

# Plus News

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# TIGHT FIT AT WASH 2009

A great weekend

At this year's WASH the main entertainment of Sunday evening was Tight Fit, they went down well with most Plussers on the dance floor and a couple on stage, but the real highlight was that the band turned up at Kings Lynn Plus Groups chalet Karaoke party afterwards.

Everyone thought it was really cool and the real fun part was in the kitchen where Denise Waterman started a singing game, Wenda and Barry (who I videoed singing Meatloaf last year) were there as was Corinna, another good Plus singer, even I was persuaded to sing a little.

More on page 4.

The National Annual General Meeting and the Activities Workshop (did you see the video on the Plus web-site?). These subjects and more covered by National Chairman, Adrian Barnard.

More on page 3.

## Plus Buzz

- Are you an experienced Plus Activities organiser?
- Do you have any informative or amusing stories to share about Plus Activities?
- In three minutes, what would you say?
- Twelve slides automatically rotating after fifteen seconds, what would you show?

If you've answered any of the above questions then you may wish to present a Plus Buzz at the Activities Workshop on the Sunday following the 2010 National Annual General Meeting.

Other Autumn/Winter highlights in the Plus calendar this year include NEAT Nottingham and the Kings Lynn "Scalextric Challenge", these are also highlighted in this issue of Plus News.

More on pages 7 and 11.

Even though this issue of Plus News is the Autumn/Winter edition, the plan was for it to be published in Autumn so we have one article to remind everyone of summer.

More on page 8.

This issues Questions ??? were put to Honourary General Secretary James Oliver.

More on pages 7.

Plus Buzz is a three minute talk with twelve slides rotating automatically every fifteen seconds, the subject is Plus Activities, the talk may be serious or amusing and the Activities Workshop Team would like to present up to four Plus Buzz talks.

Anyone who wishes to give a Plus Buzz at the Activities Workshop or find out more should contact John Smith of the Activities Workshop Team through Plus News at plusnews@18plus.org.uk.

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## NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN



Firstly I'd like to get a really cheesy Merry Christmas in to everyone this year. I don't know if I'll be around much to post

electronically to all on my list this Christmas or even be at many of the events over the holiday, so I figured I'd get it in here.

We had a bit of a first at the NEC meeting the other day, a Groups Area motion passed and I got to 'vote' on another.

The Membership Officers of all the Areas were also good enough to all collate the figures again too and that puts the official figures . . . Four down on last year. A downer? Not to my mind, I know of four 'members' straight off the bat whom at that time will be renewing, but hadn't got round to it - and at the time of writing three now have, so widening that way of thinking to others I figure we're still on a growth curve. It just needs those members

who will get round to it to catch up with the other 99% of us please.

It's also time to start looking at another year of great events. If you've ever wondered just what's involved in PLUS events then you have a perfect opportunity after the National AGM to attend the Activities Workshop to network, learn and experience some of what goes on with those hard working fellow members who take the time to organise in part what we all joined up for. With an eye to inputting your ideas, thoughts and events into next years calendar.

Oh yes . . . and a Happy New Year!

**Adrian Barnard**  
**National Chairman**

### Activities in Plus

Ever wondered how National scale events are put together? With dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of those involved from the chairman, bookings clerk, entertainments executives, treasurers, administrators, investigators, transport and many more.

Who does this? You do! . . . You don't? . . . Why not?

If it's a question of fear of the unknown then please consider attending the National Activities Workshop on big events, after the National Annual General Meeting in February.

Those who currently organise such events weren't often there at the beginning, shouldn't be there at the end and the events that define PLUS, it's members and its ethos don't simply happen.

PLUS is about developing you as well as entertaining and networking, so to improve yourself apply for the Workshop event of the year, get a little experience on how such events run.

Numbers wise in PLUS we had just shy of 500 at the National AGM in 2009, at changeover the national figure was less than 400, so numbers in PLUS should be up, but we won't know for sure until February's AGM in 2010, assuming all Areas remember to report their numbers. Well done all Areas last year and thanks to those whom had reported them prior to that too.

