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John Bell Russell, OBE
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Recent Events at the RMBI Home, Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, Porthcawl

By: Becky Timms, Administrator

A generous donation from the Friends of RMBI Home, Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court in Porthcawl has enabled the purchase of a Wheelchair Adapted Citroen Bellingo.

This vehicle will allow for greater flexibility for our residents, both in the number of staff who are able to drive this vehicle and the number of residents who can use it, especially as 72% of our residents are reliant on the use of a wheelchair. Only having one wheelchair vehicle has often resulted in trips having to be cancelled or residents not being able to take part as we can either not accommodate them or we are using the vehicle for hospital runs. We are extremely grateful for the support we receive from the Friends, and this new car will go a long way towards making the lives of our residents both easier and more enjoyable. On our next big trip, the residents are off to St Fagans! W.Bro. Peter Rees is our only volunteer driver at present. Peter takes our residents back and forth to hospital appointments freeing our staff within the home to carry out care of the residents. This also allows interaction and conversation between our residents and the volunteer which enhances their social life. Whilst all volunteers play their part Peter has allowed us to ensure that more of our residents can take part in outside activities, having recently driven a number of residents to and from the pavilion and he is especially important now that the hospital has begun issuing evening and weekend appointments.



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Anthony Howell

We are always looking for volunteer drivers; there is a short on-line test to take prior to volunteering. If you are able to help by becoming a volunteer driver please telephone the Home on 01656 785311.

Those presenting the new car above are (left to right):-

- WBro David Franklyn (Enrolment Officer, Friends of AEPoWC)
 - Worshipful Bro Jeffery W Thomas (Vice Chairman, Friends of AEPoWC)
 - RWBro. Captain Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards
 - Mrs Clarice Bevan (resident at the Home and mother of WBro Jim Bevan (Provincial Grand Secretary)
 - Mrs Jean Samuel (Carer, AEPoWC)
 - Alyson Owen-Neill (Home Manager, AEPoWC)
 - W Bro Alan Gardner (Chairman of Friends of AEPoWC)
 - VWBro Peter Frost (Past Chairman of Friends of ALPoWC)
- In the lower picture, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards hands over the keys to Alyson Owen Neill (Home Manager AEPoWC).



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Anthony Howell

**more Home news on
back page...**

Once again it is my pleasure to welcome you to this edition, which marks the start of the 2012/13 Masonic year. As Edition No. 50 it is also a celebration of our "Golden Jubilee" of sorts, beginning with Edition 1 of the "Guildford Gazette" as it was originally called all those years ago. Indeed, some of you may remember reading that very first copy.

With the wonders of modern technology, and thanks to the sterling efforts of web-master W. Bro. Julian Rees, you can now access all Issues (except the most recent three) on the Provincial website. The Editorial Committee past and present thank you for your support over all these years, particularly everyone who has sent in articles, and hope that you will continue to enjoy reading the publication - hearing that you look forward to each Issue is reward enough for our efforts.

Our main feature (pages 15 to 17) covers the Gala Dinner held in Cardiff, and there are many pictures to enjoy, taken by our official photographer Anthony Howell, who was deservedly rewarded for all his hard work for the History Book by the award of the PGM's Certificate of Commendation (see page 26), presented at the end of the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting in Barry in June. We were delighted that our colleague has been recognized for his dedication and extreme professionalism. This award isn't granted very often, but in the last year we have seen two (a bit like Swansea buses - you wait for ages then two arrive together!).

Congratulations are also due to the new Assistant PGM W. Bro. Rev. Alastair Swinford, who was impressively invested at the same Provincial meeting. This was a very popular appointment and we wish Alastair well in his new role (see article on page 4). At the same time we were sorry that his predecessor W. Bro. David Hackman had found it necessary to resign due to family and business commitments. The Editorial Committee

values David's wise professional counsel and we thank him for all he has done to make this publication, as well as the History Book, so successful. We hope that David will continue to enjoy his Masonry in a less-pressured environment.

Our front and back pages feature the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court in Porthcawl, our local RMBI Home. A lot has been going on there in recent months.

May I conclude by wishing all readers, on behalf of the Editorial Committee, a happy and successful new Masonic year. Enjoy reading this Issue, and please keep your stories coming in. Details of the Committee may be found on Pages 408 to 410 of the Provincial Masonic Yearbook 2011-2012, and there you will find out who your local reporter is; he will be pleased to advise you how to assemble and submit your contributions.

By the time you read this I will already be working on Edition 51 for January 2013, so I'm on the lookout for more copy!
Fraternal Regards,

Mike Fenton

External Communications

Roger Gale, our Motoring Correspondent and Reporter for the Neath Lodges, is also the Provincial External Communications Officer. Roger's role is to liaise with the local media with a view to promoting a positive attitude to Freemasonry in the Province. If you have any story which might be appropriate for sharing with the general non-Masonic public, Roger will be very glad to hear from you. His contact details are:

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Grand Charity Grants

The Freemasons Grand Charity is very happy to report that the 2012 Air Ambulance grants have been approved - bringing the total given since 2007 to over £1 million. To celebrate, they have created a commemorative video presentation in partnership with the rescue services that receive funding from the Grand Charity http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/air_ambulance_charities.html

"It is important to note that this highlights Grand Charity funding only. Although we are aware that lots of Provinces give many thousands of pounds in additional funds for their regional rescue services, we are unable to include this when discussing Grand Charity funding. We hope that you like the presentation. Every Province and Metropolitan Grand Lodge will shortly receive their share of £192,000 to present to their regional rescue service".

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The Closing Dates for copy for the next two Issues are:-

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(May 2013 Issue 52) - **Monday 4th March 2013**

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Photographs (.jpg format) taken with a good Digital Camera enhance any article, and are always welcome. Whilst it is not always possible, we will do our best to improve poor quality pictures with our software. **BUT please note, since photographs must be adjusted for colour printing and resized to fit available space it is vital that they are separated from any text. This will help me enormously.**

Finally, the Editorial Committee hope you will enjoy this issue, and we thank everyone for their contributions - please keep them coming. If I have received a story and it is not in this issue, you have my promise - it **will** be in the next.

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Craig yr Hesg donate Garden Furniture

by : **Huw John**

On Wednesday, 23rd May 2012 the Brethren of Craig-Yr-Hesg Lodge No.6724, visited the Staff and children of Ysgol Ty Coch Special Needs School in Church Village, Pontypridd, to present them with garden furniture.

The picture shows the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Shelton, (centre left) and the Senior Warden, Bro. Robert Smith, with some of the children, after presenting the garden furniture to the school.



Emerald Supports Cowbridge Monday Club

Emerald Lodge No. 5907 - Supporting the Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club, was originally set up by a member of the Red Cross, (Mrs Jean Roberts) and the Cowbridge Girl Guides over 35 years ago. In its very early days W.Bro. Glynne Roach of Emerald Lodge No5907, was invited to become a volunteer and took over the role of Secretary/Treasurer - and participated in its monthly meetings - a job he absolutely relished - until he sadly passed away in 2004.

The Club, for adults and those over 16 years with learning disabilities, meets usually in the Ramoth United Free Church Hall, the Broadshard, Cowbridge, on the second Monday of every month. There is a well thought out and varied programme, (for which members provide their suggestions), which includes the Annual Dinner in the Bear Hotel in March, a mystery Summer Outing, various outside activities, i.e. a Treasure Hunt, Ten Pin Bowling, a visit to the Senydd, sometimes a visit to the Pantomime, besides activities in the hall - Speakers, Craft/Games nights, Harvest Supper, Slide Show etc. They are now looking forward to the summer events, a visit to Racing Stables in Aberthin, a Treasure Hunt and Crazy Golf.

Without the financial support of the Emerald Lodge and other organisations, they would be unable to run such a happy and important social gathering, which their members thoroughly enjoy. Emerald Lodge have been very proud to support the club for a number of years and look forward to continuing their support in the future.

The picture was taken at the recent Annual Dinner in the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, in March, where the Worshipful Master Robert Payne, Mrs



Karen Payne, W.Bro Ralph Jeffery and Mrs Gwyneira Perry were honorary guests; everyone had an excellent evening, and were able to see at first hand, the excellent work that the Monday Club does for its members.

