

Annual Report 2010/2011

This has been a consolidation year for ASDI. After the success in attracting a large number of ADI's from the Chichester and Bognor areas to ASDI our membership has remained stable over the last 12 months. Indeed our numbers actually dropped by 3 compared to the same time last year, so I am pleased we have consolidated but a shade disappointed we have not increased our numbers.

It has been an extremely busy year for me personally so yet again it has been hard work at times to keep things moving. However I have had fantastic support from several members and this has helped achieve a reasonably successful year.

We now have a very good and proactive web site which we hope to improve further in the next 12 months. Communication has also improved via the use of group texts as well as the traditional e-mails. This is useful as I know we don't all look at our e-mails daily – myself included. I would like to thank Steve Pearce for doing such a great job in the I.T. department.

Fund raising has been exceptional this year, we have raised over £2700 for charity. A huge thanks goes out to Paul Witheyman who has done a brilliant job at fund raising through various events such as dance evenings and quiz nights. I would also like to thank Richard Barnes who gives Paul a lot of support when organising these events.

Our annual Golf Charity event took place on 2nd September at Lewes Golf Club. Unfortunately the turnout was very low (only 7 people) which was a real shame because the weather was simply fantastic and the course was in great nick. Despite this we still raised over £160 on the day. Many thanks to Richard Turner for organising the event. Next year we hope to do the event earlier in the year.

The Forums were a continued success. We held 4 altogether.

The first was last December when Andy Horner from West Sussex Fire and Rescue came and gave a talk on the risks young drivers take when driving and how the service try to educate the youngsters. This was a very informative evening and quite an eye opener.

The second was a visit from Mike Frisby, chief examiner for the DIA. He gave a talk on CPD and how to record your CPD and how your CPD can advance and develop your own skills.

The third forum was over at Lavant and was hosted by Lou Bloodworth, a champion in Coaching. This was an extremely informative evening and provoked some lively discussions on the subject of coaching and the psychology of learning.

The final forum was hosted by HMRC and gave some excellent information on how to fill in your self-assessment and in particular on how to do it on line. Wendy Staveley then held a Q&A session which most people made good use of.

I was reasonably encouraged by turnouts for the forums – averaging 26 people. However it would be nice to see a few more turn up and perhaps a few new faces!

12 members attended the DIA annual conference that was held in Crawley. All those who went felt it was well worth while. We will look to encourage the same next year.

Finally on the social side we had a great evening out for our xmas meal at the Stables Pub at Fontwell.

The trip to the Tank Museum was a bit of a wash out but hey Me and my family had a wonderful day out and thanks to Tony Oxbrow for getting us a free ride on one of the tanks. Well worth a visit!

As Chairman I hope the coming year will be as good as the last year and hopefully better. I would like to encourage all members to put forward ideas for training events, social events or charity events. We are fortunate to have a good committee who give up their spare time to keep the association going. If everyone does a little bit as well I am sure we can go from strength to Strength.

Rob Ward - Chairman