

OASIS AGM held at 8pm on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at Cheney School Community Hall, Oxford

Voirrey Carr introduced herself as Chair of OASIS and gave a brief summary of the year.

The new website was up and running and maintained by Carolyn Kendrick, Secretary, who was thanked by Voirrey for her very efficient management of the site. The feedback was that it was well used and found to be a useful source of information. However, as some members preferred to receive hard copies, OASIS was continuing to send out brief newsletters and flyers.

The playdays were very successful in particular the ones in the summer holidays. Due to family commitments, Josey Wilkins the Playdays Co-ordinator was stepping down and Voirrey thanked her in absentia. The Playdays Questionnaire produced by Karen Seymour had generated a lot of response and the results would shortly be posted onto the website and taken note of.

OASIS was working with another charity to develop some social skills workshops in the new year.

Navida Tirmizi, Membership Secretary, was also stepping down and she was also thanked for her work on the database.

Voirrey thanked Rachel Dennett, Treasurer, for her work, and Rachel presented the Treasurer's Report.

There were no questions from the floor.

Voirrey thanked all the committee members for their hard work, despite this being a difficult year for many due to family circumstances/bereavement. She asked for more volunteers, particularly parents with younger children, as the committee felt it needed a new injection of energy to take OASIS forward.

The members of the committee (Voirrey Carr, Rachel Dennett, Carolyn Kendrick, Yoko Myers, Rachel Williamson, Becky Mason, Verity Loughman) were re-elected en bloc (proposed by Evelyn Kerrigan, seconded by Anne Brooks).

Rachel Dennett thanked Voirrey for her hard work as Chair and presented her with some flowers.

Voirrey introduced the guest speakers, Sarah Hendrickx and Keith Newton, who spoke very entertainingly about themselves and their relationship. It was heart-warming to hear their story and more information about them can be found on their website www.asperger-training.com and on <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/3354140/Love-and-Asperger%27s-syndrome.html>