

Dr David Ian Harrison

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Education

University of Liverpool. (1998-2007)

PhD (part time). Thesis entitled: *Freemasonry in Eighteenth century England*. 2000 - 2007. Successfully defended in March 2008.

MA in Local History Studies 1998 - 2000.

University of Manchester. (1997 - 2000)

Certificate in Education in teacher training completed in June 2000.

University of Wales, Bangor. (1994 - 1997)

Honours Degree in Welsh History with Archaeology degree, BA (Hons.), Class 2.1 gained in 1997.

Employment

September 1997 – to date

I have been employed by the University of Liverpool where I have lectured in the continuing education department and Liverpool Hope University where I have taught degree and MA courses. Part of my work includes designing community history courses in association with the Adult Learning Service in Liverpool. I am also a regular contributor to Masonic magazines such as *The Square*, *Freemasonry Today*, *Knights Templar Magazine*, *The Journal for the Masonic Society* and *The Philalethes*.

December 1987 – September 1994

Before attending University I worked in the Insurance Industry as an Assistant Manager, working in Sales, Customer Services and in Training. I worked for numerous Friendly Societies such as United Friendly Insurance and Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, working in a challenging management environment, training new staff and supervising the workplace.

Masonic Memberships

Domville Lodge No. 4647, Lymm, Cheshire; Initiated May 1998, Raised February 1999

Moved to Liverpool while researching PhD at the University of Liverpool

Toxteth Lodge No. 1356, Liverpool; (2003-2012) Junior Warden 2011-2012, served as Assistant Secretary

Resigned following a move back to Warrington

Lodge of Lights No. 148; Joined 2012 and currently serving as Senior Warden (2017).

Served on subcommittees for the 250th anniversary of the lodge.

Elias Ashmole Chapter No. 148; Joined 2012, served as Assistant Sojourner.

Miscellaneous Memberships

Member of the Philalethes Society (United States).

Honorary member of the Massachusetts Research Lodge.

An active worker for the West Lancashire Province Ambassador Scheme.

Books

The Genesis of Freemasonry (Hersham: Lewis Masonic, 2009)

The Transformation of Freemasonry (Bury St. Edmunds: Arima Publishing, 2010)

The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion and the Wigan Grand Lodge (Bury St. Edmunds: Arima Publishing, 2012).

A Quick Guide to Freemasonry, (Hersham: Lewis Masonic, 2013).

The York Grand Lodge, (Bury St. Edmunds: Arima Publishing, 2014).

Freemasonry and Fraternal Societies, (Hersham: Lewis Masonic, 2015). Co-authored with Fred Lomax.

The City of York: A Masonic Guide, (Hersham: Lewis Masonic, 2016).

The Forgotten Philanthropist: The Life of Christopher Rawdon, (Bury St. Edmunds: Arima Publishing, 2016)

The Lost Rites and Rituals of Freemasonry, (Hersham: Lewis Masonic, 2017).

As contributing author

The Treasures of English Freemasonry 1717-2017, (Hersham: Lewis Masonic, 2017). Contributed the chapter 'Antients and Moderns'.

Exploring Early Grand Lodge Freemasonry: Studies in Honor of the Tricentennial of the Establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, (Washington DC: Plumbstone, 2017). Contributed the chapter 'The Grand Lodge of All England Held at York: An Independent Grand Lodge in England in the Eighteenth Century'.

Journals

Freemasonry, Industry and Charity: The Local Community and the Working Man, *The Journal of the Institute of Volunteering Research*, Volume 5, Number 1, (2002), pp.33-45.

Society in Flux, in *Researching British Freemasonry 1717-2017: JCRFF*, Vol. 3, (Sheffield: University of Sheffield, 2010), pp.71-99. Co-authored with John Belton.

The Lymm Freemasons: A New Insight into Transition-Era Freemasonry, in *Heredom*, Vol. 19, (Washington, D.C., USA: The Scottish Rite Research Society, 2011), pp.169-189.

The Liverpool Masonic rebellion and the Grand Lodge of Wigan, in *The Historical Society of Lancashire & Cheshire*, Vol. 160, (2012), pp.67-88.

‘Michael Alexander Gage: The Masonic Rebel and The Liverpool Waterworks Bill’ in *Liverpool History Journal*, Vol. 13, (Liverpool History Society, 2014), pp.31-43.

‘Thomas De Quincey: The Opium Eater and the Masonic Text’, in *AQC*, Vol.129, (2016), pp.276-281.

Forthcoming papers

‘The Warrington Academy and Freemasonry: Education, Charity and Self-help in Warrington during the Eighteenth Century’, in *AQC*, Vol.130, (2017).

‘Sex, Seduction, and Secret Societies: Byron, the Carbonari and Freemasonry’, in *Acta Macionica*, Vol.27, (2017).

Selected Articles in Masonic Magazines

The Masonic Rebellion in Liverpool and the Wigan Grand Lodge, *Freemasonry Today*, Issue 30, (October, 2004).

James Broadhurst and the Liverpool Masonic Rebellion’, *MQ*, Grand Lodge Publications, Issue 13, (April, 2005).

The Grand Lodge of Wigan: Its Rise and Fall, *MQ*, Grand Lodge Publications, Issue 16, (January, 2006).

