

Event report

Event title: GL11 Quiz Evening
Date: Thursday 12 June 2008
Time: 7 to 9 p.m.
Location: GL11 Community Project, Fairmead, Cam, Dursley.
Staff: Ann Wheeler, Jane McKerron
Volunteer: Paul Ayland
Partners: Stroud & Swindon Building Society, The Bike Shed, Sparkles Group, Management Committee, Volunteers, Family and Friends

Aim of event: To bring together different individuals and groups of supporters of GL11 and its work, for an informal and fun event.

Preparation: Paul Ayland, one of GL11's volunteers, suggested organising a quiz, and he kindly offered to take responsibility for the marketing and publicity. Staff immediately invited Paul to sit at a computer and produce a poster! Not having done this before, Paul realised he truly had set himself a challenge. But with a little support of staff, he produced an excellent poster which formed the basis of our publicity.

He then set about the task of getting people to sign up to the Quiz, and one of his phone calls was to the Dursley Branch of the Stroud & Swindon Building Society who, for the second year running, have chosen GL11 as the local charity they wish to support. The Management Committee, staff and volunteers are all delighted that this support by the Stroud & Swindon Building Society continues, and even more pleased that they accepted our invitation to join us on the quiz evening.

The venue and time of day made it necessary that the quiz was available to adults and teenagers only. GL11 prides itself on being one of the most child and family friendly organisations in the area, but on this occasion it was appropriate that this decision be made.

It was agreed there should be a nominal charge per person of £1 which went towards the cost of refreshments

Format: Everyone was welcomed with a drink and savoury bites were available on the tables. The event was opened by Ann Wheeler, GL11's Project Manager, who welcomed 26 keen quizzers who formed themselves into 5 teams. The teams were made up of young (and energetic!) people who attend GL11's Bike Shed and Sparkles Group, Management Committee members, Volunteers, family and friends – and our supporters, the Stroud & Swindon Building Society.

The first challenge for everyone, was to come up with team names. These were varied – one was even a little 'suspect', and as author of this report, I reserve the right not to list them all here!

A table round of “Guess Who” got team members talking, and this was particularly good for teams who had strangers working together for the first time. Three other rounds followed, and then we had a short break. A further 3 rounds, followed by an announcement of the scores set the scene for an exciting final round.

This round was different. Hannah, one of the Sparkles teenage girls was invited to read the questions all about music lyrics – and these were delivered in her own very unique and animated style.

Result: The team representing the Stroud & Swindon Building Society came first and graciously accepted their prize of a box of chocolates. Many congratulations to you, and thank you for your continuing support of our work across the community.

Dave Butterfield, the Chair of GL11’s Management Committee, expressed his thanks to Ann for her work in preparing the questions and ‘steering’ the evening – and Paul’s support on the night was also greatly appreciated.

Evaluation: So many activities GL11 is involved with are formal, and rightly so. This event was a great opportunity for many different groups of people who are linked to GL11 and its work, to get together informally, have fun and make new friends.

Organisers were being asked when the next quiz is before the event had even finished – this is a good indication of a successful event.

We do plan to hold another, and will advertise it on our website – www.gl11.org.uk

Ann Wheeler
Project Manager

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