

SPORTSMEN IN ENGLISH LODGES (6th EDITION AUGUST 2017)

The following list of sportsmen in English Constitution lodges was originally prepared for the exhibition *Game, Set and Lodge: Freemasons and Sport* held at the Library and Museum of Freemasonry in London from July – December 2012.

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Harold Maurice Abrahams (1899 - 1978) Athletics

An outstanding university athlete at Cambridge, Abrahams won a gold medal running in the 100m at the 1924 Paris Olympics. During the qualifying stages of the event he set three new records. His performance formed one of the centrepieces of the film, *Chariots of Fire* (1981). When he retired from athletics due to injury, Abrahams became a barrister. He also wrote for the *Sunday Times* and was a BBC broadcaster for 50 years. He was closely involved with the administration of athletics, especially the Amateur Athletics Association. He was an unrivalled compiler of athletics statistics and was founder president of both the world and British associations in this field. Abrahams became a freemason in Oxford and Cambridge University Lodge No 1118, London in 1925 and two years later became a founder of Athlon Lodge No 4674.

Sir Sidney Solomon Abrahams (1885 - 1945) Athletics

The older brother of Harold Abrahams, Sidney competed in the long jump in both the 1906 Athens Intercalated Games (referred to as the "Second International Olympic Games in Athens" by the International Olympic Committee at the time but not now generally so regarded) and the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. He was involved in legal administration in Africa, where he became a freemason in East Africa Lodge No 3007 in 1922. He later became Chief Justice of Ceylon.

Horace George Alaway (1886 - 1940) Football

With his brother, Robert (qv), he founded Middlesex Wanderers Football Club, an amateur club dedicated to developing football overseas by undertaking tours. Initiated in Mount Moriah Lodge No 34 in 1909, he was one of the founders of Isthmian Lodge No 4566 in 1923

Robert Butuex Alaway (1883 - 1949) Football

With his younger brother, Horace (qv), he founded Middlesex Wanderers Football Club. Initiated in Muswell Hill Lodge No 2728 in 1909, he was one of the founders of Isthmian Lodge No 4566 in 1923

Dan Albone (1860 - 1906) Cycling

A founder member of the North Road Cycling Club and winner of more than 180 cycling prizes, Albone built his first bicycle at the age of 13. He founded the Ivel Cycle Works in Biggleswade in 1880. He joined the Lodge of Finsbury No 861 in London in 1898 and remained a member until his death

Harry Alexander (1879 - 1915) Rugby

Born in Birkenhead, Cheshire, Alexander studied Classics at Oxford and then became a teacher. He gave up teaching to become a professional singer. He played rugby for Birkenhead Park, Richmond

and England. Having volunteered in the First World War Alexander died in one of the final actions of the Battle of Loos in October 1915. He was a member of Misericordia Lodge No 3286 in London from January 1913 until his death. This entry is based on information provided by the World Rugby Museum, Twickenham.

James Allan (1858 - 1911) Football

One of a group of schoolmasters who formed the Sunderland and District Teachers Football Club in 1879, a precursor of Sunderland FC. Allan was a member of Williamson Lodge No 949 at Monkwearmouth from 1899 until his death and served as Master in 1908

Sir George Oswald Browning (“Gubby”) Allen (1902 - 1989) Cricket

Played cricket for Middlesex and England. During the famous England vs Australia Bodyline series in 1932-33, Allen strongly disagreed with the controversial tactics of Douglas Jardine (qv), the English captain. He was later involved in cricket administration. Initiated in Old Etonian Lodge No 4500 in 1923

William Gilbert Allen (1869 - 1931) Football

Director of Fulham Football Club. Initiated in Kent Lodge No 15 in 1899

Arthur Oliver Villiers Russell, 2nd Baron Ampthill (1869 - 1935) Rowing

Both at Eton and at New College, Oxford Ampthill excelled at rowing and was a member of the successful Oxford boat race teams in 1890 and 1891. He also won the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in 1891 as a member of the Leander Club. Ampthill was one of the original members of the International Olympic Committee established by Pierre de Coubertin in 1894. An active freemason from his days at Oxford where he was initiated in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1890, he served as Pro Grand Master from 1908 until his death.

William Harding Anderson (1901 – 1983) Winter sports

Ice hockey player who competed in the 1924 Winter Olympics, Harding later became a Lloyds underwriter and a member of Old Cliftonian Lodge No 5340 in 1936.

John Archer (1921 - 1997) Athletics

He won a Silver medal in the 400m relay at the 1948 London Olympics. Initiated in Forest Lodge No 1852 in 1973

Kenneth George Aston (1915 - 2001) Football

Aston became a referee and was Chairman of the FIFA Referees Committee for four years. He was a pioneer of red and yellow cards, the design of the black and white referee uniform and the concept of the fourth referee introduced before the 1970 World Cup. Initiated in Exonian Lodge No 3415 in 1951

Alfred (“Teddy”) Baldock (1907-1971) Boxing

Born in Poplar, Baldock’s professional career started at the age of thirteen. He beat the American Archie Bell to become World Bantamweight champion at the age of 19 and thus Britain's youngest World Champion of the modern era. He retired at the age of 24 after a distinguished career of 81 fights with 5 losses. He remained a hero of the East End, known as the Pride of Poplar. He was initiated in Cosmopolitan Lodge No 917 in 1929.

Sir Harry Barclay (1861 - 1933) Athletics

Founder and Second Master of Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1926, Barclay was the Secretary of the Amateur Athletics Association from 1915 to 1931 and helped to revive athletics after the 1914-1918 war. He was initiated in Lyric Lodge No 3016 in 1905 and in 1908 helped to found Royal Life Saving Lodge No 3339, a lodge associated with the Royal Life Saving Society of which Lord Desborough (qv) was then President and where Barclay himself served as Treasurer.

Charles John Barnett (1910-1993) Cricket

Barnett played cricket for Gloucestershire and England from 1933 to 1948. He was a member of Cotteswold Lodge No 592 in Cirencester from 1937 until his death and a founder of Earl Bathurst Lodge No 6313 in 1946.

Richard Wheldon Barnett (1863 - 1930) Shooting

A barrister by profession, Barnett was also a famous rifle shot who represented Britain in the 1908 London Olympics. From 1916 to 1929 he was MP for St Pancras. He was initiated in St. Alban's Lodge No 29, London in 1902, where he was Master in 1910. In 1909 he was appointed a Grand Steward and was elected President of the Board of Grand Stewards in 1920. Two years later he was appointed Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.

Herbert Roper Barrett (1873 - 1943) Tennis

In the 1908 Olympics Barrett won a gold medal in the men's tennis indoor doubles. The following year he and his partner, Arthur William Charles 'Wentworth' Gore won the doubles at Wimbledon. Barrett won the doubles again with another partner, Charles Dixon in 1912 and 1913. He was Chairman of the Lawn Tennis Association in 1934. A solicitor by profession, Barrett was active in government of the City of London and in 1924 he joined Guildhall Lodge No 3116.

William Isaiah ("Billy") Bassett (1869 - 1937) Football

Bassett joined his local team, West Bromwich Albion, in 1886 and played 261 games for the club and 16 games for England. In 1894 he became the first Albion player to be sent off (for using "unparliamentary language" in a game against Millwall). He became a Director of the Club in 1905 and later Chairman and rescued it from financial crisis. He served on the committee of the Football League in the 1930s and was one of the League's representatives at the Football Association. More than 100,000 people lined the streets of West Bromwich for his funeral. Bassett joined Noah's Ark Lodge No 347 in Tipton in 1904 and remained a member until 1920.

Walter Cecil Batson (b1900) Athletics

A policeman who was active in the Southern Counties Athletic Association. Initiated in Park Manor Lodge No 4457, Southend, in the 1920s, he later joined Athlon Lodge No 4674.

William Henry Beastow (1834 - 1912) Football

One of the founders of the football club that became Manchester City. Initiated in Ashbury Lodge No 1459 in 1874

Henry de Beauvoir de Lisle (1864 - 1955) Polo

Beauvoir de Lisle was a career army officer also noted for his skills at polo which he learnt whilst serving in India and subsequently popularised. He was initiated in Lodge Orion in the West No 415 in Poona in 1888 and was a member of other lodges in India.

William Henry Bellamy (1861 – 1945) Football

Director and later Chairman of Grimsby Town, Bellamy officiated at the 1905 FA Cup Final. He was Football Association Vice President from 1929 to 1941 and served on the Football League Committee. As a businessman, prominent in the mineral water trade, Bellamy joined Pelham Pillar Lodge No 792 in Grimsby in 1890 and remained a member until 1935

Arthur Benjamin Bent (b1874) Football

Initiated in Yarborough Lodge No 554, London in 1916. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Jack Beresford (1899 - 1977) Rowing

Beresford was a rower and member of Argonauts Lodge No 2243 from 1944 until 1965. He participated at five Olympic Games between 1920 and 1936. His father, Julius, whose family had moved to London from Poland, was a member of Britain's silver-medal winning coxed-four at the 1912 Stockholm Games. With rowing partner, Dick Southwood, Beresford junior won a gold medal in the double sculls at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, carrying the Great Britain flag at the opening ceremony. Beresford, who described winning gold at Berlin as 'the sweetest race I ever rowed', became a member of the Organising Committee for the 1948 London Games. His tally of Olympic medals was equalled only by Steve Redgrave.

Edward Vaughan Bevan (1907 - 1988) Rowing

Bevan won a gold medal for rowing in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics. He worked as a doctor in Cambridge where his patients included the Austrian philosopher, Ludwig Wittgenstein. He was initiated in Corinthian Lodge No 4917 in 1936

Ronald Winston 'Ronnie' Boon (1909 - 1998) Rugby/ cricket/ athletics

Boon was a rugby football winger who also represented Wales in athletics. He played club rugby for several teams including London Welsh, Cardiff and Dunfermline, representing Wales in the 1930s. He also played first class cricket for Glamorgan for one season. After his retirement from cricket he became a Physical Education teacher and school inspector. Boon was initiated into freemasonry in Scotland during the 1930s but also joined lodges in England and Wales. In 1986 he was the founding Master of Loyal Sportsman Lodge No. 9197 in Barry, South Wales.

David Lloyd Bowen (1928 - 1995) Football

Played regularly for Arsenal in the 1950s and was Captain of Wales in the 1958 World Cup. The team reached the quarter finals and were beaten by Brazil with Pele scoring the only goal. Bowen then became Manager of Northampton Town and Wales (1964-1974). He joined Wineslai Lodge No 2435 in Winslow, Buckinghamshire in 1959.

William Eric ("Bill") Bowes (1908 - 1987) Cricket

Bowes played for Yorkshire and was one of the best bowlers of the interwar period. Initiated in Peace Lodge No 3988 in 1935

Paul Boyton (1848 - 1924) Swimming

Boyton was a showman and adventurer best known for his water stunts. In 1875 he became the second man to swim the English Channel (after Matthew Webb (qv)). Boyton wore an inflatable rubber suit which became his trademark. He was a member of the Lodge of Friendship No 206 in London from 1875 to 1882.

Joe Bradford (1901 - 1980) Football

Bradford made 450 appearances for Birmingham City. He was initiated in Sphere Lodge No 5051 in 1936. This lodge had been established in 1928 for those interested in amateur sport. Its emblem depicts a lady framed between two pillars supporting a sphere. Lodge tradition is that the lodge was originally going to be called Aston Villa Lodge.

William Bradley (1893 - 1960) Football

Played for Newcastle United. Initiated in Prince Edwin Lodge No 4519 in 1926.

John Brearley (b1875) Football

John Brearley was born in Liverpool and played as a forward for several clubs including Millwall, Everton and Tottenham Hotspur. He finished his playing career at Millwall where he was also Manager from 1909 to 1911. He subsequently worked as a coach for a German football team, Viktoria 89, in Berlin and was there in 1914 when war broke out. He was interned in Ruhleben, a civilian detention camp outside Berlin. Brearley was initiated in Toxteth Lodge No 1356 in Liverpool in 1903. His membership there lapsed after 1906 but he was included on the list of freemasons at Ruhleben sent to England in 1914/15.

