



Cloisters Garden 2009/10 to present day.



Janet Brooks and Efreem Calamaro in the Cloisters Garden circa 2017.

## Cloister Garden, Clerkenwell – Volunteer Gardeners

**The Cloister Garden, adjacent to the Priory Church at Clerkenwell, has a relatively short history, as the site it is on was previously part of the Priory Church buildings. After the Church was mostly destroyed by a fire bomb in 1941, funds were raised over several years for its restoration, which was completed in 1959. The decision was made to replace a portion of the Church buildings with a private garden that would memorialise those who had died in the two World Wars.**

The design of the garden in 1959 was of a large bed of grass in the centre, with decorations in the corners, a small bordered fountain in the centre, and a stone pathway with benches around the perimeter (photograph attached). In 2009-10, when the museum and parts of St John's Gate were being redeveloped, the garden was also altered, replacing much of the grass with paving and focusing on lots of small earthy beds for planting and growing plants, flowers and medicinal herbs (photograph attached). This newly-designed garden opened to the public in 2010 and stands as a testament not just to those who gave their lives in service, but to all those who have been a part of St John Ambulance.

General maintenance of the garden has predominantly been carried out by St John volunteers (from approximately 2010) when Efreem Calamaro, a St John volunteer, since 1984, and living in Wembley, volunteered to look after them. Efreem was a former London Transport Underground employee and during his time as a St John volunteer has carried out various public duties in the London area and competed in first aid competitions.

He is supported in his green fingered endeavours by a colleague, Janet Brooks who joined St John in 2004 and after retiring from work in 2015, began helping Efreem; she is also a member of the Fellowship.

From 2015 Efreem and Janet were joined by a third volunteer. All three obviously enjoy their role and speak fondly of their cherished garden

No challenge is too big for them - several years ago a substantial olive tree was planted in the garden in the place formerly occupied



Cloisters Garden as it was in was between 1959 and 2009/10.

by a small fountain. Because of the size and bulk of the tree a fork lift truck was brought in and together with at least a dozen helpers commandeered from NHQ and elsewhere, the tree was eventually manoeuvred into place after 2-3 hours. ●

**Welcome to the first edition of Priory News in 2018. As usual we have a good mix of articles and news stories which I hope you will find interesting.**

Welcome to our new Trustee Janet Gough who was recently the Church of England's Director of Cathedrals and church buildings. We wish Janet every success in her new role and look forward to meeting her at some point in the near future.

A very warm welcome also to The Venerable Ron Hesketh who was formerly Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force and is to become the first St John Fellowship Chaplain.

In this edition you will also read about the launch of Dr Penelope Gordon's new book "800 Days in Doha – a light-hearted look at her life in Qatar. Dr Gordon has very kindly donated proceeds from the book to St John.

Our 60 Second Interview is with two very special volunteers Barbara Beard & Dorothy Gwinnell who between them have given a remarkable 106 years' service to St John.

A big thank you to Mike Cunvin our Priory News volunteer who does an amazing job of supporting me and keeping in touch with our readers and contributors.

Please keep sending in your news stories and articles.....remember Priory News is only as interesting as the articles we receive from you.

#### **Tony Shepherd**

Head of Priory and County  
Priory Group Affairs



The Venerable Ron Hesketh

## A Chaplain for the Fellowship

### **The Priory Dean writes:**

The Fellowship is an integral and vital part of the family of St John, so I was particularly delighted when Jill Scott asked if they might have a National Chaplain.

Jill wrote: 'The Clergy are a pivotal part of St John. Chaplains in the Counties are members of CPGs and have a direct contact with St John Ambulance members in local Units. 'A Chaplain to the Fellowship will not only lead the prayers on major Fellowship occasions but will have the opportunity to meet and get to know Fellowship members - as they will the Chaplain - when he visits Branches and events throughout the Regions. Consequently, members of any age will feel they have someone who has their interests and concerns at heart, and in whom they can confide. The Chaplain will also be the ideal person to be the Fellowship's Almoner, as the two Offices are complementary.'

Jill has made a strong case, and, as it happens, a very suitable candidate has presented himself at exactly the right moment. The Venerable Ronald Hesketh CB, QHC, FRGS retired in 2006 as Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, after a long and active ministry in which he has specialised in a number of different spheres of Chaplaincy. I am delighted to announce this appointment and have asked Ron to introduce himself.

