

Report on the Family Weekend and AGM 2016

On Saturday 1st October 2016 and Sunday 2nd October 2016 TAG held its first Family Weekend for several years at the Jurys Inn Hinckley Island Hotel near Hinckley in Leicestershire. It was a make or break weekend for TAG as there had been no events for a year and a serious decline in membership (and interest) over the last few years.

The few remaining trustees, under the guidance of Charlie Zivanovic and Peter Lacey took the risky – but courageous – decision to hold the AGM on the back of the Family Weekend, as we used to do a good few years ago.

It was hoped that 50 people would turn up including children. In the end 76 adults and 31 children turned up in total for the two days.

13 families even paid to stay the night on Friday 30th September 2016.

On Saturday 1st October 2016 we were joined by the remaining attendees and the day started with EFT which was led by Pauline Robinson and enjoyed by all who attended.

This first event was followed by a super buffet lunch with an excellent choice of food.

In the afternoon the first session was taken by Bob Lawrence and was Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP). Although this was a bit more difficult to follow it was again thoroughly enjoyed.

The second session in the afternoon was Seated Yoga and this was taken by Denny Berfield. All who participated thought it was great fun and very relaxing.

Finally, in the afternoon we had a Question Time session. The four people on the platform were: Gail Newton, Andrew Helps, Jon Morris and Amanda Ford. They responded to several questions from the floor – some personal and some general. Really good advice, knowledge and personal experience was exchanged.

Throughout the afternoon Hannah Elsom - who has Arthrogyrosis – talked to attendees about beauty, make-up, and manicures. Not only did she chat about it she also did peoples nails whilst chatting. Thank you Hannah, I am advised you were great.

Up to now I haven't mentioned the children. They had superb entertainment. The youngest ones in the crèche and the older children were taught circus skills.

All through the day intermingling between all the attendees was prevalent.

No more so than through, and after, dinner in the evening – which was very good too.

A brilliant day had by all.

Sunday 2nd October 2016 was, of course, the main reason we were gathered together – the AGM.

Before I say a little about the AGM I must tell you that the children were entertained on Sunday morning, depending on their age, by Chucklechops and Chums, or Mr Whoops. They were both loved by the children, I am reliably informed.

As I said the AGM was the 'Main Event' as this was 'Make or Break' for TAG. We needn't have worried! Many members of TAG attending were very quick to volunteer to make up the Board of Trustees to the newly required number of 9 Trustees.

There will be a normal AGM report for next year's AGM written up and is much more detailed than necessary here.

The whole weekend was a great success. Everybody enjoyed themselves and most of us have made many new friends. Already we are being pushed to do it again next year. It must have been good!

Peter Lacey
Chairman

This report was prepared before we heard the news that Hannah Elsom passed away. We were all very sad to hear this news and extend our condolences to her family and friends. We enjoyed meeting Hannah and enjoyed her company, and we are truly sorry she is no longer with us.