



The 157th MBF Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire

The Festival Committee Presents:

Festival Relaunch Event: 6th, 7th, 8th April 2021





Welcome and Timings

🌟📅🎥 Virtual Relaunch Programme

6th, 7th and 8th April 2021 🕒 8pm

Dress: 👤 Casual Other: 🍷🍸🍹🍺



8:00pm - Welcome by PGM
8:05pm - Introduction by Chair and MBF Video

8:15pm - Fundraising

8:25pm - Raffle

8:30pm - Meet the Committee

8:35pm - Events

8:40pm - Honorifics & Steward's Jewel

8:45pm - Q&A

9:00pm - 9 O'Clock Toast

9:01pm - Close by PGM

9:05pm - Social

9:30pm - Meeting Close

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Welcome: PGM

- 👤 Great to see you at this Relaunch Event.
- 👤 Opportunity to find out about Festival.
- 👤 Mark MBF Festivals are different.
- 👤 Our first time!
- 👤 Covid-19 (please go away!)
- 👤 Memories of previous Festivals.
- 👤 Chance to get involved!

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Festival Chair

- 👤 History of MBF.
- 👤 Festivals + Funds = MBF can give money for life changing causes.
- 👤 Festivals can take 10 years to plan – we are playing catch up.
- 👤 Festival Committee working hard (meet later).

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MBF – Video

- https://www.oxonmbf2025.org.uk/downloads/video/2025_MBF_Oxfordshire.mp4

Welcome to the
MBF Festival 2025
Oxfordshire





Festival Venue

5th July 2025

Examination Schools

(sorting out deposits, MMH need to approve)

Bond Scheme



The 157th Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire
Regular Giving Form

Regular gifts to the most convenient way for you. Funds will be donated to the fund(s) chosen on the form. Please ensure you have completed the form correctly. Funds will be donated to the fund(s) chosen on the form. Please ensure you have completed the form correctly. Funds will be donated to the fund(s) chosen on the form. Please ensure you have completed the form correctly.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Amount: £ _____
Frequency: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mark Benevolent Fund
Mark House, 94 St. James's Street, London, SE1 1JL
Tel: 020 7747 1171 Fax: 020 7747 5716 Email: oxonmbf@oxonmbf.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 307510

Regular Giving Form

The 157th Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire
Single Donation Form

I wish to make a one-off donation to the Mark Benevolent Fund on behalf of the 157th Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Amount: £ _____
Method of Payment: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Single Donation Form

Sponsorship Form
157th Mark Benevolent Fund 2025 Festival
Sponsored by **DeliaBakerMarkHouse**

Name of Charity: **Mark Benevolent Fund** Registered Charity No. 307510

Name of Sponsor: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Amount: £ _____
Method of Payment: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Sponsorship Form

The 157th Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2025 Oxfordshire
Transferring funds from a Relief Chest

Funds held in a Relief Chest can be transferred to a Festival Relief Chest. Transfer can be made using a Grant form or a voucher. The transfer amount can be allocated to the individual members for priority purchase. Only complete a Transfer Allocation form if the donation amount is to be allocated to members.

Name of Charity: **Mark Benevolent Fund** Registered Charity No. 307510

Name of Relief Chest: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Amount: £ _____
Method of Payment: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Relief Chest Donation Form

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Lodge Donation Form

We wish to make a one-off donation to the Mark Benevolent Fund on behalf of the 157th Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire as follows:

Name of Lodge: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Amount: £ _____
Method of Payment: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Lodge Donation Form

Credit/Debit Card Donation Form
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We wish to make a one-off donation to the Mark Benevolent Fund on behalf of the 157th Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire as follows:

Name of Cardholder: _____
Address: _____
Post Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Card Details: _____
Amount: £ _____
Method of Payment: _____
Start Date: _____
End Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Credit Card Donation Form

How to donate:

- A number of ways to donate.
- Give what you can.
- One off, DD or by text.
- Fundraising Team will give more details .