### **The Venerable Ron Hesketh writes:**

I was born a Scot, raised in Liverpool and attended a Jewish Grammar School! That has got to qualify me for something; if that's a Chaplain to the Fellowship I'll leave you to judge. My mixed pedigree doesn't end there. In the course of training I went to three universities. To be fair, none asked me to leave but my parents thought it was time I worked. Even my ministry could hardly be regarded as conventional. After the obligatory training time in a parish I took the chaplaincy route, best summed up from the sea [Merchant Navy padre to the port of Liverpool] to the air [RAF chaplain for 31 years] and to the beat [Force chaplain to West Mercia Police]. Why? Because I have loved living and working with people where they are, and not where the church would like them to be.

I feel honoured to be selected as Chaplain to the Fellowship. In meeting you and hearing your experiences, we can celebrate what you have done and find encouragement for the continued support for this unique and historic Order. You have cared for others, and I will be on hand as the Fellowship Chaplain to care for you.

Ron will be commissioned in a short ceremony in the Crypt of the Priory Church on Friday 22 June following the Chapter Meeting that morning. ●

## St John Fellowship National Chair Vacancy

Jill Scott will be stepping down from her role as St John Fellowship National Chair on St John's Day 2018 after six very successful years.

A successor for Jill is now being sought and the role will be advertised on CONNECT in the very near future.

For more information about this exciting role please contact Priory Secretary, Dr Gary Maydon at [Gary.Maydon@sjf.org.uk](mailto:Gary.Maydon@sjf.org.uk)



HM The Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, NHSBT SW Staff, families of organ donors and members of the County Priory Group after the Award Ceremony.

## Bedfordshire Order of St John Award for Organ Donation Ceremony 2017

On Monday 9 October, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis, attended the Order of St John Award for Organ Donation Ceremony which was held by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Bedford at The Sculpture Gallery, Woburn. The ceremony was organised by Anthony Duggan OBE, the County Priory Group Chair of St John Bedfordshire in conjunction with NHS Blood and Transplant.

Families of organ donors were presented with badges and certificates and thanked by the Lord-Lieutenant for the wonderful gift of life that their loved ones had given to save another person's life.

Speaking after the Donor Awards Ceremony, the Lord-Lieutenant said, "It is an honour to recognise the life-saving actions made by organ donors."

Also supporting this ceremony was Professor Gurch Randhawa DL, who delivered a speech on his international research in organ donation. Professor Randhawa has been working in several countries across Europe and supporting countries such as India and Qatar to make the topic of organ donation more visible.

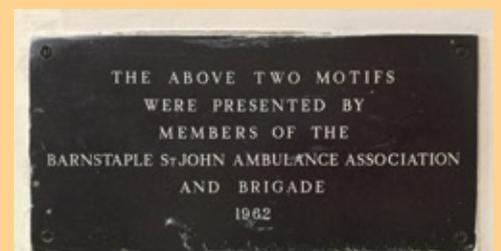
Professor Randhawa said, "It is enormously humbling to attend such an event where we thank people who have found the strength to think beyond themselves and say 'yes' to organ donation". ●

## St John & Priory Stained Glass Windows



Stained Glass Window showing St John and Priory Logo.

These stained glass windows, installed in St John the Baptist Church, South Street, Newport, Barnstaple, Devon were presented by members of the Barnstaple St John Ambulance Association and Brigade in 1962 and consecrated in at service at that time. There is a slate plaque fixed beneath the window marking the presentation.



Slate plaque marking the presentation.

## Suffolk High Sheriff Awards 2018



**Sarah Clarke from the St John Ambulance Whitton Unit, Ipswich, was shortlisted in the category 'Young Volunteer of the Year' at the 2018 High Sheriff's Awards in February – a considerable achievement and thoroughly commendable to reach the last three amongst a huge amount of nominations.**

Sarah, aged 24, has made an outstanding contribution to St John in Suffolk since joining as a Badger in 1999. Having become a Cadet, gained her Grand Prior Award, and then Adult First Aider, she continued as Young Persons' Lead for the Whitton Unit, where she transformed the Youth Section which was struggling to survive.