If anyone would like to come along to one of the club's meetings or join them at their Summer Outing / Annual Dinner, please contact the Monday Club Secretary, Mrs Ann Roach on 01446 781309.

The photograph shows :

back row left to right, Emerald Lodge Worshipful Master Robert Payne & Mrs Karen Payne, W.Bro. Ralph Jeffery & Mrs Gwyneria Perry, front row, Monday Club Chairperson 2012, Miss Michelle Roderick and Secretary, Mrs Ann Roach.



No Blues in Oxford !

By : **Sid Robling**

Members of the Pontyclun Good Neighbours Club enjoyed a delightful excursion to the lovely city of Oxford during the summer.

The success of the occasion was due in no small measure to the efficient planning and well regulated skills of organiser Mrs. Ann Crook. The result was a happy and joyful day, enjoyed by all.

A comfortable coach ride, (Thomas Rhondda), a friendly obliging driver and a bright and sunny day, further enhanced the occasion.

Our photograph shows Mrs. Crook and members of the group, alighting from the coach at their destination.

Peter Frost Hands Over as Chair of AEPOWCourt

by: **Becky Timms, Administrator**

After many years service V.W.Bro. Peter Frost, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, has handed over the reins as Chairman of The Friends of Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court Porthcawl (RMBI Home) to W.Bro. Alan Gardner. Throughout his time Peter and his team provided vehicles and equipment for the home. He promoted the home at every opportunity ensuring high take up of membership. Alan has already taken great strides in his role and we at Albert Edward look forward to continued success in the coming years, and will be focusing on the 40th anniversary of the Home next year.

All residents and staff at RMBI Albert Edward Court would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter (pictured left) for his loyal service as Chairman.



A Ton-Up Partnership for Howardian Veterans

By : Sid Robling

W.Bro. Roy Woodward, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, made a special visit to Howardian Lodge No.5317 during May in order to present a Long-Service Certificate to the Lodge Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Len Barrett.

He eloquently praised Len on his many fine qualities and devotion to Howardian Lodge, throughout an impressive Masonic career.

The modest recipient expressed his humble thanks for his award and delivered his final words of gratitude in Welsh - much to Len's delight.

Len, a former pupil of Porth County Grammar School for Boys, became a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and served E.C. Harris and Partners with distinction over many years.

He was Initiated into Howardian Lodge in May 1962, on a Hallstone Night. Achieved Mastership in 1989 and subsequently earned Active Provincial honours as Provincial Assistant Director of Ceremonies. In due time he was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and currently holds the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master most fittingly invited another Howardian Veteran of note, W.Bro. Trevor Charles Saunders to join him in the photoshoot. Trevor had received his award from W.Bro. David Hackman, the previous year. His Masonic journey began in May 1961 and he was Installed as Master of Howardian Lodge twelve years later. His first Provincial honour was Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, followed some years later with the rank of Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works and currently he holds the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden.



W.Bro. Trevor has the unique distinction of being the only Lodge Member who is an 'Old Boy' of Howard Gardens High School for Boys, the now defunct academy of learning, from whence the Lodge took its name - Howardian Lodge being the first Schools Lodge in the Province.

The distinguished duo, Trevor and Len, have in their time, served under four Provincial Grand Masters, clocking up a century of outstanding Masonic service between them.

Both are still going strong and they are indeed a credit to a very proud Lodge and the Craft in general.

The picture shows W.Bro. Len Barrett and W.Bro. Trevor Saunders displaying their certificates, alongside W.Bro. Roy Woodward.

A New Assistant Provincial Grand Master for South Wales

At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, meeting on Wednesday 5th June 2012, in Cardiff, it was announced that W.Bro. David Hackman had requested that he be allowed to step down as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, due to work and family commitments, and that the Provincial Grand Master had reluctantly agreed to his request and had appointed W.Bro. Rev. Alastair E.J. Swinford, PAGChap, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, in his place, the appointment to take effect from 1.00 p.m. on that day and that he would be Invested at the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting on Monday, 25th June 2012.

W.Bro. Alastair was Initiated into Tennant Lodge No.1992 in 1975, and Installed as Worshipful Master in 1986 and 2005. He became a joining member of Yr Efail Lodge No.9502 in 1993, The South Wales Clerics' Lodge No.9298 in 1994, and was Installed Worshipful Master in 2004. He became a joining Member of The Lord Swansea Lodge No.8364 in 2005 and The Hendre Lodge No.3250 in 2009. In 2010 he became a joining member of the Lodge of Benevolence No.7305 and is an Honorary Member of Merlin Lodge No.1578.

In Provincial Grand Lodge he was appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Chaplain in 1992, 1993 and 2006, and was

promoted to Provincial Grand Chaplain in 2007.

In Grand Lodge he was appointed Past Assistant Grand Chaplain in 2010.

In Royal Arch Masonry he was Exalted in Howardian Chapter No.5317 in 1977., became a joining Member of Marmaduke Tennant Chapter No.1992 in 2004 and was Installed as First Principal in 2009

In Provincial Grand Chapter he was appointed Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 2012

In the Antient and Accepted Rite, he was perfected in the St. Bride's Chapter No.243 in 1978., and became a joining Member of St. Teilo Chapter No.789 in 1984.

In Mark Masonry, he was advanced in the Cambria Mark Lodge No.823 in 1993, and became a Founder Member and Consecrating Chaplain of Dewi Sant Mark Lodge No.1914 in 2010.

In Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, he was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain in 2008.

In Royal Ark Mariners, he was elevated into Cambriian R.A.M. Lodge No.823 in 2008.

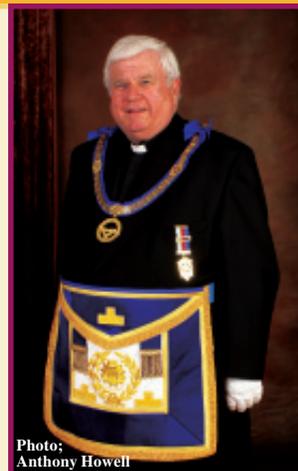


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W.Bro. Rev. Alastair E.F. Swinford

Congratulations!

The "Y Dalaith" Committee would like to congratulate all those readers who received first appointments, promotions, or other awards in United Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, Supreme Grand Chapter, and Provincial Grand Chapter. We wish you "all the best" for your future Masonic career.

Beaufort Lodge Donates to Disabled Rugby Team

On Saturday 17 March 2012, just before Wales' victorious game versus France securing the Grand Slam, W. Bro. Leighton Lloyd, the outgoing Master of Beaufort Lodge 3834 in Swansea presented a cheque for £250.00 to Tony Gemine, the organiser of Swansea Gladiators RFC. Bro. Jon Barnes from Beaufort Lodge is involved as a player with

his disabled son Stephen. He should know better at the age of 53!!

These monies are part of the regular donations from the Lodge to local charitable organisations. Gladiators RFC is an integrated rugby team of people with

disabilities and their family members and friends. From the beginning the club motto has been "Friendship through Sport" and the club has built its success on developing ability where only disability was noted before. Hard work has brought the club well earned rewards.

Members of the teams come from a mixture of backgrounds and have a wide variety of learning and physical disabilities including, but not only; Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Epilepsy. The Senior Team plays full contact rugby with passive



scrums and some other minor variations of the rules designed to promote integration. The Junior team play a variation of rugby known as "tag rugby" where a Velcro flag must be pulled from the opposing player's jersey under rules and guidelines as defined by Dragon Sports.

The club travels far afield for games with trips to Worcester, Leicester, Belfast completed this 2011/2012 season. Training for the Seniors takes place at Swansea Uplands RFC every Thursday during the rugby season.

The courage and commitment shown by these individuals to overcome their disabilities and take part in the Welsh national game sets an example for everyone, disabled or not. The monies will go towards the purchase of much needed equipment for the development of the players and the club. The gift was much appreciated by all concerned. In the photo W. Bro Leighton can be seen (front right) presenting the cheques to Tony Gemine (front left) with members of the club. Bro Jon Barnes is at the back on the right in the grey shirt, son Stephen is at the back left partially obscured.