I've had an interesting experience; work run a reasonable number of social events at a price, and get some attendance. They announced a free ticketed fireworks display and already within the week suffered more than one thousand applications, which they hadn't been expecting. But it was a free 'premier' event in among a load of just attended others so it's kind of telling, lack of ready cash seems to have some bearing on attendance, had they charged I'll bet they'd still be in the very low three figures.

Events, it's a near thankless task! Why do we do it? Well if we didn't we wouldn't be here, we rely on our members to run our events, even the many outsourced ones. Ever wonder why NGOOT didn't happen last year? I know someone did, "Why wasn't NGOOT on?" was the simple question on this list. The answer is; Because you didn't organise it! This year with an excellent team I did.

As an event organiser I'd hope you get to attend and participate in an event you want to see running, I'd hope you get a feeling of warmth from the gratitude of those attending and an education on how to better run anything in life in general along with the confidence to do it.

How do I run something like WASH? There are two good ways of doing this, ask and help the WASH committee, or attend the Activities Workshop mentioned previously. This is on 'how to run the large events'. I don't pretend for one moment you'll march out of it announcing you'll run WASH next time or Brean or NEAT or SADY or AMMO or something new for PLUS. (nice as that might be). But it is there to give you an insight into what's running, how, and networking with some of those who do put some of the larger events together. It's there to give you a little confidence, a little insight, a little knowledge, a little help.

That's how I started out, these days I don't worry as such about running anything, standing on committee or whatever . . . I wing most of it! That's not to detract from the planning and organisation that goes into any of this, it's just to try and show it's somewhat more fun and way less onerous than you might think.

PLUS has been around since 1941, as an event organiser I haven't been around in any capacity until the late 1990's, and at some point I guess I'll like to be attending events that I used to run but had no hand in this time round. Which means folks need to do the PLUS thing as did I, and start organising those events to attract more members who can marvel at those talented individuals who have taken over running these wonderful events (and started new ones) from us old fogies.

One last thing guys, the worse thing that can happen for any organiser is for folks to hang back on bookings, so if you're going on an event and it requires booking then do it now please. And if a postal strike is looming tell the organiser you've done it too to avoid unpleasant surprises on the day.

**Adrian Barnard**  
**National Chairman**

## WASH WAFFLE

Well guys and gals, that was I hope, as much fun for you as for us. If this doesn't make sense (so what's new), please excuse me but my poor old body wasn't designed to go to bed at 6:45 a.m. in the morning!

Our numbers were the ABSOLUTE MINIMUM we can run with, but what amazed me was the atmosphere was as good as ever, and how many 'WASH virgins' there were. This hopefully will encourage those who didn't come this year thinking it wouldn't be the same, to return next year.

My Highlights:

- I think they can save my liver
- Winning the quiz!!!!!!
- Half boarding (a dammed good excuse to have a bit of banter at breakfast)
- Lara's and Chris's Saturday party
- Friday night Fuzzy Ducking
- Tight Fit doing Karaoke in our kitchen until about 5 a.m.

On a more serious note, we had our de-briefing meeting with the management of Searles and they did say that they made money as a whole this weekend but we are booked in for next year as long as they can make an operating profit on the weekend. We will have a committee meeting shortly to see the best way forward regarding what they have said.

NEXT YEAR WASH IS MOVING BACK TO ITS MORE TRADITIONAL WEEKEND - 5th to 7th NOVEMBER. THAT MEANS THAT THE NEXT WASH IS LESS THAN 52 WEEKS AWAY - YIPPEE!!!

Thank you all so much to absolutely everyone who came to our little old shindig, we know this year has been hard for many people with the recession but if each one of you can tell those who were unable to come this year what a hell of a laugh we had, we will have an even better one next year.

Take care gang

Paul Catterwell

WASH 2009 Bookings Officer

## WASH 2009



### Photos Laura Rowe

Top: WASH Pals

Middle: Raw Sax!

Bottom: Smiles all round

Left: Fun montage



Photos by Mark Hewson

# WASH 2009



## Photos: John A Smith

Top: Cool Jive man!

Middle: Baloon debate?

Bottom: Read that shirt

Right: "Happy Days!"

## WASH 2009 - Thanks

### Tracy Thorne - Dunstable Plus

Many Thanks to all the WASH committee I had a great weekend. Now I need a fortnight to catch up on sleep.

