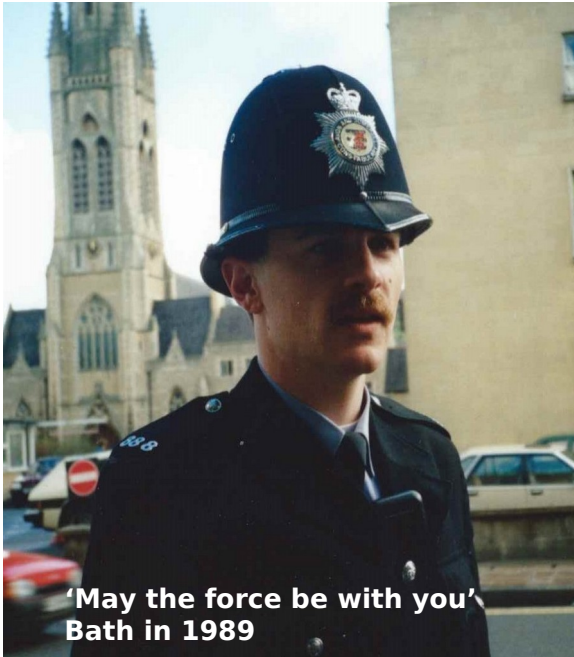




# Triple Tauk

COMMUNICATION for the ROYAL ARCH in SOMERSET



'May the force be with you'  
Bath in 1989

**Hallo Hallo, what 'ave we 'ere then?** With a twirl of the truncheon, a slight bend of the knees, my name's Dixon, David Dixon.

The Provincial Third Grand Principal in 2019 was born in Aberdare in the Cynon Valley in 1964, the eldest of three, his father an Anglican vicar and mother a nurse.

He moved around South Wales, no, not handcuffed in a Black Maria but with his family to a small village in the Beacons called Bronllys midway between Brecon and Hay on Wye.

His motto at Gwernyfed High School was 'Persevere', an endeavor he carried throughout his life. After university in Winchester he joined the Avon and Somerset Constabulary in 1987. Regrettably a west country villain tried to rearrange the vertebrae in his neck and he was forced to medically retire.

He lived with Sara from 2000, married in 2005 and has two sons and an eight month old grandson. Job security was important and he worked for Bath and North East Somerset Council since 1995 having a

range of responsibilities from managing the CCTV, setting up and running the Bath Christmas Market and is now the Council's Community Engagement Manager working with Councilors, Town and Parish Councils, other public sector bodies and the community and voluntary sector. It sounds like a minefield of interests where it must be difficult to achieve continued success.

Picture right shows David and Sara on a visit to Gleneagles, note the backpack for collecting stray golf balls! David's interests are varied but there is one thing which dominates his free time, that is his dedication to Masonry.

He is a Past Master of St Alphege Lodge No. 4095, Past Principle of Royal Cumberland Chapter No. 41, a Grand Officer in both Mark Master Masons and Royal and Select Masters. In total he is a member of:-

Two Craft Lodges, Three Chapters, Two Mark Lodges, Three RAM Lodges, Two Rose Croix Chapters, One Encampment and one Preceptory of Knights Templar, one Tabernacle of KTP, one Chapel of St Thomas of Acon, one Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine and Three Councils in the Royal and Select Masters.

Few can do more, he is admired for his devotion to duty, when you meet David you naturally feel, 'If this is what a Mason is like I want to be one'. For the past year during Covid he has worked tirelessly with a team of volunteers supporting the Bath 'Square Meals' project, caring for the needs of the vulnerable and those shielding from the effects of the pandemic.

This resulted in the delivery of 40,000 containers of frozen food, hundreds of emergency food parcels, welfare checks, hearing aid batteries, blood samples to the RUH, all activities that need to happen but can't if people are instructed to stay inside.

With an excess of seven thousand people, many elderly and frail, shielding in the Bath and North East Somerset area, it is Freemasonry and people like David that has helped them survive.

