

From the Secretary

This years AGM saw W.Bro Mark Perkins return as Chairman, and W.Bro Mike Wilson continue as Treasurer. I am the new face to the Study Circle Committee being voted in as Secretary, and I do hope that I continue to serve as ably as my predecessors.

W. Bros John Smoothy and Derek Childs have agreed to continue to act as Auditors.

Work on our new website is taking place by W.Bro Mike Barrett and W.Bro Ian Whitley and I shall keep you informed of the progress that they are making with this. (see below for address)

Hopefully you will approve of the new summons layout, any constructive criticism or suggestions will be gratefully received and (possibly) faithfully applied..!

I do hope to see you all on the 18th.

Bro. Robert Vine

The regular meeting dates of SMSC are:

3rd Thursday in March (AGM), May, September, and the 2nd Thursday in December (Cheese & Wine) all starting at 8pm. (Members will be notified of any unavoidable deviation from these dates and times)

The SMSC year starts on 1st February when subscriptions are due.

Membership is only £3 per year so please ensure you are up to date by checking with the Treasurer.

As agreed at the 2013 AGM, any member three years in arrears will be sent a warning that their membership is about to cease; any member four years in arrears will be removed from membership, with a penalty of 3 years membership subscription on rejoining within two years. (waived at the discretion of the committee).

To ensure you are kept up to date please ensure the Secretary has your up-to-date email address for mailing the summons.

The new Website

The current SMSC website : www.southchurch.mesh4us.org.uk

This site will close soon to be replaced by the new website:
<http://masonic-knowledge.org>

Southchurch Masonic Study Circle



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Meeting at

Southend Masonic Centre
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Next meeting:

Thursday 18th September 2014, 8pm

A talk by W Bro Richard Burrell
Victorian Freemasonry in Tilbury Docks

AGENDA

- 1) Open the meeting and welcome visitors and prospective new members
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Read and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting
- 4) Matters Arising from those Minutes
- 5) Items of Masonic Interest
- 6) A talk by W.Bro Richard Burrell PPGSwdB entitled "Victorian Freemasonry in Tilbury Docks".
- 7) Questions & Answers:
- 8) Any other Business
- 9) Close the meeting

Calendar for 2014

Thursday 18th September 2014 : 8pm

W.Bro. Richard Burrell PPGSwdB :
Victorian Freemasonry and The Building of Tilbury Docks

Thursday 11th December 2014 : 8pm

V.W.Bro. Peter Holland PGSwdB DepPGM :
The role of a DepPGM
Followed by our Christmas Cheese & Wine supper

News

The Founding Lodge of SMSC, Southchurch Hall Lodge No.8005 will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Saturday 18th April 2015 at Saxon Hall. The Installation will be attended by the Provincial Executive. The price is expected to be around £30pp.

They would be grateful for your support so if you wish to attend please contact the Lodge Secretary W.Bro. Richard Goodwin at r.goodwin@btinternet.com.

About the talk

Richard Burrell's presentation is entitled "**Victorian Freemasonry and The Building of Tilbury Docks**". The presentation is an extract from a paper which the Thurrock Local History Society is planning to publish next year.

The building of Tilbury Docks was the catalyst which brought the founders together in 1884 to form Tilbury Lodge and the problems which occurred on the project very nearly destroyed the Lodge.

The paper covers the construction of the docks and a profile of the key players in that construction and the founding of the lodge.

Richard came across these problems by accident as they have been completely omitted from the 1934 and 1984 histories of the lodge.



The opening of
Tilbury Docks, 1886

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About the Author

Richard Burrell is a director of a firm of consulting engineers who specialise in the costs aspects of projects in the oil industry.

He was initiated into Thames Mouth Lodge in 1981 and was installed as Master of the Lodge in 1994.

He has been associated with Tilbury Lodge firstly as a PIG (Permanently Invited Guest), and then as a member since 1982.

Installed as Master of Tilbury Lodge in 2011, he is currently their Secretary.