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Spring Luncheon at Tennant Lodge Celebrates 60 years for Roy Hopkin

by: Keith Harries

This year's Tennant Lodge No.1992 Luncheon at which we entertain our Ladies was a unique event. It was a delightful occasion and very well supported with eighty-four present. These included Brethren, their Ladies, families and friends, together with 'our special Ladies' who were all present at Cardiff Masonic Hall on Saturday 28th April. It was indeed most pleasing to be able to welcome Mrs. Pam Humphreys (wife of the late W.Bro. Phil Humphreys), Mrs. Jean Rees, (wife of the late W.Bro. Ken Rees), Mrs. Doris Giles (wife of the late Bro. Edwin Giles) and Mrs. Olga Condict (wife of the late Bro. Bill Condict). All four of 'our special Ladies' were presented with gifts from the Lodge by Laura and Sophie, the grandchildren of Mrs Carole Harries and our Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Keith Harries, P.Pr.G.Reg., immediately following the Lunch.

Everyone was delighted that V.W.Bro. Commander Roy K. Hopkin, P.G.Swd.B., P.Dep.Prov.G.M. was able to be present along with his wife Mrs. Pauline Hopkin and their daughters, Sian

and Ceri.

In his address to all present the Worshipful Master heartily congratulated V.W.Bro. Roy on achieving 60 years in Freemasonry. Roy was Initiated into Freemasonry in Tennant Lodge on 10th April 1952, being Proposed by his Father, the late W.Bro. William Thomas Hopkin. W.Bro. Keith mentioned Roy's outstanding Naval career, his rise from Midshipman to Commander during 25 years of



distinguished service to Queen and country. He went on to talk about his equally impressive rise through the Active Offices of the Lodge and in the Province, his role



as a Founding Member of Ymlaen Lodge No. 8419, Old Monktonians Lodge No. 8938 and also Llanfair Chapter No. 7353. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Cardiff-based charity Masonic Feed the Homeless nearly 23 years ago and just two years afterwards, the 'Guildford Gazette,' now - 'Y Dalaith'.

The Worshipful Master went on to present V.W.Bro. Roy with the Certificate marking his 60 years in Freemasonry, signed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. (left is a photograph of the presentation.) Immediately afterwards, Mrs. Carole Harries presented a lovely bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Pauline Hopkin.

As usual a raffle was held which raised the princely sum of £300 and a cheque for this amount has been sent to Mrs. Pauline Hopkin's chosen charity - Breast Cancer Care.

Dyffryn Tawe Lodge Gives to Guide Dogs for the Blind

By: Peter Langton

Following the Dyffryn Tawe Lodge No.6506 very successful Ladies' Night, a donation of £200.00 was made to Guide Dogs for The Blind. In the photograph are (left to right) Worshipful Master, Peter Langton, Miss Alison Rees, Miss Christine Williams and Mrs. Jan Langton.



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A Double Celebration for Ymlaen Lodge

40 years since the Lodge Consecration and a Year since the Amalgamation with Old Cantonians

by : **Graham Wilcox**

The Meeting on 23rd May 2012 was a special one as Ymlaen Lodge No.8419 celebrated the 40th Anniversary of its Consecration and twelve months of amalgamation with Old Cantonians. The occasion was marked by a bumper Charity donation night when donations amounting to over £700.00 were allocated to local Charities. It was fitting that W.Bro. James Bevan was the Officer Mandated for the evening, having worked closely with both Secretaries to assist with the Amalgamation just over a year ago.

W.Bro. Phil Wall was Installed into the Chair of King Solomon for the Third time. Phil has now attained the Chair in Dinas Powis Lodge in Penarth, Seven Seas Lodge in Barry and now Ymlaen Lodge in Cardiff. This is a first.... for these three particular Lodges!

Following the Installation Ceremony, W.Bro. James assisted at the presentation of £265.00 to Ms Ella Constable, who has recently been appointed as the Community Fundraiser for the Meningitis Trust in Wales. (Picture 1) Ella was pleased to join our Ladies Dinner as a guest of the Lodge. Also shown in the photograph below is Ymlaen's newest Member, Bro Les Green who has worked tirelessly to raise money for the Meningitis Trust prior to his Initiation into Freemasonry last year. The Installing Master, W.Bro. Alan Patterson,



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generously assisted Les by passing on his £200.00 Master's Charity Gift in addition to £65.00, which was raised during a Ladies Social Evening at Christmas.

Donations of £100.00 each were made to W.Bro. Bob Clarke and W.Bro. Mike Williams, (Pictures 2 & 3), Both Secretaries did so much to assist a smooth Amalgamation of the two Lodges. W.Bro. David Parsons, former Charity Steward



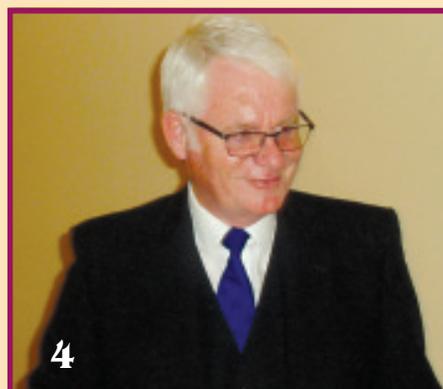
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of the Old Cantonian's Lodge, made the presentation to Bob for Cynon Valley Pals (Play and Leisure Services for Children with Disabilities). W.Bro. Mike's chosen Charity was The National Deaf Children's Charity for Wales.

As the newly appointed Chairman of the Albert and Edward Prince of Wales home, W.Bro. Alan Gardener, (Picture 4),



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accepted a £100.00 donation from W.Bro. Gerald Smith who, for some years, was Ymlaen's Liaison Officer for the home.

A donation of £100.00 was gratefully received by W.Bro. Brian Langley to assist with the planned expansion of the 'Feed the Homeless' initiative in Cardiff. W.Bro. Graham Wilcox, Ymlaen's Charity Steward, who recently worked with Brian as the Treasurer of the Provincial History Book Committee, was delighted to present this donation on behalf of the Lodge,



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(Picture 5).

The Worshipful Master, Phil Wall, presented W.Bro. James Bevan, the Provincial Grand Secretary, with a cheque of £100.00 for the South Wales Provincial Masonic Samaritan Fund, (Picture 6).



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Ymlaen Lodge's special Anniversaries were permanently commemorated by the presentation of a new Master's Apron, which bears a plaque on the reverse side of the flap, upon which is engraved: 'In Memory of the Brethren of the Ymlaen and Old Cantonian's Lodges, who have Passed to the Grand Lodge Above'. W.Bro. James Bevan delighted the Lodge and those Visitors present, by presenting this apron to the Worshipful Master.

The pictures show :

1. - Ella Constable of the Meningitis Trust in Wales accepting the donation from W.Bro. James Bevan, W.Bro. Phil Wall, Bro. Les Green and W.Bro. Alan Patterson.

2. - W.Bro. Bob Clarke, on the left of picture, the former Secretary of Old Cantonians, accepting a donation on behalf of Cynon Valley PALS (Play and Leisure Services for Children with Disabilities) from W.Bro. David Parsons, the former Charity Steward of the Old Cantonians Lodge.

3. - W.Bro. Graham Wilcox presents W.Bro. Mike Williams, on the right of picture, the Ymlaen Secretary's chosen Charity, The National Deaf Children's Charity.

4. - W.Bro. Alan Gardener thanking the Lodge after accepting a £100.00 Donation from W.Bro. Gerald Smith on behalf of the Albert, Edward Prince of Wales Court.

5. - W.Bro. Brian Langley accepts the cheque of £100.00 for 'Feed the Homeless' from WBro Graham Wilcox, the Ymlaen Lodge Charity Steward.

6. - The Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. James Bevan, accepting a cheque for £100.00 on behalf of the South Wales Provincial Samaritan Fund, from W.Bro. Phil Wall the Worshipful Master of Ymlaen Lodge.

A Golden Effort - Now for Bronze

By : **Sid Robling**

Vale of Glamorgan Artist and Sculptor Roger Andrews further enhanced his reputation as a highly skilled craftsman when he unveiled his latest project to the sporting media during the summer.

