Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire



Travel Guide to Masonic Meeting Places

in the Province

<u>of</u>

Glouces' ersitire

Contains photos, maps, road offections, oddresses, phone numbers, and lists of all Orders meeting in party of the silventeen locations in the Province of Gloucestershire - from Chipping Canden in the north east, to Avonmouth in the south west from Circnesser in the east, to Coleford in the west.

Published by authority of the RWProvincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge

WBro Dr D.K.W.Paterson
Provincial Junior Grand Warden

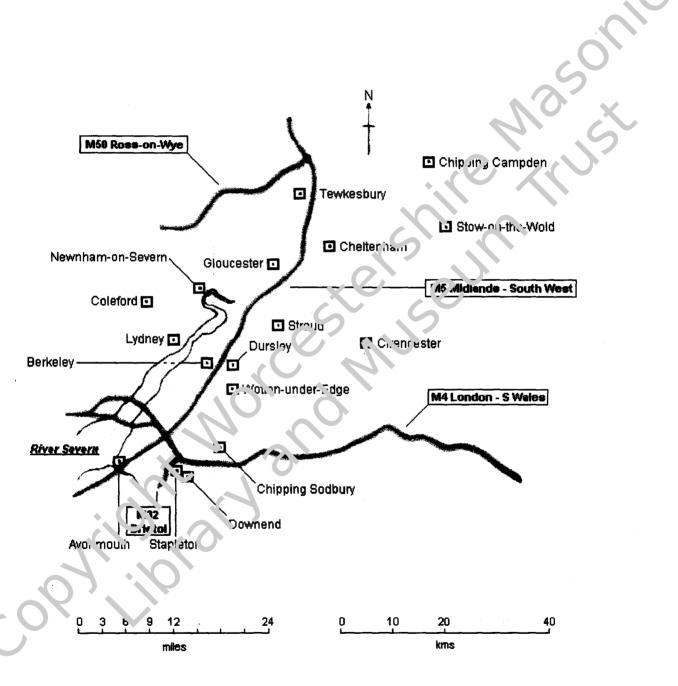
April 1998

CONTENTS

CONTENTS	COLUMN
Contents	Page 1
Map of Masonic Meeting Places, Province of Gloucestershire	Page 2
Introduction	luge 3
Cheltenham - Pittville School, and Gloucester - Cathedral	Page 4
Cheltenham Masonic Hall	Page 5
Gloucester Masonic Hall	Pa ₁ , 6
Cheltenham directions, and Orders meeting at Cheltenham and Gloucester	Page 7
Avonmouth Masonic Hall	Page 8
Berkeley Arms Hotel	Page 9
Chipping Camden Meetings	Page 10
Chipping Sodbury Masonic Hall	Page 11
Cirencester Masonic Hall	Page 12
Coleford Meetings	Page 13
Downend (Bristel) N. sonic Hall	Page 14
Dursley Mascuic Hall	Page 15
Lydaey Masonic Centre	Page 16
Nev mh. m-on-Sev vr Masonic Hall	Page 17
Stapleton (Bristol) Masonic Hall	Page 18
Stow-on-the-Wold Masonic Hall	Page 19
Stroud Masonic Hall	Page 20
Tewkesbury Masonic Hall	Page 21
Wotton-under-Edge Masonic Hall	Page 22
The Provincial Grand Master's Residence	Page 23

MAP of MASONIC MEETING LOCATIONS

Province of Gloucestershire



INTRODUCTION

This collection of data regarding the Lodges in the Province of Gloucestershire has been put together at the suggestion of the Provincial Grand Secretary, WBro R.N.Gillett. During my year as Provincial Junior Grand Warden, nearly coinciding as it has done with my year as Eminent Preceptor of the Gloucester Preceptory of St Nicholas, No. 506, Order of the Temple, I have travelled to every Lodge location in the Province. I have been able to amass a large amount of information about their whereabouts, road signing and car parking amongst other details, and this document is the result. It is hoped that this will be a useful addition to the reference section on Gloucestershire Masonic locations in the Freemasons' Year-Book for the Province of Gloucestershire.

A user-friendly guide to the Lodges in every town should help the Brethren at all levels to travel around the Province, and make fraternal visits to Lodges other than their own. Visiting is an essential - and absorbing - aspect of Freemasonry, and making it easier for a stranger to find the Lodge should encourage Brethren to venture out more often. They are always made welcome at Lodges where they are not known - provided they can prove themselves - and, of course in they wish to dine, that they have given the required few days' notice. A phone call to the Sectionary - name and address in the Provincial Freemasons' Year-Book - will usually suffice

A rich variety of Masonic experience awaits those who visit other Lodges. It is always interesting, for instance, to see how arrangements for displaying the Tracing Boards in the Lodge room differ; where there are large columns with the celestial and terrestrial globes on to complications arising because of where the door is placed and the consequences for the Inner Guard; even novel schemes for evacuation in the event of fire giving God for thought; and so on.

Where in the Province can you see stabbing marks on the undersion of the rather low oak mediaeval roof beams - from over-enthusiastic use of the second in countless Knight Templar ceremonies?

Elsewhere, gentle cooing of the doves in the roof on a summer evening, and the inspiring Ritual both being brought suddenly to a half by overwhelding sirens as fire engines scream round two sides of the building

Then again, Phantom jets 200 thet overhead making the roof rattle as they aim directly for the Abbey - only a quarter of a roond away for them.

