

John Walter Cave born in Castleford, Yorkshire in 1946

Has lived in Leicestershire and Warwickshire - now lives in Market Lavington and is married to Linda. During his school days John was a school librarian and chairman of his school debating Society.

Joined the Army, REME, dealing with Electronics and other technical stuff.

Gained his BA through the Open University and became a lecturer in Electronic Engineering in Swindon, then Divisional Head of Electrical and Electronic Eng and finally Academic Registrar at Salisbury College. After all this brainy employment John was able to retire aged 57 years to "squander his various pensions on shooting and fishing". He is currently banned again from West Woods Shoot because he is too good a shot. What state his flies are in is anybody's guess!

His masonic career is exemplary, being initiated into Stonehenge in 1990, taking the Chair 2001 there followed Provincial Offices ending as PPrSGW in 2013.

He was exalted into Chapter in 1993 taking the chair in 2004, again followed by Provincial honours culminating as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Principal in 2010 and achieving Grand Rank in 2013.

John is currently the Provincial Prior for Dorset and Wiltshire - so a very capable person to join this beautiful and important degree in freemasonry.

Bro John the Degree of Mark Master Masons is universally acknowledged as the friendly degree and here in Lansdowne we continue to promote that fact, therefore we trust you will enjoy your time with us and the ritual you experienced this evening becomes an important part of your masonic life.

Brethren will you join me and drink a bumper toast to our newest advancee Bro John.