Awaiting them stood a nine foot clay effigy of the legendary Fred Keenor, who skippered Cardiff City to victory in the 1 - 0 defeat of Arsenal in the 1927 Wembley Cup Final. Marking the only occasion that the coveted trophy has left England.

When I visited Roger's workshop on the outskirts of Llantwit Major, I discovered the sculptor and his giant portrayal of cult figure Keenor, surrounded by a posse of TV Cameramen, Interviewers and South Wales sporting press reporters.

To a man, they were most impressed with Roger's likeness of the towering, craggy featured Keenor, holding the Cup aloft.

More importantly perhaps, was the reaction of Tim Hartley, Chairman of the Cardiff

City Supporters Trust, who, along with colleagues Mike Inker and David Craig, were equally delighted to give their nod of approval. It was Mike Inker's wish and life long ambition, to have the imposing bronze statue of the famous player sited at the entrance to the Cardiff City Stadium.

For their part, 'Bluebirds' Supporters have worked long and hard to raise the finances for their precious project through a variety of money making efforts. These praiseworthy deeds have received support via other agencies viz., The Football Association of Wales and the Craig Bellamy Trust, among others.

The clay figure will finally receive its bronze finish at a specialist foundry based in Stroud. Currently a date is being set for the Unveiling Ceremony at the Cardiff City Stadium in September.

There is no doubt that W.Bro. Roger Edward Walden Andrews, a Past Master of both Llantwit Major Lodge and St. Quentin's Lodge, Cowbridge, will be accorded well deserved and generous plaudits for his work. He will most graciously accept them in his modest manner and with a beaming smile.

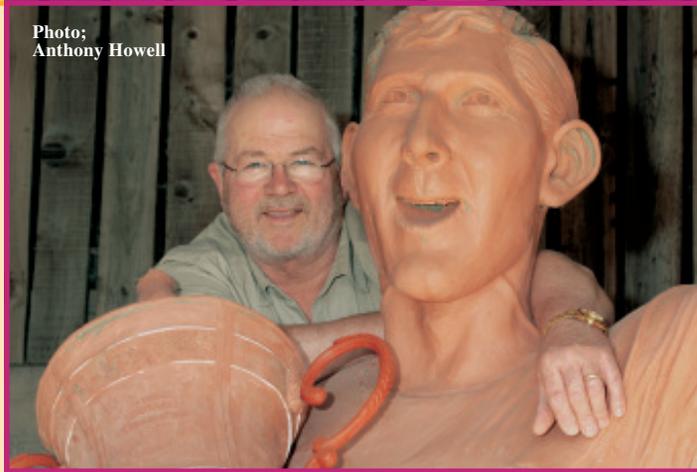
The pictures show : Top right Roger posing with Fred Keenor and the Cup!

Right- Roger, (centre), with Tim Harley and Mike Inker.

Left : Roger showing Fred Keenor how to control the ball!

We are proud of you Roger !

Photo;
Anthony Howell



Photo;
Anthony Howell



Three Pillars Donates to Royal Welsh

by : **John Dart**

W.Bro. John Dart, Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, accompanied by Bro. Bruce McBratney of the Lodge of Three Pillars No.5857, both former members of the Royal Regiment of Wales, presented a cheque for £60.00 to Colonel Peter Gooderson, the Regimental Secretary of the Royal Welsh, at the Regiments Headquarters in Maindy Barracks, Cardiff. The money was raised from an after dinner talk given by W.Bro. John on the historic events of the 41st Regiment of Foot, (later the Welch Regiment) and the important part the Regiment played in the Anglo/American War of 1812 - 1814.

W.Bro John, as a prelude to the talk, which he presented dressed as a recruiting Sergeant of the 41st Regiment, managed to persuade all the brethren dining to sign the military oath of allegiance for service with the regiment. At the conclusion of the talk, John allowed all those who wished to purchase their release, to do so by placing a one pound coin on the Oath of Allegiance, this



Photo;
Anthony Howell

then formed the basis of a raffle that raised £30.00, and thanks to W.Bro Karl Say the Master of the Lodge at the time of the talk, the amount was doubled to £60.00, all of which was donated to the Benevolent fund of the Royal Welsh.

"Healing The Wounds"

by: **Jeff Davies**

28th April 2012 saw the Aslwyd Masonic Lodge in Merthyr hold a wonderful Ladies Charity Ball in aid of "Healing the Wounds", at The Masonic Hall in Merthyr. A total of 64 people from various Lodges around the Merthyr area came together for the event which included a sit down evening meal, disco and raffle. One of the raffle prizes was a signed copy of the Six Nations Welsh Team kindly donated by Warren Gatland, supported by corresponding authenticating paperwork from the great man himself! The event was organized by Master of the Lodge, David Percival and his wife Elaine, who have family connections with the RAF and the Army. David served as an RAF Aircraft Technician from 1969 to 1994.

After 25 years service, David wanted to help "Healing The Wounds", supporting the charity in their crucial work, aiding servicemen and women, veterans, emergency service personnel and their families who are suffering the effects of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It is with many thanks for their hard work and efforts, and of course for the generosity of those who attended this wonderful event, that they were able to receive a cheque from the Masonic Lodge for an amazing £1,140.00

Pictured (l to r) : Kevin Richards ("Healing the Wounds"), Elaine Percival & Master of the Lodge, David Percival.



Running for Charity

by: **Richard Taylor**

I successfully completed the 2012 Llanelli Half Marathon in just over 2 hours. This was done despite a knee injury picked up after 6 miles, hence the grimace when crossing the finish line! My next endeavour is the Edinburgh Half Marathon and I aim to complete in under 2 hours. I then have the Bristol Half Marathon in September and finish the year with a full Marathon in Dublin in October! I have received some Press Coverage in both The Western Telegraph and Tenby Observer and have also attached Press Photo of me and my partner Caroline (who is running for Meningitis Trust). I have so far raised nearly £800 both on and off line for Bristol Royal Hospital for Children Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. I should be grateful if readers would visit my donation page, to help me raise as much money as possible. My online donation page is :

www.justgiving.com/Richard-Taylor18.

Thankyou.



Indefatigable Lodge Honour Roy Wydenbach

by: **Mike Fenton**

At the Festive Board following the last regular meeting before the recess, the presentation of the "Enid Bourne Cup" was made to the Brother deemed to have rendered exceptional service to the Indefatigable Lodge No.237 during the Masonic Year. The recipient on this occasion was W.Bro. Roy Wydenbach, the retiring DC. He is seen receiving the Trophy from WM Harold Paine, following which he gave a short acceptance speech.

Congratulations, Roy!



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Our New Provincial Senior & Junior Wardens

At the annual Provincial luncheon held in London prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge on 25th April, 2012, in accordance with the Provincial Grand Master announced the names of his Acting Senior and Junior Wardens for the ensuing year, to be:

Senior Warden

W.Bro. S. Colin Best, a Past Master of the Lodge of Sker No.8024. Colin was Initiated on 21st. September, 1971, became Worshipful Master in 1979 and was the Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction for some eighteen years.

He became a joining member of the Hendre Lodge No.3250 in 1987 and became Worshipful Master in 2009.

He was appointed Provincial Grand Pursuivant in 1984, promoted to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1994 and appointed to Grand Rank as Past Grand Standard Bearer in 2004.

In the Holy Royal Arch he was Exalted in the Chapter of Sker in 1976 installed as 1st Principal in 1986 and joined Hendre Chapter in 1988. He was appointed Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 1988, promoted to Past Provincial Grand Registrar in 1994 and appointed to Grand Rank as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2002.

In the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine he was installed in the Hywel Dda Conclave No.289 in 1977, enthroned as Most Puissant Sovereign in 1991 and became a Founder Member of both Merlin Conclave No.402 and Brenhinoedd De Cymru Conclave

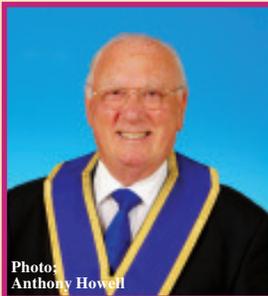


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No.728.

