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1. David Jenkins congratulates two Somerset veterans



At a recent meeting of the **Lodge of Unanimity and Sincerity No. 261**, the Provincial Grand Master took great pleasure in awarding certificates to Russell Petty and Derek Townson for their 50 years of distinguished service in masonry. By incredible coincidence, both had been initiated into freemasonry on the very same day, 13th May 1959 although Derek began his masonic career in London whilst Russell's mother Lodge is in Singapore!

2. Bridgwater Masons' fundraising update

Further to the report in last month's News Digest of the combined fundraising efforts of **Perpetual Friendship No.135**, **Admiral Blake No.4692** and **Tynte No.7994**, this picture shows the defibrillator, purchased for £1000 through the efforts of the three Lodges, being presented to Insp. Nic Crocker and Sam Labanc of the Police Community and Support Officers.



3. Tablers give their support to Somerset Victim Support

Somerset Tablers No. 9075 present a cheque for £500 to Mr Wes Wooding, Area Manager for Somerset Victim Support. Victim Support is a national charity supporting victims of crime, witnesses and family members who might also be affected. Help is offered nationally to over 1000 people affected by homicides each year and over 20,000 victims of rape and sexual assault. On a regional basis, all money donated to the Somerset branch is spent in Somerset



Pictured from L-R are Tim Gibbs (who has received support from the Charity), Wes Wooding, Charles Swaffield and Michael Slade.

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4. Yatton Masons combine with Province to help Stepping Stones



The Stepping Stones Pre-School of Yatton have a target of £80,000 to raise to enable their move from temporary (and rather dilapidated) accommodation into proper school rooms to be provided locally at low rent. The Masons of Yatton have jointly raised £3500 which has been topped up by Province with a further £500 and here we see Bob Woolley, Tony Atherton, Dave Hutchings, Andy Davies and Terry Hart presenting the cheque for £4000 to the organisers.

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5. Whitchurch Lodge No. 6942 support the Cystic Fibrosis Comfort Fund (CFCF)

The horror of Cystic Fibrosis is that so many children diagnosed with the condition do not survive to adulthood. However, for those who do, help and support is available through the tireless effort of the CFCF. Relying solely on donations and fundraising, CFCF assists where it can in providing comforts for the home which might otherwise be unattainable for a young adult sufferer. This might include the provision of white goods for the kitchen or possibly driving lessons if that is appropriate. Pictured are Philip and Michelle Heap and Barry Lock presenting a cheque for £1500 to Cathy Badlan on behalf of CFCF.



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