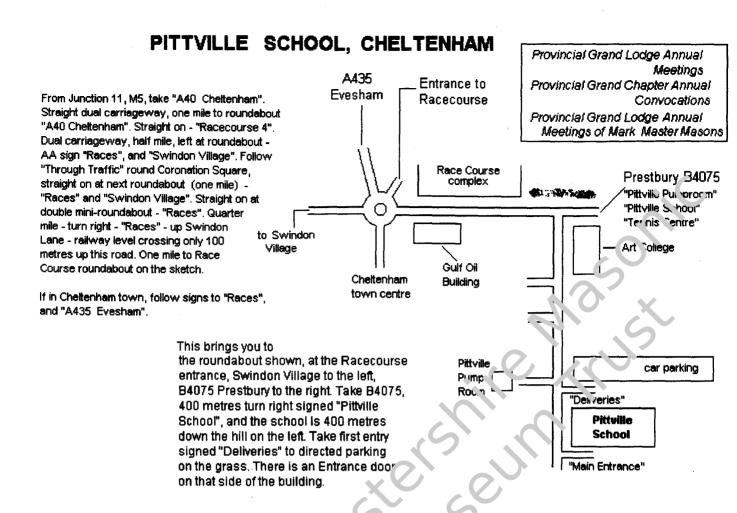
The quick-witted may also spot remarks in Toast Responses about the work "upstairs", or "downstairs", when, in cruth, it is alient the same level - but habits die hard.

Where do they have to demotish the ceremonial room layout before we can sit down to eat?

Answers of these and a thousand other questions and familiarities can be found by travelling to and visiting the sevention different Masonic centre locations in the Province - a great variety of meeting places ranging from modern conversions to historic purpose-built lodge buildings, from hotels to country clubs. And it is all very much worth the effort.

As uniform a format as possible has been adopted for each of the locations in this guide. Photos of the Lodge building and/or the approach to it are given; the position of each photo (dot in a circle) and view direction (arrow) is shown on the accompanying sketch map of the town. A paragraph is given for most photos describing the subject. Descriptive paragraphs of how to get to the Masonic Hall by car, or a nearby car park are given where appropriate. The Masonic Hall address and telephone number appear, and lists of all the Orders meeting at the centre are given.

When read in conjunction with the blue year-book, this should give all the information necessary to contact the Secretary beforehand - and then to get there easily and conveniently. I hope you will find it easier to enjoy your fraternal visiting using this guide.



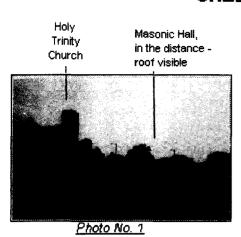


GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

Cloude to: Cathedra, venue for the annual Church Service for the Province of Group stershire as venue from the ring road. Parking is available in the grounds, but nearly on-street overflow car parking is possible without restriction on a Sunday. The County Council car parks are vacant at the weekend, and can be seen from Vyestgate Street, near to where the Council offices span a road nearby.

Notes	
-0, N.	
•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	

CHELTENHAM MASONIC HALL



For road directions, and Orders meeting at Cheltenham, see Page 7

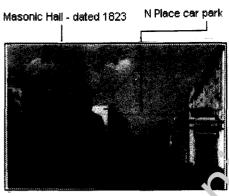
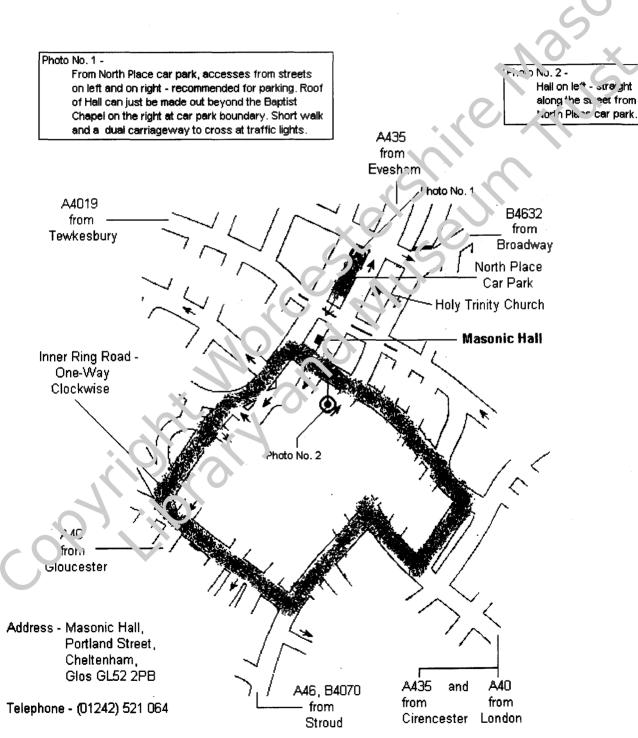
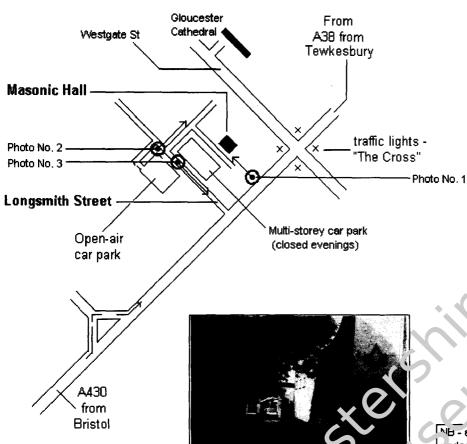


Photo No. 2



Page 5

GLOUCESTER MASONIC HALL



For Orders meeting at Gloucester, see Page 7

From A38/M5 from Bristol (off at Junc 12), take A430 to "City Centre". After docks on left, quiround the triangle to corry straight on to city restre. On left shortly is Long min Street, signed to Car (Jack). Use open air one on 'len.