In addition to her St John duties, Sarah currently works as a Staff Nurse at the West Suffolk Hospital, is a Guide Leader and devotes almost all of her free time to volunteering in her local community. ●



Lily Hatwell, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Josh Rust.



Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher and Lily Hatwell.

## Installation of HM Lord-Lieutenant's St John Cadet for Buckinghamshire 2018

**On Monday 26 February at the St John headquarters at Greenleys in Milton Keynes, Lily Hatwell was welcomed as his St John Ambulance Cadet of the Year by HM Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher Bt, JP, KStJ.**

Having risen through the ranks after she first joined as a Badger in 2006, Lily is now Leading Cadet of this Cadet Unit: she is also a Cadet helper at the Olney Badger sett.

County President of Buckinghamshire, John Williams KStJ, introduced Lily to Sir Henry who presented her with her certificate and lanyard of office.

He also took the opportunity to thank his St John Cadet of 2016, Josh Rust who was presented with his certificate and a copy of the history of The Order of St John.

Lily was selected to be the HM Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet of the Year following a simple evaluation process in Autumn 2017 for which several other excellent candidates applied. As well as her outstanding qualities and skills which have helped her success within this thriving Cadet Unit, she achieved her Grand Prior award at the end of last year. She attends the nearby Radcliffe School where she is studying three A level courses (Health & Social Care; Criminology; Drama and theatre studies).

Lily's Head Teacher attended the event along with her parents and friends: Judy Wright, Chair of the Buckinghamshire CPG as well as Clive Harrington, a County Vice-President also attended what became a convivial evening to mark Lily's formal installation as HM Lord-Lieutenant's St John Cadet for Buckinghamshire 2018. ●



Group photograph of Devon & Cornwall County Priory Groups and NHSBT SW Staff.

## Devon & Cornwall Order of St John Award for Organ Donation 2017

The annual Order of St John Award for Organ Donation saw a gathering of twenty one recipient families from Devon and Cornwall. This unique award is organised by the Devon and Cornwall County Priory Groups in partnership with NHS Blood and Transplant and was held at the Exeter Guildhall where approximately one hundred guests attended the ceremony.

The awards were presented by the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant for Devon, Philip Bostock OBE and Charles Edward-Collins, County President and Acting Chair of Cornwall County Priory Group.



Dr Penelope Gordon at her book signing

## 800 Days in Doha

On 22 February the Chapter Hall at St John's Gate was host to the book launch of '800 Days in Doha' by Dr. Penelope Gordon – aka Mrs. Lionel Jarvis, wife of our Prior, and attended by over 100 guests, many of whom are members of the Order.

The book provides a light-hearted look at life in Qatar where Lionel & Penny both held senior posts in the country's health service before Lionel was appointed Prior. Proceeds from the book are going to St John; it is available in the museum shop, on Amazon and from the publisher Chaplin Books. ●



Rupert Fordham High Sheriff for Northamptonshire and Hannah Foulkes with Brackley Cadets.



Towcester Badgers and Cadets. Left: High Sheriff. Right: County President Dr Ahmed Mukhtar.

# High Sheriff Visits Northamptonshire Badger and Cadet Units

**Following the High Sheriff Court Service in November 2017, when St John were invited to nominate a Cadet to act as Sword Bearer, Alan Boaden Chair of the Northamptonshire County Priory Group invited Rupert Fordham the High Sheriff to visit the St John Badger and Cadet Units in the County.**

Subsequently in December The High Sheriff attended an enrolment and presentation evening held in the Methodist Church in Brackley. Hannah Foulkes the Unit Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation covering the Grand Prior proficiency badges

and activities worked on during 2017.

Nine new Cadets joined in September, with two moving up from Badgers and the other seven the result of a highly successful recruitment drive organised by Hannah Foulkes.

Louise Blackwell, District Youth Lead and Alan Boaden, (as Vice President) conducted the enrolment with the Chaplain Reverend Lulu Pelly leading the prayers.

The High Sheriff presented the Proficiency Certificates and congratulated Hannah and the Cadets on their achievements. The presentation evening was a resounding success.

