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NEWSLETTER

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FANTASTIC CHARITY BALL RAISES £30k FOR SPORT FOR THE DISABLED



THE BALL COMMITTEE

Back Row - John Castell Jot Story Hilary O'Rourke Fiona Coughlan Madi Lewis Andrew Frank Jonathan Story
Front Row - Liz Hornby John Jenkins Jane Young

On Saturday 1st November at Ascot Racecourse 300 or so people came together for a fabulous Ball in aid of Sports for the Disabled. The event was arranged by our own WAMDSAD fundraising team, led very ably by Hilary (read your ***** e-mails!) O'Rourke, along with outside help from friends of the committee and the British Paralympic Association, who are taking a slice

of the profits. Bobby Davro entertained the guests along with Fay Presto who astounded everyone by her close-up magic tricks - have you ever seen a bottle disappear through a solid table? Music was provided by the Tornados and a disco from Penguins Events. Penguins also helped light the room and provided the sound system. A trimmed down version of The Cox Green School Jazz Band

set the tone for the night by playing jazz throughout the champagne reception at the beginning of the evening.

Apart from our very own Paralympians, Jeanette Chippington, Rob Anderson, Kathy Smith, Tim Heaps and Rebecca Gale, there were many other distinguished guests. People like Ade Adepitan who is the disabled basketball player and children's presenter, Fred Dove who was the captain of the England Disabled Cricket team-, and also a presenter, and Peter Norfolk, the top Quad tennis player in this country. Amongst other distinguished guests were Clare Balding, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Cricket commentator and author, Theresa May MP and certainly not forgetting the one and only Steve Redgrave who was accompanied by his wife Anne.

There were many wonderful prizes on the Tombola which was manned brilliantly and very efficiently by members of WAMDSAD. It was very busy on the Tombola as the sellers of the tickets didn't stop! Right from the time when people started drifting in, they were selling and the Tombola team were giving out lots of wonderful prizes. We also

held a silent auction, for those who don't know what this is, it's an auction that runs through the evening, but instead of putting up your hand for a normal auction, you write your bid down on the relevant list and wait to see if you've won. Lots of items were listed on this, including watching a recording of 'Parkinson' with hospitality thrown in, a capsule on the London Eye, a round of golf with Tim Brooke-Taylor and a pair of Theresa May's leopard skin shoes.

In the Grand Auction we had 12 prizes all of superb value, each item going for fantastic prices. More than anything the goodwill raised on the night was wonderful, not just for WAMDSAD, but also for the BPA and how important it is to sponsor disabled athletes in gaining their goals and looking forward to Athens next year.

Congratulations to the Ball Committee on organizing such a wonderfully exciting evening.



WAMDSAD Chairman Phil Jones with his wife Val

TERRY FRANKS & THE AVALONS



Back by popular demand Terry Franks & The Avalons are due to appear at the clubhouse on Saturday 22nd

November. There are still some tickets left so HURRY - HURRY - HURRY to avoid disappointment. Tickets are priced at £4.00 each and are available from behind the bar or from the office. 'Be there or be square!'

MR & MRS QUIZ NIGHT



Do you remember the quiz programme 'Mr & Mrs'? For those who do, we are holding a similar evening here in the bar, for those who don't know what this is, why not come along and find out. As the title might imply you will have to know your partner fairly well to be able to participate in this quiz. The date is Friday 28th November starting at 8.00pm.



TIMBERLAND SALE

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer giving details of the Timberland Sale on Saturday 29th November. WAMDSAD will be a recipient of a portion of the money raised that day. Be sure to get there early to be able to get some brilliant bargains.

CHRISTMAS AT WAMDSAD

As most of you will be aware, Christmas is looming and WAMDSAD will be holding the usual events.



First is the Christmas Lunch to be held on Sunday 14th December. There is a flyer for you to fill in and send your money back to us to book your place. This is usually very popular *so book early*.

Secondly, the Carol Concert is on Tuesday 16th December in the main hall. The Salvation Army will be entertaining us again with Carol's so do come along and get in the Christmas spirit. 7.30pm for 8.00pm.

