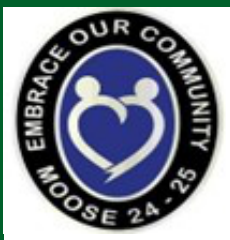


MOOSE MAGAZINE

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EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY

Moose International Great Britain
Association

President Report

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT - BRIAN GOULD



Special greetings to all Moose friends.

It seems like only yesterday that we were together at the Convention in Swindon. That was a weekend I will always remember. Being installed as National President was something I will never forget, and I thank you all for allowing me this special opportunity.

The year started on a rather sad note as I travelled to West Bromwich for the funeral of Robin Bane. I had always enjoyed meeting Robin. It was only last year that we were at Swindon to see Robin given his well-deserved gold Pilgrim blazer. He was a true Moose, and over the years, we had enjoyed many times together, including Christmas dinner with the widows and widowers at Hereford and making the annual draw at Swindon. Someone who will be missed very much.

Next was closer to home with a visit to Torquay Ladies, who organised a Cream Tea—not any Cream Tea but a proper Devon Cream Tea. Cream on first. It was held at the home of Janet and Ian Cottey, and with their lady helpers, they put on a really great event—one to remember. Of course, there had to be a raffle, and a good sum was raised for the Ladies' charity.

In mid-July came a journey to Basingstoke. They were holding a skittles event followed by an excellent buffet. The Ladies certainly put on a superb spread and that on its own was worth the journey.

While there, I was also lucky enough to be able to welcome their latest new member and present him with his welcome pack. Basingstoke are doing their bit by looking for new members, and I gather they have a couple more lined up. Well done, it can be achieved. Quite a few Southend members were visiting on the night. It is good to see Lodges getting together and supporting each other. It can be so important to keep in contact and not become isolated.

I hope you all have a great Summer when it eventually comes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the forthcoming Group Conferences. It will be interesting to hear how other Lodges and Groups are organised.

Best wishes to you all.

Brian Gould - National President

Lady President Report

NATIONAL PRESIDENT of LADIES' CIRCLES
GWYNETH MELVILLE



Hello Ladies,

I must begin by thanking Margaret for all the hard work and miles she has travelled over the last two years as National President of Ladies Circles.

It was good to see you all at the National Conference in Swindon. The remarkable generosity of Moose members never fails to astound me, as evidenced by the over £600 we raised with our stalls. This successful start to our fundraising for next year's Ladies' Appeal is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the ladies who collected items, bottles, and prizes for their stall.

This year, we donated £2,200 to the Lady's charity Action For Children. Perhaps in the coming year, we could keep Action for Children at the forefront of our thoughts, and perhaps next year, with your help and donations, we can donate again to this worthy charity.

As you enjoy your well-deserved holiday, I hope you return to your Lodges and Circles in September with renewed energy and a wealth of innovative ideas to further promote the spirit of One Moose.

I am looking forward to October and attending all the Conferences. I am interested in how each Group organises its conference because I have only attended Group 1, so I am really looking forward to Groups 2 and 3's Conferences.

Best Wishes,
Gwyneth

EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY

CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ALAN HARRIES



Well, it is that time again, and the Moose Magazine calls. Time seems to fly, and I have much to think about, not least this article for the Magazine.

Not long ago, we were in Swindon for the National Conference, a very successful one despite the low numbers attending and staying. Many of us should have left that Conference with plenty to think about. Not least the thought of our overall Membership numbers and how we need to improve on this. It was a very interesting session

that Saturday afternoon and included some compelling questions and answers.

A number of well-known and hard-working members who once served on the old Grand Council have been lost this last year.

We have lost Fellow Trevor Savage, a hard-working and long-standing member and House Committee Chairman who became Grand Governor, and Pilgrim Keith Edwards, who was the National Membership Officer and also became Grand Governor.

More recently, we have lost Pilgrim Robin Bane, who became National President and who only became a Pilgrim of the order in June 2023. I had the honour of escorting Robin to Mooseheart, Illinois, for his elevation at the House of God and to give the Eulogy at his funeral. We have also lost Mrs. Gwyneth Hillier, a long-standing and hard-working Lady who was a National President of Ladies' Circles and National Administrator.

All of these members served Moose well, along with many others, who, although they may not have reached these lofty Offices, have worked very hard for Moose over the years. My thoughts are with the families of all.

We must though, look to the future of Moose in Great Britain and continue with the work these past members carried out with due diligence. We are after all the members male and female, who must continue to work for the well-being of Moose International. We must continue to look to the future, look to our friends and family, and to continue a legacy that started in 1888 in America and came to Great Britain in 1926.

CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
ALAN HARRIES

Yes, we are not far short of 100 years in Great Britain, a testament to our enduring commitment to our community, and as such, “plans are afoot”.

So, as you can tell, we need to carry on with what we do best: continue with our sterling work for our own and “Embrace Our Community” by raising funds for our Local Charities.

Sincerely,

Alan Harries.

Chairman of the Management Committee.



National Welfare

NATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER - GERALD GARDNER



Firstly, I would like to thank Khalil Kattana for all his hard work and dedication over the last three years as National Welfare Officer, and also many thanks to Julia Kattana for her support of Khalil. THANK YOU, Khalil and Julia.

I have taken over the role until the next National Conference, so please contact myself or Central Office with any problems regarding the welfare of our members, Widows and Widowers.

Christmas is a time of joy and happiness, so I am pleased to say that the Christmas Break for our Widows and Senior members who will be alone at Christmas will be held at the Durrant House Hotel, Bideford. It will take place from Monday, December 23rd, to Friday, December 27th. Please see the details on pages 6 & 7.

As a reminder, the National Grand Draw in aid of Moose Charities will take place at the Group 3 Conference on Sunday, October 6th, this year. Thank you all for your support.

Fellow Gerald Gardner
National Welfare Officer

Programme for Christmas 2024

Durrant House Hotel

23rd December 2024

Your host will greet you into our Beautiful Ballroom at 6.30pm with a glass of Bubbly!
Dinner is served at 7.00pm
Followed by Entertainment

Christmas Eve, 24th December 2024

Awake to a warming breakfast served in the Ballroom. Please check Breakfast Times at Reception

Don't forget to prepare for your Fancy Dress Competition for tonight!

1.00pm: Light Luncheon consisting of soup and sandwiches will be served in the Ballroom

3.00 - 4.00pm Tea and Biscuits will be served during our "Cash Bingo" afternoon in the Ballroom at **4pm**

- Listen carefully for those sleigh BellsII -

7.00 p.m. Dinner will be served in the Ballroom

8.30 p.m. Entertainment

9.30 p.m. Fancy Dress Competition



Christmas Day,

25th December 2024

Christmas Day dawns and you will start the day with a hearty YULETIDE BREAKFAST, Please check Breakfast times with Reception

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL"

Christmas Day luncheon will be served at 12.00 prompt

3pm Time to relax and watch the King's Christmas message to the nation

4pm -5pm Enjoy our "Old Fashioned Tea Dance" to be held in the Ballroom. Ensure you have entered our "guess the weight of the Christmas Cake", and "guess the number of sweets in the jar". Prizes to be awarded to the winner. Winner announced during the Tea Dance. Tea & Christmas Cake to be served at 4pm. Christmas Cake will also be served during the Tea Dance.

7.00 pm Chef's Gala Evening Buffet will be served after which you will be entertained

Your room will not be serviced today. Extra beverages have been placed in your room for Christmas Day. Please ask at Reception should you require any other services.

Programme for Christmas 2024

Durrant House Hotel

Boxing Day, 26th December 2024

Quieten that rumbling tummy with an English Breakfast. Please check Breakfast Times at Reception

1.00pm - Light Luncheon consisting of soup and sandwiches will be served in The Ballroom

3.00pm – 4.00pm Bingo and Christmas Quiz in the Ballroom, we will be serving coffee and mince pies at 4pm.

7.00pm – Dinner will be served

After Dinner, we finish a memorable night with entertainment, Auld Lang Syne will finish the evening off.

27th December 2024

After breakfast it is time to bid farewell to friends old and new and we hope you will have a host of happy memories to treasure until you return.

Breakfast time for day of departure to be arranged - please check the Reception Board

The Management reserves the right to change any of the details in this program at their discretion

50 year certificate

CONGRATULATIONS TONY SNOOK



Tony snook was pleased to receive his 50-year badge and certificate from Taunton president Di Rosling. Congratulations Tony.

Pearl Wedding Anniversary

CONGRATULATIONS SUSAN & BRIAN MEREDITH



SUSAN & BRIAN MEREDITH of Tredegar Lodge celebrated 30-years of marriage on Easter Sunday in Tredegar Moose Lodge.