Ralph Howard Broome (1889 – 1985) Winter sports

Won a silver medal with the four man bobsleigh team at the 1924 Winter Olympics. A member of Philammon Lodge No 3226, Devonport from 1921 to 1927

William Alfred Bromage (1855 - 1910) Athletics

According to his obituary in the *Freemasons' Chronicle*, Bromage was active in athletics in the Midlands, a member of the Amateur Athletics Association and served for one year as its President. He was one of the official judges at the 1908 London Olympics. He was initiated in the Lodge of Honour in Wolverhampton in 1910 (Master in 1922) and one of the founders of Wulfrum Lodge No 4602

Charles Brownlow (1861 - 1924) Australian Rules football

The first set of rules for Australian football were drawn up in May 1859 at a meeting at the Freemasons' Hotel in Port Melbourne. The clubs in Melbourne and Geelong are the two oldest formally recognised football clubs in the world. Charles Brownlow was born in Geelong and played for the club there. He was also Secretary of the club from 1885 to 1923. The Brownlow Medal, named in his honour and first awarded in 1924, is awarded by the Australian Football League to the player judged to be the best and fairest throughout the year. Brownlow was initiated in the Geelong Lodge of Unity No 545 in December 1885, then under the English Constitution. When the Grand Lodge of Victoria was formed in 1889, the lodge changed its affiliation.

Albert Frederick Buck (1867 - 1941) Football

Initiated in Brentford Lodge No 2400 in 1919. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Edgar Richard Burgess (1891 - 1952) Rowing

A member (with Sidney Swann (qv)) of the rowing eight which won the gold medal at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. Initiated whilst at Oxford in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1912

John Orgill (“Jack”) Burkitt (1923 - 1993) Football

Playing in midfield, Burkitt made over 500 senior appearances for Nottingham Forest between 1947 and 1962 and captained them to win the 1959 FA Cup Final. Initiated in Southwell Lodge No 1405 in 1960

Sir George Mowlem Burt (1884 - 1964) Fencing

A member of a Mowlem family of building contractors and civil engineers, his company built Bush House (Aldwych), the Peter Robinson department store in Sloane Square and Mulberry harbours during the 1939-1945 war. It was also the main contractor for the Royal Masonic Hospital at Ravenscourt Park. As a young man, Burt fenced at the Olympics in 1920 and 1924. He was initiated in Old Dundee Lodge No 18 in 1905 and was a member of many lodges, helping to found Edifice Lodge No 4509 in 1922.

Morton Frederick Cadman (b1866) Football

Associated with Tottenham Hotspur, Cadman was Vice President of the Football League from 1939 to 1941. He was a member of Eleanor Lodge No 1707 from 1894 to 1919.

Gerald Oakley Cadogan, 6th Earl Cadogan (1869 - 1933) Sport administration

Cadogan was British International Olympic Committee member from 1922 to 1929. During this period in 1925, he was initiated in the newly formed Athlon Lodge No 4674. He subsequently joined Old Etonian Lodge No 4500 and Cadogan Lodge No 162.

Donald Campbell (1921 - 1967) Motor racing

Initiated in Grand Masters Lodge No 1 in 1953, Campbell was an automobile and speedboat racer who broke several land and water speed records. He was killed on Coniston Water in the Lake District when his latest boat (all his boats and cars were called Bluebird) flipped and crashed at over 300 mph.

Sir Malcolm Campbell (1885 - 1948) Motor racing

Father of Donald Campbell (qv) and himself a speed ace, he was initiated in Old Uppingham Lodge No 4227 in 1924.

David Ludovic George Hopetoun Carnegie, Earl of Northesk (1901 – 1963) Winter sports

Won a bronze medal for tobogganing at the 1928 Winter Olympics. Later served in the Intelligence Corps in the 1939-1945 War. He joined New Forest Lodge No 319, Lymington in 1923 and was a member of several other lodges in London and Berkshire.

Sir (William) Emsley Carr (1867 – 1941) Athletics

In 1953 Sir William Carr inaugurated the Emsley Carr Mile in memory of his father, a former editor of the News of the World who had assisted in athlete's selection for various Olympic games. The Emsley Carr Mile is an annual event in which leading runners are invited to participate. Emsley Carr was a member of Alfred Robbins Lodge No 5083 in London from 1930 until his death and raised large sums of money for the Royal Masonic Hospital.

Charles Thomas (“Tom”) Carter (1908 - 2002) Athletics

An endurance runner. Initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1956

Frederick Channing (1857 – 1936) Football

One of a group of school teachers who founded a football team called the Black Arabs which later became Bristol Rovers. Channing was Captain and later club secretary and President from 1898 to 1906. He was a member of Royal; Clarence Lodge No 68 in Bristol from 1905 until his death.

Herbert Chapman (1878 - 1934) Football

Born in Yorkshire, Chapman became a professional footballer in 1901 before becoming the manager at Northampton in 1907. In 1925 he became the manager of Arsenal and led them to success in the early 1930s. Chapman is often considered to be the first modern football manager. He was a member of Kingsley Lodge No 2431 in Northampton from 1907 and Perseverance Lodge in Pudsey from 1913, remaining a member of both until his death.

Kenneth Herbert Chapman (1909 - 1989) Rugby

The son of Herbert Chapman, manager of Arsenal FC, Kenneth was a rugby union player for Harlequins, and later served as president of the Rugby Football Union. Initiated in Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge No 12 in 1952

(William) John Charles (1931 - 2004) Football

Born in Swansea, Charles played for Leeds United, Juventus and Wales. He was never cautioned or sent off during his entire career. Initiated in Services Lodge No 7139 in 1968

Victor Albert George Child -Villiers (7th Earl of Jersey) (1845 - 1915) Athletics

The first President of the Amateur Athletics Association in 1880. Initiated in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1865

Douglas “Duggy” Clark (1891 - 1951) Rugby

Played rugby for Huddersfield, Cumberland, England and Great Britain including the 1914 Great Britain Lions Tour of Australia and New Zealand where the Lions won in Sydney despite the side being reduced to eleven men. He joined the Lodge of Perseverance No 371 in Maryport in 1923 and was also a member of Concord Lodge No 4126 in Huddersfield

William Arthur Clarke (b1880) Football

Initiated in Duke of Cornwall Lodge No 1839 in 1915. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

James (“Jim”) Clements (1862 - 1934) Football

Initiated in Brentford Lodge No 2400 in 1897. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

(Dennis) Brian Close (1931 - 2015) Cricket

The youngest man ever to play test cricket for England when selected to play against New Zealand in 1949, Close later captained Yorkshire, Somerset and England. Close joined the Lodge of Prudence No 2069 in Leeds in 1963

Leslie John Cohen (b1907) Athletics

An accomplished athlete who organised international athletics matches in Britain. Initiated in Pyramid Lodge No 5718 in 1946, he later joined Athlon Lodge No 4674

Leslie Harry Compton (1912 - 1984) Football /cricket

English footballer and cricketer who played for Arsenal and Middlesex respectively. His brother, Denis, was also a footballer and cricketer for Arsenal and Middlesex, though Leslie was more successful in football and Denis in cricket.

Initiated in Oriel Lodge No 6545 in 1951

(Michael) Colin Cowdrey, Baron Cowdrey (1932 - 2000) Cricket

Cowdrey played for Kent at county level and, for England, was the first cricketer to play in 100 Test matches. He held the records for the most Test runs by a batsman and most Test catches by a fielder.

Initiated in Camden Place Lodge No 3042 in 1957

Charles Blanchard Cowley (1892 - 1958) Sport administration

Born in Canada, Cowley was Chairman of an advertising company, a member of Kingston Rowing Club and a member of the Organising Committee for the 1948 London Games. He was initiated in Portland Lodge Lodge No 3159 in 1928 (Master in 1935). Master of Canada Lodge in 1946.

Frederick George (“Fred”) Craner (1893 - 1949) Motor Racing

In 1933 built Donnington Park as Britain’s first permanent circuit racing venue. Initiated in Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge No 779, Ashby de la Zouche, in 1947 (see entry for John Gillies Shields)

Charles Doland Crisp (1864 - 1956) Football

Crisp played as an amateur goalkeeper for Tottenham Hotspur in his youth and was (with Frank Viveash (qv)) one of the founders of the Referees Union in football in 1908. They were both on the refereeing list for the football competition in the 1908 London Olympics. Crisp, a teacher turned business man, was initiated in East Medina Lodge No 175 in 1893, a founder of Culham College Lodge No 2951 in 1903 and a member of Athlon Lodge No 4674. During the First World War, he moved to Lewes, Sussex where he served as Mayor on eleven occasions. He also helped establish the amateur Athenian League in 1912 and served as a director of Arsenal Football Club until the mid 1920s.

Hope Crisp (1884 - 1950) Tennis

In the 1913 Wimbledon Championships, he won the first mixed doubles final partnering Agnes Tuckey. He served in the 1914-1918 war and was wounded in 1915, losing a leg. He played on one further occasion at Wimbledon- in 1919. Crisp joined Burton Court Lodge No 3864 in London in October 1918 and remained a member until 1927.

Charles William Crosse (1854 - 1905) Rugby and cricket

Educated at Rugby School, Charles Crosse played cricket for Oxford University and later represented Scotland. He was capped twice for England at rugby, in 1874 against Scotland and in 1875 against Ireland. He became a freemason whilst at university in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1875

Jack Cyril Glass Crump (1905 - 1966) Athletics

Crump, who was initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1942 and who became a founder of Lovekyn Chantry Lodge No 6807, Kingston, was Honorary Secretary of the British Amateur Athletics Board from 1946 to 1964 and was the Manager of the British athletic team at the 1948 London Olympics. He was also a commentator for the BBC at those Games and was the athletics correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*. He was awarded an OBE for his services to athletics in 1958. He co-edited a book, *Athletics*, with Harold Abrahams, published in 1952.

Lorne Campbell Currie (1871 - 1926) Sailing

Currie was the son of a shipping agent and was born and raised in Le Havre where the sailing competition was held for the 1900 Paris Olympics. He won two gold medals. Currie had joined Royal Gloucester Lodge No 130 in Southampton in 1898. Having been educated at Charterhouse he also joined the lodge associated with that school, Charterhouse Deo Dante Dedi Lodge No 2885

Arthur William Trollope Daniel (1841 - 1873) Cricket/athletics

A founder member of the Cambridge University Athletics Club, he was initiated in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 in 1861

Harry Daniels VC (1884 - 1953) Boxing

Daniels joined the army and served in India where he won several boxing tournaments. He was awarded the Victoria Cross following action at Neuve Chapelle in France in 1915. He was initiated in Aldershot Camp Lodge No 1331 in 1920

William Harry Verelst Darell (1878 - 1954) Rowing

A professional soldier, Darell was a competitive oarsman as a young man and in 1907 won the Diamond Sculls at Henley, one of the three premier single sculling events in the United Kingdom, while serving as a Captain in the Household Brigade. He was eventually promoted to Brigadier General. An active freemason, he was initiated in Studholme Lodge No 1591 in 1899. He was later Assistant Grand Master, then Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

(Thomas) Mervyn Davies (1946 - 2012) Rugby

"Merv the Swerve", was a Welsh rugby union player who won 38 caps for Wales as a No. 8. Initiated in Ynys Lodge No 8274 in 1985

George Frederick Davis (1872 - 1934) Football

Initiated in Deanery Lodge No 3071 in 1912. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

William Ralph ("Dixie") Dean (1907 - 1980) Football

Playing for Everton, Dean became the most prolific goal-scorer in English football history. He also represented England 16 times and scored 18 goals in 8 games including two hat-tricks. Initiated in Randle Holme Lodge No 3261 in 1930

Albert William Denly (1900 - 1989) Motor cycling

In the 1920s Denly achieved over 300 motor cycle world records as factory team rider at Brooklands. As a skilled engineer he later worked on various land speed record attempts in cars and subsequently claimed several world records. After the Second World War he became Castrol's race engineer working with Stirling Moss amongst others. He was a member of Coveham Lodge No 4212 in Leatherhead, Surrey from 1930.

William Henry Grenville, Lord Desborough (1855 - 1945)

A keen sportsman and freemason, Desborough rowed for Oxford against Cambridge, served as President of the Oxford University Boat and Athletic Club, fenced at the unofficial Olympic Games at Athens in 1906 and served as a member of the International Olympic Committee until 1913. He played a central role in organising the 1908 London Olympics. He joined freemasonry in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1875 on the same day as Oscar Wilde.