He was appointed Divisional Steward in 1993, promoted to Past Divisional Prefect in 1994 and received Grand Rank as Past Grand Warden of Regalia in 1994.

In the United, Religious, Military and Masonic Order of the Temple he was installed as a Knight of the Holy Palestine Preceptory No. 502 in 1989, became a Founder Member of the Sant Madoc Preceptory No.556 in 1992 and was installed as Eminent Preceptor in 1994.

In Provincial Priory appointed Provincial ADC in 1994, promoted to Past Provincial Herald in 1998, further promoted to Provincial Registrar in 2002 and received Great Priory rank as Past Great Warden of Regalia in 2002.

Junior Warden

W.Bro. Stephen Graham

Wharmby, a Past Master of Baglan Lodge No.6079, was Initiated 12th January 1984, becoming Master in 1998.

He became a joining member of South Wales Jurists Lodge no.7092 in 1986, becoming Master in 1993 and 2007, he joined Lord swansea Lodge No.8364 in 2007, becoming Master in 2007

He was appointed Past Provincial Grand Registrar in 1999, promoted to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in 2005 and Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 2010

In Royal Arch Masonry, he was Exalted into Ynys Chapter No.8274 in 1989.

Stephen has over 30 years experience as a Solicitor having qualified in June 1980.

He is Head of the Family Law Department, a member of the Law Society's Children Panel and an Advanced Member of the Law Society Family Law Panel and is also a qualified Legal Services Commission Accredited Mediator.

He is both past Secretary and past President of the Neath Port Talbot Law Society.

Away from work Stephen was Secretary of Aberavon Rugby Football Club for ten years and is still involved in the administration of the Club.

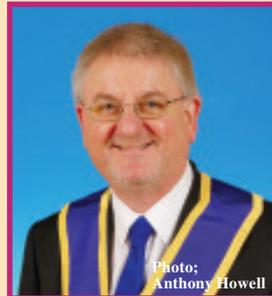


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The President's Team Win Again !

By: **Ralph Jones, Secretary**

With record levels of rainfall in June and July and no improvement promised for the foreseeable future, it was a relief to arrive at Pyle & Kenfig at 7-30am with no rain in sight and blue skies aplenty. The course looked immaculate, but obviously the rough looked thick and heavy.

First off were the Glanogwr Academicals,



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Anthony Howell



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led by Dr. Barrie Goode, and they were followed throughout the day by another 31 teams and still not a drop of rain in sight. The Glanogwr team returned to the clubhouse at 3-00pm having scored 104points, but then the rain arrived and conditions changed dramatically.

Of the total 31 teams who started the day an amazing 7 teams admitted defeat at the 9th hole, when at about 5-00pm rain was lashing across the course and playing conditions were extremely difficult. One team had run out of balls, having lost 27 balls over the first 9 holes.

Only 3 teams scored over 100 points, and the last two teeing off, braved the worst conditions when they were on the difficult back nine.

The President, as always, had travelled down from Brecon; this year in some pretty horrendous driving conditions and joined a

very full club house to present the trophies.

**The Results-
Nearest the Pin -
Dyfrig Edwards** from the Southerdown G.C.

Longest Drive - Paul Leary from the Morganwg Team.

3rd Place - Glanogwr Academicals with 104 pts. (Team Dr. Barrie Goode, Dr. Andrew Davies, Brian Marling, Andrew Folker)

2nd Place - Exterior Lighting with 104 pts

(Team Leighton Coates, Peter Richards, Clive Harrison, John Ryan)

WINNERS-

President's Team with 106 pts

(Team - Phil Howell, Steve Preece, Gary Hamer, Richard Potheary)

Members of Ewenny Lodge were last year's winners with 119 pts.

The total number of players with 2's was only 5. This year the announcement of the total number of lost balls was eagerly awaited, bearing in mind 7 teams had failed to finish. It was no surprise when the number of 271 lost balls, only slightly up on last year, was announced. Clive Owen, representing Graham Lloyd's team, accurately guessed the final total.

The President made the annual presentation to the Outstanding Junior Golfer of Southerdown G.C.- Morgan Parker and to the Outstanding Junior of Pyle and Kenfig G.C. - Tom Furneaux.

He then thanked the Captain of Pyle & Kenfig G.C., Barrie Edwards for once again allowing us to "take over" their clubhouse and course and especially thanked the catering and bar staff for looking after us. He also asked that our thanks be passed to the Club Pro., Dylan Williams and Secretary, Simon Hopkins, for their help and guidance and then presented Captain Barrie Edwards with a cheque for his own charity.

Finally President Hywel thanked the Society Captain and Officers, (not forgetting their ever supportive wives), for their continued endeavour and support. It was then announced that over £34,000.00 had now been donated to "local good causes".

The Pictures show : - (left to right) Left : **The Winners - Presidents Team** - President Hywel Davies, Phil Howell, Gary Hamer, Steve Preece and Society Captain David Hughes.

Top right : **3rd Place winners - Glanogwr Acedemicals** President Hywel Davies, Brian Marling, Simon Folker , Dr. Barrie Goode and Society Captain David Hughes.

Thank you all for your continued support over the past 11 years and we hope to see you again next year on :

FRIDAY 5th July 2013

A Meeting with Terry Waite

By: **Jonathan Evans**

Recently, The Worshipful Master of Penllergaer Lodge 5567, W.Bro. Jonathan Evans attended an event in Bridgend held to mark the official opening of the first Shelter or Community to be based in Wales, run by the charitable organisation `Emmaus UK`.which recently marked its 60th Anniversary. Its aim is to provide support for those whose circumstances have found them either permanently homeless or temporarily in need of shelter. The event in Bridgend was particularly memorable as it was attended by Emmaus UK President, Mr Terry Waite CBE, who kindly gave a few hours of his time to sit and chat with those attending the event.

Few, if any, Brethren will need reminding of the events in 1987 when Terry Waite, as an envoy on behalf of British hostages, was himself taken captive by those with whom he



was attempting to negotiate. Of the 4 ½ years spent in captivity, most were spent in total solitary confinement. Eventually those responsible for his treatment allowed him access to a radio and reading materials. His resolve remains an inspiration to many across the world, and he explains that he owed much of his ability to cope during captivity to his unwavering religious faith. As well as being a member of the Anglican Church, Terry Waite is very active in his role as President of Emmaus UK, and whilst chatting to those he met at Bridgend, he was keen to remind us that there are many in our communities who are in

desperate need of our support and assistance.

This generosity of spirit of course remains central to Freemasonry. Having met Terry Waite it is remarkable that having suffered such an ordeal as he did, he remains ever hopeful and continues to devote his life to those requiring help and support.

A Sainsbury's Special

by : **Dave Franklin**
photography : **Anthony Howell**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, attended an Emergency meeting of the Wenallt Lodge No.9082 on 21st



May 2012, at which he witnessed W.Bro. Jeffrey Sainsbury - his friend of long-standing who like himself was a Founder Member of the Lodge and a former Lord Mayor of the City of Cardiff - assist in the ceremony of Raising his son, Bro. Mark Christopher Paul Sainsbury.

The meeting had been called because of the health problems of W.Bro. Jeffrey,

who has been battling prostate cancer for many months, while at the same time raising awareness of the condition wherever and whenever he can.

Also present was W.Bro. Jeffrey's second cousin W.Bro. Phil Sainsbury, who had himself not been enjoying the best of health and had recently been hospitalised; as well as another family friend, Right Worshipful Brother the Reverend Malcolm Lane, the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Monmouthshire.

To give the Sainsbury connection its full perspective, the late W.Bro. Walter Ronald Sainsbury - Jeffrey's father and Phil's cousin - was also a Founder Member of Wenallt Lodge.



Both W.Bro. Jeffrey and W.Bro. Phil had been honoured by the Right Worshipful



Provincial Grand Master in his annual List of Provincial Appointments and Promotions.

At the end of Bro. Mark's Raising ceremony, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master carried out two Investitures, being aware that it would have been difficult for the Sainsbury brethren to attend the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in Barry at the end of June.

