



**'Giving Time' is a joint initiative** between the Masonic Provinces of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire and Leicester and Rutland.

The initiative encourages either Lodges, individual Freemasons, and their Families to give one or two hours, in the next year, visiting Devonshire Court with the aim of providing or facilitating an entertaining or interesting interlude for residents. Alternatively to support those more active residents with an activity. Suggestions for activities could include:

- Providing short entertainment interludes from our more talented members.
- Talks on holidays, particularly Adventure Holidays to the more far-flung destinations
- Facilitating a Crafting Session.
- Facilitating basic computer skills sessions to help those who would like to use the technology better for things like keeping in touch with friends and family.
- Talks from those in an unusual profession.
- Supporting residents with small gardening or DIY projects (Painting a bench, dressing a border or plant pots).

**We are also looking** for someone to undertake the creation of a "Masonic Life Reminiscence Box" including small items of regalia, Interesting festive Board or Ladies Night Menu's, short stories on locally famous Masons and Lodge Histories. The box or boxes will have pride of place in the new library/reading room.

**"Time Banking"** administration and coordination will be dealt with by Bernie Steer at Devonshire Court, who will control the "Time Bank", scheduling and provide any other support to Donors. Regular monthly updates would be fed back to the Provinces via their respective Provincial Grand Almoners.



The programme of events/attendance would be notified to residents and staff via "Devonshire Cream" their monthly in-house magazine.

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