Horace Edgar (“Tom”) Dollery (1914 - 1987) Cricket

Dollery played for England and Warwickshire and was as one of the first professional captains in English first-class cricket. Initiated in Doric Lodge No 4167 in 1956

Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle (1859 - 1930) Football/athletics

While living in Southsea, Doyle played football as a goalkeeper for Portsmouth Association Football Club, an amateur side, under the pseudonym A. C. Smith. He officiated at the 1908 London Olympics where he helped the Italian marathon runner, Dorando Pietri, over the finishing line, assistance which led to Pietri’s disqualification. Initiated in Phoenix Lodge No 257 in 1887

Arthur Drewry (1891 - 1961) Football

A Grimsby fish merchant, Drewry was a director of Grimsby Town FC and served as President of the Football League and Chairman of the Football Association. He helped negotiate the entry of the home nations into the World Cup competition in 1950 and, as sole selector, picked the team which then lost 1-0 to the United States. He was the fifth President of FIFA (1955-1961) and helped secure the votes for the 1966 event to be played in England. Drewry was a member of the Earl of Yarborough Lodge No 2770 in Grimsby from 1932 until his death.

George Duckworth (1901 - 1966) Cricket

Played for Lancashire and England as a wicket-keeper. He was reputed to have the loudest shout of appeal of any cricketer of his time. Initiated in Travelers Lodge Lodge No 4679 in 1930

William Dudley Ward (1877 - 1946) Sailing/rowing

A proficient oarsman, Dudley Ward also competed in the sailing in the 1908 London Olympics and was a crew member of the British boat *Sorais*, which won the bronze medal in the 8 metre class. Initiated in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 in 1897

Lawrence Aldred Mervyn Dundas, 3rd Marquess of Zetland (1908 - 1989) Tennis/ horse racing

As the Earl of Ronaldshay, he was a lawn tennis player of some note and in the 1940s played in the men’s singles at Wimbledon. Initiated in Lennox Lodge No 123 in 1932, he was a member of several lodges and Provincial Grand Master for Yorkshire, North and East Riding from 1967 to 1984. He was also Chairman of Catterick and Redcar racecourses for many years

Leonard Stanley (“Len”) Duquemin (1924 - 2003) Football

Born on Guernsey, Duquemin made his debut for Tottenham Hotspur in 1946 and made 307 appearances for the team. He was known as “Reliable Len” and played alongside Alf Ramsey (see entry) and Bill Nicholson. He joined Waltham Abbey Lodge No 2750 at Chingford in 1951, two years before Ramsey

Roy Emmett (1902 - 1988) Tennis

Initiated in Nore Lodge No 3610 in 1924, Emmett was the line judge whose call led to the disqualification of Ilie Nastase in the 1975 British Hardcourt championship. Nastase protested about Emmett’s line call.

Harry Errington GC (1910 - 2004) Basketball

Errington was the only London firefighter to be awarded the George Cross during the 1939-1945 war. He was active in the administration of basketball especially at the 1948 London Olympics. Initiated in Fraternal Unity Lodge No 7330 in 1956

Sir David William Evans (1866 - 1926) Rugby

A lawyer who played rugby for Oxford University, Cardiff and Wales, Evans was appointed director and legal advisor of the King Edward VII National Memorial Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis in 1913 and played a leading role in combating TB in Wales. Initiated in Llewellyn Lodge No 2570 in 1896

Eric Evans (1921 - 1991) Rugby

Captain of the England rugby union team from 1956 to 1958. Initiated in Unanimity Lodge No 89 in 1949

(Thomas) Godfrey Evans (1920 - 1999) Cricket

Played for Kent and England and described by *Wisden* as 'arguably the best wicket-keeper the game has ever seen', Evans collected 219 dismissals in 91 Test match appearances between 1946 and 1959 and a total of 1066 in all first-class matches. En route he was the first wicket keeper to reach 200 Test dismissals and the first Englishman to reach both 1000 runs and 100 dismissals and 2000 runs and 200 dismissals in Test cricket. Initiated in Belvidere Lodge No 503 in 1942

Fred Everiss (b1882) Football

Everiss was Secretary/Manager of West Bromwich Albion from 1902 until 1948. He joined Noah's Ark Lodge No 347 in Tipton in 1914 and remained a member until his death. He was also a founder of Tibbington Lodge No 4927 and Patshull Lodge No 6592

Sam Ferris (1900 - 1980) Athletics

Born at Magherabeg near Dromore, Ireland, Ferris rejoined the Royal Air Force after the First World War in 1923 and moved to London. He joined the Herne Hill Harriers where his talent for long distance running was fostered. He competed in the marathon at the 1924 Paris Olympics. He also ran at the 1928 Amsterdam Games and the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics, where he won silver where his finishing time of just over two and a half hours broke the world record. An active freemason, Ferris was initiated in Baghdad Lodge No 4022 in 1935 while serving with the RAF in Iraq, before joining Athlon Lodge in 1948

Eric Westwood Fiddian (1910 - 1995) Golf

English amateur champion, Fiddian once made two holes-in-one in the same round in 1933. Initiated in Leigh Lodge No 887 in 1950

James Figg (c1695 - 1735) Boxing

The first English bare knuckle boxing champion, Figg's Amphitheatre on Oxford Street in London was the premier venue for sporting entertainment in the early 1700s. Recorded as a member of Lodge No 67 which met at the Castle Tavern in St Giles in 1725.

George Ingle Finch (1888 - 1970) Climbing

Finch was born in New South Wales. He studied science in Paris and Switzerland. After service in the First World War he became a lecturer at Imperial College and later became Professor of Applied Physical Chemistry there. He was Director of the National Chemical Laboratory in India from 1952-7. An active mountaineer throughout his life. His son was the actor Peter Finch. Finch joined Hampstead Lodge No 2408 in London in 1929 (Master in 1939) and remained a member throughout his life

James ("Jim") Finney (1924 - 2008) Football

Football referee. Initiated in Cantilupe Lodge No 4083 in 1962

Sir Thomas (“Tom”) Finney (1922 - 2014) Football

One of the greatest of English footballers, Finney played from Preston North End in his home town from 1946 until 1960. Capped many times for England. He was a member of Olympia Lodge No 6812 in Preston for 20 years from 1971.

William Hayes Fisher, 1st Baron Downham (1853 - 1920) Football

A Conservative MP for Fulham, Fisher was President of Fulham FC. He was initiated in Apollo University Lodge No 357 whilst at Oxford University in 1877 and later joined Waterloo Lodge No 3475, meeting in London

Ronald Henry Fox (1880 - 1952) Cricket

New Zealand born amateur batsman. Initiated in Jerusalem Lodge No 197 in 1936

Uffa Fox (1898 - 1972) Yachting

Boat designer and sailing enthusiast who raced with the Duke of Edinburgh at Cowes. Initiated in Osborne Lodge No 2169 in 1936

Alfred Percy (“Tich”) Freeman (1888 - 1965) Cricket

Freeman’s nickname derived from his short stature. He was a very successful leg spin bowler for Kent and England who once took 300 wickets in a single season. In retirement he opened a chain of sports shops. Freeman joined Belvidere Lodge No 503 in Kent in 1928 and was also a member of Agricola Chapter No 4501

Cyril Henry Gadney (1904 - 1980) Rugby

International rugby referee and President of the Rugby Football Union. Initiated in Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge No 12 in 1947

Fred Geary (1868 - 1955) Football

Played at centre forward for Everton where he was a prolific goal scorer, and made two appearances for England, scoring a hat-trick on his debut. Initiated in Liverpool Dramatic Lodge No 1609 in 1894

Aaron (“Okey”) Geffin (1921 - 2004) Rugby

Born in South Africa, Geffin fought in the Second World War and was captured at Tobruk. He trained whilst a prisoner of war in Stalag XX-A. He was capped seven times for South Africa between 1949 and 1951; his most notable performances were against the New Zealand All Blacks. Geffin was a member of Hillbrow Lodge No 3046 in Johannesburg from 1957 until 1968.

Thomas Henry (“Harry”) Gem (1819 - 1881) Tennis

The modern sport of tennis developed along two paths. Between 1859 and 1865, in Birmingham, Major Harry Gem, a solicitor, and his friend Augurio Perera, a Spanish merchant, combined elements of the game of rackets and the Spanish ball game Pelota and played it on a croquet lawn. In 1872, both men moved to Leamington Spa and in 1874, with two doctors from the Warneford Hospital, Arthur Wellesley Tomkins (qv) and Frederick Harry Haynes (qv), founded the world's first tennis club.

In December 1873, Major Walter Clopton Wingfield devised a similar game for the amusement of his guests at a garden party on his estate of Nantclwyd in Llanellidan, Wales and at the suggestion of Arthur Balfour, Wingfield named it "lawn tennis".

Harry Gem was also active in the volunteer movement and helped to establish the local corps in Birmingham. He was an early member of Leigh Lodge No 887, originally called Leigh Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, which was established in January 1862, a month before Gem joined. He served as Master in 1868-9 and remained a member until his death.

George VI (1895 - 1952) Tennis

Partnered by Louis Grieg, George, when Duke of York, played the men's doubles championships at Wimbledon but they were heavily defeated in the first round. He later played golf but found that it brought out his bad temper. He was initiated in 1919 in Navy Lodge No.2612 and was a member of several other lodges. He personally installed three Grand Masters: the Duke of Kent (1939); the Earl of Harewood (1943) and the Duke of Devonshire (1948).

Rowland David George (1905 - 1997) Rowing

As one of the coxless four George competed at the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics and won the gold medal. Initiated in Argonauts Lodge No 2243 in 1958

Frank Hay Gillingham (1875 - 1953) Cricket

Gillingham was a Church of England minister who played 210 first class matches for Essex between 1903 and 1928 as a batsman and wicket keeper. He was an accomplished after dinner speaker and the BBC's first radio ball-by-ball commentator although this job was short-lived after he filled in time during a rain break at the Oval by reading out the advertisements around the ground. He was initiated into freemasonry in 1924 at Old Alleynian Lodge No. 4165, London. In 1939 he was appointed Chaplain to fellow freemason, King George VI.

Thomas Charles ("Tommy") Godwin (1920 - 2012) Cycling

Won two bronze medals at the 1948 London Olympics for the 1km Time Trial and in the men's 4km Team Pursuit. He later coached the British cycling squad at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and was an Olympic torch bearer in Solihull in 2012. A member of the Lodge of St Oswald No 5094, Worcestershire.

Sir Arthur Abraham Gold (1917 - 2002) Athletics

Arthur Gold took up athletics at school. Illness prevented his selection for the high jump at the 1936 Berlin Olympics and he later became a coach. In 1965 he became Secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Board whose main task was to select and prepare British teams for international competition. He remained in post until 1977. Subsequently he was appointed Chairman of the British Olympic Association. Gold was initiated in Edmonton Lodge No 4339 in 1947 and in 1955 was a founder of Hackney Brook Lodge No 7397, associated with his school, Hackney Downs.

Thomas Gracie (1889-1915) Football

Scottish professional footballer who played for Morton and Hearts and briefly for Liverpool. He enlisted in the army in November 1914 but died of leukaemia in Glasgow the following year. Gracie joined Derby Lodge No 724 in Liverpool in March 1913 and remained a member until his death

Edward Grayson (1925 - 2008) Sports lawyer

Edward Grayson wrote his book *Corinthians and Cricketers* in 1955 as an elegy to the golden age of amateur sport. He became one of the first to specialise in sports law and was the first President of the British Association of Sport and Law. Initiated in Southeastern Bar Lodge No 4332 in 1972, he joined several other lodges with links to the legal profession

Charles Pratt Green (died 1950) Cricket

Green was a business man involved with the development and sale of Malvern Water. He was also an early collector of cricket memorabilia, notably bats. He joined freemasonry in Semper Fidelis Lodge No 529 in 1881 and was also a member of Royds Lodge No 1204 in Malvern from 1887 until 1931 and a founder of St Werstan Lodge No 4004 in 1919

Thomas William Green (1894 - 1975) Athletics

Green suffered from rickets as a child, was initially invalided out of the army when a horse fell on him but on being recalled in 1914 was then wounded three times and gassed. Green took up sprinting and amateur boxing to counteract the damage caused to his lungs by gas but he found that his best discipline was road walking. He won the London to Brighton walk four times. At the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics, at the age of 38, he overcame exceptional heat to finish well ahead of the field in the 50km walk. He remains the oldest ever winner of this Olympic event. Green subsequently became a hotel manager in Southampton and joined Beach Lodge No 2955 in 1942. He was an active freemason until his death. He founded the Lodge of Fraternal Union No 7570 in 1957 and was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 1970.