On March 6th the High Sheriff, Rupert Fordham, visited the Towcester Badgers and Cadets for their enrolment and Presentation evening with 2 Badgers and 4 Cadets were Enrolled. The District Youth Lead, Vice

President and Chaplain again conducting the ceremony. The High Sheriff, and the County President, Dr Ahmed Mukhtar presented the proficiency Certificates and the High Sheriff present 2 Super Badger awards.

The High Sheriff thanked the Unit Leader Sue Doggett and her helpers for their efforts in making the unit such a success. He also Congratulated the Badgers and Cadets on their achievements.

Alan Boaden echoed the High Sheriffs congratulations and thanked the parents and supporters for encouraging the Badgers and Cadets to learn First Aid and the associated skills covered by the Super Badger and Grand Prior Awards programmes.

Finally, Dr Mukhtar thanked the High Sheriff for presenting the Awards and for supporting St John Youth.. ●



Innes Mason

## New County Priory Group Chair for Oxfordshire

I am really pleased to have been appointed as Chair of the Oxfordshire County Priory Group. My wife and I have recently moved from London to be nearer to family and I have been looking for a new appointment.

I originally joined St John Ambulance in Twickenham as a Cadet in 1975, moving to the Adult Division in 1980. I held various positions in both the Adult and Cadet Divisions, culminating in Divisional Superintendent, before moving to Area Staff as Borough Officer for Richmond-upon-Thames, and later Assistant Area Commissioner. During this time, I was the Event Manager for, among other things, Twickenham Stadium, the home of English Rugby. Following the abolition of the Area structure in London, I held various posts in London District, including Ambulance Training and most recently Events Lead for Central London, where I have managed a variety of the major Ceremonial events.

Outside St John, I work as Facilities and Project Manager for a major international car retailer. I enjoy DIY, and we are hoping to create a vegetable patch in our new garden.

I am looking forward to working with the team in Oxfordshire and promoting the work of the Priory and the Order in the community. ●

**Innes Mason**

# A King on the run, a Ducal descendant, and an Earl! In Northamptonshire

**All three of the above added up to an evening described by members of the audience as a “Triumph”. HM Lord-Lieutenant and County Priory Group (CPG) President for Northamptonshire, David Laing, introduced Charles Spencer, The Earl Spencer, to an audience of 180 at Althorp on a February evening when Lord Spencer, had generously offered to give an evening at his home and give a talk about his latest book, “To Catch a King”.**

The book is about Charles II's escape as a fugitive after the Battle of Worcester when he was being hunted by the Parliamentarians after the Royalists had lost the Battle.

The talk described the terrible times the vanquished King had as he was sheltered, disguised, and moved from place to place in secrecy by remarkably brave Royalists at grave risk to themselves until eventually the Monarchy was restored.



Earl Spencer at Althorp

Earl Spencer spoke so engagingly, with such enthusiasm and knowledge that the audience described the evening as a “triumph”.

The Duke in this article's title is the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, who is a direct descendant of Charles II. He most generously gave two VIP tickets to the Festival of Speed at Goodwood in the summer. After fierce

bidding at a brief Auction they went for more than £2000.

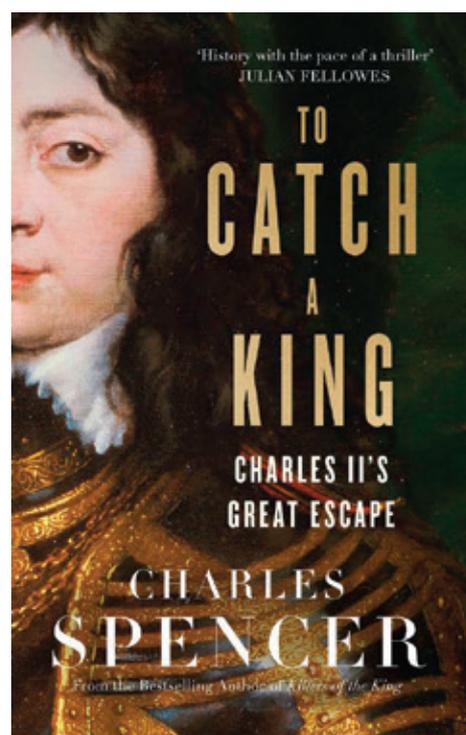
A raffle of five very interesting prizes all strictly with a Stuart theme and provided through the efforts of the committee raised over £1300. But the amazing sum of just under £13000 was raised through Lord Spencer's generosity in providing the wonderful setting of Althorp, the help of his staff, a free signed copy of his book with every ticket sold and his skill. The wine also was generously sponsored by HM The Lord-Lieutenant.

