



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

Sussex Commandery

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Autumn Newsletter 2009

Coffee Shop at Brighton

This May we were fortunate to be given the opportunity to help run the coffee shop at the Chapel Royal, Brighton and raise money for the order. A number of members in the Commandery volunteered their services and £333.64 was raised. Thank you to those who were able to take part and to Steve Pates for organising this for us.



Some of the members working hard in the Coffee Shop!

News from Neil Newitt about the Balkan Aid Relief Foundation

Neil Newitt, who is one of our members, is also part of the Balkan Aid Relief Foundation which goes on regular visits to Bosnia to deliver much needed clothing, computers and machines to schools and churches. Our Commandery supports BARF and has provided clothing and equipment and more recently raised money for two laptops.

A few months ago Neil went out with his team to Bosnia to deliver school clothing and uniforms to three schools. The photos show children receiving school clothing from Hurstpierpoint College.



This first photo is of
Public School Gornje
Prekounie in Ripac village.

This second one is Public
School I Sanski in Sanski
Most village in Bosnia
Herzegovina.

**The children are always so
excited and pleased to get
such items.**



Below is a copy of a thank you from a school in Podzvizd to whom BARF donated a lot of school sports wear from Hugh Christie Technology College in Kent.



Dear Mr. Newitt,

It's been pleasure to meet you and give you thanks for all what you have done for our „football school ABC –Podzvizd“ and our Primary school „Podzvizd“ from Velika Kladusa. Mr. Goran from Genesis brought and gave us all your gifts.

So, one more time „Thank you very much“. Actually, we are young football school with excellent results. Our children were born in 1994/95 and they have taken fifth place in country competition. In case that we are coming from a small place (village) these are historical results for us.

This football school is also very close to Primary school „Podzvizd“ because the coach is „manager“ of this school, and president of club is school secretary. I also use this opportunity to invite you in visit football and primary school in November.

Best regards!!

JU OŠ "Podzvizd *---Amir Hadžić, direktor---*

When you read this Neil will have already left again in a convoy consisting of 7 Land Rovers with trailers, with lots of clothing, sewing machines, computers and school uniforms. BARF is very appreciative of the support from O L J. **We are collecting for their next visit, so if you are able to donate any clothing, bedding or stationary it will be greatly appreciated.**

Annual Sponsored Walk

On the 6th June, the sponsored walk took place, this time from Chichester Cathedral to Arundel Cathedral. The weather was fine and with excellent map reading skills the walkers made it to Arundel in one piece! £1,200 was raised for the St Lazarus Trust. This year it was great that more people were able to take part, five members walked the entire route and one member joined in half way along. Well done to Jonathan, Simon, Steve, Barbara, Andrew and Anna.



En route through the village of Tangmere.



The end of the walk!! – Arundel Cathedral

Walsingham Pilgrimage

At the beginning of July members of our Commandery joined members from around the country at The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk. The week end Pilgrimage was led by Father David Skeoch. Following our arrival on Friday evening we all made our first visit into the Holy House for prayers and reflection.

On Saturday morning we walked in the steps of Christ as we meditated upon the Stations of the Cross which are situated in the beautiful Shrine grounds.



*Fr David Skeoch, Fr Ron Robinson
& Fr Ray O'Shea*

The candlelit procession of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham took place in the evening. A service of healing and reconciliation followed the procession. This was a very moving service where pilgrims were given the opportunity to receive the sacraments of confession, anointing and laying on of hands.



On Sunday morning there was a mass in the Shrine Church to celebrate Fr Jeremy Haselock's 25th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. This was a special day for Fr Jeremy as he had celebrated his first mass in the Shrine Church 25 years ago.

At 11.00 am all pilgrims went to the Parish Church in Walsingham to join in their Parish Mass. In the afternoon pilgrims were able to receive the Holy waters from the well in a special service of Sprinkling. This was followed by Benediction and then the last visit to the Holy House.

The pilgrimage was spiritually uplifting and provided a wonderful opportunity for members to gather together to share in fellowship.



Some members from the Sussex Commandery outside the Shrine Church

Autumn Investiture 2009 – Norwich Cathedral

The Autumn Vigil and Investiture were held in Norwich Cathedral on 9th and 10th of October. It was great to see so many from the Sussex Commandery. The Vigil service took place on the Friday evening and included a short candlelit procession. The Homily on the beatitudes was given by Fr Ian Evans. The evening dinner was held in the Cathedral Refectory.

On Saturday before the Investiture, we gathered outside for a Civic service to commemorate the life of Edith Cavell 1865 – 1915. Edith was a Matron at a training school for Nurses in Belgium. During the First World War she helped British Soldiers escape to Holland and for this she was arrested by the Germans and executed. She was acclaimed as a martyr and after the war her remains were brought to Westminster Abbey and then onto Norwich Cathedral, where they were laid to rest.

Following this short service the Order processed in, to commence the Service of Investiture, Promotions and Awards. This service was well attended and there were guests from Ireland, Romania and Germany. One person was admitted to the Order from the Welsh Commandery and our Hospitaller, Barbara Robinson was promoted to the rank of Commander. Sir Anthony Reardon-smith, former Bailiff, was promoted within the companionate of Merit and appointed as Bailiff Emeritus. This was in recognition for all his hard work and dedication during the reunification of the Order. After the service members gathered in the Refectory for a buffet luncheon.

Officers of the Sussex Commandery

<i>Commander</i>	<i>Jonathan Prichard KLJ</i>
<i>Deputy Commander & Keeper of the Regalia</i>	<i>Benjamin Hammett KLJ MMLJ</i>
<i>Chaplain (CofE) & Receiver</i>	<i>The Revd. Father Ron Robinson SChLJ OMLJ</i>
<i>Chaplain (RC)</i>	<i>The Revd. Father Ian Evans SChLJ MMLJ</i>
<i>Hospitaller</i>	<i>Barbara Robinson CLJ</i>
<i>Marshal</i>	<i>Simon Langton CLJ</i>
<i>Recorder</i>	<i>Sandy Ginn OLJ OMLJ</i>

Dates for your Diary

- 16th December 2009 - Grand Priory Carol Service, London*
*19th December 2009 – Commander’s ‘At Home’, Brighton
& optional gentle stroll along the prom!*
20th March 2010 - Sussex AGM & Lent Reflection
*16th/17th April 2010 – Spring Investiture
Stonyhurst College, Lancashire*
*11th November 2010 – Concert at Cadogan Hall in aid of the
Charitable Trust – More details to follow*