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NEWSLETTER

April 2003

What a start to April!

With the AGM on the Friday night and the Awards Dinner on the Saturday the first weekend of April was chock-a-block.

Beginning on the business front.....

Thanks to the many members who turned up for the AGM, I hope they found it informative and encouraging to see what a good year we had last year and how the club is going from strength to strength.

And then roll out the red carpet.....



What a joy it was to see a packed hall for the Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday 5 April. It demonstrated what a great venue the club has become for events such as this. I think if we had a hall twice the size we might have filled it this year and I'm sure that everyone who was at the dinner will be making sure their place is booked for next year, it was such a great evening.



The stars were out in force.....

This year we were lucky enough to have several honoured guests including Sir Steve and Lady Redgrave, the Mayor and Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Councillor and Mrs Andrew Jenner - Lead Member of Leisure and Sport for RBWM and Mr and Mrs Colin Begg of the Michael Shanly group, our lead sponsors. I believe their presence reflected the importance of the Awards Dinner in our club's calendar.



Even the President was there.....

We welcomed our new President, John Jenkins, to his first formal engagement at the club and recognised the tremendous job Davina Ingrams had done as our President for the past several years. We are grateful that Davina has agreed to be a Vice President of the club.

Congratulations once again to all the winners of trophies. Who knows maybe next year, in true Hollywood style, we can arrange a video link to all the winners who were not able to pick up their awards in person.

Thanks to all who had a hand in organising both events and special thanks to Mike Davis who generously donated to the club a limited edition print of Sir Steve Redgrave which the great man (Steve that is!) signed for us at the dinner.

Phil Jones

Please see attached newspaper article for list of Award Winners



DRAWING AND PAINTING - The Newest Section at WAMDSAD

Dig out your brushes, dust off your paints, if you have no brushes or paints we have plenty for you to use, so there's no excuse. Come and join us from 10:00am-12:00pm on a Wednesday morning. You don't have to be a Picasso! We'll give you all the help and support, so you can enjoy yourself - which, after all, it is all about. Good tea and coffee on tap. Could you say no to giving it a try? If you do, you'll be missing out on a lot of pleasure. Good friendly section. Come and give it a whirl.

FREE INFORMATION & ADVICE (IAG)

Learning and work for adults. Do you need a new direction in your life where work or learning are concerned? Are you concerned about a possible future redundancy? Do you need help writing your CV or with job interviews? Looking for a course for work or leisure? Thinking of starting your own business? Are you interested in doing some voluntary work? If the answer is YES to any of these questions, we may be able to help. Valona Filippini the Information & Advice Outreach Worker from the Royal Borough has asked if anyone would be interested in her help with any of the above. We would like to arrange a session with her sometime in the Autumn, and if anyone is interested, please let Liz in the office 01628 627690 know as soon as possible as we need to let her know so that we can book a mutually convenient time with her.

"Jubilant" News

If there are any disabled rowers out there that would like to row on The Royal Shallop "Jubilant", then please contact Liz in the office for further information, or get in touch direct to The Treasurer, Jubilant Trust, 202 Lambeth Road, London, SE1 7JW.

SUBSCRIPTIONS REMINDER

Once again I am having to chase people up for their subs. For those that have already paid up, thank you, and I hope that you have all received your stickers for your cards which I tried to get out to you by return. *Please, please* could those people who **HAVE NOT** paid up please do so by the end of May, otherwise your name will be deleted from our records. If you are a Full member and come here for sport (that also includes swimming), and have not renewed, then you are not covered by our insurance and will not be allowed to participate in any club activities.

Card checks are now being done in the clubhouse, and if you haven't got an up to date one, then you will be fined and asked to renew on the spot.

Ray Fields

As many of you may know, Ray Fields was recently taken into hospital after an incident at home. After a short time at Wexham Park, he has now been transferred to Stoke Mandeville Hospital and is said to be doing well. He would welcome visitors, but asks that you get in touch with the office first to liaise with one of his daughters.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Cox Green School Jazz Band

The Cox Green School Jazz Band are coming to WAMDSAD on Saturday 10th May. If you are interested in tickets - at £3.00 each, then please ask behind the Bar or in the office.

Windsor Street Collection - 24th May

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!! If anyone could *please* volunteer their time (even if it's for an hour or so), we need collectors for Windsor. Last year, those that volunteered got themselves a tan as the weather was so lovely!! Please let Liz or Karin in the office know what times you can do, and help us to make this year's Windsor collection a bumper one.