Ronald (“Ron”) Greenwood (1921 - 2006) Football

A player and subsequently manager of West Ham and England, Greenwood was initiated in Proven Friendship Lodge No 6225 in 1956

John Gretton, 1st Baron Gretton (1867 - 1947) Sailing

A noted yachtsman, Gretton won two gold medals in the 1900 Paris Olympics. He is unique in achieving this whilst serving as an MP (for Derbyshire South). Initiated in Abbey Lodge Lodge No 624 in 1894

Edward Simson Groombridge (1884 - 1966) Football

Initiated in Chingford Lodge No 2859 in 1916. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Rupert Guinness (later Lord Iveagh, 2nd Earl of Iveagh) (1874 - 1967) Rowing

Began rowing at Eton. Won the Diamond Challenge Sculls at Henley in 1895 and 1896. President of the Thames Rowing Club from 1911 until his death. Initiated in London County Council Lodge No 2603 in London in 1906 and joined several other London lodges

Richard Kenneth Gunn (1871 - 1961) Boxing

Gunn was British amateur boxing champion from 1894 to 1896. In skill he surpassed so many of his rivals that the Amateur Boxing Association asked him to retire after winning his third title. At the age of 37 he came out of retirement to win the featherweight title at the 1908 London Olympics and is the oldest man to win an Olympic boxing title. Gunn was a London publican and joined Remus Lodge No 4760 in 1928. He remained a member until his death in 1961 at the age of 90.

William Gunn (1858 – 1921) Cricket/football

Played professional cricket as a batsman for Nottinghamshire and England from 1880 to 1904 and football for both Nottingham Forest and Notts County. He founded the sports equipment firm Gunn and Moore in 1885. Gunn was a member of Rufford Lodge No 2553, Nottingham from 1896 to 1921

Edward Temple Gurdon (1854 - 1929) Rugby

Gurdon represented England from 1878 to 1886 and was Captain from 1880. He later worked at the Public Record Office and qualified as a solicitor. He was initiated in Old Haileyburian Lodge No 3912 in 1920, the lodge associated with his school.

Ernest William Haley (1885 - 1975) Athletics

Competed at 200m and 400m in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. Initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1929

William Hall (1858 - 1932) Football

Initiated in Bolingbroke Lodge No 2417 in 1898. Member of Football League management committee, 1912 – 1927 and one of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Walter Reginald (Wally) Hammond (1903 - 1965) Cricket

Wally Hammond scored 22 test match hundreds and took 83 wickets in his career and was, until the appearance of Donald Bradman, the most feared batsman in test cricket. He was also an effective fast-medium bowler. He started his cricket life as a professional but claimed amateur status in 1939 so that he could captain the England test team. Hammond played for and lived in Gloucestershire but was initiated in Lodge of Charity No. 4105, Bradford in 1928, the lodge of his father in law, Joseph Lister, a Bradford textile merchant.

Thomas ("Tommy") Hampson (1907 - 1965) Athletics

Hampson won a gold medal in the 800m and a silver medal in the 4 x 400m relay in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. At that time he was a teacher at St Albans School. He joined the lodge associated with the school, Old Albanian Lodge No 4999, in 1933 and remained a member until his death

Walter Edward Hansell (1861 - 1938) Football

Won an FA Cup winners medal playing for Old Carthusians in their victory against Old Etonians in 1881. Hansell was a founder member of the Norfolk County Football Association. He was a solicitor and talented musician who was a friend of Edward Elgar. He joined Union Lodge No 52, Norwich in 1897 and also Baring Lodge No 2602 in Cromer.

Henry Telford Hayman (1853 - 1941) Cricket

Played cricket for Kent in the 1870s. Active masonic career in Nottingham where he was provincial Grand Master from 1933 to 1941

Frederick Harry Haynes (1845 - 1935) Tennis

Initiated in Shakespeare Lodge, No. 284 Warwickshire in 1871 (Master in 1876), Haynes also joined Apollo Lodge, No. 301, Alcester in 1883. A doctor, Haynes was a consulting physician at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington. He was, with Arthur Tomkins (qv) and Harry Gem (qv), one of founders of the first lawn tennis club in the world in Leamington Spa.

Frank Norman Headicar (1873 - 1948) Football

Initiated in Harringay Lodge No 2763 in 1903, Headicar was Chairman of Wimbledon Football Club and one of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

John Thomas ("Jack") Hearne (1867 - 1944) Cricket

Middlesex and England medium-fast bowler. Initiated in Misbourne Lodge No 3375 in 1914

Frances Joseph Bache Hemming (1866 - 1936) Football

Initiated in Rickmansworth Lodge No 2218 in 1904. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

James Hogg (1842 -) Football

Initiated in Excelsior Lodge No 617, Buenos Aires in 1876. (See entry for Alexander Watson Hutton)

Montague Alfred Holbein (c1862 - 1944) Cycling/swimming

Holbein was runner up in the first Bordeaux-Paris cycle race in 1891. He made four unsuccessful attempts to swim the English Channel. He was a member of the Frederick Lodge of Unity No 452 in Croydon from 1909-1923.

William Eric Hollis (1912 - 1981) Cricket

English cricketer who played for Warwickshire but is mainly remembered for taking the wicket of Donald Bradman for a duck in Bradman's final Test match innings, in which only four was needed for a Test average of 100. Initiated in La Pal Lodge Lodge No 6031 in 1960

Ernest James Henry ("Billy") Holt (1883 - 1972) Athletics

Holt was Director of Organisation for the 1948 London Games. A bank manager by profession, he was initiated in Black Horse of Lombard Street Lodge No 4155 in 1922 and was a founder of Athlon Lodge No 4674 (Master in 1938)

Frederick Thomas Hosking (1867 - 1934) Football

Initiated in Capper Lodge No 1076 in 1903. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

John Houlding (1833 - 1902) Football

A self made man, Houlding built a brewery in Everton. He was a leading civic figure and Lord Mayor of Liverpool in 1897. He became the President of Everton Football Club in 1882 and the club rented land from him on Anfield Road as their ground. Houlding's attempt to develop the club commercially met resistance and Everton moved to a new stadium at Goodison Road. Houlding created a new club from scratch and called it Liverpool. Houlding was an active freemason, joining Everton Lodge No 823 in 1869. He founded several lodges and held office at Provincial level. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 1898.

Charles James Hughes (1853 - 1916) Football

One of the founders of Northwich Victoria Football Club. As a player he appeared in their first recorded game in 1874 and was later secretary and treasurer. Refereed the FA Cup Finals in 1891, 1893 and 1894. Hughes was Vice President of the Football Association from 1901 to 1916. An auctioneer by profession, Hughes joined Sincerity Lodge No 428 in Northwich in 1883 and remained a member until his death.

Alexander Watson Hutton (1853 - 1936) Football

In 1867 Thomas and James Hogg organised the first recorded football match in Argentina where many British merchants were active in commercial life. Alexander Watson Hutton is considered to be the "father of Argentine football". He founded the Buenos Aires English High School where he taught football and in 1891 established the Argentinian football association. Many clubs in Argentina

were set up by employees of British owned companies. Watson and James Hogg were both members of the English masonic lodge in Buenos Aires, Excelsior Lodge No 617.

Sir Leonard ("Len") Hutton (1916 - 1990) Cricket

Opening batsman for England and described by *Wisden* as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket. Initiated in St Lawrence Lodge No 2330 in 1942

Richard Jackett (1880 - 1960) Rugby

Cornish rugby player who competed in the 1908 London Olympics where the team won a silver medal losing to Australia. The British team comprised the Cornwall county team, then the national champions. Jackett was initiated in Love and Honour Lodge No 75 in Falmouth in December 1921 listing his occupation as boat builder

Norman Nathaniel Jacobs (1930 - 2003) Boxing

A solicitor by profession, Jacobs retained a lifelong interest in sport. He was a member of the British Boxing Board of Control, the Sports Council and the Sports Aid Foundation. He became Chairman of the Football Licensing Authority in 1990. This was established to oversee the recommendations of Lord Justice Taylor following the Hillsborough Stadium disaster in 1989. The FLA worked to ensure that football stadiums became all-seater, to reduce barrier fences and enforce more vigorous rules of stewarding and safety. During the course of his six years in this role, Jacobs visited every football ground in the country. Jacobs joined freemasonry in his old School Lodge, Christ Hospital Lodge No 2650 in 1966 and was a member of many other lodges and chapters. He was also Grand Treasurer in 1985

Charles Ronald Jacobs (1928 - 2002) Rugby

Jacobs played rugby for Northampton Saints 470 times over 17 seasons and 29 times for England. He continued to serve rugby after his playing career as an administrator. He was President of the Rugby Football Union in 1983 and managed England's tour of South Africa in 1984. He was initiated into freemasonry in 1971 in St. Andrew's Lodge No 4087 in Cambridge and remained a member until his death in 2002. Jacobs was also one of the founders of Webb Ellis Lodge No 9740.

Edwin Janes (b1874) Football

One of the founders of Chelsea FC and a director of the club. A publican, he joined Dalhousie Lodge No 860 in 1896 giving as his address the Duke's Head in Parsons Green. See also the entries for the Mears brothers.

James ("Jimmy") Jarche (1890 - 1965) Wrestling

At the age of 19, Jarché became world amateur wrestling middleweight champion. He subsequently became a noted press photographer. In 1922 he joined Borough of Greenwich Lodge No 2332.

Douglas Robert Jardine (1900 - 1958) Cricket

As England Captain from 1931 to 1933–34, Jardine is best known for the 1932–33 Ashes tour of Australia, in which his team employed "Bodyline" tactics. Initiated in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1920

Hugh Richard Lewis Johns (1922 - 2007)

Football commentator. Initiated in Services Lodge No 7139 in 1964

Herbert Henry Johnson (1887 - 1947) Boxing

As a lightweight boxer Johnson won a bronze medal at the 1908 London Olympics. In 1927 he joined Thornhill Lodge No 3163 and remained a member until his death.

Benjamin Jones (1882 - 1957) Cycling

Jones won two gold medals and one silver for cycling at the 1908 London Olympics. He later became a civil servant and joined Wanderers Lodge No 1604 in 1920. He was Master of the lodge in 1938

Kenneth Jeffrey Jones (1921 - 2006) Rugby/ athletics

Jones won a silver medal in the 4 x 100 metres relay at the 1948 London Olympics but was better known for his rugby career playing for Newport, Wales and the British Lions. His international rugby career lasted from 1947 until 1957 and on retirement he became a sports reporter. He was awarded the OBE in 1960 for services to Welsh rugby. He joined Silurian Lodge No 471, Newport in 1957, the year in which he played his last international game. He remained a member until 1979

Ernest David Kay (1876 - 1956) Football

Chairman of Burnley Football Club. Initiated in Mawsis Lodge No 4644 in 1930.

Frederick Keeping (b 1867) Cycling

Keeping won a silver medal for cycling at the first modern Olympics at Athens in 1896. Informally organised without national teams, Keeping took part in the Games while working as a servant at the British Embassy in Greece. He won his medal in the 12 hour cycle race which started at 5am. From the six cyclists who started the race, only two finished the 900 laps of the velodrome, a distance of 314 km. On returning to Britain, Keeping manufactured bicycles and ran a cycle shop at Milford on Sea, Hampshire where he worked as a motor engineer and cycle agent. He was initiated in New Forest Lodge No 319 at Lymington in 1902, where his brother Arthur, working as a cycle agent at nearby Brockenhurst, joined him as a member in 1912. Keeping was also briefly a member of Powney Lodge, No. 3099, Lymington.

Dudley Thomas Kemp (1910 - 2002) Rugby

President of the RFU 1969-70. Initiated in Southampton Lodge No 394 in 1946

George Kemp, Lord Rochdale (1866 - 1945) Cricket

Kemp played first class cricket for Lancashire from 1885 to 1892. He was briefly an MP and in business he was Chairman of Kelsall and Kemp, flannel manufacturers. He was the British International Olympic Committee member from 1927 to 1933. Kemp became a freemason at Cambridge University in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 in 1886. He later became a member of two Lancashire lodges, Travellers No 1253 and Starkie No 1634.

