



## News Digest – May 2010

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#### 1. Gerard Lodge enjoy a Grand Day Out



Those of you with children and grandchildren will know that this is the name of a Wallace and Grommit film. The brethren of Gerard Lodge also had a "grand day out" on their car rally on Sunday May the 16th. Sincere thanks to W. Bro Tony Joiner who organised the whole thing; even remembering to bring 'the crackers and cheese'. Tony being a 'Forester' arranged the trip around some of his old haunts in the Forest of Dean. Everyone agreed the area has some stunning scenery. We stopped for lunch at The Miners Arms in Whitecroft. On our return we visited Tintern Abbey and thence to Hambrook Sports & Social Club for skittles and a ploughman's supper. You might say, some of

our party were wearing 'the wrong trousers' and those of who got lost possibly had a 'close shave'!!

The day raised a goodly sum for our Worshipful Master's chosen charity so it was perhaps more 'wallet and grimace' than Wallace and Grommit! The photo shows us at Shab Hill and Barrow view point. From there you can see wonderful views across the valley looking towards the Malvern Hills in the background; with Gloucester and Cheltenham to the left and right. An Iron Age fort at Crickley Hill can also be seen. The Devils table, Cold Slad, and the Cotswold escarpment are also visible on a clear day. A lovely part of the world.

Provided by Ray Underhay, Gerard Lodge No. 8999

#### 2. Tivoli Lodge support St John and other causes

Cadets and Badgers from the St John Ambulance had a double helping of good news at their meeting on 25th February following the award of their achievement certificates, when Malcolm Beard of Tivoli Lodge No. 9417 presented a cheque for £721.26 to support their education programmes as well as in recognition of the support they provide to local events. The generosity of brethren during the WM's year meant cheques for the same amount were also presented to BIBIC, Winston's Wish and the RMBI. In addition, the Lodge was pleased to be able to support

a local schoolboy with £200 enabling him to join his mates on an outward bound course. Without their help he would have been the only one from his class unable to attend!

The picture shows, left to right: Huw Davies, Pat Reeves, Malcolm Beard and Michael Ritson.



### **3. Nyanza Lodge give their support to “Brainwave”**



Nyanza Lodge No. 1197 who meet in Ilminster was pleased to present a cheque to the Charity Brainwave. The Brainwave Charity Shop, Bow Street, Langport is supervised by Cynthia Pether the widow of Jed Pether a past member of the Lodge. The attached photograph shows assistants Janice Petrow, Beattie Hector, Cynthia Pether and Linda Rouse. Also shown is the assistant retail manager accepting a cheque from John Ferguson, Worshipful Master of Nyanza together with John Metcalf, Charity Steward and Stuart Shepherd the Lodge Information Officer.