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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CORBY MASONIC COMPLEX

Brethren

Things are definitely getting brighter, quite literally you will have noticed that the lighting at the complex is in the process of being changed to LED. This is a significant investment which will reduce the energy bills going forward. My thanks go to the members of the committee for their support in this initiative and Bill McGillivray in particular who has given up so much time to help with the installation work.

In January our manager and his team put on a wedding fayre that was very well attended, excellent feedback was received, the complex looked resplendent and certainly our continuous program of investment is a proven strategy.

Members are well aware the complex relies on a successful event business to ensure financial viability. I can report 2018 is looking particularly promising with 15 weddings booked and numerous other events. We have seen an upturn in bookings and I look forward to a positive AGM in June.

From the Masonic view point we look to continue the feel good impetus of the tercentenary and this season has seen the complex in use for a variety of different masonic meetings, which will cumulate on the 20th April when all of the Corby craft Lodges come together to initiate a new member into our fraternity. I do hope to see as many of you there as possible.

My congratulations go to all of our brethren who have received honours and promotions in the craft and other orders and I extend a warm fraternal welcome to W Bro Mark Constant PProv SGW who joins us as a group officer.

Best wishes for the remainder of the season and the summer recess

Jimmy Spence

Complex Chairman

Corby Masons making a difference

A member of Corbie Lodge “ Uncle Yakub Caratella (Jake)” collected many pound coins which will soon be given to the less privileged in the neediest parts of the world. The old one pound coins ceased to be tender in the UK in October and have since been given to Caratella’s niece Nahid Dhada, who was given the task of finding out how much had been amassed over the years .



Yakub Caratella “Jake” with niece Nahid Dhada

Nahid, 32 suffers from a medical condition; osteogenesis bone disease which she has had from birth and is confined to a wheelchair for life.

With support from family as well as Uncle Jake, Nahid is a graduate with a BA honours degree in Design Craft. Nahid said, ‘my Uncle Jake has saved old £1 coins for many years and gave me the task of sorting the coins. It has proved to be a difficult task which took me a few days but I have managed to sort them and bag them and the total figure is £1364.’



Bro Carl Osborne of the Lodge of Heritage will be running the 2018 London Marathon in aid of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the following is his words:

In October 2016 my beautiful daughter Georgina was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes aged 3 years old. This completely rocked our world and was a life changing moment for her. The diagnosis came as a complete shock and we spent a number of days in hospital having to force her to have injections.

She has to have at least 4 injections a day as well as the countless blood tests. I can honestly say those initial days in hospital will haunt me for my lifetime. I could not even comprehend at this time this will be part of her everyday life.

This little girl however has made me the proudest daddy in the world, she has adapted to this diagnosis better than most adults could and has taken it all in her stride.

I am dedicating this marathon run to Georgina and I want to raise as much money as I can for JDRF who were a complete rock to me when I spent those sleepless nights worrying about her following diagnosis.

Any Lodge wishing to make a direct donation please contact the Secretary of the Lodge of Heritage Bro Jason Hill or use the sponsorship link: <https://www.iustgiving.com/fundraising/carl-osborne3>

Our complex as a centre for other likeminded organisations



Inner Wheel is special - a womens organisation run by women for women for over 93 years. Women who are caring, giving, doing and loving and who work together for the benefit of their community and indeed people further afield while enjoying friendship and fellowship. ... **Inner Wheel** means 'making a difference.' They meet on the first Tuesday of every month.



Rotary Clubs work tirelessly to raise funds for local good causes, placing them right at the heart of their local communities. Our projects include organising and supervising community events, promoting the achievements of young people, helping those who are disadvantaged or disabled, coordinating educational programs. They meet on every Tuesday.



Probus clubs provide an opportunity for retired professionals to attend regular meetings with like-minded people who appreciate similar interests and social standing. **Probus** is an organisation for active retirees who enjoy the camaraderie that belonging to this organisation brings. They meet on the first Wednesday lunchtime of the month.

Corby Urgent Care Centre ~ How you can make difference

The NHS Corby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been in contact with the Complex Secretary requesting that we use our newsletter to alert the community regarding published plans for the future of health services in the town. It intends to retain an urgent on the day service AND increase primary care capacity (GP related services) ensuring on the day appointments for anyone who needs one.

The plans have been directly influenced by the views of local people. Between September and December, the CCG had face to face conversations with around 650 people and reached over 20,000 online.

To meet the issues raised from these conversations, the CCG intends to procure a GP led service to take up the work of Corby Urgent Care Centre (UCC).

This new 'Same Day Access Hub' will effectively offer the same services as those currently provided by the UCC. Services will be accessed by appointment and arranged by specially trained navigators, to ensure people are booked into the right service. This replaces the UCC's current walk-in arrangement.

Because the new model of care will not be a material change to what is currently offered, Corby CCG does not need to formally consult. However we are asking people to help us shape how the service is accessed.

From 12 February to 8 April 2018, people can have their say online or by completing and posting a printed questionnaire. Public input will feed directly into the access and navigation elements of the contract specification for the Hub service. More information and the online questionnaire is available at www.corbyccg.nhs.uk.

Notice Board & Events

A new Group Officer for Corby

Congratulations and a warm fraternal welcome to WBro Mark Constant PProv SGW, who takes up his post with immediate effect. Bro Mark has been visiting Corby for many years and is well known to many. He is a welcome addition to the group officer team.



Holy Royal Arch ~ Prostate Cancer Awareness ~ 21st April

One in seven men contract Prostate Cancer. It is unfortunately a well proven statistic and it is the UK's most prevalent cancer in men. There are over 40,000 diagnoses each and every year – a frightening statistic, isn't it.

There are however currently **ELEVEN** Provinces under Supreme Grand Chapter undertaking a series of PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) blood-testing sessions at various local Masonic centers for those Companions who seek re-assurance by a simple blood test under the direction and guidance of the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust, a registered Charity. This initiative was first launched in 2014.

The blood sample is forwarded to a Consultant Urological Surgeon for analysis who then reports back to the participant within a period of 7-10 days, confirming the results of the blood test and giving any further, appropriate guidance that might seem necessary. PSA testing is seen as a reasonable guide, now more reliable than ever before but not necessarily 100% accurate in all

cases as certain extenuating and personal circumstances may come into play.

In advance of the 21st April companions will receive an invite by letter to book an appointment and bring a friend, don't miss this opportunity.

Friday 20th April ~ United Corby Lodges

A reminder that building on the success of the Provincial Tercentenary 2nd degree ceremony, Corby Lodges have decided to replicate this as an additional ceremony on a yearly basis. Book your dining requirement with Jason Hill: hilly0206@outlook.com



And finally, the Ronnie Stone joke slot ...

Paddy forged £18 pound notes he then went into the bank and asked Mick the bank manager to change them, yes says Mick would you like two nines or three sixes.

