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● L-r KOM Rolant Griffiths, Community Fundraiser Agnes Jones and KOM Carl Roberts

## Hospice benefits from generous donation

LOCAL charity St David's Hospice has recently received a donation from The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), the Northern Border Lodge No. 10537.

The members who both work for BAE Systems in Saudi Arabia, visited the Hospice in Llandudno and donated £1,420 towards end of life care in North West Wales.

The lodge, which has over 20 active members, has donated over £4,500 this year to four chosen charities, through their Easter Fund.

Monies are raised throughout the year at various social events and fundraising activities and then shared out in the spring.

KOM (Knight Order of Merit) Rolant Griffiths, a senior support specialist, originally from Llangefti

and a member of the Lodge said: "We choose St David's Hospice as it was recommended by one of our members whose relative had received such good care. It is an honour to support such a good cause."

Lodge member KOM Carl Roberts, from Conwy, is an aircraft technician. He explains: "My brother Paul was only 24 when he was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

"Sadly he passed away at the hospice in 2004. The end of life care he received was so compassionate and sensitive.

"The staff at St David's Hospice helped to make his final days a lot more comfortable. I would like to thank everyone at the Hospice for their professional dedication and care."



● The group pictured by the Swallow Falls near Betws y Coed and (inset) outside Ysgol Bryn Elia

## Visiting teachers 'Czech' out Welsh community schools

ON Sunday April 26 a group of 10 teachers and community tutors from Komunitní škola Kašava (Kašava Community School) in the Czech Republic, arrived in Colwyn Bay.

The group were here to see how schools in North Wales are linking with their communities and to visit Golygfa Gwydir, Llanrwst. The European Erasmus+ funded visit was facilitated by charity Communities and Schools Together (CaST) Cymru.

On Monday's 'Orientation Day' they heard about Wales, the geography, culture and education system with

presentations by CaST Cymru, Pavla Holikova, Kašava school, WEA Cymru and Conwy Communities First.

On Wednesday they visited Bryn Elia High School, hearing about the brilliant work going on in the school, working closer with families and the wider community.

This included 'Tech DoJo' - computing creatively, held on a Saturday and welcomes young people and families from across the area. They also heard about Pyramid Clubs and the new School:Home Science clubs that have been introduced by CaST Cymru.

Sixth formers provided a tour of the school. A big thank you to the school for hosting this visit.

On Thursday the group, having visited Swallow Falls, were taken to Golygfa Gwydir where they heard about the great things on offer for local people including 'Mens Sheds' and job club, and then had a tour of the Labyrinth.

Pam Boyd, Chief Executive, CaST Cymru said: "It has been a fantastic week. We have enjoyed meeting the group and sharing experiences of schools and their communities working closer

together to benefit everyone.

"There are very real similarities about what we are all trying to achieve and we hope to further develop the links with Kašava school in the future."

Pavla Holikova said 'We were so lucky to find CaST Cymru to organise the visit for us. The schools and communities we have seen and the people we have met have been so helpful and interesting and we are going back with many ideas for our school!'



## Happily married

CARLY & Matthew Fazackerley from Abergele married at the

Marble Church, Bodelwyddan, on April 18. (Picture by Paul Joinson)

## 'Raising the Roof' for Cancer Research UK



STAFF from the Pennaf Housing Group are set to 'Raise the Roof' for Cancer Research UK this year and already they've collected more than £1,000 to get their annual fund-raising campaign off to a flying start.

Pennaf, based on the business park in St Asaph, includes Clwyd Alyn Housing Association with more than 600 staff who live and work across the region from Powys and Wrexham, through Flintshire, Denbighshire and Conwy to Gwynedd and Anglesey.

Each year they organise a range of charity events as part of their corporate 'Raise the Roof' challenge, raising £9,013.71 for Cancer Research UK during the last two years.

Their 2015 campaign was officially launched, with the help of Disney star Minnie Mouse, last week when they revealed the first of their events, a collection at the Abergele and Prestatyn Tesco stores, had raised £1,218.52.

Graham Worthington, Group Chief Executive of Pennaf said he was overwhelmed by the generosity of those who had supported the fund-raising, both in organising activities and in donating:

"Special thanks go to William Lewis and Jamie Williams from Ysgol Iau Hen Golwyn and Colwyn Bay FC Juniors, along with Andrew Craig from Travis Perkins, for helping out on the day, and also to North Wales Party Animals for kindly donating the fancy dress costume to the Prestatyn Team.

"It really is very humbling that just by giving up a couple of hours to stand in a supermarket with collection buckets we were able to raise so much money, have a lot of fun, and chat to local people about how cancer had touched their lives and how important funding research is to help beat cancer sooner."