

# QUEEN'S COLLEGE TAUNTON LODGE 6988

## MASONIC HOLIDAYS (technically 'Official Business'!)

Fraternal visit to LANCASTER LODGE NO.9413, Cascais, Lisbon, PORTUGAL. Sept 2005



Lancaster Lodge Ladies Night at Hotel Palacio, Estoril, Lisbon. WBro Peter Whittingham our WM.

Our visit organised by the late WBro David Sargison, a recent Past Master of Lancaster Lodge.

We, and the many other guests visiting from UK enjoyed an extensive programme of visits during the week.







**The Star Castle Hotel, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly 2006**  
**Visiting Godolphin Lodge 7790**  
**by invitation of WBro Robert Francis (Proprietor)**

**WM WBro Ivor Roberts**  
**Organiser WBro Andy Rodgers**

**Pictured: a few wives with our late Headmaster, Sidney Haynes and his sister, Grace Rasch in the Dungeon Bar.**

## **Less formal return visit to Lancaster Lodge 9413, Cascais, LISBON. October 2007** **(Organised by the late WBro David Sargison)**

### **Viewing Lisbon city centre from on high**



### **Monument on River Tagus to Portuguese explorers**



**Part of Cascais towards Estoril.... and a few of our group in a dark corner of a restaurant in Cascais!**



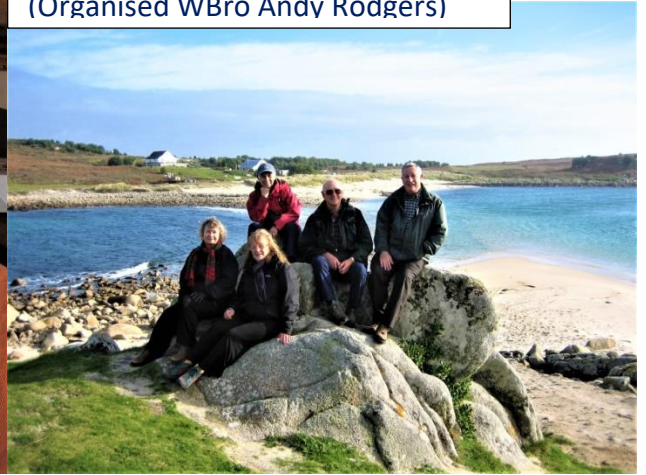


## BACK TO THE ISLES OF SCILLY AND THE STAR CASTLE HOTEL, November 2008



Dinner at Star Castle AND walking off the excesses the following day!

(Organised WBro Andy Rodgers)



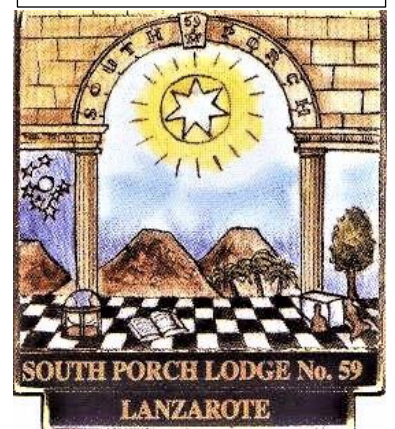
Sing-song for Precious Lives Appeal (CHSW) in the Castle Dungeon Bar led by BBC Radio C'wall presenter who thanks WBro Robert (R)



## FRATERNAL VISIT TO SOUTH PORCH LODGE 59, LANZAROTE. FEBRUARY 2009



Visit organized by WBro Andy Rodgers to inspect the transformation of three chairs donated by Queen's Lodge following their restoration by South Porch Lodge







As they were – Our antique chairs became redundant in 2004 when School wished to distance itself from the Lodge. South Brent L59 were appealing for suitable surplus furniture



It's not all serious business – very fresh air at Mirador Del Rio and exercise followed by generous helpings of refreshment!



