



261 NEWS

Information newsletter for
The Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity Number 261

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Charity Presentations

For those of you who, like me, missed the County Gazette in January, shown below are photos of the presentations made on our behalf by the Immediate Past Master, W.Bro Chris Partridge, to four very deserving charities at the end of his year of office.



When the lodge held their annual Ladies Festival in October at The Stratford Manor Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon, it was decided that funds raised would be donated to St Margaret's Hospice towards the purchase of a Perometer for the Lymphoedema Department, the donation of £1000 has helped in reaching almost halfway towards their target of £16,000 for this item of equipment.

The photograph of St Margaret's Hospice shows (right to left) Lynn Murphy, Lymphoedema Nurse Specialist of St Margaret's Hospice receiving a cheque for £1000 from Chris Partridge, Master of the Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity, and his wife Jackie.

In addition The Worshipful Master and Members of The Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity No. 261 recently approved donations to three local charities, match funding from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset enabled the lodge to present cheques of £500 to Mind in Taunton & West Somerset, £1000 to Somerset Sight and £1000 to Escape Support Group.

Escape Support Group has been encouraging special needs children in the Somerset area for almost 15 years. A charity supporting families raising children to enjoy life. By providing activities, days out and occasional holidays for the whole family. The charity is staffed and governed by parents who belong to the charity. The photograph of Escape Support Group shows (left to right) Di Glover, Cathy Mercer and Lilly Glover receiving the donation.

Mind in Taunton & West Somerset was set up in 1982 their objectives are to promote good mental health, to encourage greater understanding of mental health issues, to provide high quality support and to enable genuine involvement and consultation in the development of all mental health services.

The photograph of Mind in Taunton & West Somerset shows a cheque for £500 being presented to Andy Pritchard.

Somerset Sight whose aim is to provide services, training and leisure activities that will help maintain independence and improve the quality of life of anyone who is affected by sight loss. The photograph of Somerset Sight shows Becky Fry receiving the donation.

A new Brother joins 261

On a splendid, warm and well-attended evening on 15th April our Lodge was pleased to initiate and welcome our new Brother, Hamilton James Bowring. His presence will add greatly to our lodge – especially since it has reduced the average age of members by at least 12 years!. Here he is being welcomed by our Worshipful Master, W.Bro Roger Earthrowl.



Forthcoming Events

Teddies for Loving Care Quiz

Saturday 9th May 2015

7:00 for 7:30 start

at the

Taunton Masonic Centre

The Crescent

Maximum of SIX per team

£2.50 per person

Open to all

All proceeds to the TLC Appeal

Supplying teddies for children in distress at Musgrove Park Hospital, your local hospital

Numbers are strictly limited so contact W Bro Adrian Halliwell, as above, as soon as possible

Another for your diary is the **Cadogan Court Summer Fair** on the 20th June. Full details have been sent around to you already and are also posted on the TMH notice board

Our **Ladies Festival** will be held at the Norton Park Hotel Winchester 9 -11th October. Deposits of £100 per person are requested to Senior Warden W.Bro David Brandhuber soonest please. Why not call a few friends and make up a table for this splendid weekend or just come for the evening.

Any other items of news can be passed on to me for distribution at any time.

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