

### **Middlesbrough Masons at the Cleveland Show**

The rain held off and the sun came out at the Cleveland Show on Saturday 23rd July attracting a good crowd to this popular county show. As in recent years a team of dedicated brethren from the Middlesbrough Lodges (and one Provincial Information Officer who snuck in from Redcar) ran a very impressive stand promoting the order.

The tent was full of useful information, not just about freemasonry and its good works but also about the Middlesbrough Masonic Hall in particular. The stand received many visitors, some of whom were tempted in by the free draw for a giant TLC teddy bear. Two fantastic motorbikes were also on display, courtesy of the masonic motor biking fraternity 'The Widow's Sons'. The Mayor of Stockton took great interest in what we had to say as did many members of the public.

This year the stand was shared by the Unicorn Riding Centre for the Disabled, a charity which has been supported by local lodges recently.

2011 proved a very successful year for David Kirwan and his merry band of volunteers and they are all to be applauded for their sterling efforts.