From all other directions, take outer Ping Road for Add to Tawkesbury/Whorce, ter. At this oundabor, furn opposite way, into "City Canta". Under bridge, over traffic light junction, right at mini roundabout, across traffic lights at "The Cross" - road across this is restricted - and Lungsmith Street is on the right.

NB - at some time in the future, it is proposed to edestrianise ALL streets at "The Cross". Until this happens, it is not known whether the status will be "Except for Access", as is the case for access to the Cathedral, in Westgate Street, already pedestrians only - "Except for Access".

Pt sto No. 1

Address - Masonic Hall, Cross Keys Land Gloucester, Glos GL1 21/2

Telephone - (014/32) 520 165



Photo No. 2

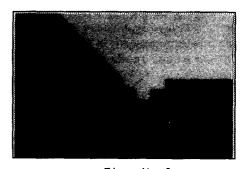


Photo No. 3

Photo No. 1 -

Looking at Masonic Hall entrance, back of multi-storey car park on the left. Severn Motors beyond on right.

Photo No. 2 -

Multi-storey car park - view of front and Bull Lane side. Severn Motors beyond on left, Masonic Hall along lane behind car park, to right. Photo No. 3 -

Looking up Longsmith Street, towards city centre. Front of multi-storey car park on left, recommended open air car park is on right. Masonic Hall is at the back of the multi-storey, front view seen here.

Cheltenham - Directions

North Place car park has entrances/exits on both the long sides. The road on the Holy Trinity Church side is one-way northbound (towards Evesham).

From Tewkesbury - turn left off the short dual carriageway and enter the long narrow car park (see photo no.1) with the church close by. The large car park (former bus station) closes early evening.

From Evesham - traffic lights with "NO ENTRY" straight ahead - turn right, then left brings you alongside North Place car park on your LEFT.

From all other directions - join the one-way Inner Ring Road.

(following signs to "Town Centre").

Then "A435 Evesham", then follow "Car Parks" described as

"Portland Street", "North Place" or "Short Stay". Look out for
that with Holy Trinity Church along one side.

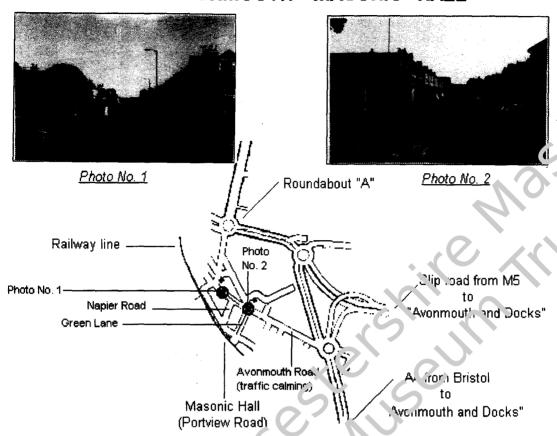
Orders meeting at CHELTENHAM

```
Craft - Foundation Lodge
                                 No. 82
                                 No. 246
        Royal Union Lodge,
                                 No. 4554
        Perseverance Lodge,
        Regency Lodge,
                                No. 6231
                                No. 7223
        Seven Springs Lodge,
        Mercurius Lodge,
                                No. 7507
        Old Patesian Lodge, No. 7828
Manor of Ashley Lodge, No. 7831
        Lodge of St Paul,
                                 No. 8229
        Cherleton Lodge,
                                No. 8439
Royal Arch - Foundation Chapter of Unanimity, No.
                                                 No. 45:4
              Perseverance Chapter,
                                                 No. 6231
              Regency Chapter,
Mark - Cheltenham & Keystone Mark Lc 100, No. () (PRAM)
       Old Patesian Mark Lodge,
                                           1 . 1367
Order of the Temple - Cotswold Preceptory of St Augustin, No. 72
HRAKTP- Severn Tabernacle, No.39
OSM - Century Conclave, No 100
Rose Croix - Cotswold Chapter Rose Craix,
                                             No. 348
              Cheltonia Chepter Rose Croix, No. 410
```

Orders meeting a. G. OUCEST. R

```
Craft - Royal Lebahon Lodge,
                                                    No. 493
        Royal Tion cester hire Lodge,
                                                    No. 839
        Zeiland Lodge,
                                                    No. 1005
        Civitas Lodge
                                                    No. 5457
                                                    No. 7385
        Clevum Lodge
                                                    No. 7534
        Richard Whittington Lodge,
        Glourestershire Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 7900
                                                    No. 8056
        May Hill Lodge
                                                    No. 8067
        Chosen mill Lodge,
        Innsworth Lodge,
                                                    No. 8751
                                                    No. 9144
No. 9443
        Lodge of Progress,
        Via Lucis Lodge,
Mark - Gloucester Mark Lodge, No. 439 (+RAM)
                                                 No. 493
Royal Arch - Royal Lebanon Chapter,
                                                 No. 839
             Royal Gloucestershire Chapter,
             Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
                                                 No. 7900
               Chapter of First Principals,
                                                 No. 8067
             Chosen Hill Chapter,
                                                 No. 8751
             Innsworth Chapter,
 S.R.I.A. - Severn College
 Rose Croix - St Thomas Chapter Rose Croix, No. 49
 Order of the Temple - Gloucester Preceptory of St Nicholas, No.506
```

AVONMOUTH MASONIC HALL



From M5 and A4

At Roundabout "A" - Turn Left to "A vommouth Village".

Main road turns left past Avonmouth Church, into . Nonmouth Road.

Past Napier Road on right.

Turn Right at mini-round shout into Green Lane.

