

Kestrel Newsletter



Message from the Chairman

March 2008

The Annual General Meeting of Kestrel Sports Club for the Disabled took place on **Saturday** 29th March at St Frances Church in Welwyn Garden City. This year there was a very poor turn out.

"forced" into a situation where we have felt we have had to stop providing transport.

The AGM is a real chance for Members to influence the running of club and never more so than at the moment. In the past year we have lost our President, Rita Cotgrove, seen the retirement of longtime club stalwarts Reg and Iris Franklin, as well as being

Kestrel has been going for 30 years and we all want to make it survive another 30 years. However, to do this we need you as Members doing your part

I would like to thank those Members and volunteers who did come. Many useful ideas did come out of it.

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Car park day - 17th May

Once again we are doing a Charity Carp Park Day at Oaklands College in Welwyn Garden City and we need help!

Di or Ian Currie to let them know you would be willing to help.

If you have an hour or two free on Saturday the 17th May, then please see

The more people we get to help man the car parks, the shorter the time any one person has to do.

Reg and Iris retire

After many years of unstinting service to Kestrel, Reg and Iris Franklin have decided to retire. All the Members and volunteers would like to join together

to say a BIG THANK YOU to them both for all their work and we wish them all the best for the future.

Taxis

At the end of last year the club ceased providing transport as it was becoming impossible for us to provide a reliable service for you as Members, despite the hard work of the drivers and volunteers. As it is, I am very pleased to see so many of you making your own way.

There have of course been one or two teething problems. I need to remind Members that they should book their return taxis in advance to pick them up for 9pm. After 9:15pm officially there will be no Club first aiders or volunteers

available, so Members need to have been picked up before then.

So I would urge you all to make sure your Taxi is booked to take you home before you leave to come to Kestrel.

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And we need you help! - see page 2**

2008 is Kestrel's 30th Anniversary!

This year we are celebrating our club's 30th Anniversary. This is a big one and we want to make it special! We want to take this opportunity to both celebrate the club's past, but also build it up for the future.

As this is your club it

would be good if we do something that you all would like. Some good ideas came out of the AGM, including the possibility of having an open day in the Autumn.

Over the next couple of meetings at Kestrel we will have pen and paper

available and a box for you to put your suggestions in, Or please don't hesitate to come and let one of the volunteers know what your idea is and they can pass it on to the committee.

Questionnaire

Some of you would have already done them but there is questionnaire floating around that would be good if you can fill out and hand back.

The committee want to understand how you see the club and where we can change things for the better. If you've not seen on then

please ask a volunteer and a member of the committee will get one for you.

Membership Forms

As a club, we have a responsibility to ensure our records are up to date and accurate. There is therefore a new member details form and

it would be good if each Member would fill this out and return it. Any information given on the form will be treated as confidential and

only be used for the internal use of the club.



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