



# Plus Gazette

## A SUMMARY OF PLUS NATIONAL NEWS

### **National Federation of Plus Areas National Gazette**

#### **NEC meeting 18th November 2006**

##### **Election of National Officers**

There were no nominations for Training Officer, Internet Co-ordinator and AGM co-ordinator.

These posts remain open; nominations should be directed to the HGS for election at the Annual General Meeting by January 8<sup>th</sup> 2007.

##### **Annual General Meeting Co-ordinator**

National Activities Officer, Dave Filer agreed to organise and run the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 24th February 2007 at Warwick.

##### **Auditor**

Northern Area Treasurer, Alison Jones was elected Auditor for the 2005 and 2006 accounts.

An additional Auditor is required, the Area Chair's agreed to identify someone and carry out a vote by e-mail.

##### **Federation's Accounts**

Following the vote not to accept the 2005 accounts and the withdrawal of the nomination of accountants at the 2006 National Conference the NEC decided to appoint two auditors to re-do the 2005 accounts which will then be presented to the Annual General Meeting 24th February 2007.

##### **Membership forms**

Membership Officers are advised to copy existing forms until the new form is ready, Dave Filer will notify Area Chair's when the new form is ready.

##### **Motions**

A mandatory motion to remove the annual inflationary membership fee increase was not voted upon as all the Areas had not voted on the motion.

The Constitution states that the NEC have the right to set the membership fee, therefore a motion was put to the meeting to set a membership fee of £25.00 starting on 1st January 2007. After a lengthy discussion the motion was lost.

##### **Rules of Engagement for events**

Dave Filer has put together a document outlining the rules for the organisation of large scale events. This was agreed by the NEC with minor amendments and will be published shortly.

## **Annual General Meeting 2007**

This is to take place on Saturday 24th February 2007 at Warwickshire County Council Staff Club, Northgate House, Northgate Street, Warwick CV34 4SP starting at 10:00 a.m. and finishing at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting will include the elections of the Non-Executive Committee and the National Officers, and also the awarding of trophies etc. The agenda will also include any motions for debate, Business Plan presentation and, time permitting, the facility for national debate.

Due to time constraints only items submitted in writing will be included in the facility for national debate.

The NEC set a deadline date of 8th January 2007 for submission of documentation for the Annual General Meeting to the HGS. Motions to be submitted to the January Area Conferences should also be submitted for inclusion on the agenda if passed.

## **Brean 2007**

Adam Redshaw was elected Brean 2007 Organiser by the shareholders, East Anglia Area, Midland Area and North Thames & Chilterns Area.

Planned is the return of Pheonix the stage illusionist, karaoke, a RAT (a traditional Real Ale Trip), hopefully with a hog roast, a return to Rich's Cider barn and a coach may be booked to somewhere for a retail therapy session.(interest permitting) there is also the possibility of a ten piece commitments tribute band.

## **NGOOT 2007**

Fareham & Gosport Group, Southern Area are planning to organise NGOOT (Now Get Out Of That) 2007 on Friday 4th to Monday 7th May 2007.

The price includes a BBQ; three full English breakfasts, a Buffet and various activities. Two nights cost £52 and three nights £62. The deadline date for bookings is 27th of March 2007 and the first ten bookings will receive a bottle of wine on arrival at the event.

## **Web Site**

The NEC agreed that Richard Morton be asked to further develop the new web site by updating the colours and accessibility to meet the W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) recommendations, giving more access to non-members which is to include photographs and group details and that the dairy is up to date.

## **“Back to School Campaign”**

Thanks to Sutton Coldfield Group for their feedback. Any Groups participating in this campaign are requested to send feedback to their Area Chairman or direct to National Publicity Officer, Kirsty Van Lieshout.

## **Business Plan**

Plus is at a crucial time with the change to the new structure and the new name, we all need to consider what the future of Plus should be. The plan is for the whole of the Federation and input will be sought from everyone. This will be a five year plan, from 2007 to 2011 (The Platinum Jubilee). We ask that everyone start discussing what Plus should be in 2011 and what we need to do to get there.

Vice Presidents, Gerry Edwards and Sandra Brogan have volunteered to co-ordinate the national Business Plan. There will be a presentation at the AGM and Ideas will be pulled together for the May 2007 NEC meeting.

Emma Dunning  
Honorary General Secretary

John A Smith  
National Chairman