Masonic Hall is in cul-de-sac at end on right, and is on Portview

Address - Mason, Hall, Fontiew Road, Atonmouth, Bristol BS11 35 Photo No. 1 -

looking along Avonmouth Road, with traffic calming kink, and Napier Road turning off to the right. Next on right is Green Lane, at the mini roundabout.

Photo No. 2 -

looking down Green Lane, with the Masonic Hall - tall building visible at end on the right.

1 alephone - (0117) 952 4348

Orders meeting at Avonmouth

Craft - St Andrews Lodge, No. 2541

Royal Edward Lodge, No. 4140 Kings Weston Lodge, No. 6333

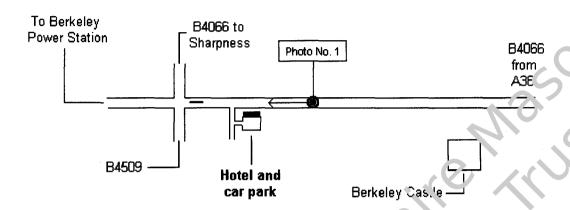
Western Tideway Lodge, No. 8119

Royal Arch - Kings Weston Chapter, No. 6333

?Mark - Avon Mark Lodge, No. 646 (+ Royal Ark Mariners)

? Order of the Temple - Avon Preceptory of St Andrew, No. 501

BERKELEY ARMS HOTEL



From M5 Junc 14, take A38 north.
From M5 Junc 13, take A38 south.
Take B4066 to Berkeley. Pass
Berkeley Castle on left, Berkeley
Arms Hotel is on left just before a
traffic island separating traffic before
the cross roads. Hotel car park behind
hotel - access by narrow road just
beyond the hotel. Parking also in
main street.

Address - Berkeley Arms Hotel, 1 Market Place, Berkeley, Glos GL13 9BP

Telephone - (01453) 810 791



Photo No. 1

Photo No. 1 - Berkeley Arms Hotel on the left. Traffic island bollards visible in centre of road beyond.

Orders meeting at the Berkell (Ar ns

Craft - Royal Lydge of Faith and Friendship, No. 270

Royal Arch - Chapter of Maye and Sincerity, No. 270

CHIPPING CAMDEN MASONIC MEETINGS

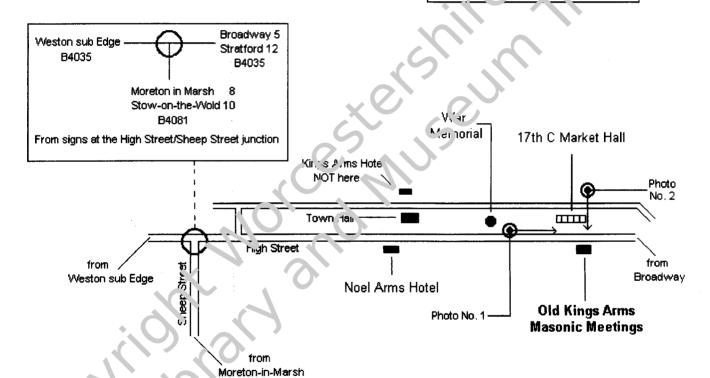


Photo No. 1



Photo No. 2

Photo No. 1 - looking along main street, 17th C Market Hall on left. Old Kings Arms is white half timbered building beyond on the right. Photo No. 2 -17th Clicket Mall on the right, looking acrossine main street. Old Kings Arms is the half-timbored building hehind the middle two perked cers in this photogram.



Address - Old Kings Arms, High Street, Chipping Camden, Glos GL55 6HB

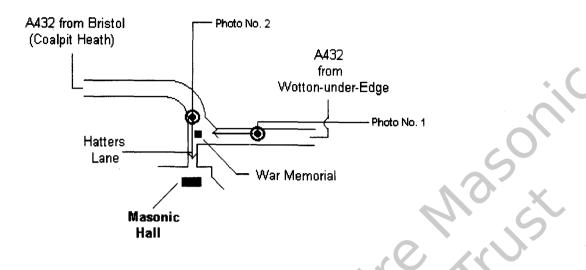
Telephone - (01386) 840 826 (evenings)

Orders meeting at Chipping Camden

Craft - Chipping Camden Lodge, No. 5452

Rose Croix - Chipping Camden Chapter Rose Croix, No. 828

MASONIC HALL at CHIPPING SODBURY



Car parking is on both sides of the main street.



Photo No. 1



Photo No. 2

Address - Masonic Hall Hatters Lane Chipping Coupery Bristol BS17 6AA

Telephone - (01454) 324 957

Photo No.1 - looking down the main street towards the War Memorial, Hatters Lane starts beyond the line of parked cars to the left.

