapters all come together for the day.

Over the weekend of 21 - 23 June, members of the Stonecutters made their way to Great Yarmouth to "Chase the Sun". The riders rose before sunrise which marks the start of the "Chase", the aim of which is to make it to Lands End before sunset. At 0445hrs, the bikes departed from Great Yarmouth and made their way via Cambridge to Milton Keynes before dropping onto the A303 and A30 with the occasional rest and fuel stop enroute. They arrived at Lands End with plenty of time to spare.

Finally, the Stonecutters along with Wyvern, Pilgrims, Quarrymen and Brycgstow Chapters organised and attended the National Rally where we were lucky enough to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the WSMBA and the 5th Anniversary of our own Chartering. Several of our members darted down to Newton Abbot having been involved in an unfortunate RTI enroute. We also patched a Cornerstone and also patched "Bambi" as a Widows Son. A great time was had by all. We are now about to hold our VP's Annual Ride and BBQ.



WSMBA chapter website design

- **Got a chapter?**
- **Want a website?**

If you answered “Yes” to these two questions then this article is for you!

In issue 7 of The Son we discussed how the wsmba.uk domain is set up and how each chapter has their own domain beneath it, shires.wsmba.uk for instance. These subdomains are mostly used for emails but with a little bit of work you can also have a website that uses your chapter domain name to access it.

The technical bit

The association offers a web hosting facility to all WSMBA chapters. You design your website on your own machine and upload it to our platform and we allow the rest of the digital world to see it.

The domain is secured with an SSL certificate so people can trust that our sites are safe and can be trusted (but see below on design software).

Your bit

First, you will need to find a website designer that you can lubricate with intoxicating liquids until they agree to design your website for you. Alternatively you can create it yourself if you're willing to learn, it's really not difficult, read on.

Software

There are many different software applications that you can use to create your website and the cost varies from free to thousands of pounds to buy and use. We will focus on the two.

Mobirise

Mobirise is free software that runs on both Windows and MacOS machines. This software is highly recommended because although it is free the final website has no forced advertising. The company makes its money from renting design templates but you don't have to use them.

There is a small learning curve but once you understand the basics it is simple to use and the WSMBA I.T. gurus are willing to answer any questions you may have.

A good example of a Mobirise website is our national one at <https://wsmba.uk/>

Wordpress

Like Mobirise, Wordpress is free to use and makes its money from renting templates and plug-ins, however we do not recommend the use of this software due to the number of security holes that these free plug-ins create, currently 333 published vulnerabilities, 118 not yet patched (and you have to download the patch if it's fixed)*.

If you insist on using Wordpress and your site is found to be a source of infection then it will be shutdown and deleted immediately.

Hosting

However you design your site, once it is completed and you're happy with the result you will need to upload it to our hosting facility.

Send an email to technical@wsmba.uk, we will respond with the details you need to upload your site. Once you have this information you can transfer the site and thereafter add updates as and when you want to make changes.

Afterwards

- Now that your site is live you will need to keep it up to date.
- Make sure that photos are changed on occasion.
- If you keep a calendar on it then it is vital that old entries are removed and new items added frequently.
- Consider the timing of photos, Toy runs are great in winter but will look out of place by August, especially if they are over 12 months old.
- source: <https://patchstack.com/database/statistics/wordpress>



East Kent Roundup

What a busy time it has been for East Kent in the last couple of months, some in the Lodge and being summer and perfect riding time plenty out on bikes as well!

Since the last time we wrote a piece for The Son many miles have been racked up by those in East Kent!

We have also had a couple of Lodge meetings, mainly where we are on the lecture circuit with our talk on 'The Widows Sons' ably presented by 'Bluebell' with the usual Rent-a-mob guests in tow. We have also had our Widows Sons Mark Lodge Summer Breakfast meeting.

We met at 9am conducted an advancement – welcome to the Mark Degree 'Lucky' invested some of the original members as Honorary Cornerstones and then had a lovely breakfast festive board and headed out on a ride afterwards, not a bad way to finish a lodge meeting!

Into July and we had our AGM where all officers and President agreed and were voted in to continue for another year, the Chapter has grown, developed and is building a good relationship in the Province of East Kent. We attended a 'mini' festival put on by our Secretary '14' which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We attended a 'Bat & Trap' competition (look it up – a Kentish pub game) put on by a number of local lodges – we didn't win... actually we were definitely making up the numbers.... But we had fun doing it!