Karaoke and BBQ Evening – 24th May

As you can see, on the same day as the Windsor Street Collection, we are holding a karaoke evening along with a barbeque. Everyone is welcome to come and be fed up(!), wet your whistle and 'have a go'. From 7:30pm till late.

WAMDSAD Games

These are being held on Saturday 7th June. Please see enclosed leaflets and entry forms.

FRIDAY FUN SPORTS

Dates of Friday Fun Sessions after the Easter Break.

8.00p.m. – 9.15p.m.

2nd & 16th May

7th June WAMDSAD GAMES so no fun sports on 6th June & 20th June

4th & 18th July

1st & 15th August

This session is open to ALL YOUTH members to come down to the club and enjoy an relaxed sports/games evening including table tennis, ball games etc. The aim of the evening is to give the younger members of the club a chance to 'have a go' at the different sports and meet members of their age group.

For information please phone VAL JONES on 01628 541021

WAMDSAD CHARITY BALL – 1st November

After the "One Night Stand" concert last November we all said "never again", too much stress, too little return on our efforts. Well, perhaps we were right in some ways, but well - we're going to do something bigger and better this year!!!!

The plan is for a major fundraising Charity Ball to be held at Ascot Racecourse on Saturday 1st November, possible 400 to 500 guests paying a lot of money to be there, and hopefully a lot more when they are there! We are organising the Ball in conjunction with the BPA - the British Paralympic Association - to raise funds for disabled sports men and women, funds for WAMDSAD and funds to help our GB team at the Paralympics in Athens next year.

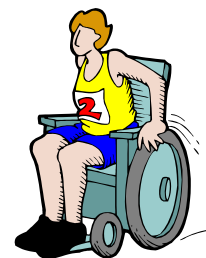
Our Chairman of Fundraising, President John Jenkins, has assembled a special Ball committee comprising some of our own club members, but more importantly some real 'movers and shakers' from the outside world, great people with years of experience in organising events such as ours. The die is cast, we've paid the deposit, we're printing the sales leaflet at the moment - and we're looking for advertisers and sponsors.

So, how can club members help? Firstly, by letting us in the office know of any contacts you may think of who may be interested in going, or advertising, or sponsoring. We'll follow them up. Secondly, we will have to provide some 25 or so members on the night to help with the administration and organisation - interested? If so, again, let us know in the office.

Mike, Liz & Karin

Winding Up For The Wheelchair Push - 12th July

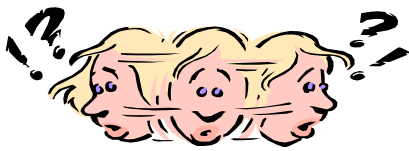
Don't miss out on this great WAMDSAD tradition - this year 12th July. Plan are well underway and we already have several pushing teams committed. This year we are planning a most spectacular event, but really do need maximum numbers of members involved to make this possible. So please complete the "Street Collections" letter enclosed with this Newsletter indicating the help you can provide. As a static collector or as a Pushee - either will be very, very helpful. Go on - do it now! We also need your help to recruit Pushing Teams - all welcome - from your place of work? Your local pub? How about getting a group of



friends together to form a team? Please let JJ or the office know as soon as possible please.

Street Collecting Days - 2003

As well as the Wheelchair Push on 12th July, we have three street collection days this year - 24th May in Windsor, 27th September in Maidenhead and 11th October in Ascot. So please put these dates in your diary NOW. The more collectors on the streets the more money we will collect - so please support our 'flag days'. Let us know what you can do - please complete the enclosed and return to the office. See you out there!!



Quiz Nights at the Local?

We have just launched a fundraising initiative aimed at pubs in our area. We are writing to them to ask if they would hold a Quiz Night (or two) for WAMDSAD over the coming year. How about your Local? They might not be on our list - so next time you're in, please pop the question to your friendly Landlord. And let JJ or the office know so we can follow up. Thanks for your help.

P.S. If there is anyone who would like to put an article or has news for the newsletter, please let Liz in the office have it before Friday 18th July. Thank you.

AND FINALLY

A man goes to the doc, with a strawberry growing out of his head. The doc says, "I'll give you some cream to put on it".

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. They lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it too!