

Annual General Meeting 2010 – Chairman's Report

On the first of April it will be one year since we left the National Federation of Plus to form our own organisation and it has been brilliant! We started with 23 members and at the moment of writing this report we have 37 members (increase of 14 in 10 months), 4 Potential Members to sign up and 6 Potential Members still in their first 4 weeks.

We had 84 enquiries in the last 10 months, a lot of them have been added to the user list on the website. All members are getting the hang of the website and every member is still invited to add their own events to the calendar.

We have run 170 events in the last 10 months and there are many more to come. It is fantastic to see that everyone understands that it is not about the number of people attending, but the heaps of fun you have! One of the events were both came together was the Very Mafia Christmas Party. We had 29 people attending and looking at the pictures – we had heaps of fun too!

We're getting lots of hits on our website – even from people who were not really looking for us. Butlins, Pink Ball, Orange Wednesday are the current top 3 (people searched for above and found us).

Rich is constantly updating and improving the website and your Web Mistresses are busy with approving event postings. The more people post events, click on our links, visit the website – the higher we come up in search results.

Ian has been very busy keeping our accounts up to date and Mike is typing notes as if his life depends on it. Hannah has thrown herself into the organisation of Orange Wednesday and Vanessa is doing a great job as our Cuisine Queen!

I am trying to keep up with all the free advertising we can do (any suggestions; let me know) and there are postcards and business cards to give out.

On the next committee we hope to gain a Membership Secretary, a Publicity Officer and many more General Committee Members.

So, in short – It was a brilliant year and am looking forward to many more!

Kirsty van Lieshout
SHQ Chairman