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AGM 2010

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The AGM this year went well with a really good venue. Many thanks to those that came but we were a little disappointed at the turnout or rather lack of it.

The Bannatyne Spa Hotel in Hastings did us proud with 2 rooms at our disposal. The suppliers and manufacturers that attended did their usual good job and donated to our raffle. There was lots of chat and my apologies to those that I didn't get to speak to. I always seem to be amazingly busy at the AGM with all sorts of things.

The business side of things went according to plan with the exception of Tony Mason who couldn't attend. I relayed his report along with my own. Guess what, you've ended up with the same motley crew looking after your interests again. The committee were re-elected as usual and I'm still your Secretary come general dog's body. Tony Mason stays as Treasurer and Wendy as Journal distributor.

There was one extra good bit and that was George Powell volunteered to join us on the committee so welcome George. The raffle at the end proved a source of amusement as the tickets drawn seemed to be always for the same people. Needless to say the repeats were put back and drawn again, sometimes with the same result. After this amusement I think most members went home with something.



Welcome
George



National Council 2010

Well after a 5 1/2 hour traffic jam drive up the M25 and M1 me and Dave arrived in Hinkley at the hotel at 7PM, We both went to our rooms to check them out before meeting with Wendy and Jane for drinks, Met up with some old faces down there and then Wendy went off with the Pouch group for dinner. Dave, Jane and I had Dinner in the hotel Bistro - it was a buffet so I had some yummy prawns in a roll to start then some salmon with chips for main which was ok. We then went back into the bar and met up with one of the Oakmed reps and had a couple more drinks where we were joined by Wendy.

Off to bed for a good nights sleep, I had a massive king size bed all to myself!

Up early for breakfast at 9am where me, Dave and Jane had to share a table with some strange man who had taken up a table for 4 all on his own.

We then had supplier viewing and the lectures about stoma care and medical advances with a rather interesting video of a laproscopy of a colectomy.

Me and Dave went to a young Ia workshop were we discussed how to bring more young members to the ia.

Dinner was served later that night - I was sat on a table with a couple of old friends and some new ones - Leak and potato soup followed by Chicken and mash with some veg and then a rather sickly pudding of raspberry cheese cake, choc fudge cheese cake and a meringue. Lots of wine and chat after that and then me and Wendy went up to my room for a chat untill I realised it was 1am so I told her to b****r off so I could get to sleep. Dave was supposed to be meeting me for breakfast at 8am.

I woke at 7.45 am and was so tired I called Dave to tell him then went back to sleep till 9.30 so I missed brekkie and the first lecture but did manage to pack my case and load it into the car.

Met the others at 10.30 and viewed the suppliers stuff and hoped I'd won one of the many raffle prizes. No not lucky this time - back into the lectures. Watched a tearjerking presentation from Breakaway. Had Lunch which was a bit cramped as they had long tables in a very small place but I was starving having missed lunch then back in to the room to close the business meeting.

Time to say good bye to old and new friends and me and Dave headed back down south. Got stuck in a bit of traffic on the M1 again and we were both busting for the loo so we pulled off the M25 at Staines for a quick pit stop and a drink then home - very tired after a busy weekend.

Kelly Woodhouse
Young IA representative



A very busy weekend of lectures, displays and business meetings

Dave's Ramblings



Please Read Very Important

Anybody with subs still outstanding will not receive the next Journal and newsletter unless you contact me.

I will remind you that subs are due on January 1st each and every year regardless of when you joined.

The rates are £12 for those under 60 on January 1st 2009 and £8 for those 60 and over. These are the same rates as last few years. Cheques made payable to Sussex IA.

If you are having problems please contact Dave Drakeley in confidence and he will see what can be done. to help if we can.

Don't forget your subs

Coffee Mornings?

Still in the planning stage even though I've **NOT HAD A SINGLE RESPONSE** to what was said in the last newsletter.

Please contact me with any ideas you have for times, dates or venues as well as anything you would like included such as suppliers or someone to give a talk etc.

Let's see if we can get something organised



KELLY'S KORNER

YOUNG IA ARE ORGANISING A WEEKEND IN BELFAST 3RD TO 5TH SEPTEMBER. I WOULD LIKE TO GO BUT WOULD LIKE SOME COMPANY. ANY YOUNG MEMBERS INTERESTED IN GOING PLEASE CONTACT ME (DETAILS ON PAGE 4). THERE IS SOME FUNDING AVAILABLE SO DON'T LET THE LACK OF CASH STOP YOU THINKING ABOUT IT. IT PROMISES TO BE A GOOD FUN WEEKEND WITH LOTS TO DO. COME AND JOIN ME IN BELFAST

National Draw

Many thanks to all that bought or sold tickets. We sold more tickets than last year so well done.

We did have a winner in this division albeit a minor prize. When the list is published you will see my name (Dave Drakeley)there for having won £50