



CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER

September 2009

Dear All

CLUB NEWS

There was so much to tell you about the club this month, that I thought that the easiest way of doing this was via the medium of the newsletter.

One or two of the members have mentioned to me that they are a little upset that they do not get a newsletter every month. Well, there are a couple of reasons for this...one is that a lot of time goes into the running of the club as it is, and there never seems to be enough hours in the day (or night) to put the newsletter together as well as keep the day job going. But also, every event that we hold is publicised on the web and you can check in there to see what events are coming up, and book on-line as well.

We also have a "FACEBOOK" page so if you are a member, please join the Dudley and District Club Group so we can all contact each other much easier.

Some of you might be aware that our secretary, Emma Walker has stepped down from the role of secretary. She had been finding it increasingly difficult to make the monthly meetings and to commit to the work involved in dealing with the administration of the club. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking Emma for her hard work over the last couple of years or so.

Faced with this, the committee has asked Sue Rigsby to step into the role for the remainder of the year. Sue is a relatively new member of the club and comes highly recommended by Adrian Goodaker. Under the constitution, the committee does have the power to co-opt any member to a key role like this but as always if any member

has a particular issue with this, then please let me know. In common with all of the other positions on the committee, the post will be up for election at the next AGM.

FUTURE EVENTS

We are holding a “speed networking” event on the 15th September 2009 from 7.30 pm. Members often complain that they can never get to speak to everyone....well here is your chance to meet all of the other members, introduce yourselves, tell everyone else about your business and what you asking for at the moment. A buffet will be served. Please do your best to attend and let your other business colleagues know about the event (and the DDBC). It would be great to have a bumper turnout!

...and now the dreaded word...CHRISTMAS.

As you will all know (as it has been on the website for quite a while now) we are holding the DDBC Christmas event at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill on Friday 4th December 2009. As you might expect, we shall be having a full Christmas meal and entertainment, as well as a grand raffle...the committee are also planning a surprise or two as well...watch this space!

This event will take a lot of organising and this is where the committee will need the help of the club members. We will need to sell tickets for the event (which will be at a subsidised £25 per head) and as the room holds in excess of 120, we need to try to sell whole tables to some of our larger organisations, as well as individual ticket sales. If you would be prepared to assist with the ticket sales, please speak to Adrian Goodaker.

Likewise we will need help from all of the members to sell tickets for the Grand Raffle....more of this at the meeting in September.

Finally (for now at least) if anyone wants to donate prizes for the Grand Raffle (I'm thinking Cars, Holidays in Barbados...you know the sort of thing) then these would be gratefully received and will give you an opportunity to promote your business on the raffle tickets and on the evening itself.

Enough from me....see you all on the 15th.

Stuart