

A Christmas Message from the chair of The Events Team



Hello Forum Members,

2020 has been a very eventful year for all of us, including Forum. In February we celebrated 25 years of providing support and training for therapists in Shropshire and the Welsh Borders with a dinner at the Wynstay in Oswestry. Then Covid-19 hit and lots of things had to change!

Our AGM and planned trainings had to be cancelled, and in some cases re-cancelled. The only thing that has continued as “normal” is the creation of a new Website and the on-going work of keeping it up to date.

Several members of the Events Team, stood down this year: Iris Briscoe (Secretary), Jenny England (Training co-ordinator), Debbie Adams (Membership Secretary), and Duncan Stoddart (Chair). They have each contributed a great deal of their time, energy and enthusiasm to the running of Forum over several years. A big heartfelt thank you to all of them.

These changes have meant new appointments to the Events Team. Our much delayed AGM was held in October, via Zoom, when the following people were voted in to take on the vacated roles.

Alison Sorrell (Chair), Linda Widdows (Secretary), Kate Ashton (Membership Secretary).

Rob McIntosh, whose IT knowledge and expertise has been invaluable. Neville Tomlinson has kindly agreed to continue to be our Treasurer and Janie Lilley has assisted with the development of our new website. We also have a new member on the Team, Anna Harlow, who has recently qualified, contributed to the proof reading and editing of our new website.

Immediately after the AGM we had an Open Forum, on Zoom, run by the Events Team, when members shared some of their experiences of coping with the changes and challenges of working through the Pandemic. It was really interesting to discuss our experiences with others. Covid-19 has caused all of us to work in different ways.

Looking forward, we are still hopeful of having training from Dr Andrew Reeves in 2021. Andrew is a very honest and open speaker and some of us saw him in a recent on-line event.

Other Training Events: will be set up as and when we are able to arrange them.

Membership Subscriptions: Will remain free for the foreseeable future.

New Website: Our new web designer has been working hard, with the support of Linda, Janie and Anna, to complete the new Website. Please check it out and feel free to comment.

<http://forum4counsellors.com>

Finally, the Events Team would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

From, Alison, Anna, Janie, Kate, Linda, Neville and Rob

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