

Bourne Freemasons Club, Report 18/09/2025

Brethren,

I am pleased to give you an update from BFC and just to let you know whilst we have not had any individual meetings since the beginning of the year we do keep in contact with BFC committee members regularly by means of email and general discussion and by giving a verbal report during individual lodge meetings. As you can see by this report, it covers many of the issues discussed and proposed from previous agendas:

As reported last time. W Bro Elton continues in the role of caretaker for the next few months to help us out, and, the bar area and surrounds have benefitted immensely from his efforts and now provide a much improved and comfortable ambience. As you will see Tony has done a marvellous job in this respect and we hope this leads to further use of the premises for Masonic social events.

In addition, we have installed 2 folding barriers outside adjacent to and to safeguard the fire exit doors and made sure that the 'No Parking' area at the front of the building is clearly signed.

We also await the completion of broadband within the building and are pleased to say it is imminent!

As reported last time the capitation and fees for the centre have been considered and we will be proposing these at our AGM, all increased charges for both Masonic and non-Masonic users of the premises will be in line with inflation. We have also circulated revised catering prices and menus from our Caterers for the forthcoming year.

We have a service booked in for our kitchen equipment (Wednesday October 1st) along with having both the piano in the dining hall, and the organ in the Lodge room yearly serviced.

To follow that we now feel it is necessary to replace the glass wash machine as the existing machine is now past its best and again will be reporting back when that is completed.

Following an incident regarding security it was considered viable to have the front door locked during the time the centre is in use, both for Masonic and non-Masonic meetings.

Therefore we are considering the lock to the front door be changed to an internal 'thumb turn' variety in order to maintain the front door as a viable fire exit, this however would mean a key change for all key holders and will be reporting back shortly.

We also have to have a EPC (Energy performance certificate) taken out on the premises, due every 10 years and will be carrying out the normal annual gas, electrical and safety checks over the following months.

We continue to assist local charities by allowing free or discounted use of our hall and thank those members who volunteer their time in helping run these events.

Finally, a vote of thanks for each members continued input in the daily running of the premises and I hope the changes and work already carried out are plain to see.

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Ian Bratley.
Chair Person BFC.