W.Bro. Jeffrey Sainsbury was promoted to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden (see Picture A) and W.Bro Phil Sainsbury was promoted to Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden (see Picture B).

To complete the picture (so to speak!) our new Master Mason, Bro. Mark Sainsbury joined his father and second cousin once removed, with the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, to complete the Sainsburys' special (see picture C).

Hafan Deg - Proof that - Age is No Barrier

by : **Gerald French**

Hafan Deg Lodge No.9520 installed W.Bro. Bert Durman into the chair of King Solomon on 9th December 2011. Bert was Initiated into Freemasonry in 1978 and at the sprightly age of 91 at long last has made it to the office of Worshipful Master!

Hafan Deg Lodge was founded to help brothers such as Bert through the chair. It was the first Lodge in the Province to meet in the morning and invite their partners to the luncheons following the meeting.

Hafan Deg Lodge was founded to enable brethren of various ages and abilities to still belong and enjoy Freemasonry, even when they no longer want to go out at night, especially on those dark cold winter evenings, and as in the case of Bert, age is no barrier to attaining the chair of King Solomon.

He has proved that without Hafan Deg, Freemasonry would have missed out on having a very colourful and unique Worshipful Master, who is doing a truly wonderful job.

The ethos of the Lodge is that if a brother does not feel very mobile, or capable of doing ritual to a high standard, due to illness or age, we are there to help and assist.

Hafan Deg Lodge meets in the Barry

Masonic Hall, with Barry Rail Station a few hundred yards away and plentiful buses to Cardiff, Penarth and Bridgend. The Hall boasts a lift to the temple and toilets for the less able and with few Initiates the Lodge organises Masonic lectures and music recitals for their meetings.

Regular meetings of the Lodge take place at 11:00 am on the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1st Friday in September and 2nd Friday in December (Installation). If you feel you would like to join a day Lodge, Bro. Tony Pugh, P.Pr.G.Stwd., the Junior Warden, and also Senior Steward this year, would be delighted to invite you for your first visit.

He can be contacted on



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"A Family Affair"

By: **Mike Fenton**

The March meeting of West Glamorgan Lodge No. 5291 was a noteworthy event in that the initiation ceremony was very much a 'family affair'. The candidate was Craig Lewis, who is the grandson of Past Master Phil Adamson. Current WM Keith Kostromin graciously allowed Phil (L) to initiate Craig under the watchful eye of Craig's father, Bro. Mike Lewis (R).

Phil performed the lion's share of the ceremony, presenting the Working Tools, the Charity Charge, and the First Degree Charge, all with great skill and sincerity. Mike had the honour of presenting his son with his Entered Apprentice apron.

Mike's Godfather and Great Uncle were Masons in Monmouthshire, and Phil's father was a member of the Craft in Scotland, being present when Phil was initiated into Freemasonry.



Photo:
Mike Fenton

"Three Peaks Challenge"

By: **Philip Evans**

Tony Williams, Steward of Baglan Lodge 6079 and myself Treasurer of Penllergaer Lodge No.5567 were part of a four man team from our employer LBS Builders Merchants Ltd who undertook the "Welsh Three Peaks Challenge" on Saturday 23rd June 2012.

We undertook this challenge in aid of "Ty Hafan" and it consisted of a 4.15am start climbing Snowdon, we then

travelled to Cadair Idris and finished at Pen y fan in the Brecon Beacons on Saturday night at 5.30pm. So far we have raised over £1700 for the charity and we expect this to rise as we still are collecting monies, many of our own Bretheren have supported us achieving this total.

We walked 20.35 miles and ascended over 9000 ft (and then descended), battling 50 mph winds and heavy mountain cloud we were glad for the finish line and a long hot bath! In the picture I am centre left, and Tony is centre right.

[What a monumental achievement - well



done lads! Any reader wishing to sponsor them in their worthy cause should contact Philip direct. - Ed.]

Our ChAPS Climb to Top of Snowdon

by : **John Purchase**

The ChAPS of the Port Talbot Lodges (Charitable Activity Pursuits Society) would like to thank all those who sponsored the group on their climb to the top of Snowdon on Saturday 30th June 2012.

Eighteen enjoyed a meal together at Betws-y-Coed, Snowdonia, the previous evening before setting off on the climb the following day. At times the weather, with it's 60 mile per hour winds, hail & driving rain, made the climb more challenging than expected; but the company and camaraderie made the whole experience unforgettable for all.

After returning home Saturday night, a Sunday lunch was



All agreed that with such a success every ache, bruise, strain & pain was well worth suffering.

Further fund raising events will be held later in the year.

Below are pictures of the group, including W.Bro. Lee Howard, W.Bro. Alan Thomas, W.Bro. Gherold Davies, W.Bro. John Bowen, W.Bro. Gareth Jones and W.Bro. Viv Davies at the bottom, before ascending and at the top .



arranged at the Masonic Hall at Port Talbot. More than 60 Brethren, family & friends met to enjoy a lovely meal and share the experience.

The ChAPS were proud to announce that £4,000 was raised for Everybody's Gateway Charity Club which runs social activities for adults with learning difficulties and Y Rhosyn Cancer Support Day Unit at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.

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Brecknock Master Initiates Two Sons !

by : T.R. Eirian Jones

On Wednesday 30th November last year the Brecknock Lodge No. 651 witnessed a rare event when for the first time in its 156 year history a Master in the chair Initiated his two sons together, and that in the presence of their Grandfather and two uncles.

The Wor. Master. Wor.Bro. Adrian M. Gillard initiated his two sons, Mr. John Michael Gillard and Mr Gareth Stephen Gillard with the assistance of his family. The candidates Grandfather, W.Bro. W.S.John Swain, PPrGReg, a Past Master of the Brecknock Lodge in 1997 and 1998 invested the candidates with the distinguishing badge of an Entered Apprentice Freemason and their two uncles, W.Bro. David A.J. Swain, a Past Master of the Aurea Filia Lodge No. 7523 London delivered the Charge after Initiation, and Bro. Ian S.G. Swain gave an explanation of the Working Tools.

Bro. John and Michael now become the fifth generation of the



Swain family to become freemasons.

The picture shows - from left to right :

W.S.John Swain, PPrGReg, Bro. John Gillard, Bro. Gareth Gillard, W.Bro. Adrian Gillard, W.Bro. David Swain, and Bro. Ian Swain.

Brecknock Chapter Celebrates 40 years

by : T.R. Eirian Jones

On Tuesday November 1st 2011 the Brecknock Chapter No.651 held its regular Election meeting and the First Principal E.Comp. Paul R. Calderwood P.G.Soj. welcomed E.Comp. David A. Westall, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent; E.Comp. Frank J. Agius, Second Provincial Grand Principal; E.Comp John Taylor, Past Grand Superintendent; E. Comp. M.J. Hoare, Past Deputy Grand Superintendent and a number of Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter. He thanked them for



attending in order to help the Chapter celebrate its 40th anniversary that evening.

After the election of Principals for the following year the Companions present heard a short history of the Brecknock Chapter given by E.Comp. T.R. Eirian Jones PPrGReg. After the meeting E.Comp. David A. Westall, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent; then unveiled a wall mounted case for the display of Masonic jewels presented to the Association of Brecon Freemasons to mark the Chapters 40th anniversary. The Chairman of the Association, E.Comp. Howard G.L. Vaughan, Scribe E. of the Chapter, thanked the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent for his presence and for making the evening such a special one.

The picture shows - from left to right

Back row: A number of Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter.

Front Row : E.Comp. Graham Richards Third Principal; E.Comp. M.J. Hoare, Past Deputy Grand Superintendent, E.Comp. Frank J. Agius, Second Provincial Grand Principal; E.Comp. Paul R. Calderwood P.G.Soj.E. First Principal, E.Comp. David A. Westall, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent; E.Comp John Taylor, Past Grand Superintendent; and E.Comp. David J. Davies, Acting Third Principal.

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Anyone for BASICS?

By: **Rheinallt Morgan**

This is an appeal for volunteer nurses, paramedics and doctors to form a new group. The "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is expected by everyone in today's society; this can be cut short in so many ways since accidents happen, only too often.

