



# Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Annual Cary & Dunluce Charity Breakfast**

The **Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee** came this year to the Causeway Hotel at the Giant's Causeway, Bushmills, to host their annual **Charity Breakfast** on Saturday 08 November. This was well attended, with Brethren and their families present from all across the Province of Antrim. The morning started around 7.00am for the members of Committee and their helpers, as they set up for the official 7.30am start.



An excellent breakfast was served, and the staff were kept busy right through to the 10am close. Raffle tickets were sold throughout the morning and the draw for the raffle was held around 9.45am, when the chairman of the organising committee, W Bro Gordon Chestnutt, acted as compere.

The two nominated Charities this year were the **NI Branch of The British Heart Foundation** and the **North Coast Branch of Autism NI**. Preliminary indications are that a sum, in the region of £ 2,800.00 was realised on the day. There are usually other donations received by the Committee, from people unable to attend, and these will be added to the aforementioned figure, before the final, official total is announced. One interesting Ballot prize on the day, was a voucher for a new tie - *won by RW Bro Jack O Dunlop.*

# THREE LODGES VISIT CORNWALL

On Tuesday 14 October, ten intrepid Brethren from three Lodges – **Ark 10**, **Tower of Lebanon 169** and **Shaftesbury 327** – assembled at Belfast City Airport to fly to Cornwall for a visit to Mount Sinai Lodge in Penzance. This is the Lodge of the Brother-in-Law of W Bro David Openshaw.

After settling into the Union Hotel in Penzance, we met with the members of Mount Sinai and their wives for a very pleasant social evening and supper. The following day we visited Marazion and enjoyed a pleasant lunch overlooking St Michael's Mount. Despite the adverse tides, two of our Brethren decided to walk, wade and paddle across the causeway – to the great amusement of those watching !!



That evening at the Lodge meeting we were treated to an exemplification of the EA Degree, given with great authority by their members. Being English Constitution, the Junior Deacon, Bro Ian McGill (brother-in-law of W Bro Openshaw) undertook the lion's share of the work. The *volunteer* candidate was the afore-mentioned brother-in-law!! There followed a *pastie supper* Festive Board, during which we presented them with a gavel and stand, as a small *Thank you*.

Thursday was a free day when we visited the wonderful small village of Mousehole and enjoyed a leisurely lunch. Friday saw us waved off by W Bro Openshaw's sister and brother-in-law as we began our return journey from Newquay airport. Despite nearly losing three of our number, we eventually arrived home that evening – tired, but extremely elated from the trip!! We look forward to their return visit to us, hopefully next year.



*Original text and photographs from W Bro Douglas Taylor, Tower of Lebanon 169*



# OLDERFLEET LODGE 501 GIVE £3K+ TO CHARITY



On Monday 17 November 2014 the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Olderfleet Masonic Lodge 501 presented a cheque for **£3227** to Marion Mawhinney from the Charity, **Pretty 'n' Pink**. The funds were raised by the Lodge through a Black Tie Cabaret Night. The Lodge records Special Thanks to Bro Spencer Allen for all his hard work!

*W Bro J McToal, Secretary*

## The Aims of **Pretty 'n' Pink**

- ✓ *Create awareness of Breast Cancer in Northern Ireland, especially in young women*
- ✓ *Provide funds for patients who do not meet the criteria for any other public or charitable funding*
- ✓ *Improve quality of life for Breast Cancer patients and their families in the best way we can*



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

*On Monday 24 November, following its Stated Communication, Provincial Grand Lodge hosted a Service of Remembrance to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. The following page records moments from the service.*



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