Mrs Penelope Escombe, Chair of the CPG Fund Raising Committee, thanked Lord Spencer most warmly for imparting history in such an appealing way and for the generosity that he and Lady Spencer had shown to St John.

Dr Ahmed Mukhtar, President of St John Ambulance in Northamptonshire, then presented a limited-edition platter from The Royal Collection, which is a replica of one in the Collection at Buckingham Palace which has been restored and reproduced, to Lord Spencer in gratitude from, and donated by members of, the Fund-Raising committee.

This large sum (circa £13000) raised will be used to deliver First Aid training to children

in schools in deprived areas and to carers. It comes in the first two months of the year on top of £28000 raised in the previous twelve months. ●



The Book Cover



Janet Gough OBE MA ACA

## New Trustee Janet Gough OBE, MA, ACA

Recently the Church of England's Director of cathedrals and church buildings, Janet worked at Sotheby's, in the City and other commercial and not-for profit organisations. Janet has an MA in History and History of Art from Cambridge, has published on church buildings and guided and lectured at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

She was awarded an OBE for services to heritage in January 2017. She was appointed as a Trustee of the Priory at the beginning of July 2017. ●

## Tenure extension for CPG Chairs

It has been agreed by the Priory Trustees that with immediate effect CPG Chairs and CPG Members can now request to be considered for a third triennium making a total of nine years in role.

CPG Chairs wishing to be considered for a tenure extension should complete the new Tenure Renewal Form which has recently been sent to all CPG Chairs and return it to the Head of Priory & CPG Affairs no later than Friday 4 May 2018 please.

A new Tenure Form for CPG Members will be sent to all CPG Chairs by mid April.

# The Priory News: 60 second interview with volunteers Barbara Beard and Dorothy Gwinnell



**Barbara and Dorothy, thank you so much for sparing the time to be interviewed. I know that you both have very busy lives but I think Priory News readers will be interested in knowing a little more about your amazing commitment to St John.**

**You represent the thousands of St John volunteers up and down the country whose dedication and hard work forms the backbone of this great organisation.**

**I know that you have both been associated with St John for some time now. Can you tell our readers the combined number of years that you have both been St John Volunteers?**

(Barbara & Dorothy) We have been St John Volunteers for a total of 106 years.

**That's absolutely amazing..... during that time what would you say was your proudest moment as a St John Volunteer?**

(Barbara & Dorothy) Without a shadow of a doubt we both think that our proudest moment was being admitted into the Order of St John.

(Barbara) I was invested into the Order as a Serving Sister 1988 and promoted to Officer 1998.

(Dorothy) I was Invested into the Order 1998 as a Serving Sister.

(Barbara & Dorothy) We are both active volunteers at Investitures which we consider to be a great honour and privilege.

**Can you tell us about some of the most interesting roles that you have held in St John**

(Barbara) My two most interesting roles have been the South East Area Administration Officer responsible for the administration of all St John work south of the Thames. It was a very responsible role and extremely busy, but I really enjoyed being able to offer admin support to all of the St John work in South London. all St John's work South of the River, London Marathon

(Dorothy) I've had many interesting roles since joining St John including duties at

Lords Cricket Ground, being a volunteer on the St John float at the Lord Mayor's Show and of course being a "Teapot 2" volunteer – the St John mobile canteen run by the Fellowship.

**Was there ever a time when you felt like giving up or doing something else?**

(Dorothy) Absolutely not....

(Barbara) No never.

**How long have you been friends? What would you say was the reason for your friendship lasting for so long?**

(Dorothy and Barbara) We have been friends for over 13 years and we became good friends after working together as St John volunteers. Our friendship has lasted for so long because we take care of each other, keep in regular contact and make sure that each other is alright. Friendship is not only about enjoying time together it's also about caring for each other.