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Lodges: Abbey, Alfred, Menatschim,
Thames & University



Fundraising Team

Which region will come
out on top??!



Fundraising

Main emphasis is to have fun whilst raising money

Provincial Events: covered later (e.g. Provincial Ceilidh)

Example of other local level events:

- 👤 Sunday Carvery Lunch
- 👤 Pub Games Nights
- 👤 Quiz Nights, Race Nights
- 👤 Summer BBQ
- 👤 Individual Events



We are here to help you organise any events





Festival Merchandise

- 👤 Join the club
- 👤 Very easy to order
- 👤 High-quality and collectable
- 👤 Package price: £25 includes p&p

SPECIAL OFFER FOR RELAUNCH EVENT ONLY:

25% OFF

IF YOU ORDER WITHIN 7 DAYS!

NB: more Festival merchandise items to be produced and available soon.





**Invite us to
your meetings!**

We are here to help!

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INVITATION



Raffle

🎟️ This one is on us!

🎟️ All entered already!

🎟️ A number will be picked at random for the winner.

🎟️ Special prize!



**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**BUY RAFFLE
TICKETS**



Meet The Festival Committee:



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Provincial Events

- 👤 All subject to covid-19.
- 👤 Have fun and raise money.
- 👤 Be with Brethren again.
- 👤 Friends and family welcome.
- 👤 Book early to avoid disappointment.
- 👤 OMMBA will donate up to £1000 to help fund raising at events.
- 👤 See you there!

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Honorifics and Steward's Jewel

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Certificates

- 🏆 Lodges will be recognised for your hard work and for raising funds.
- 🏆 Go for Gold!
- 🏆 You can put these awards accolade on Lodge Summons.



Steward's Jewel

- One for each Festival.
- £100 for Oxfordshire Steward's Jewel.
- Get yours now. Highly collectable.
- If this is your first donation, you qualify for **Life Governor's Breast Jewel**.



Mark Benevolent Fund
Registered Charity No. 207610

**157th ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Stewardship
Jewel Form
2025**

Saturday, 5 July 2025



Dear Sir and Brother,

As Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Oxfordshire I shall have the honour of presiding over the 157th MBF Annual Festival.

I hope that you will support Oxfordshire by making a donation to qualify as a Festival Steward.

All donations and orders for Stewardship Jewels must be made direct to Mark Masons' Hall by completing the attached form.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

R.W. Bro. Ian Watson Wright
R.W. Bro. Ian Watson Wright, Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire
Festival President

As a Steward of the 157th Festival you will be entitled to:

- The new distinctive Stewards Jewel and Ribbon (as above)
- A breast pocket pad
- A Year Bar
- Your name added to the Stewards Roll of Honour in the Festival Results Booklet

If you **DO NOT** wish to be added to the list tick here

I enclose my Stewardship fee* of £100

(tick box below if you are eligible for gift aid)

Print Total Payment Due

FULL NAME	
ADDRESS	
LODGE & NO.	
PROVINCE	Oxfordshire
MMH NO.	

I wish to pay by:

Cheque (Payable to Mark Benevolent Fund)

Direct Transfer to MBF using 'STEWARD25' plus your 'SURNAME' as a reference
Sort Code: 82-12-08 Account: 60225892

Credit Card
Security Number

Valid From / / Exp date / /

Signature of Cardholder Date

Return Form to:
Linda Read, MBF (Finance/Charities Manager)
Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, London SW1A 1PL or email to: Lead@mmh.org.uk

Gift aid it - I wish this donation to be treated as a Gift Aid Donation **TICK HERE**
I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2018.

Signed..... Date.....

*Your Stewardship fee counts towards your personal Honorifics. If this is your first donation to the MBF you will also receive a Life Governors Breast Jewel.

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All you need to know...

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- 👤 Follow us on social media.
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- 📰 Send us articles, photos and any news!
- ✉️ marketing@oxonMBF2025.org.uk



Welcome to the Oxfordshire Mark Festival
The Festival Launch Party gets underway!