Ernest Sidney 'Syd' King (1873 - 1933) Football

Initiated in Merchant Navy Lodge No 781 in 1905. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

John Herbert King (1871 - 1946) Cricket

Played for Leicestershire between 1895 and 1925. King was the last batsman to have been given out *Hit the ball twice* in a first-class game in England, when in the match against Surrey at the Oval in 1906 King stopped the ball from running onto his stumps by hitting it a second time, and then attempted to run a single. Initiated in Peace Lodge No 3792 in Manchester in 1944

William Claude Kirby (1867 - 1935) Football

The first Chairman of Chelsea Football Club, a position he held until his death. Kirby joined Polytechnic Lodge No 2847 in 1902 and later Athlon Lodge No 4674.

Imre Kiralfy (1845 - 1924)

Born in Hungary, Kiralfy arranged dance spectacles in America before returning to England where he became a British citizen in 1901. An entrepreneur, he rebuilt the Earls Court complex before establishing the White City at Shepherds Bush for the Franco-British Exhibition, where the stadium was used for the 1908 London Olympics. An active freemason, Kiralfy was initiated in a Glasgow Lodge in 1868, before becoming a founder of Columbia Lodge No 2397 in London amongst others.

Thomas Henry Kirkup (1864 - 1951) Football

Secretary London Football Association. Initiated in Deanery Lodge No 3071 in 1913

Herbert Kynaston (formerly Snow) (1835 - 1910) Mountaineering

Kynaston studied classics at Cambridge where he rowed in the Boat Races of 1856 and 1857. He became a clergyman, Canon of Durham Cathedral and Professor of Greek at Durham University. He was a member of the Alpine Club from 1862 to 1875. Initiated in Scientific Lodge No 88 in Cambridge, Kynaston was an active freemason and founder of a number of lodges, including the University of Durham Lodge No 3030. He served as Grand Chaplain in 1894.

Sir John Edward Kynaston Studd (1858 - 1944) Sport administration

Kynaston Studd was a keen cricketer at university. From the 1880s he helped the philanthropist Quintin Hogg establish the Regent Street Polytechnic which aimed to educate "mind, body and spirit" and fostered sporting participation alongside education. He was an active freemason and helped to found Polytechnic Lodge No. 2847 in 1901 in London which included many sportsmen amongst its members. The 1908 London Olympics opening and closing ceremonies were organised by the Regent Street Polytechnic and Studd carried the British team flag.

Ronald Owen Lagden (1889 - 1915) Rugby

Born in southern Africa, Lagden was educated at Marlborough School and Oriel College, Oxford where he excelled at a range of sport. He became a mathematics master at Harrow School and played rugby for Richmond. He was reported wounded and missing in March 1915 after leading an assault on the German trenches at St Eloi, south of Ypres. His date of death was officially recorded as 3rd March 1915. Lagden joined Apollo University Lodge No 357 at Oxford whilst an undergraduate and was a member when he died. This entry is based on information provided by the World Rugby Museum, Twickenham.

Thomas Bennett Langton (1917 - 1986) Rowing

Several members of the Langton family were active in rowing and were members of Argonauts Lodge No 2243. Thomas Langton was President of the Cambridge University Boat Club in 1937 and 1938 and was a member of the losing crew in the final of the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley in 1937. His father, Leslie, was a member of the Thames Rowing Club and coached at Marlow Rowing Club. The Leslie Langton Cup was donated by the Langton family originally as an award for the winning team of the annual boat race between Lloyds of London and the London Stock Exchange. It is now a schools rowing trophy. Thomas Langton was an insurance underwriter. He was an active freemason, initiated in Argonauts Lodge No 2243 in 1937 and installed as Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire in 1978. He stood as the Conservative candidate for the Finchley constituency in 1967 but was defeated by Margaret Thatcher.

David Charles Law (1931 – 2011) Athletics

A contemporary of Roger Bannister and a student at Oxford, Law ran in several races to assist Bannister's successful attempt to run a mile in less than four minutes. He joined Beauchief Abbey Lodge No 3793 in Derbyshire in 1952 and was a member of many lodges and chapters. Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire from 1994 to 2005.

Sir Walter Lawrence (1872 - 1939) Cricket

Lawrence was a successful businessman involved in the construction industry. He was a cricket enthusiast who built his own ground at Hyde Hall in Hertfordshire. In 1934 he established the Walter Lawrence Trophy for the fastest hundred scored in an English cricket season in a first class innings. In 1985 the basis of the award was changed to the number of balls faced and in 2008 the number of eligible matches was widened. Lawrence was a member of several lodges in Hertfordshire and London and was initiated in James Terry Lodge No 2372 in 1897.

Thomas ("Tommy") Lawton (1919 - 1996) Football

Played for Everton, Chelsea, Notts County and England. Initiated in Merchants Lodge No 241 in 1944

Charles Symonds Leaf (1895 - 1947) Sailing

Competed with Leonard Martin (qv) in the 1936 Berlin Olympics as a crew member of the British boat *Lalage* which won the gold medal in the 6m class. Initiated in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 in 1920

Rudolf Chambers Lehmann (1856 - 1929) Rowing

An oarsman and coach, he was Honorary Secretary of the Amateur Rowing Association from 1893 to 1901 and captain of the Leander Club in 1894 and 1895. Lehmann was considered an authority on rowing, about which he wrote a book, *The Complete Oarsman*. Lehmann also wrote light verse and was described as the "Poet Laureate of Rowing". He later became an MP. Initiated in Cholmeley Lodge No 1731 in 1881

Archibald Leitch (1865 - 1939) Football

The architect of several stadia, Leitch was initiated in Cecil Lodge No 3274 in 1902

George Hiram Leavey (b 1858) Football

Leavey ran a successful men's outfitters in Woolwich in the early 1900s. He became involved with Woolwich Arsenal Football Club and helped it financially but as the losses grew he was forced to invite Henry Norris (qv) and William Hall (qv) as the directors of Fulham FC to take the club over in 1910. He was a member of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity No 20 from 1888 to 1907.

Edward Lawrence Levy (1851 - 1932) Weightlifting

As British Amateur Weightlifting Champion in the 1890s, Levy won the first World Weightlifting competition in 1891. He was initiated in the Lodge of Israel No 1474 in Birmingham in 1880.

Charles John Lewin (1868 – 1945) Football

The first Chairman of Somerset Football Association in 1904. Member of the Council of the Football Association. A school headmaster by profession, Lewin joined Royal Somerset Lodge No 973, Frome in 1893 and was later also a member of Connaught Lodge No 3573 in Midsomer Norton and St Kew Lodge No 1222 in Weston super Mare

Ted "Kid" Lewis (1893 - 1970) Boxing

Professional boxer who won the World Welterweight Championship in 1915. Initiated in Chelsea Lodge No 3098 in 1961

William Beveridge ("Billy") Liddell (1922 - 2001) Football

Billy Liddell was a Scottish footballer who played his entire professional career with Liverpool from 1938 to 1961 and scored 228 goals in 534 appearances for the club.

He joined Liverpool Epworth Lodge No 5381 in December 1949 and remained a member for over 40 years. On his retirement from football, Liddell became active in voluntary work in Liverpool working at Alder Hey Children's Hospital and being a JP. He was President of the supporter's club. He was Bursar at the University of Liverpool from 1961 to 1984 and joined the University Chapter of the Royal Arch.

Albert Thomas Liffen (b 1916) Athletics

Competed in the 100m at the 1946 European Championships in Oslo and later active in sports administration, Liffen was initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1946

John Lillywhite (1826 - 1874) Cricket

Part of a famous cricketing family, Lillywhite was an all-rounder who batted right-handed and bowled right-arm roundarm, both slow and fast, in a career from 1848 to 1873. His younger brother, Fred, was a sports outfitter and cricketing entrepreneur, who organised the first overseas cricket tour by an English team and published a number of reference works about cricket. John was initiated in Domatic Lodge No 177 in 1865

Evelyn Henry Lintott (1883 - 1916) Football

Lintott was the first player from Queens Park Rangers to play for England (in 1908). He later played for Bradford City and Leeds. He volunteered in the 15th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (the Leeds Pals) in 1914. He was killed in the Battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916. Lintott was a member of Cricklewood Lodge No 2361 in London from 1908 to 1912

Nat Lofthouse (1925 - 2011) Football

Lofthouse played football for Bolton Wanderers for his whole career. In 1953 he was on the losing side when Stanley Matthews's team won the FA Cup. He played over 30 times for England, scoring 30 goals. Lofthouse joined Bolton Lodge No 6603 in 1953 and remained a member for over 20 years.

Robert William Lord (1908 - 1981) Football

Chairman of Burnley FC. Initiated in Thursby Lodge No 3855 in 1941

John Henry Patrick Lough (1895 - 1967) Football

Initiated in Yarborough Lodge No 554 in 1916. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Edward ("Eddie") Lowe (1925 - 2009) Football

Played for Aston Villa, Fulham and England and later managed Notts County. Initiated in Lodge of Proven Friendship No 6225 in London in 1952 with his brother, Reginald.

Reginald ("Reg") Lowe (1926 - 2014) Football

Played for Aston Villa and Fulham. Initiated in Lodge of Proven Friendship No 6225 in London in 1952 with his brother, Eddie.

Alfred Westwood Mackenzie (1840 - 1924) Football

One of the founders of the Football Association in 1863, Mackenzie was an insurance manager. He joined Cecil Lodge No 449 in Hitchin in 1878, resigning in 1886

John Henry Maltby (b1868) Football

The head clerk at a firm of solicitors and publican, Maltby was one of the founders of Chelsea FC with the Mears brothers (qv). He was a member of Putney Lodge No 2766 from 1900 and subsequently helped to found Wandsworth Borough Council Lodge No 2979 in 1903

Leonard Jack Martin (1901 - 1967) Sailing

Martin won a gold medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics as a crew member with Charles Leaf (qv) of the British boat *Lalage* in the 6m class. A tobacco merchant by profession, he had joined St Ambrose Lodge No 1891 in 1931.

Gary Anthony Mason (1962 - 2011) Boxing

British heavyweight champion in 1989. Initiated in Chelsea Lodge No 3098 in 1999

Maurice Kershaw Matthews (1889 - 1957) Shooting

Matthews won gold and silver medals for shooting in the 1908 London Olympics. He subsequently became a surveyor. Initiated in Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry Lodge No 3013 in 1919, he then joined several other lodges including Paynter Stainers Lodge No 4256 where he was Master in 1936.

Alexander Elsdon Maunder (1861 - 1932) Shooting

Maunder won a gold and a silver medal for shooting at the 1908 London Olympic Games and a silver medal at the Stockholm Games in 1912. He had joined Cannon Lodge No 1539 meeting in Camberwell in 1902 and remained a member until his death

Sir Stanley Matthews (1915 - 2000) Football

Matthews became a professional footballer at Stoke City, his home town, in 1932. In 1947, he transferred to Blackpool. With him, Blackpool reached several cup finals but won only in 1953. Matthews continued playing until he was 50 and in 1956, at the age of 41, he became the first winner of the title of European Footballer of the Year. He played 54 times for England. Matthews joined Clifton Lodge No 703 in Blackpool in 1948, shortly after his transfer there. He resigned in December 1957.

Kennedy Kane ("Ken") McArthur (1881-1960) Athletics

McArthur took up athletics after emigrating to South Africa from Northern Ireland in 1901. Won the Olympic Gold medal in the marathon at the Stockholm Games in 1912. He was forced to retire the following year with a foot injury and continued his career in the police force. McArthur joined King Edward Lodge No 3004 in Potchefstroom in 1913 from an Irish Constitution lodge. He remained a member until his death.