**I hear that the two of you have a nickname. Can you tell the readers what it is and why you got the nickname?**

(Dorothy) Ha, ha Barbara and I are affectionately known as "Tony's Angels" after the late 1970's television programme Charlies Angels. Priory News Editor, Tony Shepherd gave us the nickname when he was publishing the first edition of Priory News and needed urgent help with its distribution. Like Charlie's Angels we offered to help solve the problem.....and we have been helping with Priory News distribution ever since!

(Barbara) We are both Fellowship

members and Priory News is a great way of keeping all our members up to date with news and information.

**You say that you are both members of the St John Fellowship..... can you tell us a bit more about what the Fellowship does please.**

(Barbara) The St John Fellowship was started in 1983 by the late Sheila Puckle who was concerned that when volunteers stepped down from active St John duties they found themselves without a role.

(Dorothy) The Fellowship harnesses the skills and expertise of volunteers and enables them to continue to support the work of St John. There is also the social side of Fellowship membership which is very important to many people.

(Barbara) ...And of course anybody can join the St John Fellowship whatever their background and whatever their age as long as they are over 18. There are 135 branches and around 3,000 members of the Fellowship now.

**Finally, If you had a Motto for life, what would it be?**

(Barbara and Dorothy) Do your best for anybody and everybody for as long as you can and enjoy it.

Thank you very much for allowing us to interview you both. It's been a great pleasure. ●



# West Midlands Ambulance Service Honours Local St John Ambulance Volunteers

**Members of the West Midlands Ambulance Service gathered at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, West Midlands on Thursday 15th March 2018, for WMAS Annual Awards Presentations. The awards were made by the High Sheriff of the West Midlands, John Hodson OBE DL, together with the Chief Executive of WMAS, Dr Anthony Marsh QAM, SBStJ, FASI, MBA, MSc, DSc.h.c.**

In addition to awards presented to members of WMAS, special awards were made to members of St John Ambulance from the West Midlands area of West Region.

The West Midlands, like most of the rest of the country was affected by heavy snowfall before Christmas 2017, which presented many challenges to the emergency services. St John Ambulance enjoy a long standing friendship and work collaboration with WMAS, and so to ensure that the ambulance service could maintain its provision to emergency and planned ambulance assistance, many St John members volunteered to work alongside WMAS, especially to ensure patient safety in very difficult and trying conditions that emergency crews faced.

St John Ambulance volunteers, Mark Dudfield, Richard Brown and Anthony Harding, responded on three consecutive days with St John Ambulance vehicles and 4X4 vehicles during the height of the snowfall, responding to elderly patients who had fallen as well as some suspected cases of Sepsis (top left photo).

In April 2017, a large fire at a Care Home in Tamworth, led to 25 residents having to be evacuated and rehoused, and St John Ambulance volunteers Curtis Molloy and Thomas Strachan, stepped up to help with the evacuation and transporting elderly residents to

their new accommodation. Curtis and Thomas were also involved in providing assistance to WMAS during the heavy snowfall before Christmas, even with cases outside their usual locality (bottom left photo).

St John Ambulance volunteers Sue Jackson, Steve Jackson, Jane Rollins and Stephen Morris, were honoured for their outstanding devotion to duty over 26 event days at Warwickshire County Cricket Club during 2017. Commitment such as this, not only demonstrates the work of St John Ambulance on the national stage, but highlights our commitment to our local communities.

Dr Anthony Marsh, the CEO of WMAS, himself a former St John volunteer said, 'St John Ambulance consistently provides the highest level of care for our communities, and we know that when we request their help they will be there to support and assist us so we can provide the vital emergency care we aspire to. I am also very proud that so many members of WMAS are also St John volunteers in their spare time. This creates a wonderful bond between our two organisations. Thank you St John for what you do! ●





Dedication and Handover with Representatives of Durham County Priory Group, Councillor Pauline Dillon, Mayor of Gateshead, representatives from the Mark Master Masons and St John Ambulance.