Congratulations

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

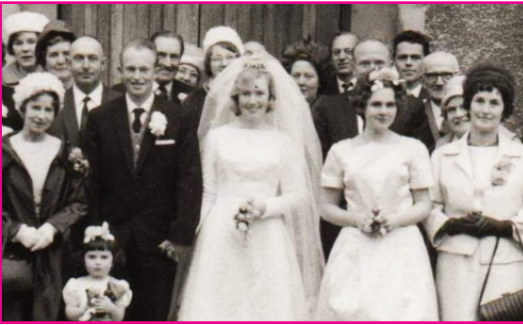
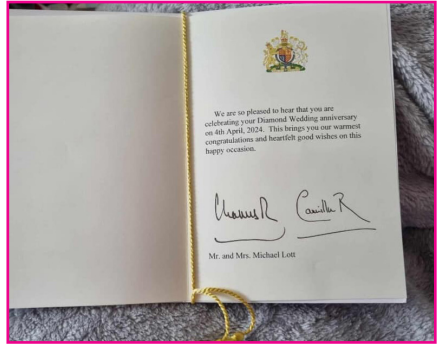
CONGRATULATIONS LYNDA & MICHAEL LOTT

On the 4th of April 2024, Michael and Lynda Lott celebrated their Diamond Anniversary.

They were married in April 1964 and joined Exmouth Lodge on January 3rd, 1981. Elevated to the Legion in 1986, they held office for Exmouth, Vice Governor 1992-1995, and Governor 1996.

Even after retiring to Spalding in Lincolnshire, Michael and Lynda have continued to be active members, demonstrating their unwavering support and interest in Lodge matters.

After 60 years of devotion to their family and friends, they were so surprised to receive a card from King Charles and Camilla. We congratulate them on a full and fruitful life together.



Membership Award

CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN GOULD

Alan Harries, Chairman of the Management Committee presenting National President Brian Gould with his Life Membership Certificate.



Membership Awards

CONGRATULATIONS DON SAMWAYS

P.G.G. Kevan Randall
presenting a Fifty-Year Service
award to Don Samways,
who is pictured with
his wife, Christine.



P.G.G. Kevan Randall
presenting
Don Samways
with his
Life Membership award.



40 Year Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS JUDY WARE



Judy Ware of Taunton Moose Lodge
was presented with her 40-year
certificate by Janet Coffee during
their annual Burns Night.

40 Year Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS GARETH & LYNDA GRIFFITH



Congratulations to Gareth and Lynda Griffith on receiving your 40-year certificate award for Moose membership and service. Their award was proudly presented by Margaret Clyde.

CONGRATULATIONS MAC PARROTT

Past Grand Governor Mac Parrott receiving his 40-years award from National Welfare Officer Gerald Gardner.



CONGRATULATIONS DOUG GUY



Wheatley President Keith Chugg presenting a 40-year membership award to Doug Guy of Wheatley Lodge.

25 Year Certificate

CONGRATULATIONS HUW WALTERS DAVIES



Amanda Davies, President of Tredegar No. 1. presented Huw Walters Davies with his 25-years certificate.

CONGRATULATIONS EVAN MORRIS

Governor Evan Morris of Neath Lodge received his 25-years service certificate from the National President Fellow Gareth Griffith.



CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN & VERLEY PHILLIPS



District 1 National committee members Mrs Gwyneth Melville and David Ritchings, Chairperson of Abertillery Lodge, presented Brian and Verley Phillips with their 25-years Service Awards.

CONGRATULATIONS NORMA AXFORD

Mrs Gwyneth Melville and David Ritchings presented Norma Axford of Abertillery Lodge with her 25-years Service Award.



National Conference



Khalil Kattana,
Terry Cornelius &
National Legion Secretary
Gareth Griffith
receiving the
Highest Legion
Donation Award for
Legion 8.



Past National President Of
Ladies' Circles Margaret Clyde &
Pam Mansfield
of Basingstoke.



Probably the quietest you
will ever see our new
National Committee
member.



National Committee members L-R
Jean Gardner, Serena Nathan,
Janet Cottey and Maureen Hughes.

National Conference



The new National President Fellow Brian Gould being led to his position by Pilgrim Alan Harries.



Nice to see some of the Ladies enjoying a dance to band MOHO.



Gwyneth Melville takes her bow.



Margaret Clyde bows out under the direction of Sandra Parrot PNPLC and Glenda Soley PNPLC.

Pam Mansfield receiving the Silver Salver from the National President Margaret Clyde.



National Conference

91st Moose International National Conference in Swindon in May 2024



Gareth Griffith National President and Amanda Davies President Tredegar No. 1.