We then had over 20 of us head of and attend the National Rally – which I am sure will be covered by many Chapters so I won't go into great detail – but we went a slightly different route from Kent to Poole Harbour for the first leg. An overnight stay with a few drinks and we were joined in the morning by our

friends we had made in May. 20+ French Widows Sons joined us after breakfast, along with members from Icenci, Surrey and West Kent to finish the ride to Newton Abbot. We ended up with 48 bikes and a couple of cars riding into the Rally site – that was an interesting, fun and challenging ride to get everyone there together – BUT what a sight!! Even got Martin Clunes taking pictures of all in a petrol station!!

We all enjoyed ourselves – thank you to the Rally organisers – quite a few came back with extra ink as well! A pity the weather was so bad on the day of the ride out and well done to those who braved it and for

looking out for the the 'Free Range Turkey!' Thank you to all involved!

Into August and September and we are back at lodges out visiting and already have one more talk on the



Widows Sons planned. We have attended a couple of open days at local Masonic Centres where we

have put a number of bikes on display to try to get the general public in through the lodge doors. And were asked to do a 'Ride In' at a local Country Fair where we had 20+ Bikes in attendance.

Into the coming months we have more 'Widows Sons' talks planned, the first of the 'non Masters' Widows Sons going into the Chair at the Hundred of Hoo Mark Lodge, more visits and the annual Toy Run all planned!



Cheshire Roundup

Greetings from Cheshire Chapter.

AGM

Back in February we held our AGM at Cheshire View. This AGM was a special one, with a change of leadership being on the cards.

The Cheshire Chapter would like to start by thanking Cridosi for his leadership and guidance. After three years of being the figurehead of the CWSMBA, you can take a well-earned rest and put your feet up. Under your leadership the group has returned to normality after the COVID period and has gone from strength to strength.



The Branding

March also saw five brothers head up to Duncarron Fort for the annual branding ceremony. In typical fashion the weather was terrible, but the company and brotherhood easily makes up for a bit of cold and rain. As always it is certainly a weekend to remember.



With a change in President comes a change in Vice President also. It was with great pleasure that our VP role went to one of Cheshire's founders The Jackal. Most of the officers stayed in role, we are very much looking forward to the future within the Cheshire Chapter.

The Rally

Back in June was the eagerly anticipated national rally which saw seven members (and family) of Cheshire head down to Devon for a rather wet weekend of camping. The rally as always was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Drink flowed, people danced and there was even a mechanical bull! Our thanks go out to the chapters who organised this years rally and we look forward to the rally in 2025.



Blessing of The Bikes

In March we saw the return of our blessing of the bikes ceremony. The weather was extremely kind and although it was crisp the sun came out which was very fitting. The ceremony was conducted by our very own Chaplin Dobbsy. The morning was well attended and will become a frequent event in our calendar.

Portugal Roundup

Brothers, its about time you had an update on what has been happening with Widows Sons in Portugal. Its three years ago this month that we all came together in Tomar to have the inaugural meeting of Widows Sons Portugal which was an amazing event and the culmination of a lot of work particularly by Jose Santos (Founding president) and Gregory Kirby. It's been a challenging three years made particularly difficult by the geography of Portugal and that the members are so spread out, but we are beginning to find our rhythm and have been growing steadily.

We have now formed two chapters both of which have been awarded their charter, so are up and running and official. In the South we have the Algarve chapter under the Presidency of Alexandre Valente and North of Lisbon we have the Templar Chapter under the Presidency of Afonso Faria.

Jose Santos is in the process of forming the Portuguese Governing Board (PGB) which effectively is a mentoring body to oversee and guide the growth of Widow Sons in Portugal. The plan is that there will be Chairman, and each chapter will have

a representative, keeping it small and effective. Of course, as further chapters grow it will expand.

Going forward there will most likely be a further two chapters, one specifically for those around Lisbon and Potentially one further North possibly close to Porto, but these are only "pipeline" discussions at the moment. However, the focus in the short term is to make the PGB and the existing structure work as effectively as possible and let this be an advert for the success and growth of Widows Sons Portugal.

Monthly ride outs are becoming the norm and the Templar Chapter now boasts a Facebook page (Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association ... Templar Chapter Portugal) and an Instagram Account (ws_templar_chapter) so there no holding us back. Please stay in touch with us and come and visit whenever possible, we have the climate, roads, and hospitality to make everybody welcome.

