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**The bits that don't go in the minutes.**

February's Lodge was unusual. Well, the Lodge meeting wasn't but the after proceedings were a bit. There was no ceremony so we heard an interesting and different talk on 'The Ramblings of an Uneducated Mason' by W Bro Frank Newton and then repaired below for refreshments. The RWPGM had been represented that evening by W Bro W.F. (Bill) Taylor, Prov. JGW, an old boy of the school, who had a considerable distance to travel home. To make life easier all round we took the toasts before the meal -and then enjoyed the evening in customary fashion. The JW spoke briefly to welcome our visitors and in responding, W Bro Martin Ede, WM of Albert Victor Lodge No 2328, spoke of the importance of friendship and companionship in Freemasonry and then gave a toast to the Lodge in which our visitors joined. The raffle raised £81.00 and the collection £47.90 from an attendance of thirty-six.

March saw us Pass Derrick Dunkley in a splendid ceremony in which Peter Myers and Karl Hardman excelled. The after proceedings were very much enjoyed by the thirty-four who were present and Bill Reader, who was acting as JW, was in good form in his sincere welcome to the visitors. W Bro David Bryant, of the Lodge of St Germain No 566, gave a spirited response in which he praised the candidate and said how much he had enjoyed the atmosphere and the sight of lots of smiling faces. The raffle raised £80.00 and the collection £43.40.

The April meeting was held. There was no ceremony, your scribe was absent and nothing of note was reported.

Duncan Miller's raising was the focus in May. The attendance of only thirty was somewhat disappointing on what was recorded as a particularly cold and unpleasant evening but the ceremony was confidently done with one AEH outstanding in delivering the Traditional History. The JW gained great merit by speaking for no more than thirty-five seconds in proposing the health of our visitors- it really was cold - and W Bro David Newton, WM of Concord Lodge No 9553, bettered that time while still managing to remark on the enjoyment of the evening, congratulating Duncan and stressing the benefits of visiting. The raffle raised £65.00 and the collection £54.60. The last meeting of the year, in June, was a busy one. The usual business of elections was well organised and conducted with exemplary rapidity to be followed by a lecture from RW Bro Donald Davinson on 'Evolution, not Revolution'. Donald's prowess as a speaker is renowned and there were a goodly number of visitors to whom a general invitation had been made. We were not disappointed. After the meal, the WM presented a cheque for £50.00 to Donald for the Library and Museum of Freemasonry with which he is closely connected and the JW greeted visitors suitably and happily maintained ignorance of the Joke Book. W Bro Brian Crabtree, WM of Beacon Lodge No 4362 responded with humour and good grace. The raffle brought in £95.00 with a collection of £60.00.

### Musical Lunch, Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>

Nicholas Page again treated us to a most enjoyable recital. (He doesn't really like that word but I can't think of a better one.) Displaying his accustomed versatility and interesting introductions, he played in a variety of styles and moods as the programme records.

Overture to 'HMS Pinafore'	Sir Arthur Sullivan
Holsworthy Bells	Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Moon River	Henry Mancini
1 <sup>st</sup> movement of the trio sonata no 6	Johan Sebastian Bach
Overture to 'Poet and Peasant'	Franz von Suppé
As the tide is flowing	Philip Underwood
Ashokan Farewell	Jay Ungari
Birgittes brudemarsj	Robert Coates

Sincere thanks are due to Nicholas for his giving us such a pleasant forty minutes and to John and Sylvia back for their organisation.

### Ladies' Festival, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Fulford Golf Club again was the venue for a convivial evening for a select company. As on previous occasions, the presentation, food and service were first rate, the bar prices were attractive and the music stimulating; so much so that there was again an increase in the number of those dancing. Martin Hemenway proposed the toast to 'Our Ladies' to which Sue replied most appropriately, after which Ross Anderson presented her with a bouquet. The Ladies' Song was sung and friendships were renewed and made.

#### Other doings

We congratulate Ross Anderson on having been elected President of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpires' Association.



Tony Hodgson took part in the Provincial Masonic Walk in aid of the PGM's Prostate Cancer Appeal in April. He writes, "You had to decide whether you would do the 'short' walk of about six miles or the 'longer' version of about ten or eleven miles. I opted for the longer one which turned out to be nearly fourteen and a half miles. On top of that, a small group of us somehow 'got lost' en route and this added to the mileage. (The group, by the way, had two maps and a compass between them, so how did we get lost!?) To say I was tired at the end is an understatement."

Tony raised £140 through sponsorship.

During the year, we voted sums to three charities including one to the Wilberforce Trust in memory of the late John Arthur Benson. John and his family had very close ties with the Trust which provides support for those with visual and other impairments to help them to live in the community. Tony Hodgson presented the cheque for £400 to Keith McKee, the Trust's Chief Executive, in July. The photo was taken in the kitchen of their premises in Huntington as the money will be used specifically for items for kitchen use.

### **A correction**

Your scribe has been gently chided? chidden? told off by Peter Dew over a reference in the last Review to October's meeting. He tells me that he and Ross Anderson were founders of the AHGS Model Railway Society with Ross as Treasurer (what else?) and that Paul Darley was a colleague in the Special Constabulary some thirty-nine years ago.

Your scribe apologises for the error. It seems that the good humour of the occasion overcame his search for accuracy – or was it the talk of short trousers?