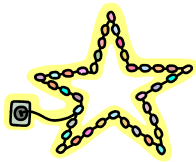
PARTIES - PARTIES - PARTIES

Obviously, Christmas is a time for parties, and to that end, WAMDSAD has organized the usual. On **Friday 19th December** there will be Karaoke and the 200 Club draw in the bar. On **Saturday 20th December**, the famous WAMDSAD Christmas Party - starts at 8.00pm - will take place in the hall. Finally, on **Sunday 21st December** it's the turn for the children when Father Christmas will be coming to join in the proceedings.

To cap all that, WAMDSAD is having the regular New Year's Eve party on 31st December at 8.00pm which ends in 2004!

MAIDENHEAD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On Friday 21st November Ben Fogle - of Castaway fame - is switching on the Christmas lights this year in Maidenhead. There will also be a Continental market in St Ives Road. WAMDSAD has been asked to be there and we shall be having a stall selling soft toys etc. Please come along and support us and watch the lights being turned on. The entertainment starts at 5.00pm and lights are being turned on at 6.30pm



MYSTERY SHOPPING

How about a bit of retail therapy that you get paid for? Liz and Karin in the office have details of a company that are after disabled shoppers to help them out with some Mystery Shopping. If you're interested, please contact one of us.



THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT

- or possibly several thieves! As most of you will know we have been visited twice in recent months, a brand new TV going out of a bar door in the middle of the night, and the Bar itself being broken into whilst members were in the club, and some drink and cash nicked!



As a result of the publicity that resulted, we have now been able to replace the television in the bar with one donated by Club member Nick Faulkner, plus a spare presented to us by Adrian Adams of Carillion Communications - many many thanks to you both for such generosity. To cap it all, the Conservative Club Maidenhead had a successful quiz evening, and presented us with a cheque for £400 as well. Thank you!

Quite obviously, we have taken further measures to secure the club, but please, if you see somebody carrying something out of the clubhouse ask them who they are and what they are doing. Incidentally, someone has recently borrowed two of the club's wheelchairs - can we have them back please, they are part of our emergency evacuation equipment.

ALLIED BAKERIES

You will have seen adverts in the press for the Kingsmill "Free Kit For Clubs" promotion with Gaby Logan. Well, their local company Allied Technical Centre has adopted us as beneficiaries for kit and a donation, so urge all your family and friends to collect the Kingsmill tokens and bring them in to the club. We're up to about 1200 tokens so far and there is a year to go! So as Nell Gwynne once famously said "If there ain't no cake, eat bread"!

(Editor Note: MD not very good on famous historical remarks!)

COLLECTION DAYS

Thanks, thanks, thanks to all those who do turn up and shake a tin, this year to date:-

Windsor	£1,108
Maidenhead	£ 702
Ascot	£ 731

- not as good as previous years, but still an important contribution to the club funds!

GOLF SECTION



The Board and WAGS Committee have OK'd the formation of a new sport section for golf, for both disabled and able bodied members. Please let Liz in the office have your name if you're interested and we will arrange an initial meeting to get things underway. There could be some funding for equipment in due course.

BRAYWICK DEVELOPMENTS

A new Astroturf Pitch opened recently and work is virtually complete on the new rugby club training ground, but the grass needs a year to grow! In the meantime, the ruggers have a training pitch behind our clubhouse. Incidentally the Astroturf, or ATP, is operated by the RBWM from the Gym underneath the rugby club stand, and is intended for local hockey and football club's use - it is also wheelchair friendly we understand, so perhaps we can think up some use for it in the coming months!

Work to the derelict Braywick House is, we believe, also due to start in the New Year, with Whitbread proceeding with a pub/restaurant development.

In the meantime work to our Garage Extension has hit a snag, not actually "hit it", but we've found the main sewer pipe runs exactly under where we want to put the footings. Plan 'B' is now well advanced, and we hope to start building before long.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - FUN SPORTS & GAMES AT WAMDSAD



Specifically for disabled children in the community. Professionally organized, well funded now by the RBWM, the Sport for the Disabled in the South Trust and ourselves, this operates on Tuesdays 4.30 to 5.30pm through to December. The programme for next year is agreed and dates being set. This is for youngsters, over 5 years of age, siblings welcome, and it is £2 per child on the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2004

The Round Table Swimathon - WAMDSAD are putting in a team on 10th January 2004.

