

THE POWER OF SPEECH

At a family lunch arranged by the Roseberry Installed Masters' Lodge, and a presentation was made by Malcolm Burton to a senior speech therapist at the NHS South Tees Trust.

The equipment which has been provided is an auditory feedback device that fits in the ear, rather like a hearing aid. It is a speech fluency device which tricks the brain into thinking that the person is talking along with someone else, thereby unblocking the impediment. The device, called 'SpeechEasy', is fairly new to the UK although several thousand have been sold in the United States and on the Continent. It is now available locally at a cost of £3,050 inclusive of consultation, fitting and insurance and the money allowing the purchase was provided by De Brus Lodge, Roseberry Chapter and the Provincial Grand Charity.

At the presentation, a further £300 was donated to the speech therapy unit by the Roseberry Lodge and the Redcar Chapter, towards the purchase of a video projector and replacement of an old overhead projector.



Malcolm Burton (Lodge Information Officer), together with Richard Anderson (Provincial Grand Master) and Philip Stewart (Chairman of the Freemasons' Provincial Grand Charity) make the presentation.