### Chris Page Kings Lynn Plus

My lap will NEVER be the same since Denise and Julie from Tight Fit sat on it . . . and I mean that in a GOOD way! At least I had taken my blood pressure medication. I'm just sorry I missed the after-show karaoke.

### Adrian Barnard Plus National Chairman

I should like to thank all the WASH committee, Searles, the Acts, Events, the DJ and all the Plussers attending for a thoroughly enjoyable WASH weekend.

WASH is a big event requiring big planning and big (relative) sums of money to put on. I got the impression this year that many couldn't attend on cost grounds - value for money beyond the commercial sector that PLUS holidays are.

At the same time it was great to see a large number of members who had never been before . . . and the ones falling into that category that I know, want to return next year. So tell your mates about it.

Well we've seen duck rugby previously, this year I witnessed worm shooting! Excellent game, just that you're actually supposed to hit the reflective clays going overhead.

### Lucy Smith Barnet Plus

Huge thanks to the WASH committee for another great WASH weekend, I know the hard work you all do together for us every year, you are all such nice people and always there over the weekend to spend time talking to us and of course the parties after the discos.

Really enjoyed the entertainment, the comedian was really good and from my local town, enjoyed the film and thought Tight Fit were a great way to end another fun WASH, and Christine I was almost crying with you when i saw you upset, it's always sad when it's the last night but we can all look forward to next year.

### Lorraine Tyrrell Barnet Plus

Another excellent weekend in sunny Hunstanton, thank-you all! See you in 2010!

### Christine Ticehurst Kings Lynn Plus

Well its all over again for another year - hope you all enjoyed yourselves, and to those who didn't/couldn't go this year - you missed a really good one!

We will do all we can to make sure it runs again next year, and the provisional date has been set as 5th-7th November 2010 - we will keep you posted.

Tell me more, Tell me more



Photo by John A Smith

# James Oliver - Honorary General Secretary ? ? ? Questions Questions Questions ? ? ?



**For this issue of Plus News I sent the new National Honorary General Secretary, James Oliver a number of questions to answer.**

**Which Plus Group did you attend first or join first**

Solihull 18 Plus back in 2002.

**What was your first inter-Group event and what happened**

Solihull 18 Plus Group's Halloween party held at the Fox Hollies Leisure Centre.

I remember getting a vampire costume as it was fancy dress.

**What was your first Committee post, or the first help you gave to the Committee**

General Committee Member back in 2003.

**What is the most memorable in your time in Plus**

In 2006 Solihull Group organized the first of three successful Christmas Dances and in 2007 Solihull Plus had a 30th birthday party which I helped to organize and run, trust me I was the last to leave our venue at 1:00 a.m. on the Thursday.

**What was your most embarrassing incident in Plus**

I don't have any.

**What is the best or your favorite thing in Plus**

The holidays are the best kept secret about Plus to a non-member, and also you will get to see and speak to lots of different people at these events.

**Why did you stand for National Office**

To step outside my comfort zone; I was stuck in the rut at Group / Area level, I also felt that I can do the job.

**What are your short term and longer term hopes for Plus**

Increase numbers of members in Areas / Groups as a long term goal, so that new blood can be introduced to Plus.

More people being prepared to run events and to have new or different events on the calendar.

**What are your plans for Plus, what do you wish to achieve**

To be successful in my role and to win the WASH Quiz.

**What Plus events in 2010 are you most looking forward to**

The National AGM in February which I will be helping to organize and run. I am looking forward to going to WASH next year, also I'm considering doing the National Holiday Abroad in 2010.

Photo James Anthony Oliver



## James Oliver Winner 2008

In 2008 James won the Norbury Trophy for Best Magazine with the Midland Area Gazette.

Here he is pictured holding the trophy with Midland Area Chairman Erica Knight.

In 1967 the Norbury Trophy was presented to Plus (then 18 Plus) by the first Editor of Plus News Mike Norbury.



Mike Norbury  
The First Plus News Editor!

## Northern Area Plus City Break - Nottingham

NEAT 2009 was the fifth City Break organised by Northern Area Plus.

I am glad to report that after initial concerns that attendance would be so low that at no level would it be worth running the event we in the end had twenty-one people attend the weekend in full or in part.

