

Dear All,

Rita and I organized a BBQ in September for about 30 people. Zoran and Con did a great job getting the BBQ going and this time we had a greater variety of different food such as marsh-mellows on sticks for the kids, marinated shrimps, tuna, salmon and stuffed mushrooms. Of course we had the usual steaks and hamburgers. Brian was our DJ for the evening.

To raise money for the social fund we held a raffle and Maria was lucky in winning the main prizes. Andrew Tatman assisted helping with drawing the raffle and the weather was brilliant. Most of the meat which was left was auctioned off.



From 13th - 15th of October we (Zoran & Ruth, Wayne & Lee, Bryan & Sharon and Brian & myself) went on the annual ESSAC wine tasting-walking weekend, this year in Zell on Mosel.

It was glorious weather also, too nice to be walking in fact. First day we took a boat trip on the Mosel then we did a walk and at lunch time tasted a cool beer on a sunny terrace.

In the evening we had a clear explanation and taste of various wines of the Mosel and also the hardship the

wine growers of this particular area are currently suffering.

Oh, and must mention the lovely meal we had in a local restaurant that evening.

The ESSAC Christmas Dinner-Dance was this year held on the 9th of December at de Sniep in Zoetermeer and the venue was considered excellent. About 40 members and guests attended. For the evening we arranged a disco, the food was good as was the service.

The chairman brought a bottle of whisky for the raffle, which was won by Joan. It became apparent that we had too many prizes and the raffle took too long (tip for next year).



However, we did raise some money for the social account.

On 4th of April 2008 for the first time we organized a Pub Quiz in Escape open to all ESTEC. Brian did a great job preparing all the questions and answers and putting them on the screen. The evening was also intended to promote the swimming club. The attendance was about 30 people of which 9 were non ESSAC members. Two of them expressed interest in joining ESSAC. Flyers of the ESSAC were distributed that evening and also Brian put on slides of the various activities on the big screen during the interval.

The winners that evening were the team of Kevin, Stephanie, Barrie, Joan, Lorna and Donald (known as "the A-Team" and they were rewarded with a voucher paid by the social section. The last teams went home with pens and a bag of onions. Snacks were provided by the swimming club and Escape. According to those that participated an evening to be repeated.

Future planned activities:

This summer we plan to organize, possibly on a Sunday afternoon, frisbee golf in Breukelen. Details to follow.

and Finally ...

Rita is retiring from her position as joint Social Secretary and I would like to thank her for the wonderful job she has done over the past 2 years. It was great fun working with her. Well done Rita!!!

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Report prepared by Wil