

## Speyside Leg Club Newsletter November 2009

Dear Members

Our Leg Club had its **AGM** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at Parklands Care Home in Aberlour. It was sad not to have more members present, especially as we were able to look back on a very successful year. We have now **229 members**, which mirrors the popularity of the Leg Club. Due to the generosity of local businesses, our fundraising activities and substantial donations from members and friends, we were able to buy the new advanced Doppler Machine.

The growing membership and ongoing building work at Parkland, Aberlour, our home for nearly 4 years, made it necessary to move our weekly venue. We can now be found at the **Masonic Lodge** on the High Street in Aberlour. The hall is easy to find as it is between Oggs Garage and the turn off to Conval Drive. We still have a bit of teething trouble with the heating of the room chosen for the Doppler tests, but we have so much more space, the parking is easier and there is a bus stop just beside it. The sign outside was made by Norman, our chairman and Leslie Peacock wrote the letters. This all helps for people visiting us. The outside door has to be kept closed because of the colder weather that we are experiencing at the moment.

The **Hundred Club** was launched the day of our Coffee Morning in Rothes in August. The monthly winners will be published in the Northern Scot's Town and Country column. The income from the Club is used to pay for the rent of the Hall (We did not have to pay at Parklands, but sadly we have outgrown our cosy venue there).

The **New Committee for 2009 to 2010** are as follows:

Norman Anderson – Chairman, Betty Strathdee – Treasurer, Anke Grant – Secretary, Anne Duncan, Margaret Reed, Eunice Smith, Norman McDonald, Desmond Stead and Dennis Thomson

You will know most of us and we are all ready to help, if you have any queries.

We would like more members on the committee, as we are all getting older and there is a lot of work going on in the background and the fundraising activities need many helpers. Please take part in organising your club.

Our **Christmas Party** will be on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December at the Hall, the usual Leg Club work will be going on, as there is more space now. Please come along, there will be home baking, other goodies and a **raffle** for a hamper etc. If you would like to contribute to the hamper please hand in your donations by the 1st of December. If we have more there will be more Hampers or prizes. Raffle tickets will be available at Leg Club and on the day of the party.

Last Year we were invited to the Burns supper at the Care Home and we are hoping to repeat the event but are awaiting confirmation of this.

Speyside Leg Club won the **Leg Club Volunteer Award**, handed out by the Leg Club Foundation at their recent conference. You can all be very proud of this, because without your help we would not have been able to do all the fundraising for the Doppler machine and we would not be so successful in our work. As if that was not enough the team representing Speyside Leg Club won **The Leg Club and Industry Partners Golf Trophy** and were also runners-up.

In this cold weather it is nice to think about Christmas, we need it to cheer us up.

Regards Anke