Jeremy Moore

Secretary ... Templar Chapter.

Be safe or be scammed

You all what a phishing scam is, but what about smishing, vishing or quishing?

With mobile phones being some prevalent these days many phishing attacks use the different ways that you can access the internet to try and scam you.

Smishing

This involves getting a text message (SMS, WhatsApp or any platform that is used to send short messages) that urges you to click a link or call a number for some unclear-but-urgent reason. Packages with not enough postage is common but also alerts that you bank account is frozen or your credit card has been abused. Always check the web link address. Do you know who the send is? Remember, you can always contact the company direct yourself without clicking the link provided.

Vishing

Voice calls, often automated, claiming that your bank account or credit card has been frozen, or your computer is infected, and you need to speak to someone who will fix it for you. Don't call the number given or talk to the human, just hang up. Login using your banking app or call the credit card company yourself instead if you are worried.

If they claim you're infected with a virus then use a free on-line virus scanner from any well-known anti-virus company, like McAfee or Sophos.

Quishing

QR code phishing. Bad people will put up a QR code that pretends to be something else. A link to the restaurant's online version of the menu or to an app to order something online "for faster delivery" rather than wait. Phone cameras will display the URL that the code goes to so check that first before clicking. If it looks garbled or inaccurate then it is probably a fake. If it's an app then go directly to your app store and search for it. If it's a menu then go and get a real one!

Bikesure insurance discount for WSMBA members

My name is WB George Young and I am a member of the Northumberland Chapter.

If you need anything more give either myself or Nick a shout.

I have managed to get a discount of upto 25% from Bikesure insurance for WSMBA members.

Please see the email below from Nick.

Good afternoon!

My names Nick and I am the Owners Club Representative for Bikesure Insurance. Bikesure are the UK's leading specialist motor intermediary and my role is to build relationships with owner's clubs regardless of size or machine and to promote the many benefits of becoming one of our acknowledged clubs.

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Thanks

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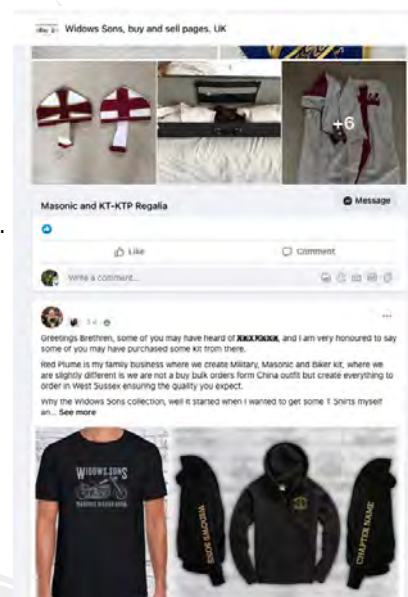
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When supplying articles please:

- Send them in Word Format or Plain Text as attachments only, these are the only acceptable formats.
- Please do not send articles as PDF's, in email bodies, PowerPoint or other non-text apps, **this will result in your article being rejected**, and/or missing its inclusion in the Magazine.
- Please title your article and the submission email with your Chapter name, subject of the email and that it is a submission for “**The SON**” Magazine - i.e. “West Midlands Chapter, Son Submission, Autumn 2024”
- Please spell and Grammar check your articles before sending (Word has Spell and Grammar Check tools - see <https://bit.ly/3QJI0XX>)
- Send images separately - please use **descriptive image names** that reference the chapter name, article and approximate place they should be in your article. Do not put any text in “pic goes here” - as this has to be manually edited out
- Please send original images only - do not edit them down, crop, change resolution or process in any manner that may result in loss of image quality. We have sufficient server size to receive hi res images.
- Please do not send articles or attachments via time limited File transfer applications like WeTransfer
- Please limit the size of your submissions to an absolute maximum of 1,000 words minus images (using the Word count tool) This will make 2 pages in the magazine. The Editorial team may, upon consultation, take additional or larger articles if of special interest or importance.
Important note: if you add images, you will need to subtract about **50 words per single column width image** from your maximum. (so a 2 page doc with 4 pictures will only have room for 800 words)
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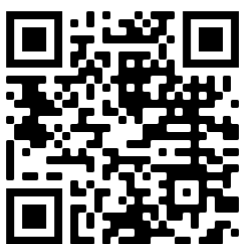
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