

Hi everyone

Here is some feedback on the AGM held last Tuesday 18th September.

First of all I would like to thank all those who made the effort and were able to attend (we struggled a bit this year with only 18). I would also like to thank those who unfortunately could not come but had the courtesy to forward their apologies.

A new committee was elected in and the new committee is as follows:

Chairman – Rob Ward – re-elected

Vice-chairman – Steve Pearce – re-elected

Secretary – Samantha Clark – re-elected

Treasurer – Craig Price – re-elected

Social Secretary – Marshall McCausland – re-elected

Charity Secretary – Paul Witheyman – re-elected

Sue Black – Committee member – elected

I would like to thank all the committee members for willing to stand for election and their continued support for the association.

We discussed the progress made by the association in the last 12 months (please read my report attached).

We had 4 Forums all with excellent speakers. The turnouts to these events was a little disappointing. In fact there were 19 members who failed to attend any of these forums – were you one of them?

Paul once again has done a terrific job in raising funds again this year with a total in excess of £1700. Richard also did a great job in organising the golf event this year with the help of his golf society and we raised over £500 – such a pity there were only 3 ASDI members there to support the cause!

Marshall arranged a few social events. Those of note were the Go-Cart evening at Crawley and the xmas meal in January.

Having reflected on the past years efforts those present discussed ways of trying to make the association more of a benefit to everyone. Due to surplus funds last year we donated a further £1000 to charities, after all we are registered as a charity ourselves.

The money is going to some fantastic causes, however I feel that we could be using this money to our own advantage through subsidising social events and training events to help with your CPD.

It was proposed that we put ideas out to the membership and get feedback as to what may be of interest. As a committee we would also strongly welcome any additional ideas and if supported by adequate numbers we will do everything we can to get ideas of the ground.

Please have a look at the following list and feed back to us things that you would be interested in. I would appreciate it if ALL of you take a little time to think and respond to this request, thank you

Social

Xmas meal
Go Carting
Outing to a theme park
Mercedes Benz World
Quiz night
Trip to the theatre

Training

First Aid
Basic car mechanics
Basic accounting
Developing your business
Coaching
Skid pan
Teaching special needs/disabled
Basic sign language
Attending national conferences
A trip to the Transport Research Laboratory

There will be the usual forums once every 2 to 3 months and we will advertise the dates in advance in due course.

As I said please forward any further suggestions.

Get more out of your local association by supporting your events.

Finally may I take this opportunity to remind those who have not renewed their membership it is now due. It is still only £15 and you can pay by BACS or simply send a cheque payable to ASDI to Craig. His address is:

7 Cootham Park, Pulborough Road, Storrington, West Sussex, RH20 4JS

All the best

Rob Ward

Chairman