ABBOTS HALL LODGE NO.6205

THE MOODY BLUES - NEWSLETTER NO.1

MISSION STATEMENT What's behind this?

We want to do something to

help foster better social interaction between our members, enhance their Masonic experiences and especially give the newer members a more inclusive experience to help retain them within Masonry.

To this end we have set up a Social Committee to drive forward with opportunities and events throughout the year, alongside the Ladies Night, that will:

- Enhance existing Brother's Masonic Experiences
- Increase contact time
 for Members outside

THE 'MOODY BLUES' – ABBOTS HALLS' RESPONSE TO GRAND LODGES' THE LIGHT BLUES – THE NEW AND YOUNG MASON'S CLUBS CONFERENCE!

> the Lodge structure
> Give potential New Members the chance to mix with Masons

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT

The agenda

A Committee has been established to 'steer' and suggest potential social meeting / gathering opportunities throughout the year.

A programme of events will be put forward that covers the whole year – providing opportunities outside our Lodge Meeting structure We will provide opportunities for regular meetings for the Brethren both of a Masonic nature and not.

Central to this will be the 'CURRY CLUB' which will meet up every 5-6 weeks, locally to Upminster

EVENTS PLANNED 2016

Thursday 25th February

Inaugural meeting CURRY CLUB at Bollywood Spice, Upminster @ 7.30pm GOLF DAY

> Abbotts Hall will be entering a team for the Essex Mark Charity day at Stock Brook Manor on the **17th** June

GRAND LODGE TOUR

A tour of Grand Lodge for members and partners is to be arranged for March, date to be advised, with lunch in Covent Garden afterwards.

BARGE WEEKEND

A canal trip is being planned for May for anyone interested we are currently looking for ideas and suggestions from the Members as to what they would like to do throughout the year, we have a number of other opportunities in the pipeline which we will advertise in due course, which includes the following:

- Chelmsford Horse Racing an evening at the races, obviously with food and drink involved at the all weather course located just outside Braintree dates to be advised
- The Houses of Parliament a trip is currently being planned for a guided tour for members and their partners, with an opportunity for dining associated
- Romford Dogs an evening meal and drinks at Romford Dog track, with opportunities to win/lose some money
- A trip on a Sailing Barge from Maldon usually associated with a pic-nic if the weather permits, if not we will be in a pub!
- The Ceremony of the Keys Tower of London something we have done in the past and will try and resurrect
- St Pauls Cathedral a trip is currently being planned for a guided tour for members and their partners, with an opportunity for dining associated

These are just some of the things we are considering, but would welcome any and all input from the

All events will be advertised on the web-site, make sure you keep in touch with all planned by visiting **www.abbotshalllodge.org**

Brethren, to further extend our Masonic and Social enjoyment.

for comments and suggestions please contact any of the following: Steve Margett + Stuart Macleod + Glenn Anderson + Brian Woodward

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