The pool competition at Riley's went well but for longer than intended.

The evening meal and entertainment at the Comfort Hotel were a success. DJ Gary

Jay has proven himself time and time again at Plus events and being based locally for Northern Area, (Huddersfield) is easy for us to call upon him (he is willing to travel).

Finally we ran a Treasure Hunt, (BATH - the Bradford Annual Treasure Hunt) in the City on the Sunday purchased from [www.huntfun.co.uk](http://www.huntfun.co.uk) which went down well and is good value for money.

I am also glad to report that for the first year we had no major problems with any of the venues, everything went off largely without hitch and I believe a good time was had by all.  
Robert Jones  
Bradford Plus

### NEAT 2009

It was the fifth anniversary of the NEAT city break weekend organised by Northern Area Plus, the first item on the agenda was a meal out on Friday evening, sadly didn't arrive in time due to delays on the rail network, did arrive in time to have a drink or two.

Saturday morning had a stroll round Nottingham then it was off to Riley's for the Pool Competition. It was a long fought contest resulting in two time previous winner Jamie Woodbridge taking the trophy for a third time.

On Saturday evening we had a banquet of Rose of Honeydew Melon, Served with Forest Fruits and Mango Coulis, Supreme of

Chicken served with a Mushroom and Herb Cream Sauce with Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes followed by Passion Fruit Bavaois with Raspberry Coulis, Filter Coffee and Mints.

We were entertained by the incomparable Gary Jay.

On Sunday we were treated to an interesting and challenging Treasure Hunt organised by Bradford Plus, in fact one question was so challenging that no-one could find the answer as it had been moved away just a few days before!

To round off the day we ended up at a nearby pub for a meal and the presentation of a tin of sweets for the winners.



## NEAT 2009





**Photos by John A Smith & Mark Hewson**

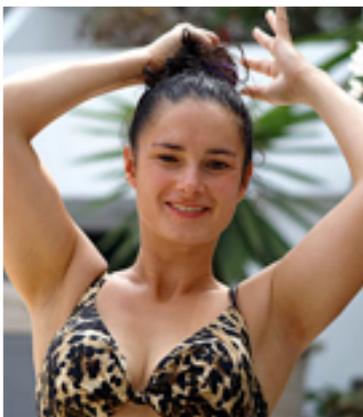
Top: Gary Jay entertains

Middle: Nottingham Sights

Bottom: Treasure Hunt Winners

Left: Pool Winners

## TENERIFE 2009



# NATIONAL HOLIDAY 2009

## TENERIFE Words & Pictures By Fil Bettis



The National Holiday to Tenerife took place in September, and I just want to say 'Thank You' to Mark Harrington for organising an absolutely fantastic event (and thanks also go to Ben Allen for helping with the organisation)

Those of you who inhabit Facebook will have no doubt heard some of the holiday tales from whoever they are 'friends' with, and may have seen some of the pictures, but for the others here is a little rundown of some numbers about the holiday

**29** - number of Plussers in Tenerife (28 who booked through Mark and one latecomer who made her own last minute arrangements)

**9** - number of apartments we had in the Agumar Hotel

**3** - Airports that we flew from, Birmingham, Luton & Gatwick

**130** - number of miles from my house to Birmingham Airport)

**84** - Average daytime temperature

**71** - Average nighttime temperature

**3.30** - Average time we went to bed not enough - Amount of sleep we had too much - Amount we drank

**2.95** - cost in Euro's of a full English Breakfast (2 Sausage, 2 bacon, 2 eggs, beans, mushrooms, tomatoes, toast) INCLUDING a pint of lager! (at Breakfast time ?? ?)

**28** - number of metres of the 'drop' on the 'Tower Of Power' water slide at Siam Park (that's a 90 foot drop !

**3** - metre high waves, from the biggest wave machine in the world, again at Siam Park

**6** - number of Geocaches that Adam found in Tenerife

**20** - cost in Euros for a private dance in 'Club Extas' (Lap dancing club with 'extras' available)

**4** - number of people that we know spent money in Club Extas (names are withheld to protect the innocent)

unknown - the amount they spent (over €400 in total we think . . . but they aren't saying !! !)

