



## Accrington Celebrate 1000th Meeting

The days leading up to the meeting saw some of the worst winter weather for many years. Although this caused several cancellations it did not deter around 110 hardy souls from braving the elements to join in the celebrations. Even on the day there were problems that meant the Grand President and the Mayor of Hyndburn might not be able to make it. However they both managed to attend.

The meeting went ahead as planned on Monday, 11th January 2010 at the Dunkenhagh Hotel in Clayton-le-Moors. The evening began with a wonderful Concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving, the Principal Celebrant being Canon David Lupton. During the meeting Grand President Joe McNally presented President Maurice Camm with the 1000th Meeting Scroll.

After the meeting over 100 invited guests and brothers sat down to an excellent dinner. In the speeches which followed the dinner Maurice proposed a toast to the guests and visitors. In his reply Grand President proposed a toast to Accrington Circle and thanked them for the invitation and complimented them on the arrangements which made for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. All those present received a copy of "The History of Accrington Circle" written by Andrew Snape as a souvenir of the occasion.



Grand President is shown presenting the 1000th Meeting Scroll to Accrington President with left to right Vice President Andrew Snape, Provincial President Province 10 Ken Collins, President Maurice Camm, Grand President Joe McNally, and Director Province 10 Phil Morris

## Laura Helped to Help in Uganda

John Bonnar, President of **Newcastle upon Tyne City Circle**, recently presented a Bursary cheque for £400 to Laura McGrady who is planning to spend four months teaching in a community school in rural Uganda. Laura is the granddaughter of Circle brother Alex and Marie Turner. Laura has also agreed on her return to come back and give some feedback on her experiences gained.



John Bonnar, President of Newcastle upon Tyne City Circle presenting cheque to Laura McGrady

## Garstang Celebrate Burns Night

Pictured at **Garstang Circle's** annual Burns Night Supper are: (left to right) Pipe Major Stewart Lyell, June Dempsey and President Pat Dempsey. The event was held at the Garstang Country Hotel on Thursday, 21st January 2010.



## Congratulations from John to John



**Warrington Circle's** Christmas dinner concluded with a presentation by Province 17 Director John Ross, left, presenting John Boyle with his trophy as Provincial Golf Champion.

## Christmas Present for Tunbridge Wells

At their December 2009 meeting, **Tunbridge Wells & District Circle** were delighted to receive an early Christmas present, when they welcomed Matthew Holden as a member, on transfer from **Streetly Circle**.

The Tunbridge Wells brothers were further honoured by the attendance of a number of distinguished guests, including Matthew's father, Bryan Holden (Past President of Province 6, Streetly Circle), David Lloyd (Provincial Vice President Province 6, Kidderminster & District Circle), and Keith Critchley (Provincial Councillor, Streetly Circle), all of whom had made the long journey from the West Midlands to Kent to witness Matthew's enrolment.



Pictured, left to right, Keith Critchley, David Lloyd, Bryan Holden, Matthew Holden, Wladek Koch (President Tunbridge Wells & District), John MacMahon (Provincial President Province 7, Ashford & District, Blackheath, Dulwich and Streatham Circles)