The picture below is of my own road traffic collision that occurred on 17th March 2011, a day I will never forget; miraculously I walked away from the wreckage.

Most 999 calls are attended by highly trained NHS paramedics; although the most severe accidents and road traffic collisions are attended by doctors who have undergone advanced training in pre-hospital care and emergency response driving. They can drive to an emergency using blue lights. This saves time; the "golden hour" after a



Bill Teasdale Celebrates 50 Years

By: **C.L. Evans**

W.Bro. William Robert Teasdale, PPrJGW, (Northumberland), celebrated fifty years continuous membership as a Freemason on 26th April 2012. The Certificate was presented by W.Bro. Paul L. Botfield, PAGDC. Bill was Initiated into Cartref Lodge No.5772 on 26th April 1962. He never became Master due to work taking him to Newcastle where he became a Joining Member of Holy Cross Lodge No.3679 in 1973 and was Installed as Master in 1981, now a long serving Director of Ceremonies of that Lodge. He is a Founder Member of Service Above Self Lodge No.9537 in the Province of Durham and joined the De Loraine Royal Arch Chapter No.541 becoming First Principal in 1992, his present rank being PPrGSN. To complete his Masonic picture in Mark Master Masons he is PPrJGW. In Royal Ark Mariners he is PrGR and in the Ancient and Accepted Rite (Rose Croix) he is 30°.

We wish Bill many more happy years in Freemasonry which he so obviously enjoys. Unfortunately we do not have a photograph to display.

Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter

By: **Fred Lamnea**

Year in year out Provincial Grand Chapter continues to be well supported, not only by those worthy Companions who are about to receive their first appointment, but also by those about to be promoted.

A large number of Companions come to offer support and to be part of this grand experience.

Our MEGS. Ex. Comp. David. A. Westall, supported by his team of officers executed a first class Ceremony flowing with grace, precision, and dedication from start to finish

Distinguished guests from adjoining Provinces were warmly welcomed by the MEGS along with all present.

E.Comp. Colin Weatherall DGS, E Comp. Frank Agius 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, and E Comp. Phillip Gabriel. 3rd Provincial Grand Principal were all re-appointed for a continuing year of office.

E Comp. C. H. Thomas was appointed Provincial Scribe N.

The MEGS. then continued to appoint and invest the remaining Officers of Provincial Grand Chapter.

Companions receiving first appointments along with those being promoted were then invested, the whole procedure flowing like a military procession.

The Festive Board as usual was more than well supported filling all available space. All enjoyed a first class lunch, making it another great day.

The MEGS perambulated amongst the companions, extending a warm welcoming word and handshake which was well received and appreciated.

He then finished the day by wishing all a happy Masonic recess and a safe journey home.

serious accident is the most critical period in the casualty's survival; apart from the actual operating theatre where "hot lights and cold steel" are required.

This is an appeal to the readers of Y Dalaith, their relatives and friends to establish a new BASICS (British Association for Immediate Care) group - due to the nature of the work; full membership is restricted to trained doctors, nurses and paramedics. My role (if required) for the time being will be as a facilitator and co-ordinator.

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2012 Provincial Church Service

By: Roger Gale

St Davids Neath, the venue for the 2012 Annual Provincial Service was consecrated in late November 1866, but almost two years before, the foundation stone was laid, the ceremony undertaken by members of the Craft, led by the then Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro T. Mansel Talbot. The foundation stone contained - as it still does, though its precise location is now unknown - a bottle containing coins, an inscription, and the names of those who had subscribed to the building fund. Some of the implements used are displayed at the Masonic Hall Neath. The Service was held by kind permission of the Rector, Canon Stephen Ryan, and the Church Wardens, the church filled to capacity, some £700 raised in the collection, to be used for

Lloyd-Edwards.

The RW Provincial Grand Master pointed out the stone carving portraying the coat of arms of the Province of South Wales, high on the right hand side of the Chancel, to the left of the Lady Chapel. Although the foundation stone laid in Masonic tradition in 1864 has not been precisely located, perhaps one day we may be fortunate enough to identify it, though it is perhaps now concealed by later alterations to the north-East section of the church. As the service drew to a close the prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving were given by WBro Rev Alistair E.J.Swinford, now our newest appointed Asst.PGM, and WBroRev Dafydd H.Edwards, PPrGChap.

The Address was given



the work and witness of St. Davids.

W.Bro Christopher I.Lewis, the Provincial Grand Organist played throughout the service, W. Bros Paul R. Marshal, Roy Woodward and Jeffrey P. Thomas carrying out the first and second readings respectively (the latter in Welsh & English), V.W.Bro Gareth Jones OBE, our Deputy PGM, delivering the third reading and the fourth given by the R.W.Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro Captain Sir Norman

by W.Bro Gareth Thomas, who has now been appointed as the Provincial Grand Chaplain by our Provincial Grand Master, and following the final hymn the Rector gave the Blessing and Dismissal, concluding what had proved to be a memorable occasion, and one that renewed those ancient Masonic connections with St. Davids Church.

Following the service, the Provincial Grand Master, along with W.Bro Roger Gale (who took and printed the picture) and W.Bro David Newton (now a new Churchwarden at St.Davids) presented a large framed photograph of St. Davids to the Rector, Canon Stephen Ryan, on behalf of W.Bro Roger. Neath Masonic Hall subsequently hosted a buffet lunch, the oldest purpose-built Masonic building in Wales echoing to the sound of a capacity audience at the conclusion of a memorable and historic day.



Masonic Motoring

By: Roger Gale

This edition's motoring column has an enforced brevity, dictated by my finally departing from my role as Exhibitions & Events Officer at Swansea Museum, after some twenty three years, and thus needing to get my affairs in order, as well as brief - as best I could - my young, able and vitally enthusiastic replacement, Jane Brown.

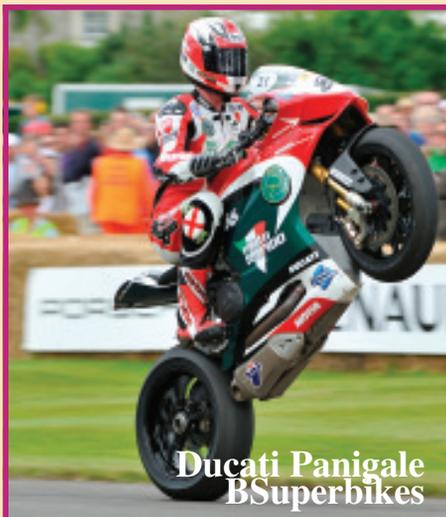
Immediately following that departure I left for Goodwood and the Festival of Speed, and so I give you the reader a brief look at the extravaganza...if you have never been, you should, or indeed go to the September "Goodwood Revival" race meeting. Look at the Goodwood website

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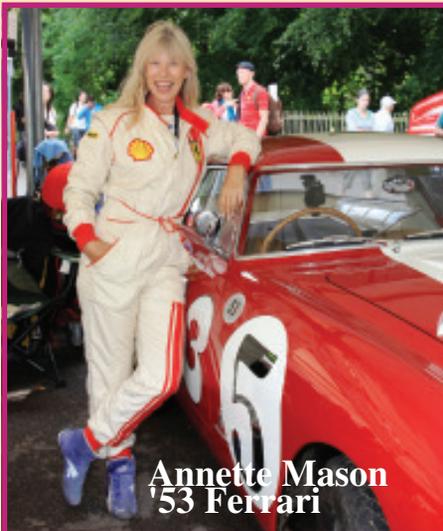
But that's for another time. For the moment I give you the sound, the fury, and the gloriousness that is Goodwood !



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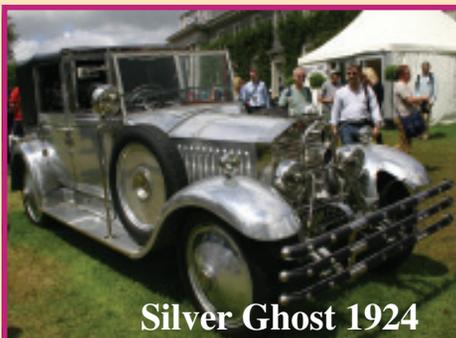
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and see what you are missing ! The next motoring page will feature one of our Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, W.Bro Paul Marshal, and his cars. Paul is no stranger to Goodwood, having been invited on previous occasions to exhibit at the 'Cartier Style et Luxe' concours display on the manicured lawn near Goodwood



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Olympic Torch Lights up Swansea Almoners

Words and Pictures by: **Mike Fenton**

Swansea Almoners Committee made their annual presentations to local charities with a difference - this year one of the recipients had enjoyed the honour of carrying the Olympic Flame on part of its journey through the City, and proudly brought it along.