**FRATERNAL VISIT TO LE DELTA LODGE 134, VERSAILLES (G.L.N.F. Or.De.Versailles) MAY 2010**







Organised by WBro Mike Kinnersley with our host  
VW Bro Jean (L) an old friend of Mike's late Dad.  
We came bearing a gift- or was it 'coals to



Staying at an Ibis hotel just 500yds from the  
Palace we had a wonderful holiday with  
fantastic weather. Andy & Chris Rodgers  
moored their narrow boat nearby while Ann  
& Roger Sawtell drove their mini over,  
continuing their holiday after.



## RETURN VISIT TO STAR CASTLE, HOTEL, ST. MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY, SEPT 2012; FRATERNAL VISIT TO GODOLPHIN LODGE. (Organised by WM Richard Baker.)



Castle built for defence in 1593 situated  
on the 'Garrison', the highest point.

WBro Mike Kinnersley dreamed of a  
large lobster.. and that was just what he  
had!





**We certainly didn't go hungry!**



**Walked over the seabed from Tresco to Bryher at exceptional low tide (like crossing the Red Sea?)**



**Explored the Islands and found some of Robert's new vines at Holywell Lake. Tresco Semi Tropical Garden.**



**Our group dinner in the Conservatory Restaurant, Star Castle Hotel**





**BACK IN CASCAIS, PORTUGAL AGAIN. MAY 2013. HOSTS LANCASTER LODGE 9413. (Organised by the late WBro David Sargison, a PM of 9413; WM Michael Kinnersley.)**



**Garden party at the home of WBro Larry Riches, PM 9413 who also gives trips around the town in aid of Masonic Charity in his Model T Ford.**





## Bacalhoa Buddha Eden, Quinta dos Loridos



**Fantastic sculptures and lakes featuring Buddhas and Terracotta Warriors.**

**This large oriental garden extends over 35 hectares**

**Built in protest against the destruction with dynamite and tank bombing of the Bamyán Giant Buddhas in Afghanistan (2001), Bacalhôa Buddha Eden is considered the largest oriental garden in Europe.**



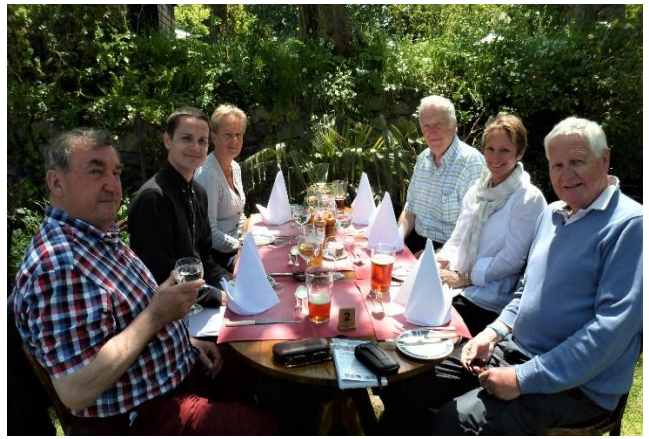
**May 2014; GUERNSEY TO VISIT VICTOR CAREY LODGE 6892 (organised by the late WBro David Sargison; Wm Richard Teague) staying at Hotel La Villette, St Martin'**



**Missing from this group: WM Richard & Di Teague; Richard & Heather Baker. WM of Victor Carey Lodge received Queen's College paperweight as a memento.**







**STOCKHOLM AUGUST 2016. Fraternal visit to Grand Lodge of Sweden for a Craft initiation in the main Masonic Temple – Johannessalen – Lodge St Erik. (organised by WBro Richard Baker)**



**The Johannesalen. We presented Wm of St Erik Lodge with a Queen's College paperweight as a memento.**



Lodge St. Erik meets twice a week, Jan – May and Aug – Dec. The Worshipful Master is appointed for 6 years; he has 4 Deputy Masters each appointed for 4 years and 3 secretaries. (When he became Wm, the lodge was 'struggling'. The Officers were asked to find new members urgently. They currently (22/9/16) have 43 EAs; 66 FCs and 39 on the waiting list and 46 MMs! (They do not conduct 'double ceremonies.)

Relaxing after dinner in our Hotel Wellington. (Lionel & Jackie's daughter, Isobel came with us)



All aboard the ferry 'Emily' for a trip around some islands.