**1** - number of ambulances we needed on holiday

**2** - number of people who required medical treatment in Tenerife and upon their return to the UK

**1** - number of 'Police Incidents' (nothing to do with the above)

**0** - number of fallings out we had - okay, there was an odd argument but we are still all friends

It all adds up to a great time had by all !  
Now . . . where should we go next year ? ? ?

### Photos

Top: Organiser - Mark

Middle: Waiting for service

Bottom: Paul, ready for home

Below: Pilot Whales

Pilot Whales



## Round the Areas - Party Like US !!!

Plussers all over the Country have braved the colder seasons and come out to play and party.



Photo - Lucy Smith

North Thames & Chilterns Area held their Christmas Party at The Golden Lion, London Colney, Father Christmas made a special appearance to give out presents.

The Area also had a second Christmas Party with food and Karaoke organised by Barnet Plus Group at the All Saints Arts Centre.



Photo - Lucy Smith

Southern Area's Kath Good reports that thanks to Thatcham Plus Group who organised an excellent Christmas meal, she is feeling very positive and thinks she may have found the future Southern Area Plus Committee there (including Chairman)!

Southern Area also held their annual Chess competition at this time, Sunday December 6th at Didcot.

This year Halloween fell on a Saturday and Chiswick Quest Group took advantage of the occasion with their Halloween Disco at The Haven, Ealing Broadway.



Photo - John A Smith

Members of Northern Area Plus had their Christmas meal and party on Saturday December 5th, an excellent three course festive carvery at the new Novotel hotel in the centre of Leeds.

Members from Leeds, Sheffield and Bradford Plus Groups were there.

A special alternative event takes place in the East of the Area organised by Lincs Quest Group on Saturday December 19th.



Fun  
round the  
Areas



Photo by Stuart Tyrell

Groups throughout the Federation have been enjoying the autumn and winter period with lots of other events including Halloween parties and games, Ten Pin Bowling, a pudding party, quizzes and concerts, rambles, carols, pantomimes, a Santa Dash and Christmas Fayres, by far the most popular activity seems to have been the party closely followed by the Group Christmas meal.

### Plus Internet Strategy

As reported in the last issue of Plus News the Web Team have been working very hard to improve the National Plus Web-Site since the Web-Site Workshop following the NAGM in February 2009.

The changes have resulted in more Groups inputting their events but now the Web Team feel that the National Plus web-site cannot be developed further without major alterations.

The National Plus web-site is a good web-site with some good and possibly

bad features and is serving Plus well, but can we do better?

If you are a user of the Plus web-site or the internet generally and you can suggest any improvements or additional features for the web-site then either get in touch with the Web Team through Plus News at plusnews@18plus.org.uk or start a discussion on the Yahoo ONElist Discussion Forum.

The Web Team are also considering putting together an Internet Strategy for Plus and are looking for ideas to get the

most out of all aspects of internet use for the benefit of Plus.

Should Plus communicate exclusively using the internet? and how?

Should Plus encourage the use of other web-sites besides the National Plus web-site? If so, how can Plus benefit?

Should Plus make use of Social Networking web-sites? and how?

Should Plus make memberships available on-line?

You may be able to think of other questions, let us know.

# Charity / Community Page

## Charity Sponsored Walk for Richard House



On September 26th 2009 members of Thurrock and Barking & Dagenham Plus Groups went on a Sponsored Walk to raise money for Richard House.

Richard House, London's first children's hospice in Beckton provides care and support for life-limited children and children with complex healthcare conditions and their families.

Nine members of Plus took part in the walk, which started from Barking Station, and ended up at The City Pavillion in Collier Row - a distance of six miles.

Barking & Dagenham member Richard Leach reported: "Between us we have raised over £500 through sponsorships. We have even had spontaneous donations from members of the public who were impressed with our charitable efforts."

Extracts from A S E A View October 2009

**Richard House**  
London's First Children's Hospice

**Richard House web site:**

<http://www.richardhouse.org.uk>

## Roa Island House The Isle of Tranquility

Former National Chairman and Honorary Life Member Wayne Fenton is the proprietor of Roa Island House on the Isle of Tranquility.

Situated just a few miles from Barrow in Furness at the end of the peninsula off the coast road from Ulverston you will find peace and quiet in our contemporary Edwardian style environment on the waters edge. Roa Island House commands fantastic views of Morecambe Bay and Piel Island.