Gareth Griffith, Amanda Davies & Khalil Kattana National Welfare Officer.



Keith Jenkins. Margaret Clyde, Gareth and Lynda Griffith, Mary Dunne & Alan Harries.

LEGION DAY



Opening of Legion Day



Two new Legionnaires
Karl Stroud Legion 14 and
Clifford Moss Legion 8



The two Legion Teams

Burnham 123

President's Lunch

Our Moose International Annual President's Lunch at Berrow village hall. Catering by Sandra and Moose Ladies' Circle members, and Entertainment by the Beach'd Buoys shanty group. Great fun, good food, and a generous raffle. Well done Rita Harris, your first President's Lunch was a great success. Profits were donated to the RNLI



FUN NIGHT



What a great night we had at Highbridge Community hall with all of our Moose friends. Sandra, our Moose Ladies' Circle President served an amazing ham salad buffet, to be followed by various games, including darts, hoopla, mini golf, beanbags, skittles. The highest number of points was scored by past lodge president Alan Flower.

SOUP & SWEET

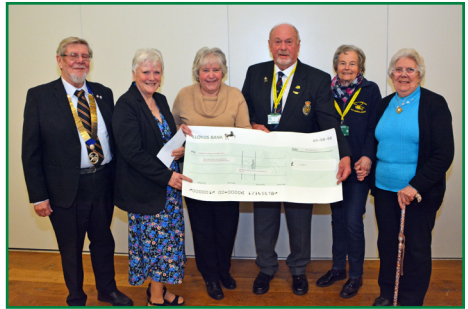
Julia Kattana organised a super Soup & Sweet lunch at Berrow Village Hall on Saturday 11th May. The event was well attended and accompanied by an entertaining quiz, with of course the usual raffle at the end. Thanks go to all who helped set up the room and of course in the kitchen. The total profit was £308 which will go to the Civic Fund for distribution later in the year for Local Charities.

Burnham 123

ANNUAL PRESENTATION

On 28th March, Burnham-on-Sea Moose International Lodge 123 presented over £4,500 to charity groups and local good causes at Berrow Village Hall. As a matter of public record, this year, Burnham Moose and Moose Ladies' Circle presented a total of £6,866, which includes the funds presented at Moose Ladies' Circle two weeks ago.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance received a cheque for £2,690.17 by Air Ambulance Fundraisers Colin Thomas and Anita Townsend. Moose President Alan Flower, Burnham and Highbridge Mayor Lesley Millard, Moose Ladies' Circle President Sandra Nicholson, Colin Thomas, Anita Townsend, and Moose Ladies' Circle member Dot Anderson were also there to present the cheque.



Jane Gibbs collected a cheque for £776 on behalf of Friends of Somerset Young Carers. This was President Alan Flower's named charity of the year.



Serendipity Singers,
Freewheelers,
Children's Hospice (South-West), The Wafflehub, The RNLI, BIARS SID



initiative, and the 'Help the Child' charity each received £150.00.

Burnham 123

LADIES' CIRCLES ANNUAL PRESENTATION

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, 14th March, Burnham-on-Sea Moose Ladies' Circle members presented their annual charity cheques in St Andrews Church Hall, Burnham-on-Sea.



Children's Air Ambulance:
Paul Harris received a
cheque for £250.



League of Friends of
Burnham Hospital:
Chairperson Ceri Joyce
received a cheque for
£250 from
Dot Anderson.



Burnham-on-Sea RNLi:
Burnham-on-Sea
Lifeboat Operations
Manager received a
cheque for £250 from
Dorothy Austin.

Music for the Memory: Kevin Baker
collected a cheque for £100 from Pat Burge.



St. Margarets Hospice: Moose Ladies' Circle
President Sandra Nicholson presented a
cheque for £1500 to Merle Harrisin-Croft
(Also in the photograph is Merle's Daughter
Saffron). The hospice was Sandra's
nominated charity of the year.

Ladies' President Sandra Nicholson said, "We presented a total of £2,350, the result of the previous year's fundraising events and donations". After the presentations, ladies and visitors were treated to a delicious evening buffet, and the end of the evening was marked by the drawing of the raffle. No Moose event ever ends without a raffle.

Burnham 123

NEW YEAR GATHERING

Burnham's President's New Year gathering was held on Saturday, January 27, in Berrow Village Hall. Ladies' Circle President Sandra Nicholson and her volunteer helpers served chicken curry, followed by delicious desserts.

