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SECONNECT



Welcome to the fourth edition of 'SE Connect', the South East's regional newsletter. This newsletter is a quarterly update on what is happening in and around the region, so that we can share ideas and explore new developments and catch up on all the updates.

New scribe this time – your secretary has taken over the duties – apologies in advance for any mistakes.....

We would like to welcome all the new members who have joined the South East Region - we look forward to seeing you all at our next regional meeting in March.

Amanda Powell & Sally Austin from **Austin Powell Ltd.**

Gareth Nixon-Moss, Enid Nixon-Moss & Elaine Ellis, all from **County Care Homes Ltd.**

Paul Harris, **Unilever Food Solutions Ltd.**

Therese Brook, **West Sussex County Council**

Sue Henderson, **Eothen Homes**

Gail Walker, **Supply Direct**

(My apologies to anyone I may have missed)

The Christmas Social Event

Well, what can I say – I've seen the photos, and heard the goss – good time had by all, would you say? The Medieval banquet night at St. Katherine's Dock, near Tower Bridge, has never seen such fun. I'll leave it to you to judge, but well done Neel for organising such a popular event – it was so popular that chairs from other Regions had to be there, or be square. Grateful thanks to our sponsors, Gram UK and Foster. Roll on 2009...

The winner of the prize for best costume was Louise Cooke, of Abbeyfield Kent Society – you will eat your meal, and you will enjoy it!



Captions anyone? No prizes, but I might have room in the next issue...

Sorry folks, you shouldn't have to see these, but I thought I ought to publish them in the public interest....

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December Meeting

Our last Regional Meeting of the year was held at the Southgate headquarters of HobartUK – thanks to Simon Gardiner, their London Regional Manager for sponsoring the event. During the day, we heard presentations from the two finalists for the Tina Welch Memorial Community Meals on Wheels Award – and the winner was the London Borough of Redbridge – well done Vivien Rose. Thanks to Steve Welch, Tina’s husband, for sponsoring this annual award.

We also ran a Speed Networking event – managed to great effect by your Chair, and a good & interesting time was had by all. Our main speaker of the day was your esteemed National Secretary, Ros Speight, with her work hat on, talking about the National Nutritional Action Plan. You also re-elected your hard-working Regional Officers – we must be doing ok then! Thanks.

Your next meeting.....

| When is it? | Where is it? | What’s happening? |
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| <p>PLEASE NOTE DAY CHANGE FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED</p> <p>Tuesday March 24th, 9.30 for 10</p> | <p>Brook lands College, Weybridge Campus, Heath Road, Weybridge, KT13 8TT</p> <p>If you need a lift, please let any of us know, and we’ll see what we can do.</p> | <p>The long awaited Cook Off to find our entrant to go forward to the National Care Cook Final in July.</p> <p>Speakers include:-</p> <p>Our very own Louise Cook from the Abbeyfield Kent Society, yes it’s the one with the sword, (see above) so turn up or else! She will be talking about their Eden Project.</p> <p>Julie Budd – talking about ‘Let’s Respect’ – the Mental Health in Later Life campaign from the National Institute of Mental Health.</p> <p>All Sponsored by Falcon Foodservice who will presenting their products during the day.</p> |

For more information please check out the NACC website.

Dates for 2009 Regional Meetings:

South East Care Cook Off and Regional Meeting: 24th March 2009. Sponsored by **Falcon Foodservice**

June 10th 2009 - SE Regional Meeting

September 30th 2009 – SE Regional Meeting

November 27th 2009 – SE Regional Meeting & Social

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