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A Ladies Night to Remember

Well that was a little different from the norm, wasn't it? Would be a valid statement or could it be "of best laid plans..." could be the relevant turn of phrase which comes from the Robert Burns' poem "To a Mouse" (1786): "The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley [go often astray]."



It wasn't for the want of planning but it didn't take into account that a certain 'Basil' had infiltrated the catering management at the venue, and what would normally take an hour to complete lasted a tortuous three hours.



That said and even more strangely that despite Basil haunting the evening the high number of guests who genuinely enjoyed themselves was extremely pleasing though puzzling to those who had attended previous events.



The raffle was held which raised a substantial amount towards the cause, and a very grateful thanks are given to all those Caer Urfa and indeed non Caer Urfa Brethren who donated prizes.



The raffle over, the Speeches eventually got underway and Mr Alan Saddler gave a heartfelt thanks for the kind donation from the Lodge of £500 towards the Help for Heroes (see pictured above of he being presented with the cheque from the Worshipful Master).

Our D of C W Bro Bill Montgomery was playing a blinder and remained calm, cool and collected whilst the uncoordinated actions of our hosts tried to outwit him - Bill you deserve a medal the size of a bin lid! The Ladies song was as usual at its stuttering best performed quite a little later and bit worse for wear by the Lodge Secretary and supported by Bro Cowell of Hadrian Lodge No. 1970.

Westoe Lodge will be holding their Ladies Evening at the Hedworth in July and can probably rest assured that by then Basil and his entourage will have left the building, courtesy of the highly constructed feedback given to the management following the event.

HADRIAN LODGE No 1970 A WALK AROUND THE LODGE ROOM.

On Tuesday 1st June 2010 Hadrian Lodge No 1970 held their open evening

The Lodge opened at 7pm, conducted all the usual administration business and closed at 7.30pm where many non-masons then entered and took their seats where a particularly interesting and informative presentation was given by W. Bro. Bernard Hope, PAGDC. The reaction to the talk and the explanations I have to say was extremely pleasing and the non-masons were left in little doubt about what freemasonry is and what it certainly is not. There followed a Festive Board where the masons and gentlemen enjoyed each others company.



Caer Urfa Chapter No. 4345

A very special thank you to Comp Ralph Hutchinson for ensuring the new Principals Board was installed to perfection in May this year ably assisted by E Comp John Errington, Ralph Hutchinson and E Comp David Scott Dunn of St Hilda Chapter who literally broke their backs to get the board up.

The grateful thanks of all the members of Caer Urfa RAC are extended to these truly dedicated masons.



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DURHAM

Continuous Giving Scheme launched

A review of the processes Province uses to collate and administer charitable giving has been undertaken. The current situation is time consuming, outdated and relies upon the goodwill of many volunteers. A working party was set up to see how we could improve upon this outdated, albeit functional, practise

The continuous giving relief chest scheme

The PGM is seeking our continued support and asking that;

- * As a Lodge we utilise the Relief Chest approach for future festivals
- * Those who have given regularly in the past, and can afford to do so, should keep their donations going until the end of June and then switch to the new scheme by completing a Direct Debit Donation form.
- * Individual members who have not previously given regularly do so now – even if it is just £2 a month – less than the cost of half a pint of beer a week.

"Whatever you feel disposed to give will be gratefully received and faithfully applied"

FREEMASONS' HALL

All Masonic meetings start at 7.00pm precisely unless otherwise stated - All Information Given In Good Faith - Please check in the event of a visit

	ORGANISATION	DAY	MONTHS	INSTALLATION
	John Readhead Lodge No. 3217	1st Mon	Feb, Mar, Apr, <u>Jun</u> , Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	April
	Hadrian Lodge No. 1970	1st Tue	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, <u>Jun</u> , Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	November
	Wrekendike Lodge No. 6401	1st Wed	Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	February
	Tyne Dock Lodge No. 4218	1st Thu	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, <u>Jun</u> , Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	March
	St Hilda Lodge No. 240	2nd Mon	All	December
	Caer Urfa Lodge No. 4345	2nd Wed	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, <u>Jun</u> , Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	November
	St Lawrence Lodge No. 6042	2nd Thu	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Oct, Dec.	October
	Lord Barnard Lodge No. 2935	3rd Tue	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, <u>Jun</u> , Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	October
	Hedworth Lodge No. 2418	Last Thu	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.	February
	Lodge of Fellowship No. 9694	4th Wed *	Apr, Jul, Aug & Oct (10.30am)*	April
	Westoe Lodge No. 4750	Last Mon	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Oct, Nov.	October
	Mariner Royal Arch Chapter No. 3217	2nd Tue	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	March
	St Hilda Royal Arch Chapter No. 240	3rd Wed	Feb, Apr, Oct & Dec.	October
	Caer Royal Arch Chapter No. 4345	4th Wed	Jan, Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	January
	Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge No. 362 of Mark Master Masons	3rd Wed	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	March
	St. Lawrence Lodge No. 1093 of Mark Master Masons	3rd Thu in Mar, 4th Mon in <u>Jun</u> & 2nd Thurs in Nov		March
	Rockcliffe Lodge No. 362 of Royal Arch Mariners	3rd Fri	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	March
	St. Lawrence Preceptory No. 275	3rd Mon	Jan, Mar (Malta), May & Nov.	January
+	St. Lawrence Rose Croix No. 293	3rd Mon	Feb, Apr, Oct & Dec.	February
	St. Michael & All Angels Rose Croix No. 891	3rd Thu *	Feb, Apr, <u>Jun</u> , & 2nd Thu* in Sep.	February
	Arbeia Conclave No. 296 of the Order of the Secret Monitor	3rd Tue	Mar, May, Sep & Nov.	September