AGM	2 nd April 2004
Awards Dinner	17 th April 2004
Windsor Flag Day	15 th May 2004
Wheelchair Push	10 th July 2004

Please put these in your diary now to avoid disappointment nearer the time.

OUR SPORTS SECTIONS

ARCHERY

24 Hour Arrowthon -

On the weekend of 27/28 September 23 members and friends of the archery section took part in this year's 24 hour Arrowthon, a sponsored archery shoot to raise funds for the club.

It all started at 1.00pm on the Saturday and consisted of 16 Portsmouth rounds (5 dozen arrows shot at a 60cm target face from a distance of 20 yards, maximum possible score is 600 points). The highest score for a single round was achieved by our own Chris Christopherson with a score of 553. Highest scoring lady archer was Carol Talbot of Velmead Archers scoring 501. Several archers shot multiple rounds, the leading scoring archer was a newcomer to the archery section, Ian Ward, who shot 7 rounds with a total score of 2,897. John Lyford, our very own bowyer and deputy field captain shot 5 rounds scoring 2,469.

Oli Cooper - aged 12 and only 3 weeks into his beginner's course shot on a 122cm face scoring 328, only just being beaten by Mum, Niki, with a score of 339. Niki came back at 5.30am on Sunday to shoot a second round, scoring 455.

Pat Montague and Debbie Creffield cooked early morning breakfast for all the archers, and range staff who survived the night, provided food throughout the 24 hours.

Over £112 was raised on the day with a further £500 pledged by sponsors.

At Portsmouth recently our archers came home with a haul of medals - David Haynes won 2 Gold (for Single and Double); Kevin Ross won 2 Silver (for Single & Double); Peter Miles won a Bronze for Single and Cheryl Kelley also won a Bronze for Double. Congratulations to all of you!

Kathy Smith

Kathy recently competed at the Berkshire Long Bow competition where she won a Gold medal. Congratulations to her!!

POOL SECTION



- and we don't mean swimming pool! This section is going from strength to strength with 25 members in the A and B teams. See either Terry Gibson or Trevor Montague (behind the bar) if you want to join.

Swimming

The swimming section goes from strength to strength, with new recruits volunteering to fill the lifeguard tee-shirts of those who have departed for university. The section also raised two teams for the Windsor Lions Swimathon, and a particular mention must go to Samantha, who has "never done anything like this before" and swam several lengths with Val Jones to raise money. Unfortunately Val will be away from swimming now and will be missed, but we hope she can return at full strength sometime after Christmas. Meanwhile we are recruiting for two - maybe three teams for the Maidenhead Swimathon, on Saturday 10th January, so spare us an hour, swim off a few lbs. gained at Christmas, and raise funds in a fun way. It's warmer than standing on a street corner! Email Chris at chris.humphris@tesco.net to join in the fun, swimming ability not essential.

Finally our last swim of the year is on Sunday 21st of December - with a social upstairs afterwards - mince pies and juice - again Email Chris if you are coming.

I have recently received a report on the Disabled World Dressage Championships 2003 recently held in Belgium. If anyone would like a copy, please contact Liz in the office.

AND FINALLY

Some Christmas messages from within the club -



From Trevor Montague - "I would like to thank all the bar staff who have worked so hard over the year, and in turn we would like to thank all our customers who have supported us throughout 2003"

From John our President - "Wishing all members of our great club an excellent Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. All best wishes."

From Liz & Karin in the office - "Wishing all the members a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year too."

From Phil our Chairman - "May I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everybody (both staff and members) who have contributed so much to make this past year another great one for WAMDSAD. Also special thanks to all our sponsors for their magnificent support, the organisations and individuals who have made donations and helped us so much on the financial front.

Here's wishing everyone at WAMDSAD a Very Merry Christmas and a happy and enjoyable New Year"

Kind regards and best wishes

Phil