Orders meeting at Chipping Sodbury

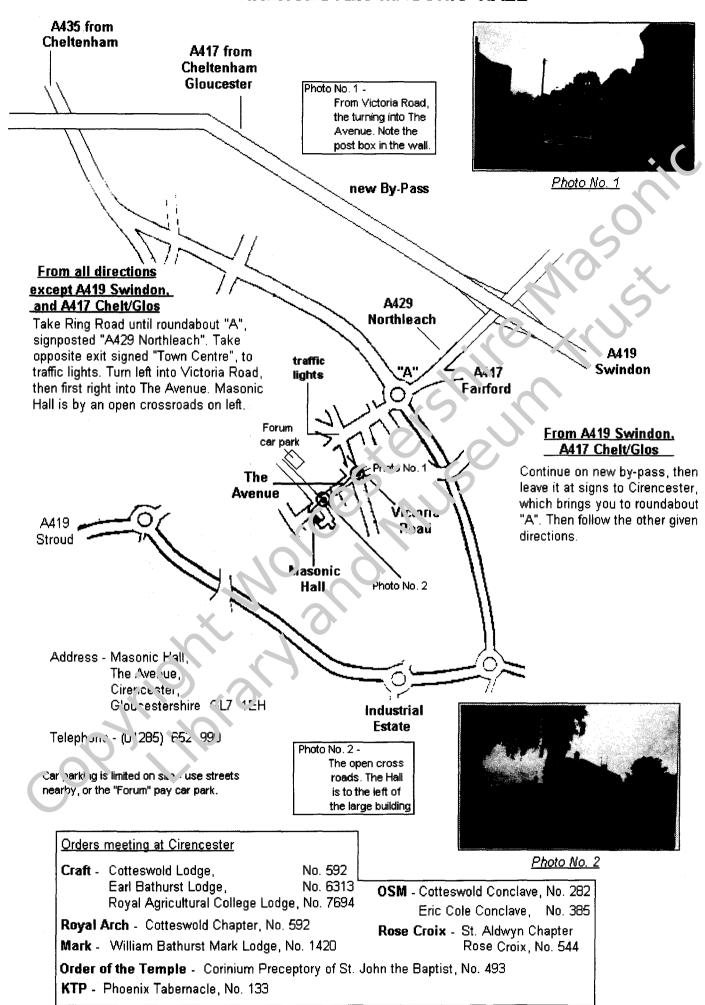
Sodbury Vale Lodge, No. 4329 Lyegrove Lodge, No. 7890 Frome Valley Lodge, No. 8658 Safeguard Lodge No. 9566

Royal Arch - Hambrook Chapter, No. 8909

Mark - Davy Mark Lodge, No. 1449

Photo No. 2 - looking down Hatters Lane, with the Masonic Hall visible at the back - Hatters Lane turns round to the right after the entrance to the Hall site.

CIRENCESTER MASONIC HALL



COLEFORD MASONIC MEETINGS

Photo No.1 -

Looking up Lords Hill, away from town centre, with entrance road to Bells Hotel going off to the right. Raglan suite is on the right entry is on the far side from here.



Photo No. 1

Meetings are held in the Raglan Suite of the Bells Hotel. Ample car parking to the left on the site, and the Suite is to the right. Lords Hill is off Old Station Way, signed to Parkend. Side road in photo is a few hundred yards up the steep hill, on the right, with a large hotel signboard on the grass.

Coleford (town contin A4136 from in m Gloucester Monmouth B4226 from trafi. · lignts Cinderford . H Station W. v Lords Hill B4228 from Chepstow BELLS HOTEL (Ragian Suite) Photo No. 1

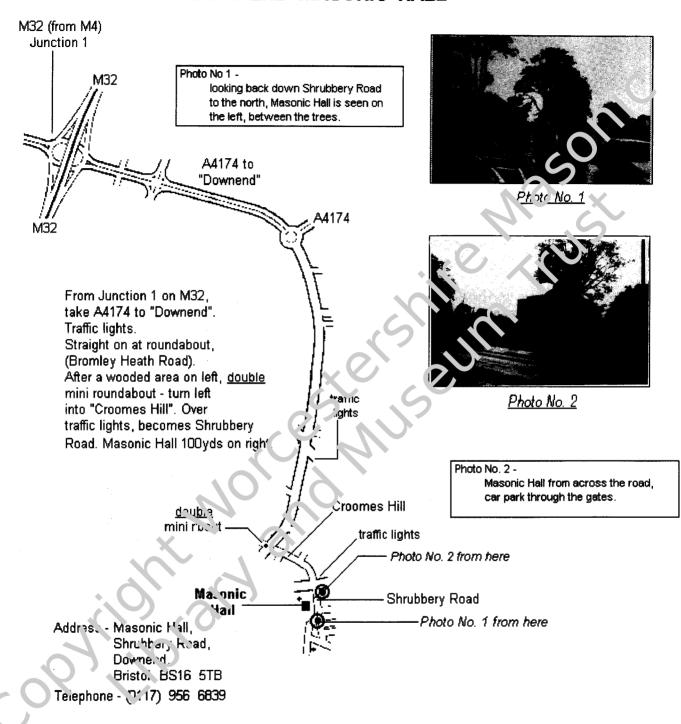
Andress - Bells Hote, & he Forest of Dean Golf Club, Colered, Gloucestershire GL16 8BD

Telephone - (01594) 832 583

Orders meeting at Coleford

Craft - Edenwall Lodge, No. 9478

DOWNEND MASONIC HALL

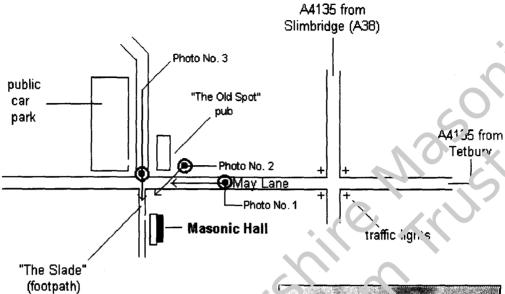


Orders meeting at Downend	
Craft - Tyndall Lodge, Black Horse of Lombard Street Lodge, Kingswood Chase Lodge, Downend Lodge, Staple Hill Lodge, Orpheus Lodge,	No. 4666 No. 5498 No. 6043 No. 7697
Kendleshire Lodge, Impeesa Lodge, Seafarers' Lodge, Lodge of Fellowship,	No. 8394 No. 9385 No. 9589 No. 9602

Tyndall Chapter, No. 1363 Kingswood Chase Chapter, No. 4666		
Orpheus Chapter, No. 7697		
Mark -		
Lyegrove Mark Lodge, No. 218 (+RAM)		
KT - King Richard 1 Preceptory, No. 341		
KTP - King Richard 1 Tabernacle, No. 158		
Rose Croix-Downend Chapter RC, No. 383		
Charity Chapter Rose Croix, No. 439		
Staple Hill Chapter RC, No. 542		

Roval Arch -

DURSLEY MASONIC HALL



Take A4135 to the only cross roads traffic lights.
From Wotton/Tetbury - straight on into May Lane.
From Slimbridge (on A38) - turn right into May Lane.
Public car park opposite pub entrance on right. [45.50nic Hall up footpath signed "The Slade".