Let's Get Social!

Get Involved and Get Informed!
Help Us Build Our Community.

Join The Conversation via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



STORIES FROM THE COURTHOUSE



Several years ago, there was almost open war between the tourist bus operators in London. The police and Department of Transport Inspectors were always on their backs.

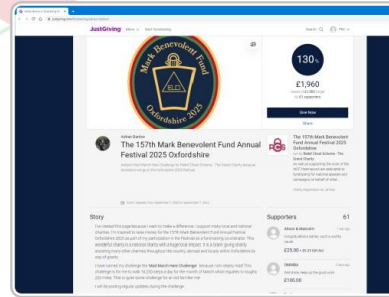
I represented one operator called before the Traffic Commissioner about reported vehicle defects. One report came from a police officer and it stated that there were two serious defects:

1. The upper deck rear bench seat was broken.
2. The emergency escape window at rear upper deck was screwed closed.

I had the company engineer in the witness box and our conversation went something like this:

- Q. Was the emergency window upstairs screwed closed?
 A. Yes, he admitted.
 Q. Was the rear bench seat upstairs broken?
 A. Yes, he admitted.
 Q. So what happened?

ADRIAN'S MAD MARCH HARE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE



Click picture above to visit website (in new window)

Some of you will be aware that Adrian Barlow has taken on a personal challenge that he named 'The Mad March Hare Challenge' to walk 16,250 steps a day during the 31 days of March. This is in support of the Mark Benevolent Fund 157th Annual Festival, Oxfordshire. Adrian's daily target of 16,250 steps has been smashed, so far he has averaged over 20,000 steps per day.

So far together his fundraiser has raised a magnificent **£2,360.00** when Gift aid is taken into account. This includes a £100 donation by...

Adrian would like to thank you all for your generous donations, messages of support and sharing his challenge with your friends and families via your own social media accounts; please continue to share. Any Mark Mason donating to his fundraiser will receive individual credit in their own name for any donation that they make via his JustGiving page. At the end of the challenge, he will provide a list of all individual Mark members donations to the MBF who will then credit your donation in your name to the Festival.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND ALMONER'S REPORT

The Oxfordshire Mark Masonic Benevolent Association (OMMBA) is a registered Charity. It exists to establish a fund for relief of Mark Master Masons of The Province of Oxfordshire and their dependants. Since its foundation OMMBA has performed many valuable services. It can act quicker than the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF), which we all know can act with great speed in emergencies.



Requests for Assistance

These should initially be made via the individual Lodge Almoner, or in their absence the Mark Provincial Almoner. When a Lodge Almoner is made aware of a Brother or his family is in distress, he should immediately arrange a visit by himself or a visiting Brother to assess the circumstances and then complete a grant application form with as much information as possible. The Mark Provincial Almoner will, if necessary, liaise with the Craft Provincial Almoner. The Provincial Almoner will forward any applications for assistance to the MBF. The case is then reviewed and, if deemed necessary, further information will be requested and



The Role of Almoner

An almoner is key to providing care to our members, their families, widows, dependants, and Freemasons who may be experiencing difficulties in their life.

In trying to define the almoner's role and the necessary qualities that are essential. Some of the skills and qualities which are paramount in being able to fulfil the office of almoner are:

- To be of a caring nature (empathetic not sympathetic)
- Understanding and maintaining of confidentiality and safeguarding

Festival Newsletter – Get Involved

- Email: marketing@oxonMBF2025.org.uk





Q & A

Any Questions?



9 o'clock Toast – let's all raise a glass...

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Get Involved.

- This is a great opportunity to get involved.
- Raise money for MBF and continue their work.
- Increase profile of Oxfordshire.
- Time to have FUN!



Pick up your phone and text "MBF2025" to "70570" now to donate £10 to the Oxfordshire Festival!