

## **'The Walter and Millie Rand Suite' opens at Dales-Care Day Centre in Bedale**

In May 2010 the Master of the Beresford-Peirse Lodge No. 2610, Ian Leathley, formally opened the assisted bathing suite at the Dales-Care Day Centre in Bedale, he was accompanied by the lodge's Charity Steward, Robert Dunning, Ian Leathley and the Chairman of the Prov. Grand Charity, Mike Birch.

The suite incorporates a specialist bath and hoist. The bath automatically rises to a level to enable the carer to help the bather without bending. The new facility cost £13,500 funded by a grant from Provincial Grand Charity, the Beresford-Peirse Lodge and the Beresford-Peirse Lodge Benevolent Fund. The facility will extend the services offered at the Centre.

The Day Care Centre was set up 22 years ago and is used every day by independent older people and the less able. It provides meals (nearly 10,000 in 2009), social company, group activities and even monthly tea dances! The intention is that this provides relief from isolation and loneliness and allows its 'clients' to remain independent in their own homes.

The suite is to be known as 'The Walter and Millie Rand Suite' after W. Bro. Walter Rand PPSGW a keen and active Mason until his death and his wife, Millie, who had been a member of 'The Friends of Dales-Care' committee since it formed in 1988 and was Chairperson from 1995 to her death shortly after Walter. Both were ardent supporters of the charity and its work.

At the opening a plaque was presented to Jonathan Ropner, Chair of the Trustees of Dales-Care. Mr. Ropner expressed his very grateful thanks to Provincial Grand Charity and the Beresford-Peirse Lodge for their generous support and was delighted, not only was the suite to be known as 'The Walter and Millie Rand Suite' but also that there was appropriate acknowledgement given to Provincial Grand Charity and the Beresford-Peirse Lodge. The plaque will be displayed at the entrance to the suite.



*Jonathon Ropner, Mike Birch and Ian Leathley*