

RASCALS AGM MEETING
Thursday January 18th 2007 at 2pm

I hope you all have had a good Christmas and I would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Apologies: Shirley Gordon, Doreen Williams Jane Hopkins

New Member

It is good to see so many of you at yet the start of our 14th year in the running of Rascals lets hope it will be bigger and better than last year, and we can get to help more people so they can feel less isolated and alone with R.A.

Last year was an eventful year with more people than ever joining Rascals and their was a good turn out for the many variable and enjoyable social events.

The Summer Lunch was very enjoyable which we had Caterers in and food was very good, but numbers were limited due to amount that could only be catered for here.

The Garden Party was a huge success last year, more than ever attended with everyone having a great time and a vast amount was raised, With the Auction being a success with more being taken than the year before which we have to thank everyone involved for their hard work. The amount raised was £602.

Hydrotherapy has continued to thrive and we are now doing more sessions. We also have a waiting list of 8.

Also the Hydrotherapy team raised a great amount for Children in Need the sum being £317 they did activities in the pool and

likewise for Sport Relief which raised £290, well done to all who took part and those who gave so generously.

Some of the committee worked hard through the year making a selection of Greeting Cards and Christmas Cards available for sale to help towards Rascals funds. Which was very worth while.

Dr Sam and his team gave a interesting talk back in September which was very well attended and has agreed to comeback again this year.

The Christmas lunch was a huge success with more than ever attending the number being 72, The venue being the York House Hotel with Dr and Mrs Wojtulewski attending, Dr Sam, Dr Brunn, and not forgetting Gwyneth who enjoyed chatting and talking to members afterwards, which they always enjoy and I know it is always appreciated by members. The venue was such a huge success we have rebooked for this coming Christmas again.

I also have had thanks sent for all of the Committee from Doreen Williams, Janice Yates, and Lynn Purdy, and Dennis and Maureen Warfe thanking us for the work done through out the year, which is much appreciated, as I do not think people realise how many hours are put in to running Rascals. I hope we have managed to give you a varied amount of meetings and Social events that you have enjoyed, I must admit it does become more difficult each year to find different venues to visit, that is why it is so important that if you are not happy with anything that we have chosen you let one of the committee know, it is your club as well and your views are important.

I would also like to Thank all the Committee for their help and support to arrange events, send out help packs and letters and all the other tireless work involved, even though sometimes it is a real effort when one is not feeling up to scratch, and to you the members thank you for your support through out the year without you Rascals would not be as it is today.

In October I did ask that anyone who wished to stand for a post on the committee for 2007 would they please let me know by 31st December 2006. As Jackie Willard has resigned from her position Tina Whitmore has put her name forward for nomination of Secretary The remainder of the Committee have agreed they would still stand and put their names forward for the coming year for re-election for their same positions for 2007.

Their were two requests from members in November to be put before the committee for consideration

The first from Sally Isted was could they have a netball net or equipment for the use in Hydrotherapy, after much debating this matter and talks with Sally Scott she did not feel it necessary to buy this equipment because of their limited space with storage.

The second is from Margaret Clare also to do with Hydrotherapy. Could we not use the York House Hotel swimming Pool, thisunfortunatly has been turned down for the reasons being. We would not be covered by Insurance also we need in attendance 2 Physiotherapists for Health and safety reasons. Which would be far to costly. If however any of you wish to meet and do this off your own back that is up to you , but I am sorry it cannot be associated as part of Rascals.

I did put in a request to the committee for a microphone so that I did not have to shout at you all and also Renee would be able to hear ok. I managed to secure this one with amp for £60 a bargain I must say.

I would just like to say a big Thank You to all Members for the support that has been given to myself the Committee and to Rascals. Thank you for your continued support.

I will now had you over to Pauline discuss the Audited Accounts

Any Questions before I stand down the Committee for 2006

Committee now Stood down.

Committee Present

Chair

Jacqui Page

Vice Chair

Val Knowles

Secretary

Jackie Willard resigned October 2006

Social Secretary

Katy Layer

Welfare

Jennifer Simpson

Treasurer

Pauline Graham