

Alcuin Lodge is privileged to help

A donation of £500 has been made to the Special Care Baby Unit at the York District Hospital, to help pay for a new ventilation unit. The cheque was presented by the then Master of the Lodge, Bro Ken Pratt. Alcuin Lodge is not not new to this Unit, having previously purchased special adjustable seats to enable mums-to-be to sit near their babies in high level incubators.

A further donation of £500 was made to the Dales School for Autistic Children near Northallerton, to pay for additional multi-sensory components in the sensory hall. The children benefit greatly from the use of the equipment in this hall. The cheque was presented by the new Master of the Lodge Bro. John Back, who together with his wife Sylvia was taken on a tour around the school by the Head Master, Mr Frits Rab. The visit proved to be an emotional one and Bro John was able to learn at first hand of the work done at the school by its very caring staff.

On the 26th May 2005 a donation of £400 was made to the Candlelighters at the Children's Day Hospital in St. James's Hospital, Leeds. This donation was to pay for the annual maintenance of the aquarium in the day room, where the children wait in turn for blood tests, chemotherapy and the many other tests that they are subject to. The cheque was presented by the Master of the Lodge Bro John Back, who along with his wife Sylvia was then shown around the various wards of the unit by Sally Amos, the local Candlelighters Organiser. Sally gave a very knowledgeable talk on the how the unit works and emphasized what a valuable piece of equipment the aquarium is, as it occupies the children during what is a very difficult time.