Address - Masonic Hall, Prospect Place, Dursley, Glos GL11 4JL

Telephone - NO TELEPHONE HERE

Orders meeting at Durs. ay

Craft - St John's Lindge, No. 761
Glouceste, shire Lodge of Aliculture, No. 9631

Mark - Foster Mark Lodge, No. 1134
Inctaled Masters Mark Lodge of Reflection, No. 1429



Photo No. 1



Photo No. 2

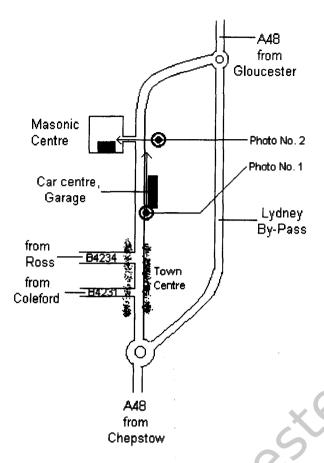


Photo No. 3

Photo No. 1 - looking along May Lane, "The Slade" sign is on the low wall in front of the brick building. Photo No. 2 - "The Slade" sign visible on the wall in front of the brick building. The white building is the Public House, and the public car park can be seen immediately to the left of it, through the gap.

Photo No. 3 - "The Slade" sign still visible the Masonic Hall is twenty metres up the footpath on the left, entrance in a small courtyard.

LYDNEY MASONIC CENTRE



From Gloucester, take road for Lydney town centre at roundabout. Up hill on the right.

From the south and west, go through the town centre and up the viii out of the town. On the left, just past is ge garage which is on the right.

Address - Lyt'rey Masonic Centre, Chass Hands, Yearay, Gloucestershire GL15 4LH

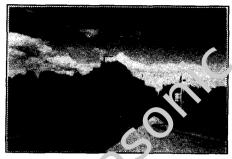
Orders meeting at Lydney

Telsphone - (01504)

Craft - Vassar-Smith Lodge, No.2994 Vale of Castiard Lodge, No. 7186

Royal Arch - Vassar-Smith Chapter, No. 2994

344 974



Pnc.o 30. 1



Photo No. 2

Photo No. 1 -

Approach to the north from Lydney town centre - garage is just after the top of the steep hill. Centre entrance is not easy to see - but is nearly opposite the speed restriction sign, about 100 metres after the garage site, on the left.

Photo No.2 -

View of the Centre entrance from across the road. Easily visible when approaching from the north, road junction sign for the turning in.

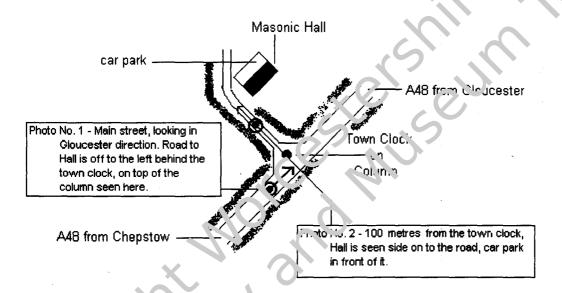
NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN MASONIC HALL



Photo No. 1



Photo No. 2



Audres: - Maschic IIII,
Staticn Noad,
Newnham-on-Severn,
Uloucestershire GL14 1DA

i alephone - (01594) 516 507

Orders meeting at Newnham-on-Severn

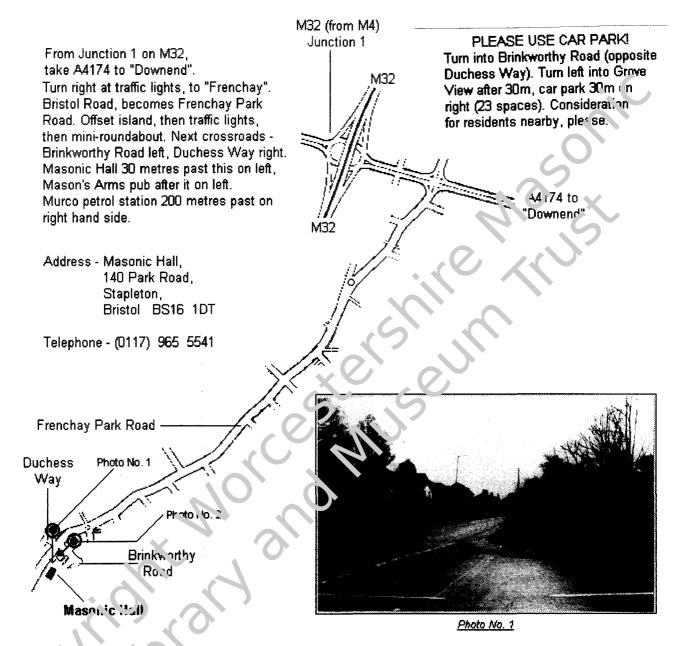
Craft - Royal Forest of Dean, No. 1067

Mark - Royal Forest of Dean Mark Lodge, No. 340 (+ RAM)