You may recall Piel Island, made famous by "The Island" television programme with Martin Clunes (of men behaving badly and Doc Martin). Situated on the tip of the peninsular Piel island is a jewel that the traveller can stumble across and be won over for ever. This charming little fifty acre island has a king, a castle and a pub, all steeped in history waiting to be discovered by you.

Overlooking the sea with a south-facing aspect Roa Island House was built for the Furness industrialist H W Schneider as a holiday residence. Over the years it has served as a fisheries investigation laboratory and as army premises during World War II. It is now a hotel. The building itself though built in the 1800s has been brought up to date with the rooms having excellent en-suite facilities.

Most of the rooms also have great views of the coast and the surrounding area, however

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to experience even more of the views, take a trip to "The Tower" where we have a telescope to explore the wonderful views all round. Then relax and read from our small library of books or play a game or two.

All our rooms come with breakfast included in the price and you have a choice from juices and yoghurts to a hearty cumbrian breakfast.

Our licensed restaurant offers a delicious array of home cooked cuisine catering for the vegan to the meat lover as well as our younger guests with daily specials and mouth watering homemade desserts.

Roa Island has a population of about 300 and boasts a yacht club, a hotel (The Roa Island House built in 1849 and originally called the Pier Hotel), and a cafeteria, within which enquiries can be made about the ferry to Piel Island.

For those wishing to book with us over Christmas and the new year why not come to the tranquil site of Roa Island House. All inclusive prices for the festive period.

Book your stay now at our booking pages on the web-site, or call us for more details on 01229 822525.

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# COMPETITIONS & SPORTS

## National Pool Competition

Northern Area Plus presented the Plus National Pool Competition on Saturday 3rd October 2009 as part of their NEAT weekend, the fifth city break organised by Northern Area Plus.

The event was held at the Riley's Snooker and Pool club, Nottingham.

There were fourteen participants in total, from Sheffield, Barking & Dagenham, Bradford, Redbridge, Leeds, Solihul and Thurrock Plus Groups.

The competition was long and hard fought, but with good humour and sportsmanship. At one point the lights went out and the organisers rushed to book more time.

Jamie Woodbridge of Solihul Plus won the tournament, beating James Utting, (Sheffield Plus) in the final. Meanwhile, last years's winner John Smith of Leeds Plus was third and Jennifer Rowe (Solihul Plus) was fourth.

Jamie has won the competition twice previously, in 2006 and 2007 at Sheffield and Leeds.

A winners trophy was presented and medals were awarded to the runners up.

The event proved to be a very popular one and hopefully is to be staged again next year.

**John A Smith**

**Leeds Plus**



## "Scalextric Challenge" 2009

Kings Lynn Plus Group staged a successful "Scalextric Challenge" held at Electric Tracks in Spalding, Lincolnshire on September 27th 2009.

Afterwards, everyone went for a meal at the Blue Bell Pub in nearby Whaplode St Catherine, and then camped over.

The event was attended by members of not only Anglia & South-East Area but also Midlands, North Thames & Chilterns, and Southern Areas as well. The trophies for the race results were handed out as follows:

- 1st - Iain Parkes (Fareham & Gosport Plus)
- 2nd - Dave Taylor (Kings Lynn Plus)
- 3rd - Tracy Thorne (Dunstable Plus)

Event organiser Christine Ticehurst said: "Just a quick thanks to everyone who attended the event, a small, but extremely fun, weekend which seemed to bring out a very competitive streak in some! Hope you all enjoyed yourselves, the food, the beer and the relaxed atmosphere seemed even better this year than last, and the brief non-guided tour of the brewery at the pub as we were packing up on Sunday was interesting too, even if we were left to our own devices to work out what it was all about. Dawn Petty even managed to find a pink beer barrel!" She added: "This is one that will certainly be on the calendar for next year - I can't wait to do it all over again!"

**Extract from A S E A View October 2009**

**Thanks from Iain Parkes / Biggles**

**Southern Area Development Officer and eater of little cars . . .**

Just wish to thank Christine Ticehurst and everyone who made the Scalextric's event up in Spalding this weekend such a success!

