

BGLC Newsletter Feb 2008



View of Sugar Loaf over mist filled valley

Hi all.

Well here we are in March already, our club has now settled down into the new system with the district nurses and everything is working out OK and we have developed a good working relationship with the girls, with plenty of laughs and jokes.

Reia and Janine the two lead nurses have also established a training program, there are 5 different nursing teams in Blaenau Gwent as it is quite a large county borough and each team sends a member to the club for a 4 week period to learn all about the Leg Club this knowledge is then taken back to their own areas to be put to go use for treatments at home etc. these visits are rotated with all the other nurses, by doing this everyone in the 5 teams will eventually get to know the treatments etc. Home visits are used by quite a few of the community as travelling to the club is quite difficult for some, Public transport not good, expense of taxis, lack of personal transport and other reasons. We have looked into funding transport by the club but unfortunately this is not financially viable.



This is me, the nurses, love their little cotton socks, decided to get their own back on me and raffle me off
But as you can see from my expression no-one wanted me, back to the drawing board I suppose!

Carole and Tony (two volunteers) attended a St David's day presentation last week where a lot of the voluntary organisations put on displays to show what is available in the Borough. All organisations give a 5 minute talk on their own movement to the public to raise awareness. It was attended by the MP member Dai Davies AM member Mrs Trish Law and Mayor and Mayoress and other local dignitaries and members of the public very good turn out. Buffet lunch was supplied and entertainment provided by the Willoughtown Primary School Choir, they gave a superb performance.





These are some of the displays that attended and we all work together now, all going to any venue that we can to promote each organisation.

Another idea for you, do any of you have Reps from the medical dressing companies coming to visit your club? If not try to arrange visits we have 3M , Urgo Ltd and Smith & Nephew wound management coming on a regular basis and we found them a good source to get all your stationary needs for the club (saves on expenses) also you would be surprised what they will give you. We generally get one of them bringing a buffet of rolls etc for members to have lunch. If you don't ask you won't get, first words out of my mouth is "What can you supply us with"?

All the very best from Blaenau Gwent, and have a good Easter Break.

