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# Editorial

Well, hope that you all enjoy reading this my second Newsletter.

Please don't be shy or slow in sending any little titbits that you think may be interesting to other members. We would love to hear from anyone. Photographs are especially welcome. In the future, we are hoping to have a for Sale/Wanted page, plus hints and tips which, hopefully, you will all send in either by post or internet - it depends on you, the members.

I hope that you all enjoy your sport during the rest of 2005.

Your Ed, *Cath*

**Welcome** to new member, W.Bro. David Potts, a member of Compass Lodge. He has joined us at shoots at Kelbrook and has caught the 'bug' and has applied for a shotgun licence and recently had his first lesson. Apparently, he is already more successful than the Society Chairman, Brian Jackson !

**Congratulations** to W.Bro. Kevin Langshaw (Society Secretary) & W.Bro. Ian Heyes (Committee member) who have both been promoted, and to any other members of whom we have not been advised

# Dates for your Diary 2004/5

## 3rd Wednesday of every month

**Social Shoot at Kelbrook Shooting Ground, Colne.**

**from 10.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

**followed by informal pub lunch at the Anchor Inn at Salterforth**

<b>16 February</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>17 August</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>16 March</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>21 September</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>20 April</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>19 October</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>18 May</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>16 November</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>15 June</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>21 December</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>20 July</b>	<b>2005</b>		

**Don't forget that non-members are welcome to join us at these shoots.**

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2005 (Sun) Provincial Shoot (venue to be advised)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2005 (Sat) Coaching Day at Blackpool Gun Club**

**Cost (special price for Society members & guests,  
to include 25 clays & cartridges      **GBP12.50****

**Start time - 11.00 hrs.      Non Masons welcome**

**Names to Mike Casey at 01253 403731 or**

**coachingclinics@yahoo.co.uk by 20<sup>th</sup> April**

It is hoped to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Provincial Competition in June/July 2006.  
Early days but hopeful of holding the event in this area.



**Kelbrook Shooting Lodge**



**The Anchor**

# *Inter-Provincial Shoot*

**3rd October 2004**

The small Cumbrian hamlet of Bowscar on the A6, 3 miles north of Penrith is the home of Penrith Gun Club, which was this year's venue for the annual Inter-Provincial Shoot. Bowscar has a population of almost 40 people and lies on moorland at the foot of the unforgiving Alston Moor, famous for steep, winding roads, snow poles and unwelcoming weather. For the past two months it has also suffered the tail end effects of hurricane this or hurricane that, so it was very lucky or perhaps an intervention from above that organised a window in the weather between 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on Sunday the 3rd of October – believe me this could only happen in Cumbria.

The Gun Club is a small personal affair whose members were kind enough to provide 40 Sporting Birds none of which were particularly difficult to hit and an 8 bird Pool Shoot that proved to be quite testing with W Bros. P James, A Peel, N Pickering, K Graham and Howard (one pellet) Whittaker were last seen escaping the field with prizes.

Taking part in this year's competition were the Provinces of West Lancashire, Yorkshire West Riding and our hosts' Cumberland and Westmoreland. East Lancashire unfortunately couldn't enter a team this year.

The High Masonic Gun of the day was W Bro. Paul James of West Lancashire with a score of 37 and the Guest High Gun was Bob Seventeen also with 37. The results were as follows: in 3rd Place Cumberland and Westmoreland 165 out of a possible 240, 2nd place Yorkshire West Riding with 178 and the winners of the Watson Eden Trophy with 198 were West Lancashire whose members were W Bros. P James, M Clowes E Nixon, G Wrennall, H Whittaker, L Davies. (I Heyes also had the same score, but only 6 count).

After the shoot it was off to the Stoneybeck Inn for super bar snacks and light libation where

W Bro. Keith Graham our shoot organiser thanked everyone for travelling to Cumbria and then invited W Bro. Richard Parker PJGD, Deputy Grand Superintendent of the Province of Cumberland and Westmoreland and Chairman of the South Westmoreland Group of

Lodges to present the prizes. The pool shoot raised £74 and the raffle £105 helping towards an overall profit on the day of over £340.00, which is to be donated to charity in the very near future.

An excellent day, one of great fun and camaraderie and a marvellous charitable achievement. Well done Cumberland and Westmoreland.

## **Family Fun Day**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2004

Sunday, 10th October 2004 saw the Northern Group Family Fun Day at Lindale Gun Club, where Masons are encouraged to bring along family and friends to have a go at clay pigeon shooting. The event was organised by W. Bro. Alan McDougall and his wife Christine who were ably assisted by Bros. Gilbert Bushby, Jimmy Bernie and W. Bro. Gary Neale. There was also a coaching stand run by Chris Slater offering advice on gun handling and safety, which proved to be extremely popular.

The afternoon was a great success with around 30 people taking part. We were extremely lucky weather wise, the rain managed to hold off although the wind was quite cool which I suppose is to be expected at this time of year.