A Most Miserable Trade: Liverpool Freemasonry & Slavery, *Freemasonry Today*, Issue 39, (December, 2006).

Joseph Brant – A Masonic Legend, *MQ*, Grand Lodge Publications, Issue 23, (October 2007).

Secrecy and Suppression: The Unlawful Societies Act, *Freemasonry Today*, No.2, (Spring 2008).

Thomas Paine Freemason? *Freemasonry Today*, No.4, (Autumn 2008).

Freemasonry and Revolution, *Freemasonry Today*, No.7, (Summer 2009).

The American Revolution, *Freemasonry Today*, No.10, (Spring 2010).

Singapore and Freemasonry, *Freemasonry Today*, No.11, (Summer 2010).

Edward Jenner, *Freemasonry Today*, No.12, (Autumn 2010).

The Authors' Lodge: A History, *Freemasonry Today*, No.15, (Autumn 2011).

From Elias Ashmole to Arthur Edward Waite, *Philalethes*, Volume 64, No.1, (Winter 2011).

The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion and the Wigan Grand Lodge, *The Square*, Volume 38, No.3, (September 2012).

Masonic Historians, their search for the origins of Freemasonry and their search for lost knowledge, *The Square*, Volume 39, No.2, (June 2013).

The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion and the Wigan Grand Lodge, *Philalethes*, Volume 66, No.1, (Winter, 2013).

The Tunnels of Joseph Williamson: A Masonic Enigma, *The Square*, Volume 39, No.4, (December 2013).

Sir Francis Dashwood, the Hell Fire Club and the Caves of West Wycombe, *The Square*, Volume 40, No.1, (March 2014).

The Last Years of the York Grand Lodge – Part One, *The Journal of the Masonic Society*, Issue 23, (Winter, 2014).

The Last Years of the York Grand Lodge – Part Two, *The Journal of the Masonic Society*, Issue 24, (Spring, 2014).

The Lunar Society, *The Square*, Volume 40, No.2, (June 2014).

Dr Francis Drake and the Grand Lodge of All England at York, *Philalethes*, Volume 67, No.1, (Winter 2014).

Godfrey Higgins, Anacalypsis, and the York Grand Lodge, *Philalethes*, Volume 68, No.2, (Spring 2015).

The Grand Lodge of Stockport, *The Square*, Volume 41, No.1, (March 2015).

Pedro de Alcântara, *The Square*, Volume 41, No.4, (December 2015).

The Lost Rites of Freemasonry, *The Square*, Volume 43, No.3, (September 2017).

Papers Presented at Conferences

11th September, 2001: *'Freemasonry, Industry and Charity: The Local Community and the Working Man'*. Presented at the Conference for the History of Voluntary Action, University of Liverpool.

24th May, 2002: *'Freemasonry, Industry and Charity: Industrialists, Education and the Local Community'*. Presented at the Post Graduate Conference, University of Liverpool.

29th May, 2003: *'Freemasonry and Architecture'*. Presented at the Post Graduate Conference, University of Liverpool.

17th March, 2004: *'The Masonic Rebellion in Liverpool and the Wigan Grand Lodge'*. Urban History Seminar, University of Liverpool.

29th March, 2004: *'Change and Symbolism: The Iconography of Immortality in Freemasonry'*. Presented at the Post Graduate Conference, University of Liverpool.

19th November, 2004: *'Working Men within Masonic Lodges in the North West Towns of Industrial England'*. Presented at the 'Freemasonry in Radical and Social Movements 1700-2000' Conference for the Centre for the Research into Freemasonry, University of Sheffield.

27th May, 2005: *'Transition and Change: Working Men and Masonic Lodges in Industrial Towns in the Northwest of England'*. Presented at the Post Graduate Seminar, University of Sheffield.

24th October, 2006: *'Freemasonry in Flux: Transition in Masonic Membership in the Nineteenth Century'*. Presented at the Centre for Research into Freemasonry, University of Sheffield. Co-authored with John Belton.

26th May, 2007: *'Two Centuries of Masonic Membership Exposed and some light on Post American Civil War Fraternalism'*. Presented at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, Edinburgh. Co-Authored with John Belton.

12th July, 2007: *'Sex, Seduction, and Secret Societies: Byron, the Carbonari and Freemasonry'*. Presented at the International Byron Conference, International University of Venice.

31st May, 2009: *'Education and Charity within Freemasonry'*. Presented at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry, Edinburgh.

3rd May, 2013: *'The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion and the Wigan Grand Lodge'*. Presented at the Philalethes Mid-West Masonic Education Conference, Winnipeg, Canada.

21st May, 2013: *'The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion and the Wigan Grand Lodge'*. Presented at the Massachusetts Research Lodge Conference, The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

21st August, 2017: *'Sex, Seduction, and Secret Societies: Byron, the Carbonari and Freemasonry'*. Presented at the International Masonic Conference, Athens, Greece.

Awards

May 2007: Conference Bursary awarded from the United Grand Lodge of England.

February 2007: Conference Bursary awarded from the Royal Historical Society.

November 2004: Short Term Training Bursary awarded from the Royal Historical Society.

February 2001-February 2007: Various Awards from the Faculty Director of Postgraduate Research, University of Liverpool.

September 2001- September 2004: Award from the Friends of the University Mature Student Bursary.