I really enjoyed myself at the event and the camping in the garden of the Blue Bell pub - which also served some great meals at resonable prices (I am soooooo glad I didn't go for the starter as well! lol!)

It just goes to show that great events don't have to cost a lot of money!

## WASH 2009 Quiz Results

1st	Monotonous Regularity	99
2nd	I'm A Plusser Get Me Outta Here	83
3rd	Cunning Stunts	81
4th	Lichfield Plus Extra	80.5
5th	Your Mother Sucks Cocks In Hell	75
6th	Quiz Nidge-rs	71
6th	Feisty Hillingdon	71
8th	Do We Claim WASH On Expenses	68
9th	The Tranny Bashers	66
10th	Earth Wind & Fire (2)	64.5
11th	Jedward Must Die	63.5
12th	Tess Daly Fan Club	62.5
13th	Rebecca Adlington's Spoon	59.5
14th	Mad Hatters	59
15th	Studs	56
16th	The Esses Bithches & 3 Bar Stewards	52
17th	Who's Who or What's What	47.5
17th	West Kent Plus Norfolk & Good	47.5
19th	WASH Ducks	46.5

## Southern Area Chess Results

1st	Dave Filer (Coventry) 6 pts
2nd	Huw Morris (Oxford) 5 pts
3rd	Ian Crawshaw (Chiswick) 4 pts
4th	Adrian Barnard (Oxford) 3 pts
5th	Steve Sykes (Reading) 2 pts
6th	Leo Glover (Thatcham) 1/2 pt
6th	Janet Rintoul (Reading) 1/2 pt

**Adrian Barnard**

**Didcot Plus**

**Autumn/Winter 2009**

# Plus News

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## AND FINALLY! FORTHCOMING PLUS EVENTS

Plus generates it's own unique, and exciting atmosphere, no more so than at the many large scale events organised throughout the year. Here is just a sample of some of the exciting events to come. More information on these and other events may be found on the World Wide Web at [www.plusgroups.org.uk](http://www.plusgroups.org.uk)

### National AGM 2010

For those who attended this year's Conference I hope that you all enjoyed it and are looking forward to a repeat performance.

After a hard day's conference in the evening a Masquerade Ball, Dinner Dance is to be held, tickets with and without dinner will be available.

It all takes place in the Worcester Suite of the County Hotel, Walsall.

**Corinna Teale**

**Midland Area Activities Officer**

### Activities Workshop 2010

As you know an Activities Workshop is also to be organised on the Sunday following the National Annual General Meeting at the same venue.

If you're an experienced Plus Activities organiser and would like to present a three minute Plus Buzz then please let us know. (Please use the form on the Plus web-site).

### National Karting 2010 - Reading

This year Saturday's Disco is open to members not attending the full NEAT weekend, tickets can be bought in advance or on the door - contact the Bookings Officer for more details.

### BREAN 2010

16th to 19th April  
2010 folks, just so you are all aware; plans are in motion for the next Brean holiday weekend.

If your stuck for Christmas present ideas you can always treat somebody to a deposit for Brean 2010.

I have been looking at the budget and I hope I can put on three live acts over the weekend . . .

As we are going to Brean later in the year so more should be open on site . . .

I have verbally confirmed our first act for the weekend.



Remember folks - £70 if paid BEFORE or AT the NAGM in February and £75 after.

Spread the word - hope to see many of you there.

**Adam Redshaw**

**Brean Co-ordinator**

**!!! NEWSFLASH !!!**

### WASH 2010

NEXT YEAR WASH IS MOVING BACK TO ITS MORE TRADITIONAL WEEKEND - 5th to 7th NOVEMBER. THAT MEANS THAT THE NEXT WASH IS LESS THAN 52 WEEKS AWAY - YIPPEE!!!

Kings Lynn Plus Group look forward to seeing you all again in 2010 for another fun packed weekend in Hunstanton, Norfolk.

What Do You Get? three nights: - top notch accommodation - Resident D J - live evening entertainment and daytime activities possibly including;

Quiz, Aqua Line Dancing, Laser Clay Pigeon Shooting, Karaoke and at least one Fancy dress theme night.

**Paul Catterwell**

**WASH 2009 Bookings Officer**

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