

Joint fundraising effort brings a smile to the face of a local consultant



From left to right – From the Wilberforce Lodge Bro. Peter Nesbitt (Charity Steward), W.Bro. John Bridges (Almoner), W. Bro. Bill Glanville (Treasurer) and Mr. Matt Simms, Consultant Urologist, Castle Hill Hospital

Following the success of the Prostrate Cancer Awareness Campaign around the Province a number of Brethren from the Hull and Beverley area found themselves receiving treatment at the Castle Hill Hospital in Cottingham. Some came under the care of Mr. Matt Simms who has brought keyhole surgery for prostrate treatment to the hospital.

Matt was in need of a special camera to assist with this type of surgery and the Wilberforce Lodge took this on as a fund raising project. W. Bro. John Bridges visited a number of other lodges in the area and obtained pledges of money towards the cost and the Wilberforce Lodge started serious fundraising. Despite everyone's efforts the fund was still short and the final figure was reached thanks to an application to the Provincial Charity Committee who donated the final £3,500.

Matt Simms was the guest of honour at the Wilberforce Lodge's annual Wilberforce Dinner and entertained the other guests with an hysterically funny after dinner speech recounting his experiences in the medical profession.