



261 NEWS

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The Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity Number 261

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Well, here we are after our long summer break. The weather may have been a little disappointing but we made it back safely and hopefully, ready for a new season.

TAUNTON MASONIC OPEN DAY



The combined Lodge Information Officers of some of our local lodges organised an open day in July to raise the awareness of the public to Freemasonry and to offer them opportunity to visit our beautiful building, inspect the many artefacts, find out more about Freemasonry and to help dispel many of the common misconceptions of the craft.

Among the many in attendance were the Mayor Of Taunton Deane, Cllr Marcia Hill and her consort Julian Hill, Rebecca Pow the newly-elected MP for Taunton and Cllr John Williams

the Leader of Taunton Deane Council.

GREAT WESTERN AIR AMBULANCE PRESENTATION



The Great Western Air Ambulance charity has recently received a donation of £6000 from Freemasons in Bristol and Somerset for the purchase of an Airbox Panda which makes it easier for crew to navigate while in the air.

The equipment also directs them to the scene of an incident and helps them to find places to land. Previously the crew had to rely on maps. Since 2007 Freemasons throughout England have donated nearly £2 million to

twenty-two Air Ambulance services to help them save lives. This year the amount raised by masons and their families will total £192,000.

THE CCS EXPRESSES IT'S THANKS

The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) would like to thank the Freemasons for their amazing generosity during the flooding crisis. Your donations mean we have been able to provide detailed and ongoing support in the flood affected areas through the Village Agent project, funded by Somerset Community Foundation.

FORMATION OF A NEW CHARITY



The Pro Grand Master, Peter Lowndes has announced that a new charity called the Masonic Charitable Foundation is to be established, bringing together the charitable

activities of the four existing central Masonic Charities.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation will continue to offer the same support and services to those Freemasons and family members who need help, as well as support for the non-Masonic charitable causes that the Craft wishes to assist.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation will be one of the largest charities in the country and will rely on the generosity of Freemasonry for its funds.

LADIES FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND

Everything is now ready for our annual Ladies Festival, this year taking place at Norton Park, Sutton Scotney, Nr Winchester SO21 3NB Tel: 01962 763 000. It promises to be a splendid affair and our WM looks forward to welcoming you.

OCTOBER MEETING

Time then to dust off the regalia, polish the shoes and refresh ourselves on the ritual in preparation for our first meeting which will take place on Wednesday 21st October starting at 6.30. This will be a 2nd Degree rehearsal and W.Bro Ray Beckingham will be explaining things as we go along. We shall also be receiving a Fraternal Visit from Province and the Travelling Trowel from Royal Naval Lodge. It promises to be a busy night for us all – hope to see you there.

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

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