It was then off to the Angler's Arms at Haverthwaite where 45 of us sat down to enjoy a wonderful roast beef dinner and to sample the extensive range of cask beers on offer. The joint High Gun of the day with 28 out of 30 was W. Bro. Ian Heyes and Bro. Ian Shaw, but the winners drawn at random from all the entries (as the Northern Group do to be fair to the novices) were W. Bros. W Phillipson P.Pr.J.G.W. and John Birkett P.Pr.S.G.D.

The shoot and raffle raised the magnificent sum of £113.50, which was donated to the WLMCPSS to be added to their charitable donations fund for distribution in the near future.

Thank you Alan and the Northern Group for a great day out.

## Presentation of the Group Trophy

On Tuesday 6th October 2004, W.Bro. Philip H Gunning P.A.G.D.C, Vice-Chairman of the Society and W.Bro. Ian Heyes P.Pr.S.G.D, representative of the Society for the Leyland Group went along to Westhoughton Masonic Hall to visit Chorley St. James Lodge. Phil Gunning gave a talk on the history of the West Lancashire Masonic Clay Pigeon Shooting Society and an introduction to game shooting. At the conclusion of which he presented the Brian Taylor Group Trophy to W.Bro. Robin Morris, the Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge and the representative of the Chorley Group, for the sterling work he had done for the Society and to acknowledge the support of Chorley Freemasons. (The Group Trophy is presented annually to the Group who have best supported the Society). W. Bro. Morris then very kindly donated two signed footballs to the Society (Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers) to be used for fund raising at some future event.

Then it was off to the festive board, which Westhoughton Masonic Hall is famous for.

Congratulations to the Chorley Group and Robin.

## Turkey Shoot

The annual 'Turkey' shoot was held this year on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, at the Flying Fish, Longton, Preston. As most of you know, this was not to shoot the Turkey for Christmas Dinner, but to win one by shooting at clay pigeons - which are much smaller than turkeys, and so harder to hit.....

There were not many of us shooting (possibly due to the change of date) but it was a very nice day, weatherwise, although quite windy (which of course affected the shooting!! - *that's my excuse* - Ed) The event was enjoyed by all who took part.

It was a 30 bird shoot and the results were as follows :-

- Ian Hayes 20
- Steve Coombes 19
- Mike Clowes 18
- Robbie McBride & Mike Casey Snr. 17

- Kevin Langshaw 15
- Mike Casey Jnr. & Lawrence Alston 11
- Cath Read 6
- Dennis Read 2

The prize giving was held in the Flying Fish with all participants receiving a prize..

*Cath Read*

**Don't forget your Subscriptions**

**They were due 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005**

You will soon get notice of the **AGM** and will be able to propose or recommend anyone for any and all Offices (including Chairman & Vice Chairman).

Also, you yourselves can stand.

**Volunteers are more than welcomed !!**

Just thought you might like a Recipe for **Shearers Stew** : -

- 3 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 oz. butter
- 1.5 lbs. leg of lamb, trimmed and cut into 1 inch cubes
- 2 onions, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 oz. flour
- 0.5 pint brown ale
- 0.5 pint lamb stock
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced
- salt & pepper
- 4 thick slices of fresh white bread, cut into triangles

Set oven to 350 deg.F or Gas Mark 4. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the butter and, when hot, brown the lamb in small batches and transfer to a casserole dish. Add the onions & carrots to the frying pan and cook gently until soft. Stir in the flour and cook for 3-4 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the brown ale and stock. Return to the heat and, stirring, bring to the boil. Season the casserole. Pour the liquid over all, cover and cook for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and stir well. Dip the bread into the liquid and arrange attractively on top. Return to the oven, uncovered, and cook for a further 30 minutes. It is supposed to serve 4-6. Dennis also puts in some mushrooms and garlic, plus a bit of Worcester sauce.....

**Yummy !!!!!**

# KELBROOK

As you all know, members of the Society go to Kelbrook Shooting Lodge, near Colne on the third Wednesday each month. The number attending varies from month to month and sometimes (if the weather is bad!) none turn up !

This month, February, quite a number attended. There were two 'gangs' of shooters numbering nine in all. The weather was fine with the sun peeping through at various times. The venue itself is in pleasant surroundings with marvellous views of the Lancashire and Yorkshire borders.

The only things I was shooting this time were photos, some of which are to be seen in this publication.

There is no scoring at these meetings, just purely enjoyment... although there are some harsh words when targets are missed !!

When the shooting is finished, the group then retires to the Anchor Inn at Salterforth to talk about the ones they missed and the ones they hit and anything else that transpires. The Pub does excellent meals and the drink goes down well too !

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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W.Bro. Ian Heyes, P.Pr.S.G.D.

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**Members,**

Please, please, please  
if you are on the 'WEB'

send your e-mail address to  
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## Internet Site

Don't forget to visit the Provincial web site for all the  
current information for the Society.

Information changing all the time !

**[www.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk](http://www.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk)**

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