Order of the Temple - Dean Forest Preceptory of St. Mary, No. 365

Rose Croix - Sabrina Chapter Rose Croix, No. 473

STAPLETON MASONIC HALL



Orders meeting at Stapleton

Craft - The Lodge of True Friendship, No. 218
Filton Lodge of Fortitude, No. 6498
The Lodge of Fidelity, No. 6943
The Lodge of Sincerity, No. 7658
Lodge of Harmony and Concord, No. 8106
Hambrook Lodge, No. 8909
Lodge of St Christopher, No. 9095

Royal Arch - Filton Chapter of Fortitude, No. 6498

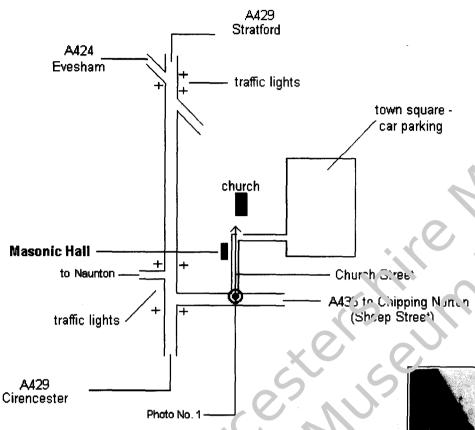
Mark - Purdown Mark Lodge, No. 1338



<u>Photo No. 2</u>

Photo Nos 1 and 2 - the van is parked outside the hall entrance in both photos.

MASONIC HALL at STOW-on-the-WOLD



From A429, turn onto A436 Chipping Norto, at traffic lights. This is Sheep Street. First left is Churci Siree, a narrroy street, with Masonic Hall at end on left just Lefort church lych halp. Car parking is in town square at end of lane.

Address - Masonic Hall, Church (tree', Stov -o.\-tho-Wold, Glas Gla\(4\) 1BB

Telephole - (01451) 831 859



Jan CK

Photo No. 1

Crde : n. seeting a. St_w-on-the-Wold

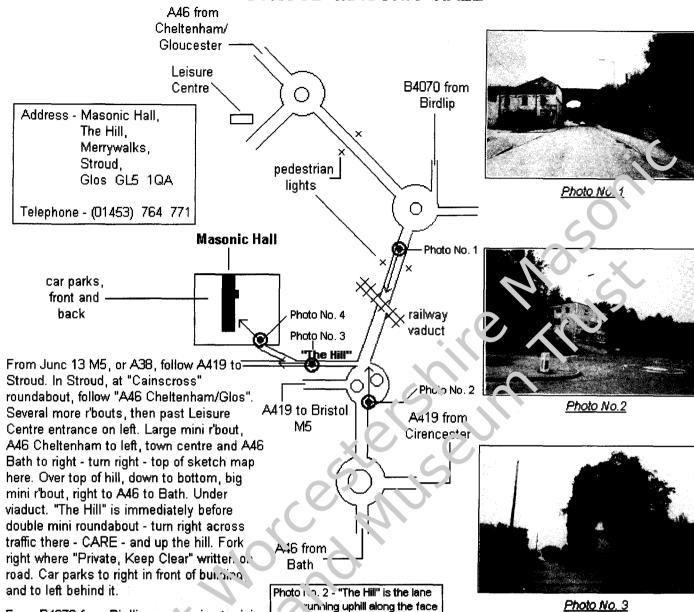
Craft - Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951 Sudeley Castle Lodge, No. 8976

Royal Arch - Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 951

Mark - Stow-on-the-Wold Mark Lodge, No. 1374 (+RAM)

Photo No. 1 - looking along Church Street, archway into churchyard is at the bend to the right of the lane. The Masonic Hall is on the left between the gateway and the Borzoi bookshop in the foreground.

STROUD MASONIC HALL



of the white office block.

From B4070 from Birdlip - con is in at mini roundabout in town - follow diagrams above.

From A46 from Cheltenhum or Gloucester - joins above description at roundin out at top or hage here.

From A419 from Crencester - mini roundabout after pedestrian lights turn left to "Strood town centre, and A46 Chalt/Gives". Under all ay viaduct. Next roundabout (a) bottom of page here) - turn right, and "The fall is immediately after straight on at next rouble mini roundabout. See first description.

From A46 from Bath/Nailsworth - joins above description at roundabout at bottom of this page. This roundabout is immediately after the "Stroud" town sign on the A46.

Photo No. 3 - fork right here into

the estate.

Photo No.4

Photo No. 4 - Stroud Masonic Hall

Orders meeting at Stroud

Craft - Sherborne Lodge, No. 702
Hicks Beach Lodge, No. 2407
Royal York Lodge, No. 2709
St Lawrence Lodge, No. 5928
Old Wycliffian Lodge, No. 7228
Vigilantia Lodge, No. 8021
Old Marlingtonian Lodge, No. 8499

