



Derbyshire Festival

News

After a wait of about six months he was admitted to hospital in Sheffield only to be told, the night before his scheduled surgery, that he was not fit enough to undergo the operation due to the poor state of his lungs. He was therefore discharged without treatment and left to ponder his fate.

Further research identified that Len would be suitable for a relatively new procedure which involved the use of keyhole surgery which would not be available via the NHS for at least another 12 – 18 months. An approach was made to the Masonic Samaritan Fund in January 2008 and he underwent surgery in March at the Glenfield Hospital, Leicester.

Any private medical treatment is expensive and heart surgery is no exception. Leonard and his wife could not afford to consider paying themselves for the surgery he needed. Thanks to the generosity of many Freemasons and their families the MSF exists to help in exactly this type of situation and was able to make a grant to enable Len to receive treatment for a life threatening condition.

He is home and making a good recovery thanks to the support of the MSF and all those who have donated so generously to it since it was established in 1990.

Len is making excellent progress and is a regular at Lodge once again. He will be making a visit to hospital in September for a check-up, but it appears that the operation has been a complete success.



Photo: Elisabeth Musson with her husband W.Bro. Alan of St. Thomas Lodge No. 2583

In 2003 Mrs Elizabeth Musson underwent surgery to replace her right hip. The operation was funded by the Masonic Samaritan Fund. Despite the success of this procedure she continued to suffer with osteoarthritis with an inevitable deterioration in the quality of her life. This was brought to a head following a recent fall when an x-ray revealed deterioration in her left hip which she was advised needed replacement.

Faced with a 4 to 5 month wait for treatment on the NHS Mrs Musson turned to the MSF in January and underwent surgery in early April. She readily agreed to tell her story in the hope that others will be able to benefit as she has done from the work of the Fund. In writing to thank the Fund for their help her husband said "it makes one feel very humble to receive such help. The pain was so intense that we don't know how she could have managed the wait for NHS treatment."

Cantelupe v Rutland !!

The annual cricket match between Cantelupe Lodge & Rutland Lodge took place on Sunday 22nd June at Ockbrook & Borrowash Cricket Club, 'bowl-off' was at 2pm and there were no rain stopped play or bad light issues. It was very close match played in excellent spirit with a good deal of friendly banter, which Cantelupe won by a single wicket in the final over. In total £240 was raised, with half being donated to the festival, so a very well done to all.

This is an excellent effort and if this spirit and, indeed momentum can be maintained, we will certainly reach and moreover smash the PGM's £2m target for a six!

Also the week before, the WM. of Cantelupe W. Bro. Andy Rigby held a bbq & Race night at his house where £500 was raised which will also be going to the festival. You see fund raising can be so much fun!

Padley Spice

Padley Lodge (6379) organised a summer break event at the Borivli Indian Restaurant in Bakewell on Friday 8th August 2008. Raising £250 towards their target for the 2014 Derbyshire Festival!

The culinary evening was attended by Masons and their family and friends. The wonderful cuisine included an excellent range of starters and main courses which tantalized everyone's taste buds.

Lets face it, most of us adore Indian cuisine, we should all think about organising simple events like these, and in doing so, raising a (not insignificant) sum for charity is a real bonus!!

Second Annual Lecture Festival declared a huge success

One hundred and forty Freemasons were treated to a very entertaining and instructional evening on the occasion of the Province of Derbyshire's Lecture Festival, held on Wednesday 18th June at Derby Masonic Hall, and organised by W.Bro. Peter Bennett.

As well as being a tremendous success and achieving its main purpose, the event also was one of the first to support the Derbyshire Festival 2014, as well as other Charities.

The evening raised some £553.02 for the Festival from the Alms collection, using Gift-Aid envelopes. After collecting the tax relief the total raised will be of the order of £700. This money has gone to the New Samaritan Fund in aid of the Derbyshire Festival and will be credited to each individual who contributed. In addition to this a further £470 was raised at the Festive Board via a raffle, for other causes.

So, what is the main purpose of the Lecture Festival? It is to bring the Craft Lectures, which are considerably older than our ceremonies, to the attention of a wider audience of appreciative Freemasons. The lectures were originally given at the Festive Board in the 18th and early 19th centuries and were designed to add meaning to the evening for the candidate. They are contained in a book called, "The Lectures of The Three Degrees in Craft Masonry" and contain some of the most beautiful language used in our Order. They are worked in catechetical (question and answer) form.

What makes this evening particularly special is that all the workers are Master Masons. The Lodge is opened and closed fully in all three degrees and that in itself is a fairly rare happening in our Province. In addition, the event bound together a team of brethren whose total joint desire is to produce a special and oftentimes beautiful happening.

Party in the Park

The Festival Chairman and his team were most grateful to the Provincial Charity for allowing them to hold a raffle at the Party in the Park in aid of the Festival. There were 16 very generous prizes (quite a few involving drink) donated by brethren, and headed up by the fabulous prize of a holiday week in Colorado donated by our President R.W. Bro. Graham Rudd. The raffle raised £3,537.00 and the lucky winners are listed below.

<i>The PGM's Prize</i>	
Kate Allinson	8247
<i>Fly a Chipmunk</i>	
David Bevan	6930
<i>Exec box at Villa Park</i>	
Mark Dudley	2425
<i>Tour of Victor Aircraft</i>	
John Keith	5027
<i>Waterman pen set</i>	
Paul Brain	9639
<i>Dinner at Hassop Hall</i>	
J Jeffery	850
<i>Day in a Bentley</i>	
Mario	2630
<i>Taylor's LBV Port</i>	
Carol Webster	4288
<i>Laphroaig Whisky</i>	
Ian Strange	1495
<i>Bottle Whisky</i>	
Keith Heap	731
<i>Bottle Wine</i>	
Mrs B Lowe	850
<i>Bottle Wine</i>	
Nick Gregory	8247
<i>Lawn Mower</i>	
R Salway	4794
<i>Wimbledon Sun Glasses</i>	
Simon Gaskin	9063
<i>12 bottles wine</i>	
Avis Fletcher	353
<i>12 bottles wine</i>	
Andrews	

Thanks for reading our update.

Brethren continue to be generous in their support for the festival, and I'm sure you will all be very interested in the work of the fund, and how the collected monies are distributed.

In the paragraphs below we show an example of how the Fund has benefited brethren and their families in recent times.

Permission to use these examples was generously given by those concerned.



I'm sure that many Brethren will recognise this photo of W.Bro. Len Sellars, the very popular member of High Peak Lodge No. 1952

In March 2007 Len was advised by his consultant that he needed an operation to replace his aortic valve (the valve controlling the flow of blood from the heart to the main artery). Without surgery he was told that his life expectancy was 12 – 18 months.