A busy evening ensued with entertainment from Weston-super-mare Ukulele players, a quiz, a decorated hat competition (Won by young Lily, designed by older sister Ellie), a lucky ticket draw, and, of course, the usual bar and raffle. The Ukulele players delivered humorous music and also judged the Decorated Hat competition. A good evening was enjoyed by 41 members and guests.

Sandra, Carol and all the helpers did a grand job with the catering. A big thanks to all who attended and helped.

The raffle raised £100 towards 'Friends of Somerset Young Carers' which is Alan Flower's charitable cause for 2023/4.



Entries entered into the Decorated Hat Competition



Members and guests being entertained



Carol Lang and Sandra Nicholson in the kitchen



Lily, winner of the hat competition receives her prize from President Alan Flower.



the Ukulele players entertaining all the guests.

Basingstoke Lodge 152

SKITTLES CHAMPIONS

National President Brian Gould honouring the Basingstoke 152 Skittles champions in July 2024.



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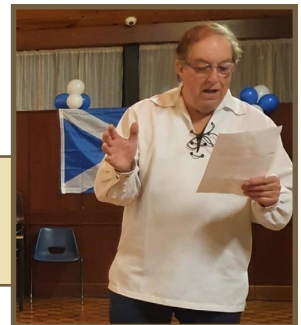
A visit in February 2024 by National President Gareth Griffith

BURNS NIGHT



Huw Nathan wearing a Scottish Tartan costume at the Basingstoke 152 Burns Night

Ted Blackmore-Squires reciting the "Ode to the Haggis".



Basingstoke Lodge 152

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 152 Moose members and guests enjoyed a very English St. George's Day celebration, including a two-legged horse race, electric pig racing, and fish and chips.

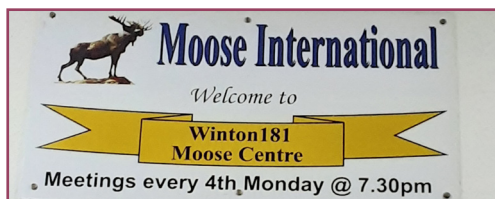


Winton & Wimbourne 397

65-Year Anniversary

This April marked 65 years since the Opening of the Winton Moose Hall. The momentous occasion was celebrated with a generous helping of Cake.

Many congratulations to all members past and present.



Taunton 125

SHANTY ENTERTAINMENT

An excellent evening was held at Taunton Moose Hall, with entertainment from beach-d buoys from Weston-Super-Mare. They sang sea shanties and involved the audience in some of the songs. We had visitors from Torquay, Exeter, Wheatly St Michael, and Yeovil, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which included an excellent buffet and, of course, a raffle.



SCAT LUNCH



Taunton members and visitors enjoyed a very good meal for our Scat lunch.

PRESENTATION

At our Presentation Evening, Kerry and her dog Lucy and Dave Arney from Guide Dogs received cheques. Ray Hole from Sure, Major Lindsey Toy, Angela Canning from the Salvation Army, and Janet Cottey from Action For Children also received cheques presented by Di Rosling. Afterwards, there was an excellent buffet, and everyone went home happy and well-fed. Photos by Bill Gratton.



Taunton 125

VALENTINE'S NIGHT

Ladies of Taunton Moose sat waiting for their meal at valentines night in Moose Hall. Everyone enjoyed the meal cooked by Bill Gratton.



BURNS NIGHT

Taunton Moose held a buffet for Burns Night at Moose Hall. During the evening, Janet Coffey presented Judy Ware with a 40-year service award. It was an enjoyable evening for all.



Exeter 24

HOSPICE



On Wednesday 26th June, Exeter lodge had the privilege of meeting with Sharon Collins, a Speaker from the local Hospice Care. Sharon's engaging and informative talk shed light on the invaluable work being done by Hospice Care.

This was followed with a cheque presentation for £1000.00 from the Civic Affairs Committee.

Exeter 24

PETE'S DRAGONS

At the February Lodge meeting held at The New Inn, Broadclyst, members organised for speaker Lindsey Barry from Pete's Dragons to be presented with a cheque for £500. Pete's Dragons has a passion for making sure those impacted by suicide are supported. The Dragons are a team that has experienced the aftermath first-hand and worked together to ensure that all those impacted by suicide in Devon and North Somerset have access to timely and appropriate support.



Left to right
Maureen Walker
Lindsey Barry
Sue Drewe



Comfort after suicide loss

EXMOUTH LIFEBOAT STATION

City of Exeter 24 Lodge met for a catch-up and a lovely lunch at Aby's restaurant on Exmouth Seafront. After, members visited Exmouth Lifeboat Station, where they were given a very comprehensive



tour and much information on the activities and work being undertaken by many volunteers. Following our tour, we were pleased to present a cheque for £1000.00 from Civic Affairs.