Alexander McCulloch (1887 - 1951) Rowing

Won the Silver Medal in the single sculls rowing at the 1908 London Olympics. McCulloch was the subject of a portrait called "On His Holidays... Norway" painted in 1901/1902 by John Singer Sargent which is now in the collection of the Lady Lever Art Gallery. Initiated in Putney Lodge No 2766 in 1921

John McKenna (1855 - 1936) Football

The first manager of Liverpool FC and President of the Football League. Initiated in Lodge of Sincerity No 292, Liverpool, in 1895 and founder of Cecil Lodge No 3274, Liverpool in 1907

Douglas Hamilton McLean (1863 - 1901) Rowing

Australian born, McLean rowed for Oxford in the Boat Race on five occasions. He was also a cricketer who played one match for Somerset in 1896. He died of enteric fever in Johannesburg at the age of 37 whilst serving in the Boer War. Initiated in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1885

Stanley John Meadows (1885 - 1951) Football

Initiated in Strand Lodge No 1987 in 1907. President, Wimbledon Football Club. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Henry Augustus ("Gus") Mears (1876 – 1912) Football

Mears was a property developer and founder of Chelsea FC (with his brother Joseph, qv) and chose the Stamford Bridge site for the club. He was a member of Star Lodge No 1275 from 1908 and a founder of King's Colonial Lodge No 3386 in 1909.

Joseph Theophilus ("Joe") Mears (1872 – 1935) Football

Mears was a property developer and founder of Chelsea FC (with his brother Gus, qv). He ran Thames pleasure boats and had a business selling Ford cars. He joined Fulham Lodge No 2512 in 1900, where he was a member until his death and later joined Richmond Lodge No 2032 and Kayhough Lodge No 3576.

Daniel Mendoza (1764 - 1832) Boxing

Boxing champion of England 1792–95. Initiated in Hiram's Lodge No 441 in 1787

Joe Mercer (1914 - 1990) Football

Following a successful career as a professional footballer with Everton and Arsenal, Mercer became a manager, most successfully at Manchester City. He became a member of Rivacre Lodge No 5805 in 1941, shortly before his marriage. His father in law had been a founder of the lodge in 1939 and the lodge met in Ellesmere Port, where Mercer grew up. He resigned from the lodge in 1953, shortly after he retired as a player.

Gilbert Harold ("Gil") Merrick (1922 - 2010) Football

Goalkeeper with Birmingham City where he spent his entire career, playing more than 700 times between 1939 and 1960. Initiated in Benevolence Lodge No 4035 in 1965

Sir David John Charlton Meyrick (1926 - 2004) Rowing

Meyrick was a member of the successful Cambridge Boat race crews in 1947 and 1948. He also rowed for the Leander Rowing Club, which comprised the British rowing eight that won the silver medal at the 1948 London Olympics. His family came from Pembrokeshire and Meyrick was initiated in Loyal Welsh Lodge No 378 in 1961. He joined several other lodges and chapters in the area. He was Provincial Senior Grand Warden for South Wales Western Division in 1981 and Provincial Grand Scribe E.

Jackie Milburn (1924 - 1988) Football

Milburn played for Newcastle and England between 1943 and 1957 and then became a football reporter for the *News of the World*. He joined his local lodge in 1950, Shiremoor Lodge No 6921, whilst still a player and remained a member until 1976.

Eustace Hamilton Miles (1868 - 1948) Real tennis

The 1908 London Olympics was the only occasion when real tennis or jeu de paume was contested. The gold medal was won by Jay Gould II (1888 –1935), the grandson of the railroad magnate Jay Gould. Gould beat into second place the champion of the previous generation, Eustace Hamilton Miles, who was English amateur real tennis champion on ten occasions and had been the world champion from 1898 to 1903 and again in 1905. Miles had been initiated in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859, Cambridge in 1887, whilst an undergraduate at Kings College. He resigned in 1899 and thereafter was involved increasingly in the early years of co-masonry in England under the leadership of Annie Besant. He and his wife became founders, with William Cobb, of the Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Masonry in 1908 which broke away from Besant's group and would become the Order of Women's Freemasonry. The first meetings of the Honourable Fraternity were held in Miles' food reform or vegetarian restaurant located at 40 Chandos Street, near Charing Cross.

Sir Frederick Albert (Bert) Millichip (1914 - 2002) Football

Chair of English Football Association, 1981 - 1996; President West Bromwich Albion Football Club. Initiated in Walton Walker and Sandwell Lodge No 3847 in 1946

Frederick Percival ("Freddie") Mills (1919 - 1965) Boxing

Mills has been described as Britain's biggest boxing idol in the post-war period. He began fighting in fairground booths and had his first official boxing match at the age of 16. He was world light heavyweight champion from 1948 to 1950. Following retirement from the sport he became a businessman and television presenter. He became a member of Chelsea Lodge No 3098 in 1964 shortly before his death, apparently suicide.

Robert ("Bobby") Carmichael Mitchell (1924 - 1993) Football

Played for Newcastle United from 1949 to 1961, known to supporters as 'Dazzler'. Initiated in Shiremoor Lodge No 6921 in 1954

Clifford Isaac Morgan (1930 - 2013) Rugby

A fly half who played for Cardiff, won 29 caps for Wales and captained the British and Irish Lions, Morgan then became a well known broadcaster for the BBC. He joined Gwalia Lodge No 4213 in Cardiff in 1958.

Scipio Africanus ("Sam") Mussabini (1867 - 1927) Athletics

Athletics coach best known for his work with Harold Abrahams (see entry), Mussabini also worked as a journalist and was briefly a member of Gallery Lodge No 1928, London, a lodge in which many other journalists were members, from 1903- 1905

Guy Nickalls (1866 - 1935) Rowing

At the 1908 London Olympics, a gold medal for rowing was won by the British "eight", all of whom were members of the Leander Rowing Club. One of them, Guy Nickalls, had joined Apollo University Lodge No 357 whilst an undergraduate at Oxford in 1891. He resigned in 1901. His autobiography is dedicated to Lord Ampthill with whom he rowed at Henley. The Olympic final was Nickalls' last competitive race. At the age of nearly 42 he was 20 years older than the youngest

member of the crew. Nickalls' came from a rowing family. His father was one of the founding members of the London Rowing Club and presented the Nickalls Challenge Cup to Henley. His son, G O Nickalls, also a rower and Olympic medallist in 1920, was one of the commentators for the Boat Race in 1927, the first to be broadcast.

Sir Philip Neame (1888 - 1978) Shooting

Philip Neame was a career army officer who was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1915 for repelling an attack of German soldiers at Neuve Chapelle during the early months of the 1914-1918 War. He was noted for his shooting skills. As a member of the British sporting rifle team at the Paris Olympics in 1924, he won a gold medal in the four man running deer team shooting competition which involved shooting at a moving deer shaped target. He is the only Victoria Cross holder to have won Olympic gold. Neame continued his military career and fought in North Africa in the 1939-1945 war. He was captured and spent two years as a prisoner of war in Italy.

In 1920 Neame joined his old school lodge, Old Cheltonian No 3223, where his brothers proposed and seconded his membership. He resigned in 1923.

Percy Archibald Nix (1863 – 1909) Cycling

A member of Brixton ramblers Bicycle Club, Nix was world amateur champion in 1884 and 1885. He was initiated at the first regular meeting of Brixton Ramblers Lodge No 3346 in February 1909, was passed at the meeting in March and raised in April but died in December that year. Nix was a cigar importer and had provided 150 handmade Cuban cigars for the lodge's consecration banquet

Sir Henry George Norris (1865 - 1934) Football

In 1912 the businessman Henry Norris became the chairman of Woolwich Arsenal Football Club. He was also involved with Fulham Football Club and tried to merge the two clubs but this was opposed by the Football League. Following the club's move to Highbury in 1913, its name was simplified to Arsenal FC. Norris and his associates dominated the club for many years and several were active in local government in London - Norris was Mayor of Fulham from 1909-1919. Norris and others with connections to Arsenal, Fulham and Chelsea football clubs joined Kent Lodge, No. 15. Norris was a founder of London Mayors' Lodge in 1911. In 1920 Henry Norris was one of twenty six members, including many with football connections, who petitioned Grand Lodge to form Association Football Lodge. They were unsuccessful.

John Edward Norris (1864 - 1946) Football

Brother of Henry Norris (qv). Club Secretary at Fulham football club 1906-c.1913. Initiated in Kent Lodge No 15 in 1909

George Anthony Olley (1881 - 1947) (Cycling)

A member of the Vegetarian Cyclists Club formed in 1888 which aimed to prove that vegetarians could compete successfully against meat eating competitors, Olley set many cycling records. He was a member of Isthmian Lodge No 4566 from 1925 until his death.

Ernie Page (1910 - 1973) Athletics

Page won many UK sprinting events and competed in the 100m Olympics in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics but was eliminated in the second round. He spent 25 years serving with the Metropolitan Police and then retired to Devon where he was President of the Torquay Athletics Club. He joined Tormohun Lodge No 6449 in 1961

Albert Joseph Palmer (1878 - 1935) Football

Secretary of Chelsea Football Club, Palmer was initiated in Star Lodge No 1275 in 1909. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Frederick William Parker (b1864) Football

Parker was Secretary of the London Athletic Club ("LAC"). In 1904 the LAC moved to a new stadium and grounds at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea Football Club used the ground in the winter months and its first match there was on 4 September 1905. Parker was an associate of Gus Mears (qv). He was initiated in Star Lodge No 1275 in 1909, resigning in 1914

Francis George ("Frank") Parks (1875 – 1945) Boxing

Amateur heavyweight boxer, and ABA Champion on several occasions from 1899 to 1906, who won a bronze medal in the 1908 London Olympics. He joined Robert Mitchell Lodge No 2956, London, in 1907 and remained a member until his death. He gave his occupation as lamp shade manufacturer

John Coleridge Patteson (1896 - 1954) 1948 Olympics organising committee

One of two Canadian representatives on the International Olympic Committee from 1946, Patteson had little active interest in sport but joined the 1948 London Olympics planning committee. Having served in Europe during the First World War, he had returned to London to serve as European General Manager for the Canadian Pacific Railway from 1936 when he joined Canada Lodge No. 3527. A friend of Canada's wartime Prime Minister, William Lyon Mackenzie King, he was appointed to the general advisory council of the BBC and was President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Britain.

George Wyatt Peachey (1864 - 1936) Football

Director of Arsenal FC 1921 - 1927. Initiated in Fulham Lodge No 2512 in 1902

Basil Penrose (b 1921) Ice skating

Penrose was the South African speed skating and ice dance champion from 1940 to 1949. He was a member of Clifton Lodge No 2748 from 1965 until 1993

Travers Stanton Penrose (1923 - 2012) Ice skating

Penrose was South African Ice Dancing Champion from 1949 to 1954. He was then involved with bowls as player, umpire, coach and finally President of the Transvaal Bowling Union. Initiated in Clifton Lodge No 2748 in 1949, he was a member and founder of several other lodges.

Joseph Peter Pepé (1881 - 1970) Shooting

Pepé won gold and silver medals at 1912 Stockholm Olympics. He was initiated in Rhetoric Lodge No 4265 in 1928

Harry John Peters (1882 - 1952) Football

Club Secretary of Arsenal FC until 1948. Initiated in Rolle Lodge No 2759 in 1901. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Jim Peters (1918 - 1999) Athletics

Jim Peters was the first man to run the Marathon in under 2 hours and 20 minutes. He is probably best known for his performance in the marathon at the Commonwealth Games in Vancouver in 1954. In hot weather he was three miles ahead of the other competitors when he began to run the last 385

yards in the stadium but he failed to complete this last lap due to dehydration. He was initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1959, when he had finished running competitively, and served as Master in 1970. In 1965 he was one of the founders of Architrave Lodge, No. 8065, giving as his occupation, optician, a skill acquired whilst serving in the RAF as he had always remained an amateur runner.

William Pickford, Baron Sterndale (1848 - 1923) Mountaineering

President of the Alpine Club 1914-1916, Pickford, a member of the Pickford transport family, became a barrister and practised mainly in the north west of England. He later became a High Court Judge. Initiated in Apollo University Lodge No 357 in 1870. Mountaineering was one of many sports in which he was interested.

