



Festival Newsletter



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DEVON HOSTS THE RMTGB'S AGM

The Province of Devonshire hosted the Annual Court (or General Meeting) of the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys at the Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish, on Tuesday 21st June. This event is held annually by the Province that will next complete its Festival.

Over 200 ladies, Brethren and VIPs attended, including HM's Lord Lieutenant for Devonshire, Eric Dancer CBE JP, plus many other local dignitaries. The event was ably masterminded by Brian Kelly who coordinated all the arrangements.

The meeting was chaired by our Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Michael Penny and included presentations from Mike Woodcock (President of the RMTGB), Les Hutchinson (Chief Executive), Conrad Donaldson (Provincial Charity Steward for Devonshire) with Council members and Staff of the Trust. The PGM presented a cheque for £50,000 to the President of the Trust, taking our pledged total to £2.75 million - a fantastic achievement! Cheques were also presented to CHSW and Exeter Cathedral Music Foundation to demonstrate 'Freemasonry in the Community.'



Mike Woodcock, RMTGB President, accepting a cheque for £50,000 from RWBro. Michael Penny



Entertainment from Clio Perraton-Williams - a Talent Aid beneficiary - sponsored by the RMTGB to attend the Royal Northern School of Music in Manchester

News from the meeting

- Around 2000 children were supported in 2010 at an annual cost of £9 million
- The financial downturn has created a 50% increase in demand since 2008
- In Devon, 24 young people are supported at a cost of £70,000
- The affiliated charity **Lifelites** provides computers for children's hospices across the UK including Little Bridge House in Barnstaple.
- Nearly 90% of all money goes to the beneficiaries - the Trust is a lean charity and doesn't waste money!

£3,000,000 is within sight!

Help us get there by the end of the year. How?

1. Please become a Festival Steward if you have not already done so
2. Encourage the purchase of ladies events
3. Use Gift Aid envelopes
4. Support other fund raising ideas



Win a new SEAT Ibiza!

Grand Draw to be completed at the festival finale with a wonderful prize of a brand new car! Contact your Charity Steward or see the Festival website (www.devonfestival.org) for further details. Open to family and friends, no restriction on the number of £5 tickets purchased.

Am I too late to support the appeal?

No, applications to be a Festival Steward can be made up to the eve of the concluding dinner (Saturday 17 November 2012).

Existing donors can also 'top up' by any amount AND at any time before the conclusion in 2012.

Fresh 5-year commitments can be taken out if existing pledges have expired.



STOP PRESS: Provincial Grand Easyrider?

The PGM has agreed to participate in a sponsored event. Next year, he will attempt to visit each Lodge Building in Devon over the course of a few days and will do so on the back of a series of motorbikes. In the meanwhile, we have the challenge of finding a helmet big enough for him! We wish him and his bikers well in that enterprise.



Our Target:

We're nearly 3/4 of the way there! The fantastic sum of £2.75 million has already been pledged, but we can achieve £4 million



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And finally, don't forget the Gift Aid!



Do you have a report to include in future updates? Have you got some great tips for fundraising?

Please send them to Richard Ebrey at the Provincial Office (23 Richmond Road, Exeter EX4 4JF) or by email (info@ashlarwebdesign.com)