Legion 8

CREAM TEA

Legion 8 enjoyed their Cream Tea graze that was held at St. John's Church Hall.



Exmouth 159

SUPPORT OF THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

On Sunday, April 7th, Ben Smith entered the Brighton Marathon in support of the Alzheimer's Society. Ben only trained up to 17 miles before the race but completed the course in 4 hours and 24 minutes. Exmouth Lodge was pleased to be able to help sponsor Ben, and they presented him with a £500 Cheque.



Group 2

WIDOW & WIDOWER'S LUNCH

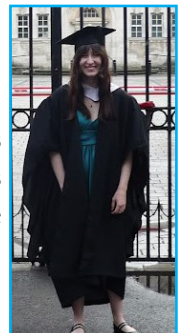
On Sunday 7th April, a group of our widows and widowers, with other members of Group 2, joined together for a Sunday lunch at the Beachlands Hotel in Weston-super-Mare. Twenty-one of us sat down to a fabulous three-course meal followed by coffee and the usual Moose raffle. Members from Weston, Burnham, Winscombe, and Nailsea had a wonderful time, and we are looking forward to their next Sunday lunch in September. It was good to catch up with members and friends and have the staff waiting on us, which were brilliant and very helpful.



BLACKWOOD 11

FIRST CLASS HONOURS DEGREE

Sophie Alice Edwards, Granddaughter of Chris and Keith Edwards of Blackwood No.11, has gained a First Class Honours Degree in Biological Sciences. Sophie is one of many students who have been helped with their studies by a grant from Moose International.



Wheatley St. Michael 283

DINNER & DANCE

Mel Fildew of Wheatley St. Michael proficiently organised a dinner and dance at the Devon Hotel, Exeter. Members from Exeter, Exmouth, and Taunton lodges were also in attendance to enjoy the occasion. A first-class carvery and puddings were followed by a raffle and dancing. An excellent evening was enjoyed by all.



Weymouth 248

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

The Weymouth branch of Moose International invited 46 local Senior Citizens to its Christmas party at its premises on Chickerell Road. President Brian Herbert and Lady President Cathy Page-Nash greeted the guests with a welcome drink. Later, they enjoyed a High Tea that Circle Treasurer Janette Martindill and her team prepared. Town Mayor



Cllr. Kate Wheller then had a friendly word with each guest before they were entertained by Moose members with guest MC Iain Campbell and soloist Robert Smith.

The guests were then presented with a gift chosen by Publicity Officer Valerie Richards before leaving for home. Transport was generously provided by Ian Ferguson of Weyline Taxis free of charge. The whole event, as always, was organised by Tom Martindill.



Neath 18

ELECTED OFFICERS 2024/25

Neath Lodge elected its latest officers. Unfortunately, Vice Governor Mrs Gwyneth Melville, who also serves as Secretary, was absent due to holidays. All members of Neath Lodge hope Gwyneth had a well-deserved break and a lovely time.

From left to right
Bro. Philip Evans - Secretary
Bro. Evan Morris - Governor
Bro Ken Rouse - Treasurer
Bro Gerald Gardner - Enrolling Officer



From left to right
Mrs. Jean Gardner - Enrolling Officer
Mrs. Rosemary Morris - Lady President
Mrs. Mary Evans - Treasurer



Tredegar 1

ANNIVERSARY



Tredegar members Brian & Susan Meredith enjoyed a special Pearl Anniversary with their friends & Moose family.

Tredegar 1

ST. DAVID'S HOSPICE CARE



Tredegar Lodge presented a cheque for £250 to Moose member Ann Hudd, who was representing St. David's Hospice Care.

SUNDAY CARVERY

Members of Tredegar Moose enjoyed a splendid Sunday Carvery at their lodge. With the food being cooked to perfection and the drinks flowing, members certainly had a feast that tantalised their senses.



The Three Amigos

Keith Jenkins, Robin Jones and Albert Skeates.



A family Affair
Robin &
Marjorie
Jones
with their
daughter, Laura.



Tredegar
President
Amanda Davies
hard at
work in the
kitchen.

EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY



Thank you to everybody
who has raised money on
behalf of Moose International

Please remember the importance
of signing new members

Once you have read your magazine
why not pass it onto a friend or
colleague to help raise awareness
of Moose International

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