Thomas Gibson Poole (1860 - 1937)

Chairman of Middlesbrough FC in the early 1900s who set records at the time in the “transfer market” to improve the team’s performance. Poole was an active local politician and Mayor of Middlesbrough. He joined freemasonry in Marwood Lodge No 1885 in Redcar in 1885 and was a member and founder of several lodges in and around Middlesbrough

Arthur Espie Porritt, Baron Porritt (1900 - 1994) Athletics

The captain of the New Zealand Olympic team at the 1924 Paris Olympics, Arthur Porritt won the bronze medal in the 100m behind Harold Abrahams. He studied medicine in London and was later Surgeon to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. In 1967 he returned to New Zealand as Governor-General. He served as the New Zealand representative on the International Olympic Committee from 1934 to 1967 and was active on various committees at the 1948 London Olympics. Porritt became a freemason whilst studying at Oxford University in Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. He was later a member of Royal Alpha Lodge No 16 and Prince of Wales Lodge No 259. Amongst many Masonic honours, Porritt was awarded the Order of Service to Masonry in 1981. A consultant surgeon at St Mary’s Hospital, Paddington, Arthur Porritt also treated patients at the Royal Masonic Hospital at Ravenscourt Park. He took an active role at the Hospital, presenting prizes to trainee nurses on several occasions in the late 1960s before serving as its Chairman from 1974 until 1982.

Clifford Glen Porter (1899-1976) Rugby

Porter represented New Zealand in 41 international matches and was Captain on their tour of the UK in 1924-25 when they won all 32 of the matches they played and earned the name “The Invincibles”. Porter joined freemasonry in an English lodge, Aetos No 3702, in January 1925 during that tour. The whole team had visited the lodge on one occasion. Porter joined a New Zealand lodge on his return.

Edgar Charles Porter (1873 - 1934) Football

Initiated in Langthorne Lodge No 1421 in 1907. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Walter Powys (1849 - 1892) Cricket

Played for Cambridge University, Hampshire and the MCC, Powys joined freemasonry in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 in 1872

Sir Alfred Ernest Ramsey (1920 - 1999) Football

After a successful career as a player with Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur and England, Ramsey became manager of Ipswich Town whom he took from the Third Division to First Division Champions. In 1963 he was appointed manager of the England national football team which won the

World Cup in England in 1966. Ramsey joined Waltham Abbey Lodge No 2750 in 1953, just before he retired as a player. He remained a member for nearly 30 years but ill health, which had precipitated his retirement from football management, also led to his resignation from the lodge in 1981. Sir Alf Ramsey has been described as “the man to whom English football owes its finest achievement”.

Sir William Clark Ramsay (1901 - 1973) Rugby

Served as President of the Rugby Football Union on two separate occasions- 1954-5 and 1970-71, Ramsay was a member of the Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland No 12 for 40 years from 1933.

Kumar Shri Ranjitsinhji (1872 - 1933) Cricket

Kumar Shri Ranjitsinhji, Maharaja Jam Sahib Nawanagar, was an Indian prince who played cricket for Cambridge University, Sussex and England. Popularly called Ranji or Smith, he was regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time who brought many innovations to the game, along with his great friend and Sussex team mate, C.B. Fry. Outside of cricket he was the ruler of the Indian state of Nawanagar (modern Jamnagar) and represented India at the League of Nations. Ranji became a freemason as a Cambridge undergraduate, initiated in Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 in 1895. He joined Kathiawar Lodge No 2787 in India in 1907.

James George Redgate (1854 - 1941) Cycling

A member of Nottingham Bicycle Club, probably the first cycling club in England. An active freemason, Redgate first joined Rutland Lodge No 1179 in 1881.

Donald George (“Don”) Revie (1927 - 1989) Football

Player and subsequently Manager of Leeds United from 1961 to 1974, Revie managed England from 1974 until 1977. Initiated in Leodiensis Lodge No 4029 in 1965

William Henry Rhodes (1862 - 1950) Football

Initiated in Yarborough Lodge No 554 in 1904. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Sir Gordon Richards (1904 - 1986) Horseracing

The son of a Shropshire miner, Richards was champion jockey 26 times between 1921 and 1954. His total of 4,870 wins in flat racing was only beaten (by Tony McCoy) in 2002. Initiated in Lodge of Loyalty No 1533 in Marlborough in 1942

James Robert (“Jimmy”) Richardson (1911 - 1964) Football

Played for Newcastle United and England. He was a member of Bothal Lodge No 4116 in Ashington from 1934 until the 1950s.

Frederick William Rinder (1858 - 1938) Football

Chairman, Aston Villa Football Club, 1898 to 1925 and known as the Grand Old Man of Aston Villa, responsible for the design and development of Villa Park. An active freemason, initiated in Bedford Lodge No 925 in 1912, he was a member of several other lodges and held provincial rank in Warwickshire. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Rev Charles Edmund Roberts (1857 - 1948) Rowing

Roberts was an active freemason and the first Master of Neleus Lodge No 3062 formed in 1904 by members of the Neleus Boating Club on the Thames. Roberts was also the founding chaplain and later Master of Athlon Lodge No 4674. He had been successful in both rowing and rugby whilst at university at Oxford and was initiated in Concordia Lodge No 2492 in 1896

Allan Robinson (1936 - 2007) Motorcycling/Sports journalist

Motorcycle reporter for the Daily Telegraph following a career racing motorcycles, Robinson was a member of Staneway Lodge No 5872 from 1964 and Coveham Lodge No 4212, both in Surrey

Sir Alec Rose (1908 - 1991) Yachting

A greengrocer who had served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in the 1939-1945 war, Rose began recreational sailing in 1959. He sailed round the world singlehandedly in 1967-8 in a 30 year old boat called *Lively Lady*. He became a member of Royal Military Lodge No 1449 in Canterbury in 1947 and later joined United Brothers Lodge No 1069 in Portsmouth

Sir Alexander Ross (1907 – 1994) Rowing/ Sports administration

Represented New Zealand rowing at the 1930 Empire Games and later acted as a selector. Chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation from 1968 to 1982. Ross was a member of Wellington Lodge in New Zealand from 1941 to 1994 but, having moved to the UK in the mid 1950s in his banking career, also joined several lodges in London including New Zealand Lodge No 5175, Royal Colonial Institute Lodge No 3556 and Castle Lodge of Harmony No 26.

Sir Stanley Ford Rous (1895 - 1986) Football

Rous was Secretary of the Football Association from 1934 to 1961 and played an important role in England's entry into World Cup football in 1950 and the formation of the European Football Confederation (UEFA). In 1961 he was elected President of FIFA succeeding Arthur Drewry (qv). Rous was initiated in Exonian Lodge No 3415 in London in 1931 when he was still an assistant master at Watford Grammar School and football referee. The lodge had been founded in 1909 by ex students at St Lukes Teacher Training College in Exeter where Rous had trained. He remained a member until 1980.

William "Billy" Sage (1893 - 1968) Football

Played for Corinthians and Tottenham Hotspur. Joined Waltham Abbey Lodge No 2750 in Chingford in 1925

John Henry Salter (1841 - 1932) Boxing/shooting

Boxed as a young man under the name of Jack O'Reilly and then, despite losing an eye during a fight, he became one of the best shots in the country. Joined the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love No 56 in Arundel in 1864 and later lodges in Essex where he became Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1904

Hilton Jason Saunders (b 1865) Football

Chairman, Brentford Football Club until the mid 1920s then moved to Folkestone and became involved with Folkestone Football Club. An active freemason, he was initiated in Royal Alfred Lodge No 780 in 1888 and was a member and founder of several other lodges. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

George Schomberg (1850 – 1918) Football

One of the founders of Chelsea FC with the Mears brothers (qv). He made his money from a Mayfair based company selling whips and saddles. A member of Knightsbridge Lodge from 1903 until 1918.

James Seymour (1879 - 1930) Cricket

A batsman for Kent from 1902-1926. He joined Pantiles Lodge No 2200 in Tunbridge Wells in 1917 and also Paddock Wood Lodge No 4291.

Len Shackleton (1922 - 2000) Football

Best known for playing for Sunderland, Shackleton was famous both on and off the field for his sense of humour. He used his nickname, "The Clown Prince of Football", in 1956 for his autobiography. One chapter of that book was *The Average Director's Knowledge of Football*. It consisted of a single blank page. Initiated in Phoenix Lodge No 94 in 1952

Sir Montague Shearman (1857 - 1930) Athletics

Co founder of the Amateur Athletics Association. Initiated in De Moulham Lodge No 1146 in 1883

Harold Shepherdson (1918 - 1995) Football

His playing career for Middlesbrough having been interrupted by the 1939 – 45 War, Shepherdson became Sir Alf Ramsey's (qv) assistant with the England team for the 1966 World Cup. He was a member of Peace Lodge No 3936 in Middlesbrough from 1963 until his death

John Gillies Shields (1857 - 1943) Motor Racing

John Gillies Shields, captain and wicket keeper of Leicestershire cricket team and local JP and Alderman, was persuaded by the Derby-based motorcyclist and garage owner, Fred Craner (qv) to develop Donington Park as a motor racing circuit from 1931. Craner, a keen member of the Derby and District Motor Club, had taken part in seven Isle of Man TT races. Four motorcycling Grand Prix events were held at Donington between 1935 and 1938. Gillies Shields was initiated in Ferrers and Ivanhoe Lodge No 779, Ashby de la Zouche, in September 1891. By the 1990s the names of these two freemasons, who were instrumental in developing Donington as a motor racing venue, were commemorated by two circuit locations, Shields Straight and Craner Curves.

Desmond John ("Des") Sinclair (1927 - 1996) Rugby

An all round athlete Sinclair played rugby for Wanderers (South Africa) and for South Africa. A chiropractor by profession he subsequently treated many leading sportspeople. Sinclair was a member of Doornfontein Lodge No 2585 from 1960 until his death

George Alexander Smith (1883 - 1947) Football

Initiated in Marcians Lodge No 2648 in 1916 and one of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris).

Sir John Wilson Smith (1920 - 1995) Football

Chairman of Liverpool FC 1973-1990. Smith was a member of Allerton Lodge No 6653 in Liverpool from 1951 to 1989.

Lancelot Henry Graham Stafford (1887 - 1940) Athletics

Stafford won both the standing high jump, later known as the triple jump, and standing long jump at the 1908 London Olympics. He was initiated as a freemason in King's College School Lodge No 4257 in 1931. Having joined the London Athletics Club after the 1908 Games, Stafford did not participate at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics but won the Amateur Field Events Association long

jump title the following year. During World War I he was mentioned in despatches while serving as a captain in the Artists Rifles Regiment.

Herbert Thomas Steward (1838 - 1915) Football/rowing

One of the founders of the Football Association in 1863, Steward was an architect and surveyor. He was President of the Leander Club and wrote a history of the Henley Regatta. He joined Middlesex Lodge No 143 in London in 1871 (Master in 1881), was a Founder of St Peter Westminster Lodge No 1537 in 1875

Charles Stokes (1846 - 1913) Football

A dentist and one of the founders of Sheffield United Football Club. For many years he was also the Treasurer of Yorkshire County Cricket Club. Stokes was a member of Wentworth Lodge No 1239 in Sheffield from 1881 until his death and was a founder and first Master of Furnival Lodge No 2558 in 1895.

Willam Kensett Styles (1874 - 1940) Shooting

Won a gold medal at the 1908 London Olympics and a silver medal at Stockholm in 1912. Initiated in Hogarth Lodge No 3396 in 1921

William Sudell (1851 - 1911) Football

Formed Preston North End as the first professional football club. Initiated in Unanimity Lodge No 113 in 1884

Herbert William Sutcliffe (1894 - 1978) Cricket

Opening batsman for Yorkshire, Sutcliffe retired from test cricket with a batting average of over 60. He joined freemasonry in Armament Lodge No 3898 in London and was Master in 1943. He was awarded London Grand Rank in 1953.

Sidney Ernest Swann (1890 - 1976) Rowing

A member (with Edgar Burgess (qv)) of the rowing eight which won the gold medal at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics and silver at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics. Initiated whilst at Cambridge in Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 in 1912

John Hussey Hamilton Vivian, 4th Baron Swansea (1925 - 2005) Shooting

One of the greatest marksmen of his generation, Lord Swansea took part in five Commonwealth Games winning a Gold Medal in 1966. Initiated in Alliance Lodge No 1827 in 1956 and a member of several other lodges, he served as Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division from 1966 to 1999

Maurice William Tate (1895 - 1956) Cricket

Sussex and England cricketer of the 1920s and 1930s and the leader of England's Test bowling attack. Initiated in South Down Lodge Lodge No 1797 in 1928

Thomas ("Tom") Thorne (1871 - 1941) Football

As Director of Millwall Football Club, Thorne was responsible for moving the club to The Den from North Greenwich in 1910. Initiated in Corinthian Lodge No 1382 in 1907. He was one of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Alexander Findlater Todd (1873-1915) Rugby

Born in South London and educated at Mill Hill School and Caius College Cambridge, Todd played rugby for the university and later Blackheath and England. He saw military service in the Boer War and volunteered at the outbreak of the First World War at the age of 41. He died in April 1915 on the Western Front. Todd joined Isaac Newton University Lodge No 859 at Cambridge and in 1909 was one of the founders of Caius Lodge No 3355 in London. This entry is based on information provided by the World Rugby Museum, Twickenham.