Assistant PGM W. Bro. Roy Woodward, PSGD, the Chairman of the Committee welcomed all present, and explained that five organizations would benefit from the distribution of a total of £2,000.00. A number of the Almoners were able to be present to witness or make presentations. Beaufort Lodge was to make an additional presentation.

The main group photograph shows from left to right front: Kate Murray (Ty Olwen Trust), W. Bro. Dr. "Y B" Mathur (Penllergaer Lodge), W. Bro. Keith Kostromin (WM of West Glamorgan Lodge, recipient on behalf of Silver Cross Scouts Outdoor Pursuits Camp Site), W. Bro. Roy Woodward, Melanie Davies (TREAT Trust, holding her torch), Mike Davies (Mel's husband and Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon), W. Bro. Paran James (Beaufort Lodge). The back row shows W. Bro. Hywell Williams (Penllergaer Lodge), Edward Murray (Ty Olwen Trust), W. Bro. Chris Major MBE (Lodge of St Cenydd), W. Bro. Huw Rees (Lord Swansea Lodge), W. Bro. Wadham Pritchard (Corinthian Lodge and Committee Treasurer), W. Bro. Phil Morris (Corinthian Lodge and Committee Secretary), the current Wardens of Beaufort Lodge, Robert Dowdell and Richard Fry, and W. Bro. Arthur Hinton (Beaufort Lodge).

The Maggie's Cancer Centre was to receive £250.00, but were unable to field a representative, so the money will be forwarded to W. Bro. Simon Francis, who, as reported in edition 49 (Page 14) has taken part in a sponsored cycle ride

from Paris to Swansea for the same charity. The other absent recipient was to be the Children's Ward at Singleton Hospital, but there was some doubt as to whether the Unit had been transferred to Morriston Hospital, so the award would be held over until this situation



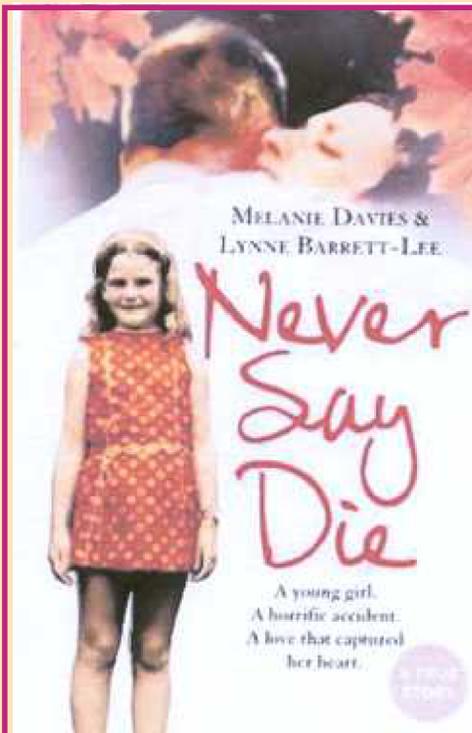
had been clarified.

The smaller photographs show the presentations to Scouts, Treat, Ty Olwen.

1. Keith Kostromin received £250.00 from Wadham Pritchard; 2. Mel and Mike Davies ("TREAT") received £500.00 from Paran James with the Beaufort Lodge officers looking on, since that Lodge was also making an additional presentation of £500.00 from its own charity funds; and 3. Kate and Edward Murray (Ty Olwen Hospice) received £500.00 from Phil Morris, with "YB" looking on.

All the recipients thanked the Committee (and the Lodges they represent) for their generosity.

After the presentations Melanie signed copies of her book "Never Say Die", describing her life since becoming a paraplegic following her motor cycle accident at the age of 15, and her subsequent battle against breast cancer. She is truly amazing and committed to raising funds for the "TREAT Trust" which was set up to improve the rehabilitation of paraplegic patients by building a brand new, multi-million pound complex (with hydrotherapy pool) in the grounds of Morriston Hospital. Swansea Masons can be proud that they are contributing in no small measure to this worthwhile cause.



The Provincial Grand Master's Gala Dinner

Fundraising in Support of "Help for Heroes"

by : Jeff Coles

Photography by : Anthony Howell

For the past 12 years it has been customary for the members of the Province of South Wales to hold a special Charity Gala Dinner, which was held this year at the Cardiff City Hall, on Friday 25th May 2012.

We always choose a non-masonic charity, to show that we are outward looking and mindful of the needs of others. This year we are raising funds for "Help for Heroes", who look after those who have been injured or maimed whilst serving their Queen and Country, in the various conflicts abroad. They have to be helped to readjust to a new life, often without all the limbs and



Vancouver as well as the West End. He has earned himself the title of "The World's Most Popular Phantom" on two separate occasions.

"Help for Heroes" were delighted to have amassed £240.00 on their stall. Dyfed & Glamorgan Army Cadet Force and Cardiff Sea Cadets each received a cheque for £150.00 for their help during the evening.

A magnificent final total of £17,000.00+ was raised by the event for "Help for Heroes". Co-founded by Bryn Parry, Royal Green Jackets and his wife Emma, who were profoundly moved after a visit to Selly Oak Hospital, where they met injured servicemen and women and decided they needed to do something to help. Bryn and Emma were awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2010.

Thanks to a dedicated organising committee, under the leadership of Paul Marshall, a superb evening was enjoyed by all who were privileged to attend.

The picture shows the Provincial Grand Master presenting a cheque for the collection on the night of £12,500.00, which has since been increased to over £17,000.00.

The second picture is of Company Sergeant Major Gareth Gonthier, of Rorkes Drift Company, 2nd Battalion, Royal Welsh Regiment, with his father, W.Bro. Graham Gonthier, Provincial

Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. Gareth has a special interest in the "Help for Heroes" Campaign as he served in Iraq with the Royal Welsh during the Iraq war, was wounded in action and still has shrapnel embedded in his jaw which the Doctors have told him will eventually work its way to the surface and will make it easier to remove at a later date. He is also a former pupil of the Bishop of Llandaff High School, and has spent two years at Sandhurst as an Officer Instructor, which is quite pertinent as William Jones, the son of our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Gareth Jones. is currently at Sandhurst undergoing Officer Training, and when he passes out he will also be joining Rorkes Drift Company, 2nd Battalion, Royal Welsh Regiment.

It goes without saying that many more of our Brethren also have sons, (and daughters) doing their duty for Queen and Country, of which we are all justly proud,

and will continue to Fundraise for the "Help the Heroes Appeal."

A selection of the many photographs taken on the night by our Photographer, Anthony Howell, are shown as a montage on the centre pages, (pages 20 & 21).....



faculties which they once had.

Around 400 guests attended the Gala and were entertained at a champagne reception by members of Cardiff Magic Circle and Jane Coles at the piano.

The evening commenced with a Festival Fanfare provided by The RAF voluntary Band under the baton of Mr Alan Bourne, a musical delight written by our own Wayne Warlow. It was a pity that the Provincial Grand Master was so positioned that he had a trumpet next to his ear! The band continued to entertain during an excellent meal of Fan of Galia Melon, Celtic Pride Roast Sirloin of Beef and Trio of Citrus, followed by coffee and mints.

The Master of proceedings was Phillip Saunders who led us through the various parts of the evening and conducted the raffle and auction.

After dining we were entertained by City Voices, Cardiff, a choir formed in 2008. They are now 150 members strong, and over 125 joined us to provide excellent choral entertainment of the highest quality.

The evening concluded with the amazing Peter Karrie, who has sung the lead role in Andrew Lloyd Webbers musical The Phantom of the Opera in Toronto, Singapore, Hong Kong,