# Presentation of Small Treatment Centre, Durham

**Driving snow and sleet fell on Sunday 21 January 2018 outside the spacious St John Ambulance Hub at Lobley Hill, Gateshead where the Durham Handover took place. Inside, a warm and friendly group of around one hundred people gathered for a celebration.**

The Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham, Professor Denovan Keith Wilson, handed over the keys of the Mark Master Masons' gift, a Small Treatment Centre, to Marc Murray, Regional H.R Manager and Acting North District Manager of St John Ambulance. Everyone admired the beautiful new Treatment Centre with its SJA livery and state of the art interior.

After the formalities, the Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Mr Tony Morris, who had generously offered additional maintenance provision in a speech during

the ceremony, enjoyed trialling a Cycle Response Unit emergency bike, to the enjoyment of onlookers.

Snow continued to fall, and temperatures plunge outside, but the contrasting hot tea and cakes inside the building enabled Cadets, SJA volunteers, St John Fellowship and County Priory Group (CPG) members, mingling freely with the Mark Master Masons and their wives, and local dignitaries, to enjoy the atmosphere and make excellent mutual connections. Paradoxically, as the Durham CPG Chaplain Douglas Davies said, 'the

weather helped'. The event was organised by Brian Hays Treasurer of Durham CPG with support from Meadowfield HQ Durham. ●



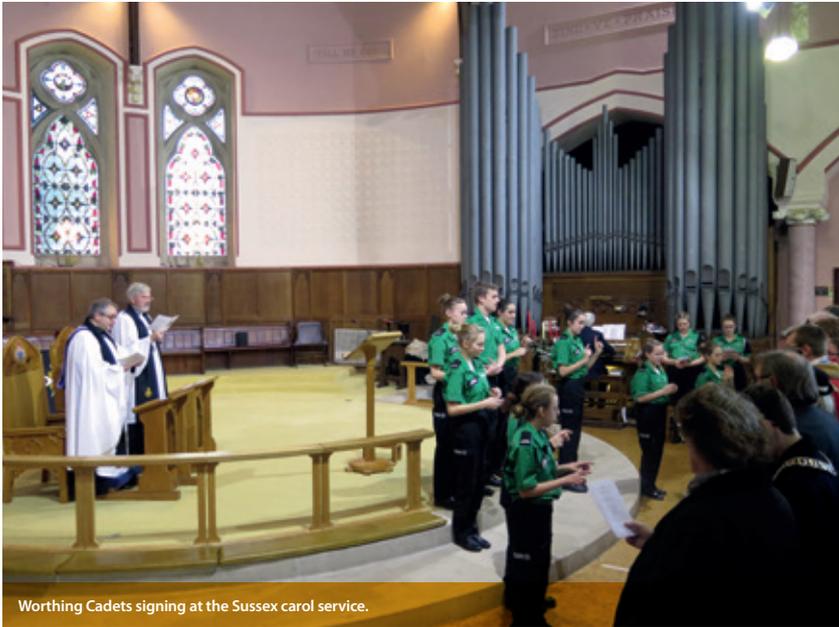
Marc Murray Acting North District Manager receiving the keys of the new vehicle from Professor Denovan Keith Wilson Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham.



Martin Rankin, Anthony Morris, Frank Rankin and Denovan Wilson admiring the new Treatment vehicle donated to St John by Mark Benevolent Fund.



Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Mr Tony Morris enjoyed trialling a Cycle Response emergency bike.



Worthing Cadets signing at the Sussex carol service.

## Worthing St John Cadets 'Sign' at the Sussex County Priory Group Carol Service

In December the annual County Priory Group Carol Service was held at St. George's Church, Worthing. The Sussex Carol Services are a very popular event and the 2017 one had an attendance of about 250 volunteers, their families and local supporters, including Mrs Susan Pyper, HM Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex, Lady Emma Barnard, High Sheriff of West Sussex and Councillor Alex Harman, Mayor of the Borough of Worthing.

Lessons were read by Patrick Burgess OBE., GCStJ., DL. Chancellor of the Order of St John and by Dr James Walsh KStJ., RD., RNR. Priory Hospitaller, with Lady Fiona Barttelot GCStJ., Bailiff of Egle and President of the St John Fellowship reading a prayer.

The Worthing Cadets used their impressive knowledge of British Sign Language, which they demonstrated to great effect whilst the congregation sang Away in a Manger. ●

## Lincolnshire County Priory Group Carols at the Castle



Attendees at the Lincolnshire County Priory Group Carol Service.