Albert Toley (1855 – 1925) “The Playing Fields King”

Toley was born in Axminster, Devon. He qualified as a pupil teacher and was made Assistant Master at the United Westminster School at 21. At the time there were no playing fields so he secured 28 acres at Willesden and let them out to other clubs. He soon gave up teaching and took up property development devoting his life to the provision and maintenance of sports grounds with control of over 1,000 acres. He championed the right of ordinary people to play cheaper golf and founded Ilford, Brent Valley, Harrow, Greystoke and Southall Park golf clubs. Sports clubs were accommodated on his grounds in Sudbury, Boston Farm, Park Royal and Harrow. Albert Toley owned Wormholt Farm and Old Oak Farm in Shepherds Bush along with the site on which White City Stadium was built. Toley Avenue, Wembley is named after him. He was initiated in 1886 and served as Master in Perfect Ashlar Lodge No.1178, was Past Master in Cricklewood Lodge No 2361 and was the Founding Treasurer of Hanwell Lodge No 4676.

Arthur Wellesley Tomkins (1845 - 1925) Tennis

Initiated in Shakespeare Lodge No 284 in 1872 (see the entry for Harry Gem)

Stanley Arthur Tomlin (1905 - 1969) Athletics

Tomlin won a Gold medal running in the 3 mile race at the 1930 British Empire Games in Canada, the first such Games to be held. He was initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1936

Howard Toney (1870 - 1909) Football

Toney, a solicitor, was a director of Aston Villa FC and a member of Holte Lodge No 1246. After his early death his daughters were supported by the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls

Bernhard Carl Trautmann (1923 - 2013) Football

Trautmann served as a paratrooper in the German Army in the 1939-1945 war. He was captured and transferred to a prisoner of war camp in Lancashire. Following his release in 1948 he settled in Lancashire and played for the local team, St helen's Town, as goalkeeper. In then played for Manchester City from 1949 until 1964. In the 1956 FA Cup Final he continued to play despite suffering a broken neck. Trautmann Joined Torkington Lodge No 7359 in Lancashire in 1962.

Andrew Tucker (1937 - 2003) Shooting

Andrew Tucker won a gold medal in the full bore rifle shooting event at the 1990 Commonwealth Games and a silver medal at the equivalent pairs event that same year. A member of several lodges including his old school lodge, Old Felsteadian No 3663, Tucker joined Sit Perpetuum Lodge No 5725 in 1981, a lodge formed in 1938 with close links to Bisley, the UK's National Shooting Centre, and the National Rifle Association, the sport's governing body.

Geoff Twentyman (1930 – 2004) Football

Born near Carlisle, Twentyman played for Carlisle United and then Liverpool FC from 1953 to 1959. He was Chief Scout at the club from 1967 to 1986 “discovering” Ian Rush, Phil Neale and Alan

Hansen. Twentyman had joined freemasonry in Ireland (where he was player/manager of Ballymena United) and then joined Fermor Hesketh Lodge No 1350 in Bootle in 1980

Edwin James ("Ted") Tyler (1864 – 1917) Cricket

Bowler for Somerset for whom he played from 1891 to 1907. He was a member of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity No 261 in Taunton from 1909 until his death.

Hedley Verity (1905 - 1943) Cricket

Played for Yorkshire and England between 1930 and 1939 as a slow left-arm orthodox bowler. Initiated in Lodge of Peace Lodge No 3988 in 1939, he joined the army shortly afterwards and died in Italy from wounds received during the invasion of Sicily.

Frank Robert Viveash (1871 - 1915) Football

Viveash was (with Charles Crisp (qv)) one of the founders of the Referees Union in football in 1908. They were both on the refereeing list for the football competition in the 1908 London Olympics held at the White City Stadium. Viveash was a bank manager by profession. He became a member of Cordwainer Ward Lodge No 2241 in 1904 and was a founder of the Borough of St Pancras Lodge No 3316 in 1908.

Joseph Samuel ("Joe") Wade (1921 - 2005) Football

Played for Arsenal. Initiated in Hope Lodge No 7152 in 1954

Sir Clyde Leopold Walcott (1926 – 2006) Cricket

Initiated in Mount Olive Lodge, No. 385, Guiana in 1955 (see entry for Frank Worrell)

George Walton Walker (1850 - 1918) Football

A solicitor by profession, Walker became Chairman of Wolverhampton FC in 1907. Active in many lodges in the area following his initiation in the Lodge of Honour No 526 in 1877

Edward Norman Wall (b1875) Football

Initiated in Lodge of United Strength Lodge No 228 in 1911. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Joseph Henry Wallington (1872 - 1938) Football

Initiated in Peckham Lodge No 1475 in 1909. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Francis James Walton (1865 - 1929) Football

Initiated in Jersey Lodge No 163 in 1895. One of the unsuccessful petitioners for an Association Football lodge in 1920 (see entry for Henry George Norris)

Cyril Washbrook (1914 - 1999) Cricket

A batsman who played for Lancashire and England, Washbrook is most famous for opening the batting for England with Len Hutton (qv). Initiated in Commemoration Lodge Lodge No 3887 in 1948

Tom Watson (1859 - 1915) Football

Manager of Sunderland from 1889-96 during which time the team won three league championships. He later won the league with Liverpool and took that team to their first FA Cup Final in 1914.

Watson was a member of Williamson Lodge No 494 in Monkwearmouth from 1895 and then the Lodge of Sincerity No 292 in Liverpool.

Matthew Webb (1848 - 1883) Swimming

In 1875 he became the first recorded person to swim the English Channel without the use of artificial aids when he swam from Dover to Calais in less than 22 hours.

Initiated in Neptune Lodge No 22 in 1877, he died whilst trying to swim Niagara Falls.

John Webb (1918 - 2001) Diving

Author and journalist, Webb won the English springboard diving championship in 1947 and later wrote about sport for *The Guardian*, *Observer* and *Daily Mirror*. He was initiated in Lodge Scinde No 4284, Karachi in 1943 and joined a number of lodges on his return to England after the war. His Prestonian Lecture for 1995, *Freemasonry and Sport*, is a pioneering study of the subject.

Henry Bensley Wells (1891 - 1967) Rowing

A barrister by profession, Wells won a gold medal as a member of the British rowing eight at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics which was made up of members of the Leander Rowing Club. Wells was initiated in St Mary Magdalen Lodge No 1523 in 1926

Donald (“Don”) Welsh (1911 - 1990) Football

After a playing career with Charlton Athletic, Liverpool and England, Welsh moved into football management. In 1954, when he was manager of Liverpool FC, they were relegated from Division 1 for the first time in fifty years. Welsh had joined South Down Lodge No 1797 in Brighton in 1949 shortly after taking up his first football management post there.

Henry William Whatham (1892 - 1968) Athletics

The official coach of the Great Britain Olympic team at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He worked at Ford Motor Company in Dagenham. Having been initiated in Royal Protector Lodge No 3471 in 1927, Whatham later joined Valence Lodge No 5388 in Hornchurch and was awarded the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in Essex in 1956.

Charles Albert Whitcombe (1895 - 1981) Golf

One of three brothers who were all successful professional golfers. All three brothers played in the 1935 Ryder Cup. Charles captained the Ryder Cup side four times. He was a member of Semper Fidelis Lodge No 4393 in London from 1926 to 1950

Ernest Robert Whitcombe (1890 - 1971) Golf

The eldest of three brothers who were all successful professional golfers. All three brothers played in the 1935 Ryder Cup. Ernest was the runner up in the 1924 Open Championship. He was a member of Octa Lodge No 4397 in Bournemouth from 1927 until his death

Reginald Arthur Whitcombe (1898 - 1957) Golf

The youngest of three brothers who were all successful professional golfers. He won the 1938 Open Championship. He was a member of the Lodge of Amity No 137 in Poole from 1934 until his death

Donald Frederick White (1926 - 2007) Rugby

White played rugby for Northampton Saints and England. He became England's first national rugby coach in 1969, the same year that he was initiated into freemasonry in England's Centre Lodge No 2555, Northampton. A member of seven lodges, he was Master of England's Centre Lodge in 1979 and a founder of Webb Ellis Lodge No 9740

(Hector) Harold Whitlock (1908 - 1985) Athletics

A specialist in the 50km walk, Whitlock became the first man to walk between London and Brighton in less than 8 hours. He won the gold medal for the 50km walk at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He later became a coach and judge. Whitlock was initiated in Athlon Lodge No 4674 in 1946

George Wilkinson (1879 - 1946) Water polo

Won gold medals as one of the water polo team at the 1900 Paris Olympics, the 1908 London Olympics and the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. Initiated in Fortitude Lodge No 281 in 1902

Douglas Gordon Wilson (1920 - 2010) Athletics

Competed in the 1500m at the 1948 London Olympics. Initiated in Kynaston Studd Lodge No 5416 in 1951

George Wimpey (1856 - 1913) Football

The founder of a civil engineering and residential housing business, Wimpey was an early shareholder in Chelsea FC. He was a member of Hammersmith Lodge No 2090 from 1897 until his death

Levi George Wright (1862 - 1953) Cricket/football

Wright played football for Derby County and Notts County and played cricket for Derbyshire from 1883 to 1909. He was a member of the Lodge of Repose in Derby from 1898 until his death

Vivian John Woodward (1879 - 1954) Football/ cricket / lawn tennis

Born in Kennington, Surrey, Woodward became an amateur player at Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur football clubs. He captained the Great Britain team which won the gold medal at the 1908 London Olympics, beating Denmark in the final and scored the second of two goals. He repeated this achievement at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. During the 1914-1918 war, he served as a captain in the 17th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, known as a "Footballers Battalion", which included many members of Woodward's former team, Tottenham Hotspur. Woodward later worked as an architect with his father and designed the Antwerp stadium for the 1920 Olympics. Four years after his Olympic success in 1912, he was initiated in Kent Lodge, No. 15, London, joining members with links to several football clubs including Fulham, Chelsea and Arsenal.

Thomas Henry Woollen (1859 - 1936) Cycling/motor racing

An engineer with special interest in cycling, motoring and the manufacture of pneumatic tyres, held senior positions with National Cyclists Union and was Head Honorary Timekeeper for the Royal Automobile Club. Joined freemasonry in St Alphege Lodge No 1431 in Solihull in 1897

Frank Mortimer Maglinne Worrell (1924 - 1967) Cricket

Worrell was a West Indian cricketer and Jamaican Senator. He is best known as the first black captain of the West Indies cricket team and as one of the 'Three Ws' along with Clyde Walcott (qv) and Everton Weekes, all brilliant batsman and born in Barbados, who made their international debuts in 1948. Worrell played 51 test matches and scored nine hundreds and as a bowler took 69 wickets. He was initiated in Sussex Lodge No 354 in Jamaica in 1954 but was passed and raised in Lodge of Faith No. 344, Radcliffe, Lancashire at the special request of his Jamaican lodge at a time when he played regularly for Radcliffe in the Lancashire League and was studying economics at Manchester University. He retired in 1963, embarked on a career in education and politics and was knighted in 1964. He died of leukaemia in 1967 and was the first sportsman to be honoured with a memorial service at Westminster Abbey.

Peter George Yarranton (1924 - 2003) Rugby

Yarranton was chairman of the United Kingdom Sports Council from 1989 to 1994 and a notable figure in the world of rugby union, both as a player and as an administrator, for more than 40 years. Initiated in Littleton Park Lodge No 5305 in 1959, he joined several other lodges and was also a Grand Steward.

John Albert 'Jack' Young (1912 - 1993) Cricket

Slow left arm spin bowler who played for Middlesex and England. Initiated in Springfield Lodge No 5922 in 1950