

## **CHARITY LOLLIPOP GOES 'DIGITAL' THANKS TO MITRE LODGE**

Lollipop (York and District) identified a need for a Digital SLR Camera and flash to properly record their events and activities. Mitre Lodge of York No.7321 was pleased to help them with the funding of this equipment and made a donation of £150. A further £350 was raised through a successful Grant Petition submitted to the Provincial Grand Charity allowing the charity to purchase this much needed equipment.

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> May the Worshipful Master of Mitre Lodge, Roy Crosbie-Wood accompanied by his Senior Warden, Martin Hemenway and PGC Area Representative. Keith Bell visited a 'Lollitots' session (baby and toddler group) at the New Earswick Children's Centre and presented the donation of £500 to Miss Andrea Gitsham, chairperson of the charity. A small plaque was also presented to mark the occasion.

Andrea thanked the Freemasons for their donation, on behalf of her charity, saying that there were some 250 children/young people (0-19 years) in the York and District area that the charity currently helps and the camera will be put to good use producing quality photographs for their website and magazine and ultimately help publicise the work they do.



*Left to right – Roy, Keith, Andrea holding the new camera, a volunteer holding the plaque that was presented, with Martin standing behind the mums and dads who were delighted to be included in the photo.*

Lollipop brings families of children and young people with any degree of hearing loss together through regular FREE social activities and gatherings in a relaxed and informal environment where they can share their experiences of deafness. They provide activities such as specialist workshops including Art & Craft, Music & Film, sporting activities, seasonal gardening and design projects together with larger social gatherings including regular trips out.