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THE BALTIC CHIMPS RAISED THE ROOF FOR DIABETES UK

It is unusual for insurance executives to double up as rock stars in their spare time and even more unusual when they work for the world's biggest insurance company AIG! Some time ago Rena Reilly's husband Brian, who is a Director of AIG, discovered that some of his senior management team were seasoned musicians from their University days and decided that forming a 'fun' rock band could be a terrific team building exercise. After several discussions over several beers in a City bar the idea of a charity band, The Baltic Chimps, was born. The boys decided that if and when they did manage to get their act together then whatever they raised would just go straight to charities.

Last month the 'Chimps' played in a City wine bar and attracted a crowd of over 100 insurance workers, Lloyd's brokers and friends. They played everything from 70's Stones



and rock music through to more modern stuff like Feeder, Green Day, Blur etc. The boys raised £550 for leukaemia research a 'pet' charity of William Waddell-Dudley, their rhythm guitarist and £640 for Diabetes UK... Brian was obviously biased! Going forward it seems that the Chimps are here to stay judging by the reception they received from the crowd... as Ian Slater, the band's drummer said, 'the crowd went bananas for the Chimps!'... watch this space for more updates.

LET'S TRY TO SAVE THE ROYAL SURREY

You are probably aware that the Royal Surrey County Hospital is, unbelievably, under threat of closure. Initially it was going to be the A&E Department but now it seems that the whole hospital is at risk.

You could help by writing to the Rt. Hon. Patricia Hewitt MP, Secretary

of State for Health at the Department for Health, Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, London SW1A 2NL.

Or help the independent campaign by contacting
Susie.furniss@savetheroyalsurrey.org.uk
Or join the rally in January—details will be in the Surrey Advertiser.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every other month.

Our venue for meetings is CEDAR, the Centre for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Research, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Meetings start at 7.30pm. If there is a speaker, that part of the evening begins at 8pm.

If you come by car, parking for 2-3 hours is £2.50 in the hospital car park, but there are a number of parking places for blue or orange badge holders right at the back of the Centre. And staff car parks are quite empty at that time of day.

If you come by train, there are regular buses from the Station.

If you have email?
Send me an email and you can have this Newsletter that way.

Please send items for the next issue by the 12th January 2007 to:

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THERE'S STILL TIME TO BUY CHRISTMAS CARDS



We will have a selection of cards from Diabetes UK for sale at our meeting on the 4th December.

ANY SPARE JEWELLERY?

The Group has a stall at Godalming Town Fair on 2nd December—we'll be in the High Street from 10—3pm. If you have any jewellery you would like to donate, please contact Hazel on 01483 566012. Hope to see you there.

A PIZZA MAKING AND GAMES PARTY?

The new Children's and Young Persons Support Group (still looking for a neater name!) are having a Pizza making and games party on 10th December from 3pm—5pm.

It will be held in St Pius X Church Hall, Laustan Close, Guildford. All are welcome.

Contact Jackie Lipinski, Chair at jackie@lipinski.co.uk
or Joanne McSherrie, Secretary at jo@mcs1.wanadoo.co.uk for more details.

The Group have decided that they would like to come under the umbrella of Diabetes UK and are working towards that, which is good news.

MEETINGS

Next Meeting

Monday, 4th December 2006

An evening with *Dr John Wright and Joy Davis, Chief Dietitian*

*And the Christmas Social.
Nibbles and drinks provided*

Future meetings

Monday, 5th February 2007

A quiz—do you know more than you think you do about diabetes—or less!

*Led by Rena Reilly, CEDAR,
Royal Surrey County Hospital*

Monday, 2nd April 2007

AGM and Update from *Professor David Russell-Jones, our President*

Monday, 4th June 2007

What patients are told but do not understand—communication between Dr and patient.

Speaker: Dr Sue Davidson

Monday, 6th August 2007

Proposed river trip

Monday, 1st October 2007

Gadgets for coping with Diabetes
*Speaker: Rena Reilly, CEDAR,
Royal Surrey County Hospital*