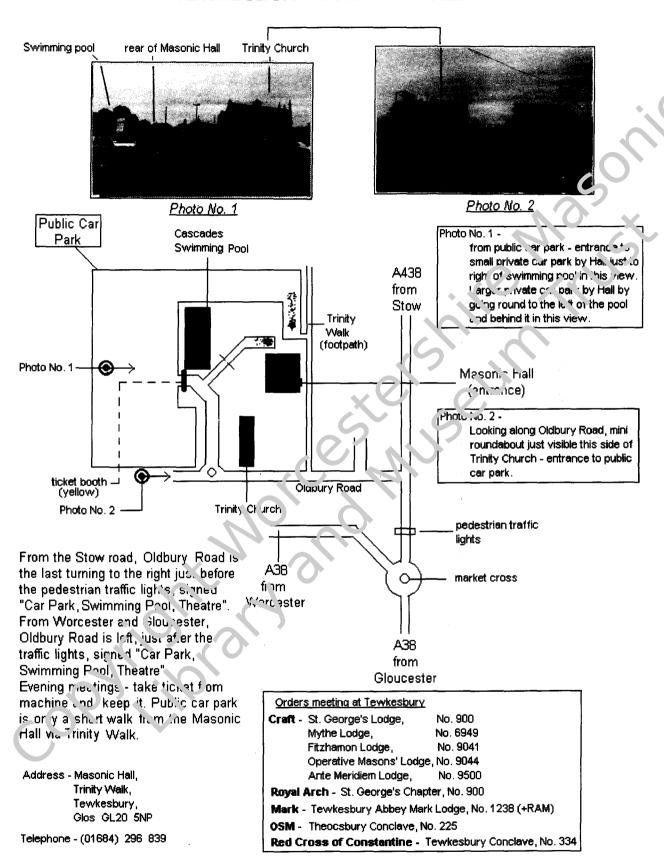
Royal Arch - Sherborne Chapter, No. 702
Gloucestershire Schools Chapter, No. 7228

Mark - Stroud Mark Lodge, No. 1039 (+RAM)

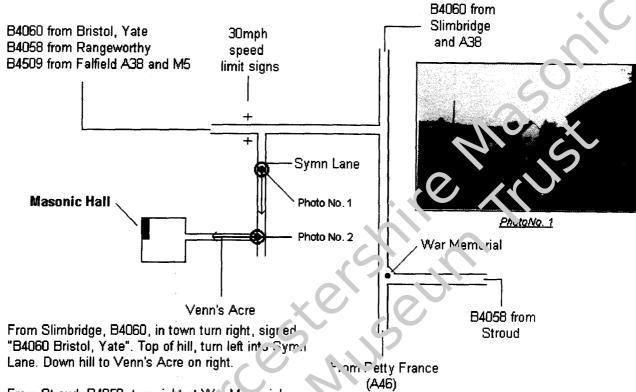
Order of the Temple - Stroud Preceptory of St Michael, No. 406

Red Cross of Constantine - Stroud Conclave, No. 360 Rose Croix - Stroud Chapter Rose Croix, No. 840

TEWKESBURY MASONIC HALL



MASONIC HALL at WOTTON-under-EDGE



From Stroud, B4058, turn right at Wa Memorial, up hill, turn left "B4060 Bristol, Yate", continue as above.

From B4058/B4060 from Bnct 1, Yate - too of hill is 30-limit sign, and Sy. In Lane immediately lifter on right. Down hill to Yann's Acre on right.

Venn's Acre is a narrow reside itial and, so please take care for hos, living nearb,

Address - Masonic Hall, Venn's force VVnttun-ir ider-Edge, Glos GL12 7BE



Photo No. 2

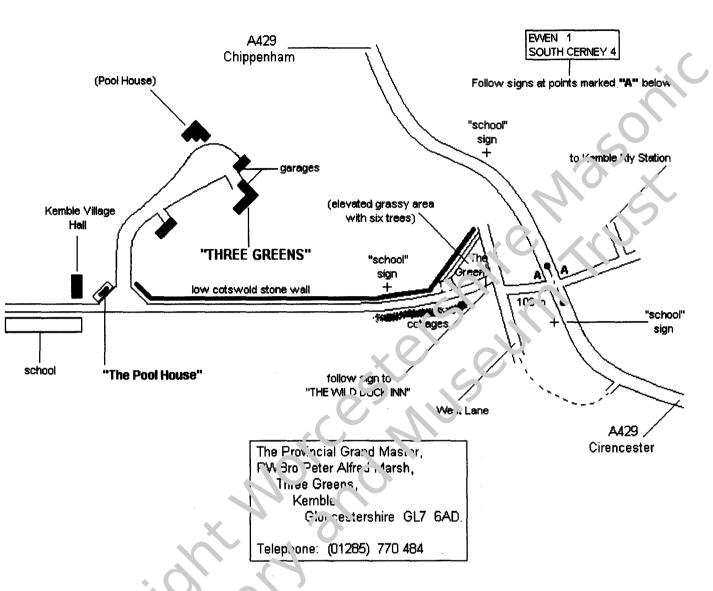
(01/62) 9// 399

Telephone - (UT453) 644 366		
Orders meeting at Wotton-under-Edge		
Craft - Lodge of Sympathy,	No. 855	
Lodge of the Perfect Ashlar,	No. 8319	
Lodge of Grace,	No. 85 66	
Gloucestershire Round Table Lodge,	No. 9017	
Gloucestershire Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, No. 9439		
Royal Arch - Chapter of Sympathy, No. 855		
Rose Croix - Sympathy and Grace Chapter Rose Croix, No. 947		

Photo No. 1 - looking down Symn Lane. Venn's Acre is the narrow lane on the right between the two cars in the photograph.

Photo No. 2 - Venn's Acre, with the Masonic Hall at the end, through the gates - large car park.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S RESIDENCE



From Circuraster, follow "A429 Chippenham"; from Chippenham, Malmesbury fillo v "A429 Circicester".

്ടി" mph ട്രാലോ 'imit, "Kemble" town sign.

"SUHOOL" sign.

EWEN Traffic island at cross roads - follow signs to -SOUTH CERNEY (left from Cirencester, right from Chippenham).

Cross (give way at) West Lane - follow sign to THE WILD DUCK INN

Pass The Green on right (small elevated grassy area - six large trees).

"SCHOOL" sign on the right.

250 m from the crossroads at the Green -

entrance on the right, light coloured gravel driveway,

nameplate "The Pool House" - let into the low cotswold stone wall.

Pass one house, garage door entrance on the right.

"Three Greens" entrance next on the right, garage door first visible.