On a very snowy wintery day, the magnificent Vanburgh Hall at Grimsthorpe Castle, Nr Stamford, Lincolnshire was the venue for the annual Lincolnshire County Priory Group (CPG) Carol Service. The Prior, Surgeon Rear Admiral Lionel Jarvis, HM Lord-Lieutenant, Toby Dennis and the High Sherriff for Lincolnshire, Andrew Clark, were in attendance.

A fund raiser for the Eye Hospital, the CPG are grateful to Baroness Willoughby de Eresby for allowing us to use this wonderful venue for this annual event against the back drop of a log fire.

The County Chaplin, The Rev Andy Hawes, gave the address and the CPG Chair, Louise Mumford, talked about the work of St John in in county during the year.

Canapes, mince pies and wine followed, and the event was a wonderful reminder to all of the importance of community and the meaning of Christmas. ●

## Care to contribute to *Priory News*?

If you have news which you would like to see included in future issues please remember that a short submission, with a clear photograph where appropriate, is most likely to be readily accommodated. Any queries regarding submissions or other editorial matters should, be directed to Mike Cunvin at [mike.cunvin@sja.org.uk](mailto:mike.cunvin@sja.org.uk) or sent directly to him care of **Priory Affairs Department, St John's Gate, St John's Lane, London EC1M 4DA** marked 'Priory News'. Any opinions expressed in *Priory News* are purely those of the editorial team or individual contributors and are not to be taken as indicative of those of The Priory, the Order, or Its Officers. Whilst every effort is made to verify details before publication this is not always possible and we ask your forbearance.



**On Friday 9th March 2018 Keith Horsman from the National Fellowship Office at St John's Gate, received the Freedom of the City of London at the Guild Hall.**

Pictured here with his certificate and his sponsors, on the left Tony Sharp and on the right David Wilson, who are the Clerk and Foreman of the Guildable Manor of Southwark. ●

Chief Executive Martin Houghton-Brown with Bertie Badger outside the Priory Church in Clerkenwell, London



## Admissions and promotions

**The Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following Promotions in, and Admissions to, the Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St John of Jerusalem**

### **As Commander**

Clive Nicholas Boothman  
Dr Malcolm Robert Golin  
Rosemary Iris, Mrs Herbage  
Geoffrey John Streeter

### **As Officer**

David John Amos  
Lynn, Mrs Beecroft  
Keith William Burman  
Colonel Robert John Coate  
Solange Hazel, Mrs Cripps  
Lieutenant Colonel Giles De Margary TD  
Barry John Dodd CBE  
Paul Leonard French  
Sarah, Mrs More-Molyneux  
Geoffrey Ian Nicholls  
Miss Katherine Mary Smith

### **As Member**

Mark Joseph Adhen  
Paul David Austin  
Jason Berryman  
Kenneth Blackman  
Lesley, Mrs Bodkin  
Keith Stephen Bonfield  
William Stephen Cadman  
Sharon Michelle, Mrs Chambers  
Miss Patricia Mary Coughlan  
Thomas James Dimmock  
Miss Jennifer Duke  
Andrew Mark Edwards  
Miss Lynne Edwards  
Marita Faye, Mrs Edwards  
Lieutenant Colonel Duane Joseph Fletcher MBE  
Nicola Yvette, Mrs George  
Canon Mark Richard Griffin  
Victoria Ann, Mrs Harrison  
Deborah Jane, Mrs Havill

Squadron Leader Philip Andrew Lucas  
Wendy, Mrs McEvoy  
Squadron Leader David William Mulvaney  
Major Dennis Reginald Outram  
Major Christopher John Pickin  
Jacqueline Susan, Mrs Phillips-Clarke  
Donald Angus Stuart MacGreggor  
David Michael Andrew Rees  
Squadron Leader Alistair Keith Ridland  
Miss Sarah Philippa Smith Scott  
Anthony Michael Smith  
Miss Gillian Sarah Tanner  
Surgeon Commander Peter John Taylor  
Lieutenant Commander Rex Thornborough RD\*  
Joan Mavis, Mrs Tostevin  
Miss Sophie Louise Ward  
Nicola Jane, Mrs Webster  
Miss Eve Wright